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New Publishing Schedule

The Meridian Sun now has a new schedule for issues. It is a Monthly Newsletter, with perhaps special additional issues.

Here’s our Regular Publishing Schedule:

Articles Due: 25th of the Month (prior to publishing)

Publishing Date: 1st of the Month

New State Legislation at Mini Conclave

Following is a summary of the two major changes voted in by your representatives at Mini Conclave:

Name
Steven W. Hopler, Jr.
Colby Pitts
Darsh Patel
ANDRE W. ANNAND
BRENDON K. JACKSON
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MAXWELL N. MISPEL
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Bryan Weller
Mead T. Parcier
Michael Grier
Robert R. Weller

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Lake Sumter
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Edward K Walker
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Escambia
South Seminole
Anclote
L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P.
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- State Scribe Elected

The State Scribe is now an elected position.

- Knighthood IKC is no longer Deputy to State Master Councilor

At Mini, the Delegates voted that the head of the State Knighthood Priory (the Illustrious Knight Commander or IKC) should no longer be a Deputy to the State Master Councilor and no longer has a Delegate vote

- Realigning the State Chapter Dad position

The State Master Councilor now appoints the State Chapter Dad.

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New State Scribe

**Tommy Henricks**

**Tommy Henricks, PMC, Chev.,** was elected **State Scribe** at Mini Conclave this year.

Bro. Henricks is a Past Master Councilor of First Coast Chapter in Jacksonville, FL and a graduate of Englewood High School in Jacksonville in 2014.

He has worked at Advance Disposal since 2015 as an IT Support Technician.
Mom Laurie Dowding

New FL DeMolay

Social Media Coordinator

Our Executive Officer, Dad Jody Meguiar, as appointed Mom Laurie Dowding to the new position of Social Media Coordinator for Florida DeMolay.

Mom Dowding asks:

- Remember to check-in on social media at your chapter and while visiting chapters.
- Find us, like us, follow us and chat with us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat.
- #FLDeMolay on social media!

Florida DeMolay Grows in Leaps and Bounds

DeMolay Returns to Talahassee

On Saturday January 7th, 2017, there was a kickoff event to re-establish DeMolay operations.

The ceremony session held at Jackson Lodge No. 1, F & AM, included an awards presentation for local alumni recognition, DeMolay legacies, informational presentation, Ceremony of Light and possibly a
Majority Service.

The Chapter shall be renamed after **Dad Edward K. Walker**, a pillar in the Tallahassee Masonic and DeMolay community for many years.

10 New Members were brought into DeMolay: 9 for Walker Chapter and 1 for Escambia Chapter.

For more information, contact **Dad Jody Meguiar** [CLICK HERE]

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**Squire Manor in Pace, FL**

There was a BIG induction of new Squire members at **Brent Thomson Squire Manor**.

On January 23rd, Escambia DeMolay inducted five very enthusiastic young men.

The Manor is named after Dad Brent Thompson a DART Police Officer who was slain on duty in Dallas Texas. He was not only just an officer but he was also a mason and his son a DeMolay.

We can't wait to see what the future holds for these young men.

The following Brothers were installed as officers:

- **Nathan Hanners** - Master Squire
- **Hunter Byne** - Senior Squire
- **Ryan Gates** - Junior Squire
- **Eli Hanners** - Squire Marshal
- **Darren Loveschek** - Squire Chaplain
BIG Initiation at
LEADERSHIP Chapter

A great initiation on February 1 at Leadership Chapter. It was the first "stated" meeting for the Chapter, and members from Anclote, Walter Fishback and Paul Revere Chapters came together to form the initiation team.

Four new members were initiated, with a fifth who was unable to attend. They have a DeMolay Degree scheduled for Wednesday March 1. We need to be helping them set up the team.

Escambia #9 in US!

Congratulations to Escambia Chapter for being #9 in the COUNTRY for new initiates in January.

Great job.

IMC Visits Florida

The International Master Councilor of DeMolay, Braden Zimmerman, visited us at Mini Conclave,

An IMC visiting a Florida Conclave is a rare treat, and everyone enjoyed seeing Bro. Braden at this year's Mini Conclave.
This makes two-in-a-row for Florida: The Grand Master at our Summer Conclave and the IMC at Mini!

DeMolay Grand Master Meets Imperial Potentate

Florida was the scene for the summit between Dad William M. Sardone, Grand Master of DeMolay, and Dad Chris L. Smith, Imperial Potentate of the Shriners International. Dad Smith is also a Sr. DeMolay from Memphis, Tennessee.

Grand Master "Dad" Bill Sardone and "Dad" Michael C Russell, Executive Director, of DeMolay International participated in a summit with Shriners International at their Tampa Headquarters with Imperial Sir Chris Smith, the current Imperial Potentate and Shriners Executive Vice President John Piland. "Dad" Sardone presented a DeMolay scarf. Way to DeMolay!
Award at Mini

Jose Lopez of Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter was presented with his Representative DeMolay Award at Mini Conclave.

East-West Shrine Game

More than 30 DeMolays volunteered at the East-West Shrine Game this year.

They all had a good time and lender a needed hand. Thank you all for helping.
Dale Chapman Installation

Here are the new officers of Dale Chapman Chapter.

One of the Councilors seems to be on a tilt an needs adjusting. -Ed.

Dale Chapman Chapter Order Of DeMolay held their installation of officers on January 28 at 1pm. The installing team was Brian Catalano as installing officer, Michael Blankinship as installing senior councilor, Mark Donahue as installing junior councilor, Brendon Blankinship as Installing Marshall, Roy Wilson as installing chaplain and a Matt Donahue as installing senior deacon.

Sion King was installed into the east, Tristan Thacker into the west and Maximilian Ortiz into the south.

After the installation finished there was a lock-in. Boys played all sorts of games such as ultimate frisbee, football, dodge ball, Magic the gathering nd video games. Being a DeMolay event, rest assured knowing there was no shortage of Mt Dew and Taco Bell. The young men finished out strong the next morning with a bowl of famous Dad Coffey Breakfast Chili and completed a lodge clean up.

St. Petersburg's New Home

St. Petersburg Chapter has a new home.

Nitram Lodge No. 188 F&AM, which is located at 4275 78th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709, has welcomed the young men. Previously the St. Pete chapter met at the Elmer O. Smith lodge but moved at the beginning of 2017.

Billy Brown Asst. Dean at JBU
Billy Brown has been appointed Assistant Dean of John W. Bates University by Andrew Gluchov, Dean of JBU, Florida DeMolay.

In the words of Dad Gluchow, "Billy brings a lot of experience writing and teaching JBU courses and will help continue to build and improve the JBU program."

## SSC Raised a Mason

Our State Senior Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, is now also "Dad" Hancock.

On Saturday morning February 11th, he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in William B. Barnett Lodge No. 187, F&AM in Jacksonville.

In the picture, on Hunter's right is Tommy Hendricks, State Scribe, who is a young Mason. Also in the picture are Hunter's home Chapter (First Coast) Chapter Dad and Chairman.

In case you can't tell, Hunter's the one in the center wearing a bow tie.

Congratulations to Bro./Dad Hunter!

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March is DeMolay Rush Month
Your Chapter should be planning its activities now.
For ideas, go to FLDeMolay.com or contact your District Personal Representative or DDSMC.
Post your activities on the FL DeMolay Facebook page (or other social media platforms). Post photos and #FLDeMolay.

Spring Fest is April 14-16th
at the
Masonic Park & Youth Camp
Details to follow but mark your calendars!

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