Cotillion 2017

Florida DeMolay celebrates another wonderful year and with a new year comes our annual Knighthood Cotillion. This year Florida DeMolay congratulates and welcomes 8 new boys to our Order. The State Line and extras did a fantastic job performing the Initiation Ceremony. The day then led on to both a Chevalier Degree and a Legion of Honor Investiture. We humbly congratulate all receivers of these two honors. Knighthood gained a new IKC Brother Ryan H., a new Priory Princess Miss Aly R, and a new First Lady of the Priory, Mom Nancy Solman. We congratulate Brother Ryan, Miss Aly and Mom Solman and we wish them well on a successful term. Georgia DeMolay joined us for our festivities, and Cotillion ended that night with a dance. Cotillion was a huge success and everyone involved did an amazing job.

Our New 1st Lady, Mom Nancy Solman, Illustrious Knight Commander Ryan H. and Priory Princess Aly R.
Demolay Congress

#LivingDemolay

Rush

#BuildingDemolay

Featuring: Precept Week, Brotherhood Weekend, Wear Your DeMolay Shirt Tuesdays, and More!

Coming November and December

Obligatory Days Reminder
There are two Obligatory Days coming up, so start your planning now!

**Frank S. Land Memorial Day** - A day to recognize and pay tribute to Dad Land and all the work he did for the founding of DeMolay. Chapters are encouraged to raise funds and donate them to a DeMolay Charity. Visiting Dad Land's grave site, presenting a copy of "Hi Dad!" to someone, or presenting the Dad Land to the Chapter and guests, are common ways to observe this day. Occurs on or near November 8, the day Dad Land passed away.

**Day of Comfort** - A day where every member of DeMolay should make an effort to visit the sick and carry words of comfort to those who are confined. The Almoner should be responsible for planning this observance. Events include collecting and donating items in a food drive, visiting a nursing home or hospital, or holding a seniors day, where DeMolays prepare a meal for the elderly. This day occurs between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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**State Degrees, Chevalier Degree and Legion of Honor Investiture**

What a fun filled, exciting and productive day. Florida DeMolay expanded! We initiated 8 new members who are starting their journey in DeMolay and our Chevalier and Legion of Honor designates are continuing in their DeMolay journey. It was awesome to see all those brothers coming together to perform these ceremonies. Thank you to all who were in the degrees, you did great!
South Seminole Chapter Helps Puerto Rico

On Monday October 9 2017, we had a successful shopping trip for donations for Jose’s family in Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Hearing the heart breaking news about scarce food and water, long lines and no power on the island the Chapter came together to help. Mom Anne Dunlap who attended and help out on the donations said “It’s hard and unbelievable to see people and families like Jose’s family suffer and hunger for food and water. It is truly sad to watch.” Jose L., PMC of South Seminole Chapter, said “I’m really proud of my Chapter today in helping us send food to my family in Puerto Rico. It’s really great to see your second family helping out your own family who is going through tough times. I’m really thankful for this donation. Now I will feel better to hear that my family has some supplies and food to eat.” At the end of the day the Chapter donated $75 dollars so that his grandmother can have a propane tank to cook, 4 large boxes of food, water, and supplies. Mom Anne said “I went to the Post Office, it was packed with family and friends sending things to Puerto Rico. It feels good to help in a small way as our Chapter did.” Great work South Seminole Chapter!!!

60 Year Pin Presentation

Oleeta-West Dade Chapter honored Brother Jake Rousenbush with his 60 Year DeMolay pin! Thank you Brother Rousenbush for your years of dedicated service to our Order!
DeMolay Shines at State Championship at Disney's Magnolia Golf Course

Jose Lopez aka “Thunderking”, the State Marshal Of The Florida Jurisdictional Chapter and Past Master Councilor of South Seminole Chapter, played golf at the Disney State Championship for Special Olympics on Saturday 9-23-17. The competition was at Disney's Magnolia Golf course. Jose said this is one of the toughest golf course he has ever played, but he had a good time and lots of fun. He finished in second place, with a score of 55 for 9 holes. He enjoyed dinner with the competitors. Wearing his DeMolay suit for dinner, Jose was proud to display and wear with honor his DeMolay accomplishments and stand out to show his DeMolay Pride. He said “It was great to show how proud he is to be a DeMolay that night and represent himself as a DeMolay at such an important event”. Jose DeMolay Proud!

Honoring Our Military Personnel and Veterans
The brothers of Dale Chapman Chapter traveled to Parris Island, SC along with their advisors to attend the Marine Corps Boot Camp graduation of Mark Donahue, PMC PIKC on August 25, 2017.

"Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. That's not quite true. Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors ALL American veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country.

November 11 of each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in the lives to keep our country free." - Rod Powers, The Balance

We have a page that showcases Military Personnel and Veterans who are either Active or Senior DeMolays, Advisors, and supporters of Florida DeMolay. Thank you for your service!

Left to right - Jennifer Coffey, Connor G., Tanner T., Bryan Coffey, Brian Catalano, Mark Donahue, USMC, Xavier V., Matt D., Sion K., and Nick D.

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