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December 2017 Edition



Happy Holidays!

Dear Florida DeMolay Family,

As we enter into the home stretch of 2017, it's important to reflect on our successes this year. We have banded together through natural disasters, personal illness and loss - but still we come out closer in our

fellowship than ever before.

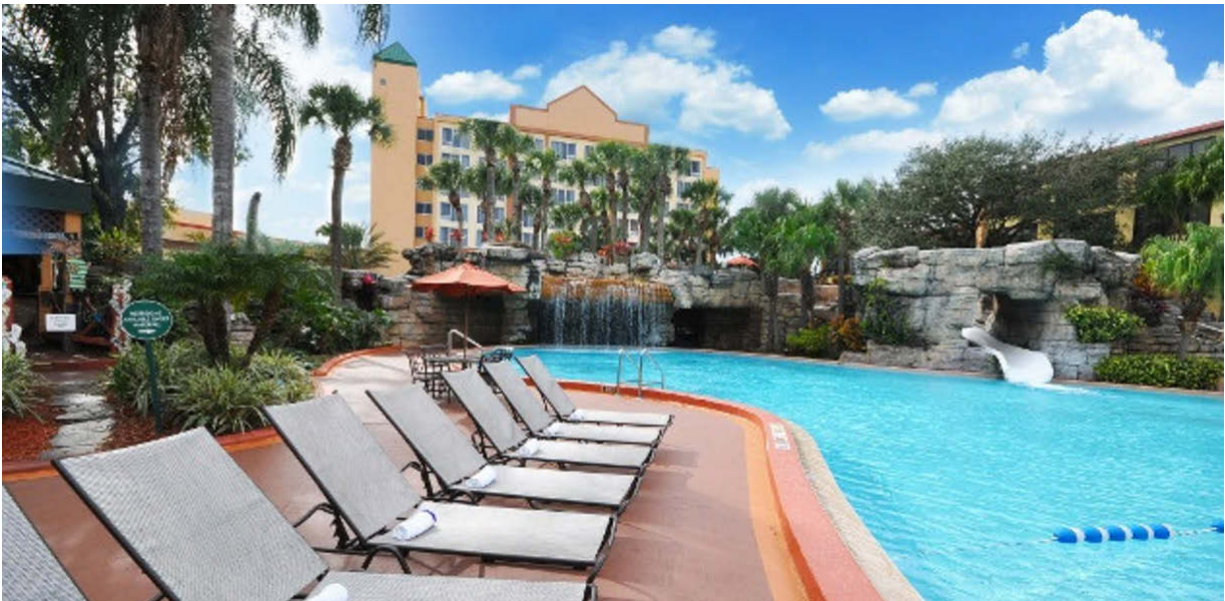
There are great things happening within Florida DeMolay. We have new Chapters going through the startup process, many new Brothers sharing in our cause and interested Alumni inquiring how they can better serve the Order they love.

The Executive Staff and I consider ourselves very blessed to have each of Florida's dedicated active DeMolays on our rosters. You make it a labor of love and we appreciate the opportunity to see each of you grow.

As we plan for the new year, think of new and creative ways to share our fraternity with others within your school, social circles and community. DeMolay is truly the best kept secret for young men. Encourage your friends to check out www.beademolay.org - a great site, and it's infused with lots of photos of the fun and fellowship we in Florida have to offer.

The Holidays bring family and friends together. These times help us to appreciate the loved ones we often take for granted. May the holiday season fill your hearts and homes with many blessings! Regardless of your chosen faith, we wish you a very happy holiday and a prosperous New Year's celebration!

Happy Holidays from your EO Dad Jody, SMC Alex S. and State Sweetheart Allie P.



Mini-Conclave 2018

Make plans NOW to attend Mini-Conclave 2018! This year it will be held at the **Radisson Resort Orlando-Kissimmee 2900 Parkway Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34747.**

Our State Line and Conclave Staff have a lot of great activities planned, which will be sure to make this Mini-Conclave one for the ages! Don't miss out!

The registration deadline is **DECEMBER 26, 2017**, so get your registration in soon!

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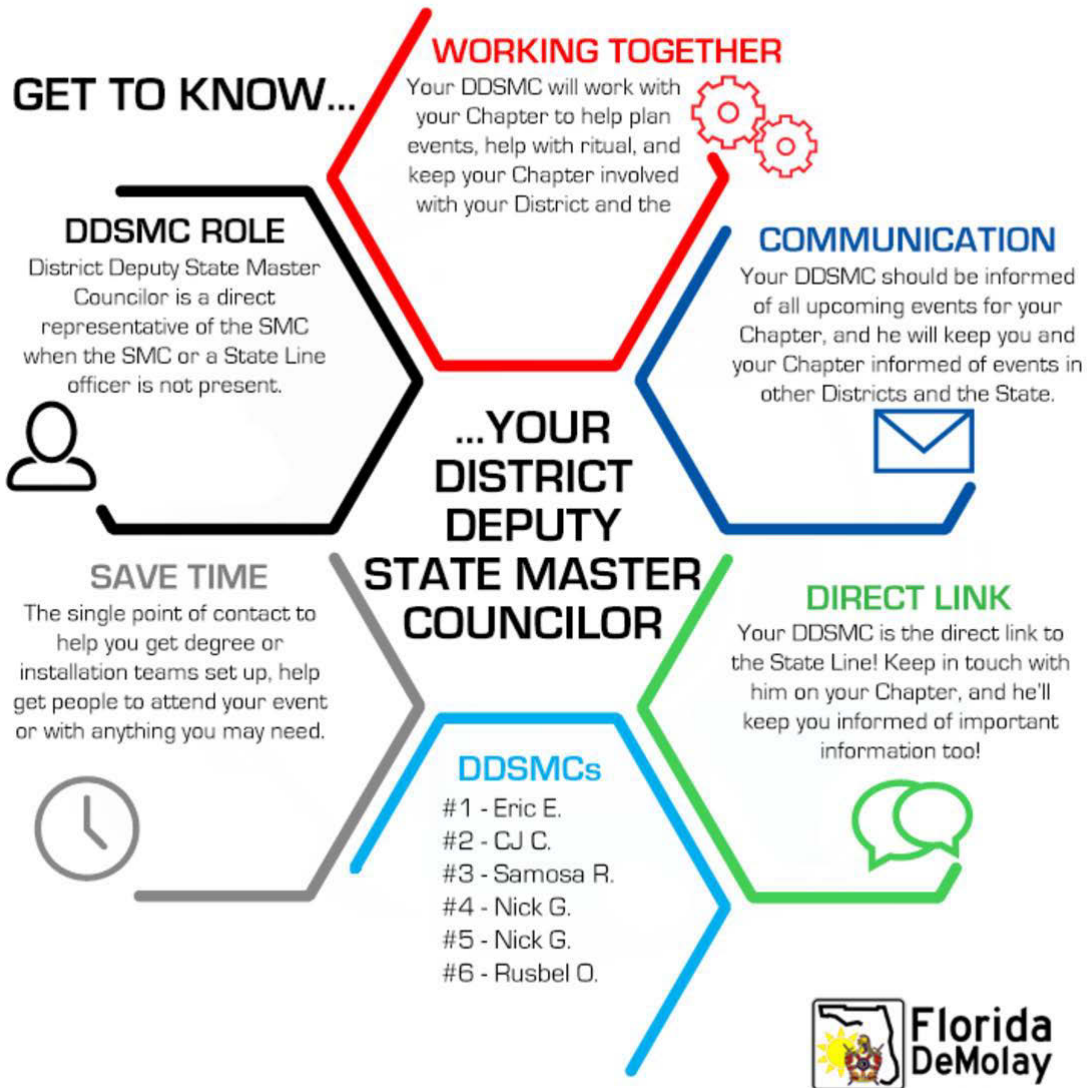
Our State Master
Councilor and
Chevalier, Bro Alex S.
breaking bread with a
fellow DeMolay.

Chevalier Observance

The Chevalier is the highest honor one can earn as a Demolay. It is the duty of a Chevalier to honor DeMolay and all it stands for. To remember our founder active Chevaliers are to break bread with another Chevalier, a DeMolay Brother or a young man on or around November 8th.

The DDSMC Role

Understand the new DDSMC responsibilities and learn how they can help you and your Chapter succeed!



Squires Manor

The goal of the Squires is to give boys between the ages of nine and twelve an opportunity to participate in some of the fun activities of DeMolay, but not be overwhelmed with the large age differences and ritual work that is part of DeMolay.

The basic organization is called a "Manor." Each Manor is sponsored by a DeMolay Chapter.



Won't it be nice to have the young men of Squires prepared when they join your Chapter? They will know how the meetings run, parliamentary procedure, gavel raps, how to memorize ritual, plan events, being on a committee and so much more. It is also a great opportunity for our DeMolay members to gain valuable leadership and mentoring skills.

We currently have four Squires Manors in Florida. If you are interested in starting a Manor please email Mom April Blankinship at: ablankinship@fldemoly.com for more information. To learn more go to <http://squires.fldemoly.org> on our

website.

Helping Our Sisters

Lake Sumter DeMolay helped the Mount Dora Rainbow Assembly bake cookies for their light up Mt. Dora bake sale!





Publishing Process

1st

The Meridian Sun comes to your email on the 1st of each month, if you have signed up to receive one.

25th

Articles are due by the 25th of each month. Please email them to news@fldemolay.com by then. Include photos, date and important information about your event. If your event is after that, you can send it in and it can go in that month or the next month.



Anyone can write articles about your event. Let the world know what great things you are doing in your Chapter or District.



Who reads The Meridian Sun? All who have signed up, DeMolay International, friends and supporters of Florida DeMolay here and in other states. Let us show everyone what our Chapters in Florida are doing!

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