

# Georgia DeMolay State Officer's Word of the Day

June, 2007

*From the East*

**Geoff Bard  
State Master Councilor**

Brethren,

Wow, what a June we have experienced! From seeing Dad Nobles dressed up in a poodle skirt and raising a good deal of money for Jenny Lind Pettys to international in St. Louis Missouri, I can honestly say that this June is one I will never forget.

Let me take a minute to talk a little bit about International. As I previously said, it was held in St. Louis, Missouri and brother Richard Eells and I represented you at Congress. Brother Austin Whitaker from Tennessee was elected your 41st International Master Councilor and Brother Brandon Herring from Arkansas was elected your 41st International Congress Secretary. Dad Patton Hart from Kentucky was elected Grand Master of DeMolay International. I also witnessed one of the most inspirational Hall of Fame inductions at an International. Even though there was only one candidate, his words compensated for it. Dad Ron Seale, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite in North America, was this candidate, and I can honestly assert that he is the kind of man DeMolay International should induct every year. On an interesting note, Dad Seale is a Senior DeMolay. The next time you are at a Scottish Rite Temple and see his picture, he is holding his Master Councilor's gavel from his chapter in Louisiana in that picture.

I would also like to take a minute to promote Conclave. It is almost a month away, and we should be in for one of the best ever. Your State officers and advisors are working hard to insure

that this Conclave will be one that you will never forget. We did receive 65 free tickets to six flags again this year, and the first 65 registrants will receive a free six flags ticket and trip on Thursday. Friday promises to be exciting also, with a Dodgeball game at night and Saturday boasts many fun activities. I look forward to seeing you all there!

In light of the fourth,  
Geoff Bard  
State Master Councilor

## **Visitations help build brotherhood!**

Chapter Meeting Days  
Albany Chapter, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
Cecil Cheves, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 2PM  
Clayton Chapter, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7 PM  
Don R. Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7 PM  
Middle Georgia, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 7:30 PM  
Mountain Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7 PM  
Panthersville, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 7 PM  
Peachtree City, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7 PM  
Samuel S. Lawrence, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 7 PM  
The traveling gavel is now at Mountain Park Chapter. The Gold Brick is resting comfortably at Cecil Cheves.

*From the West*

**Richard Eells  
State Senior Councilor**

It is with great excitement, and faith in the future, that I report that we are just 3 members away from positive growth, Conclave to Conclave, in Georgia. This year Georgia DeMolay has made great strides in many fields, and the great job and hard work of many Georgia Demolays with membership must not go unnoticed. There is talk of prospects in SSL, PTC, MP, and other chapters. In fact, Georgia DeMolay has the possibility of not only reaching positive growth, but making great strides to continue to grow. I encourage each individual chapter in Georgia to take responsibility to induct as many qualified members as possible over the next month, and let's achieve positive growth for Georgia DeMolay and celebrate the accomplishment at Conclave in July!

Also on a note about communications, Georgia DeMolay Online has many new photo albums, DeMobile tools, and updated Forums. Make sure to stop by and check it out!

I look forward to welcoming you all to Conclave 2007 and celebrating positive growth in Georgia DeMolay!

Keep up the Great work,  
Richard Eells  
Your SSC

**Help Us Wax These legs at Conclave  
Bring in 3 more new members!**



*From the South*

**Todd Stovall  
State Junior Councilor**

My Brothers,

I feel that if I don't not address one subject area I would be at fault of downplaying your educational efforts in your future life. We all find our education valuable but for once I would like to speak to you about school.

It is very important that each and every one of us work hard when it comes to school. Whether you be in 6th grade, or working on your masters in Business, studying is very important. Now I am not going to be one of the ones to tell you that you have to study 4 hours for every hours you are in class because that would be ridiculous, however, I am going to tell you something that I learned when I first went off to college and it helped me tremendously. Think of your day as a 9 to 5 job. Go to school and all of your classes and I know when you get home you want to relax, but go ahead and study until 5 or so and get a couple hours in. for those of you who are struggling in one particular area don't worry about it. Instead, just go ask for help from someone. There is nothing wrong with asking for additional help. Also, one of the most important things you can do is do ALL of your home work. It was assigned for a reason and it will be on the test 9 times out of 10. Also for those of you who have extracurricular activities don't worry I am not going to leave you out. I know it is hard to go to school, do your activities, and then try and study when your friends want to hangout, but find some time during the day to devote to studying. If for instance you have 10 minutes during a class that you are not doing anything, instead of sleeping do some studying. Any little bit can help. Those are just some tricks I learned growing up, and I thought if I passed them on, it might help others.

God bless Mother, God bless Father, God bless  
the purpose of DeMolay  
Todd Stovall  
State Junior Councilor

## *State Chapter Dad*

### **Dad Jim Stovall**

If you are already a DeMolay why would you want to get your parents, grandparents, or aunts and uncles, interested in being more a part of your DeMolay experience?

Your parents want the best for you. Why don't you want the best for them? Don't you think they would be happier being more involved with their son's interests and activities? If they are happier, aren't you happier?

My experience as an advisor while Todd has been a DeMolay has been a lot of fun and brought a lot of joy to my life. My only regret about being an advisor is that I was not involved when my older son, Derek (and future son-in-law, Joey Bush) were active at Mountain Park Chapter.

You may ask yourself, "How can I get my relatives (father, mother, grandparents, or aunts and uncles) more involved in DeMolay and my chapter's activities?" What if they want an invitation from you, but don't want to butt into you activities and you have not asked them to join us?

DeMolay is a vehicle to keep you moving along the path to productive adulthood. Don't your parents want to be on that path? If your relative becomes an advisor or active parents club member, what's in it for them? It will:

- Help create a tighter bond with their son
- Build a better understanding between the two of you
- Keep them in touch with young people
- Help keep them young
- Show them that they can make a difference in shaping tomorrow's adults
- Provide the opportunity to mentor other young men who may not have a positive role model

Their involvement in the chapter will pay a lifetime of dividends for both the man or woman and their son.

What does DeMolay need from your relatives? We need the commitment of an adult to step forward and make a difference. What does it take to be an advisor? The interested adult would:

- File the papers with his chapter
- Submit to a comprehensive background verification
- Go through one day of Dad's training

DeMolay International would then perform a thorough background check and periodic re-check. This is critical for the protection of all parties.

So, to recruit an adult that could make your chapter stronger, more active or more fun, ask them if there was not someone when they were growing up that made a huge difference in their life. Just look at how much fun that some of the advisors really are:

- Dad David Fontenot - hypnotizing you and all your friends
- Dad Jer Peacock - playing paint ball
- Dad Larry Griggers - teaching you how to dance
- Dad Greg Eells - taking you to play golf

How many really neat adults are out there that can make Georgia DeMolay stronger than we have ever seen it?