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From Our Executive Officer
Getting More Out of What We Have

**Form 10s Filed**

Do you have any outstanding Form 10s? Each Chapter will be receiving a roster, so that any missing people may be reported expeditiously to DeMolay HQ.

**Initiation Before End of Year**

Do you have any petitions waiting for initiation? I have asked the State Line that we have an initiation in each District before the end of the year. This should be attainable, as we have many talented youth in our State who are able to step up to the plate for the purpose of obligating their new Brothers.

**Year-end Activities**

As we approach the holidays, is your Chapter having any sort of celebration? What about a service project for the obligatory "Day of Comfort?" These events are great ways to show other youth what our organization stands for; to prompt them to seek membership as well.

**DeMolays Joining Lodges**

Each month, I get reports of new Active and Senior DeMolays who are in various stages of Lodge membership. It's time to start discussing these statistics with Lodges to prove to them that THEIR investment in recommending teenagers for DeMolay membership will ultimately benefit the Lodges.

**Don't Become Complacent**

We have a fantastic program, but we need to be careful not to fall into the
trap of complacency. We need to be talking to people about DeMolay. We need to be encouraging others to join. We need to be ready to answer the questions, and most of all, we need to step back and let the youth take the initiative in leadership – remember, it's THEIR organization.

**Every Brother Counts**

Attached [CLICK THIS LINK] is a letter which I repurposed for DeMolay. It is from the anonymous Chapter member who came to meetings and did not find his way into the brotherhood. I encourage you to read it, then print it and have it read at your next Chapter meeting during Communications. See how the young men receive it.

Please forward any feedback to: E0@FLDeMolay.com [CLICK THIS LINK].

Be safe, and know that you are appreciated.
Best regards,
Dad Jody
2. If you're already shopping on Amazon, **PLEASE** just do it on **Smile.Amazon.com**, and Florida DeMolay receives a donation from Amazon!

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**Lake Sumter Chapter**

Welcome **Hunter Gleason**

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**First Coast Chapter**

Welcome **Nick Rabb** (green shirt)

[Note: Some team members missing from photo.]
First Line Signer Reward

First Coast Chapter presents each first-time sponsor of a new member (i.e. First Line Signer) with a custom First Coast DeMolay briefcase.

The idea is an offshoot of one from Past Executive Officer Dad Richard Lynn, who used to ask members at a meeting to show him a Membership Application/Petition. The first member to show him an application from his pocket received a prize.

This was successful at First Coast, and it advanced to the First-time Sponsor Prize.

A Knight to Remember

Knighthood Cotillion
Congratulations to Sir Knight Mark Donahue and Miss Kelsey Current, our new Illustrious Knight Commander and our Priory Princess, as well as Sir Knight Squire Commander Jackson Cowart. And thanks to James A. Cole, PIKC, and Miss Maggie Meguiar, Past Priory Princess, for all of your hard work this past term. You got to work as a team to get something done. Congratulations to all.

New Priory Officers
Illustrious Knight Commander- Mark Donahue
Sir Knight Squire Commander- Jackson Cowart
Priory Princess- Kelsey Current

Thanks to Jackson Cowart for the report.
Early Christmas at Lake Sumter

Lake Sumter DeMolay is thinking ahead for the holidays and the Day of Comfort Obligatory Day.

They worked with Umatilla Lodge No. 65, F. & A.M. at the Boys and Girls Club Christmas Gift and Food Donation Drive, Big Truck Rally and Concert. Special efforts by the Lake Sumter DeMolay Sweetheart Bethany Virdan and Natasha Klienbach, the Worthy Advisor of Mount Dora Rainbow Assembly No. 79. Pictured are David Rosenthal, Bud Wendt, Bethany Virden, Lori Finn Graham, Dennis Graham and Eric W, Kleinbach at Caldwell Park.

Dad Land on TV with Pres. Truman

On April 29, 1956, Dad Frank S. Land appeared on one of the most popular shows on television, Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour.

He presented Ted Mack with an award for supporting DeMolay, or rather he had it presented by none other than the Honorary Grand Master of DeMolay and sitting President of the United States Harry S Truman.

Just CLICK on the picture above and you'll be brought to the clip of Dad Land on TV. Enjoy!

[Our thanks to Dad Jeff Hoffman for sharing this information. Also to Samuel]
Rushay, Supervisory Archivist at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum for researching the date for us.]

About the Degree of Chevalier
by Dad John J. Hillyer IV

Part 2

The DeMolay Honor was created in 1920, discontinued shortly thereafter and was reinstated in 1936 and was granted again beginning in 1937.

In 1936, the minimum age was eighteen, and then in 1962 it was lowered to sixteen. Beginning in 1968, the minimum age for nomination was seventeen and two year’s membership in the Order. In 2000 the minimum age was lowered again to sixteen. It is currently seventeen again.

The Degree of Chevalier is awarded by the International Supreme Council at its Annual Sessions. Recommendation may be submitted by the Advisory Council of a DeMolay Chapter or of a Knighthood Priory, or by a Court of Chevaliers to the Executive Officer of the Jurisdiction (State). Each Active Member of the International Supreme Council shall have the right to make not more than one personal nomination each year.

The Degree cannot be applied for, and the nomination is made without the knowledge of the DeMolay who is honored. The unanimous vote of the Supreme Council in Annual Session is required to elect a nominee to the Degree of Chevalier.
Any person who **fails to observe secrecy** as to the consideration for or action on any nomination for the Degree of Chevalier shall himself be **subject to removal of his own honors** or to removal from his offices and memberships.

A Chevalier can be recognized by the **regalia**, which **include a gold medallion** with a bust in relief of Jacques DeMolay encircled by a ring of red enamel suspended from a **gold cordon and a silver or gold ring** worn on the third finger of the left hand. **Initially**, the medallion was suspended about the neck by a **red rayon collar** with a DeMolay emblem embroidered thereon.

*Do you have any questions about DeMolay?*

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**Suit Swap** by Sara Nelson, **State Sweetheart**

Florida Demolay is looking for **used suits** (suit jackets, pants, dress shirts, ties and shoes) any size and/or donations to start a new suit closet for the young men at their annual conventions each year.

Contact [ssweetheart@fldemolay.com](mailto:ssweetheart@fldemolay.com) [CLICK NAME] or
Theresa Nelson at (727) 466-7760. 
To see the FLYER, Click Here.

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**Ritual Evaluators Wanted**

Any Advisors who are Trained Ritual Evaluators, please email: slopez@fldemolay.com [CLICK NAME]

We're recreating a list of who is certified as an Evaluator, so we can solicit their assistance as we move towards Mini Conclave.

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**Singers Needed!**

Looking for 3-5 DeMolays that would be interested in representing DeMolay by singing the National Anthem at a sporting event, and an Advisor that can help get the team ready. For further information please contact Dad John Hillyer at jhillyer@fldemolay.com [CLICK LINK]

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