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Thanks to a generous donation by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, we are proud to announce the following membership incentive for each Chapter / Manor in Florida.

Through the end of 2018, the Executive Staff of Florida shall authorize a reimbursement up to **\$150** for every Chapter in Florida having a membership/prospect event after June 4, 2018, meeting the following criteria:

PLAN YOUR PROSPECT EVENT

The specifics of the event (including a budget reflecting more than \$150) must be communicated in advance to your DDSMC and Personal Representative so that other Chapters may show their support and participate as appropriate.

HOST YOUR PROSPECT EVENT

At least **THREE** eligible prospects must participate, who have not yet petitioned a DeMolay Chapter.

SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO THE MERIDIAN SUN

A description of the completed event with a final budget and photos must be submitted to news@fldemolay.com for inclusion in future editions of The Meridian Sun.

In the event that less than 100% of Chapters/Manors in Florida decide to participate, the remainder of the funds shall be rolled over on Jan 1, 2019, and those Chapters/Manors that have already been reimbursed for an event in 2018 may be reimbursed for a second event in 2019 with the same criteria being applied - until the donated funds are exhausted. If a Chapter/Manor chooses not to participate in the program in 2018, they shall be disqualified from this program in 2019.



SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Share your DeMolay Experience with your friends and family. Let them know the FUN things you get to do, the places you get to visit and the friends and brothers you've made. YOUR DeMolay Experience is unique. SHARE it with everyone!



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Invite your friends to your events and activities. SHARE all the FUN and BROTHERHOOD that DeMolay has to offer. Invite them be a part of your DeMolay Experience, and then let them start creating their OWN DeMolay Experience.



GROW YOUR CHAPTER

Watch your Chapter grow and prosper. Watch you and your brothers have a FUN and POSITIVE DeMolay Experience. Keep sharing and growing to make DeMolay a positive force in your life, your community and the world.

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July 21-25, 2018

Register Now



Conclave, Athletic and Ritual Competition Registration Deadline is July 8, 2018!

**Competition Registrations will NOT be
accepted at Conclave, so PLEASE get your
registrations in ON TIME.**

[Conclave Registration Packet](#)

Ritual Evaluator Training at Conclave

A Ritual Evaluators Seminar will be taught at the Conclave Hotel on Saturday July 21, 2018 at 9AM. This seminar will qualify everyone attending and passing the exam, as Basic Ritual Evaluators in Florida. This certification will allow you to evaluate Ritual for the Ritual Excellence Program, Old South Tournament qualification and Ritual Competitors at Conclaves.

We encourage everyone to attend this training and have as many Ritual Evaluators across the State as possible to help our Members earn their Ritual Excellence Cards and more!

[Ritual Evaluator Registration Form](#)





Create your own Masquerade Ball mask! The Masquerade Ball will be held at Concalve on Monday July 23 after dinner. Wear your most elegant formal attire and your mask to the Ball and show off your creation!

2018 ISC Session and International DeMolay Congress Updates



Gorman A. McBride Membership Award



Dad Jody with the Eagle Visionary Award.



Honorary IMC!

The International Supreme Council and International DeMolay Congress met last week in Alexandria, VA. A large contingency from Florida represented the jurisdiction extremely well, and I was very proud of some of the progress made.

For your knowledge, there were several updates to the ISC "collars" representing Florida DeMolay at this Session:

Dad Michael K. Blankinship was bestowed with a Class 3 / "Deputy" Membership
M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, PGM, was elected to receive a Class 4 / "Honorary" Membership

At the annual Newberry Luncheon, Florida received several accolades as well. In addition to the Jurisdiction of Florida being presented the Gorman McBride Membership Award for the successful initiation of more new Brothers in 2017 than in 2016, State Senior Councilor Bro. Dylan Myers received the distinction of being an Honorary International Master Councilor by International Master Councilor and friend-of-Florida-DeMolay Bro. Chase Gordon from Arizona!

At the Hall of Fame Banquet, Past Grand Master Dad Ron Minshall presented me with the Grand Master's Eagle Award for Visionary Leadership and new Grand Master M Boyd Patterson honored me with his Pro Servitio distinction. Both were completely unexpected and unnecessary, but were very much appreciated and prove that we are doing good work here in Florida DeMolay.

The newly elected International Officers are:

Grand Master - Dad M. Boyd Patterson, Texas

International Master Councilor - Avery B., Southern California

International Congress Secretary - Andrew B., Illinois

Make plans now to attend next years **Centennial Session** in Kansas City, MO!



Back row L to R: Dad Pickren, Dad Lopez, Dad Cooper, Dad Moline, Dad Jody.

Front row L to R: SJC Nick G., SMC Alex S., SSC Dylan M., Mom Moline.

2018 Honor Recipients

Chevalier



Christopher J. Christiansen (Marion Chapter)
 David L. Danielson (Escambia Chapter)
 Luis Diaz (Bahia Chapter)
 Nicholas Gorall (Anclote Chapter)
 Jeremy Hirata (Bahia Chapter)
 Tracy Hobbs (Escambia Chapter)
 Bryce Jolly (First Coast Chapter)
 Jose Lopez (South Seminole Chapter)
 Cooper McKinlay (Walter Fishback Chapter)
 Paul Wilson, Jr. (Marion Chapter)



Legion of Honor

Ronald Anthony DeLucia (South Seminole Chapter)
 Scott Douglas Holland (Escambia Chapter)
 Shannon E. McIntosh (Anclote Chapter)
 Anthony Lee Pickren (Bahia Chapter)
 E. Jason Sinnott (Jurisdiction of Florida)



Honorary Legion of Honor

William Joseph Paul, Jr. (George Ulee Lord Chapter)
 John C. Piland (Jurisdiction of Florida)
 R.: W.: Thomas Turlington, Jr. (Jurisdiction of Florida)
 Bruce L. Ward (Gulf Coast Chapter)
 R.: W.: John W. Westerman, III (Jurisdiction of Florida)
 Andrew Paul Wormington (C. Allen Pattison Chapter)

Cross of Honor

Mom Francine Augello (Walter Fishback Chapter)
 Mom Laurie Dowding (Jurisdiction of Florida)
 Mom Amy Sowell (Marion Chapter)



Congratulations to ALL our honor recipients!

Westside Chapter Community Service project: Feeding South Florida

On May 19, 2018 Westside DeMolay Chapter provided community service at Feeding South Florida.

They did a great job removing the expired items and sorting them out for distribution to the community who needs it.



George Ulee Lord Chapter presents Honorary Membership

On May 5, 2018, the George Ulee Lord Chapter presented Grace Perkins with an Honorary Membership. Pictured (left to right) are: Dustin Ellenberg, MC; Riley McBee; Evan Zimbelman, PMC; Grace Perkins, Chapter Sweetheart; Matthew Hartless, PMC; and Dylan Myers, SSC. The resolution reads:



Resolution for Honorary Membership

Resolution 01-2018: Grace Perkins, Chapter Sweetheart 2017-2018

WHEREAS the Executive Officer of Florida permits the Awarding of Honorary Membership

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And,

WHEREAS, Grace Perkins, who was elected and crowned to the position of Chapter Sweetheart on 17th day of February, 2017 by unanimous vote of the members of the Chapter. And,

WHEREAS, she continues to serve Lynn Haven Assembly #147, of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, as Past Worthy Advisor, and Grand Assembly positions, with dignity and honor to her fraternity. And,

WHEREAS, she was awarded the Grand Master's Masonic Youth Award in 2014 and 2016 for outstanding service to her Assembly, awarded the Executive Officer's Puzzle Piece Award for being an integral piece of Florida DeMolay, and received the Lamp of Knowledge by completing all five Leadership Correspondence Courses demonstrating a desire for learning more about the Order of DeMolay. And,

WHEREAS, she has traveled with the Chapter to Pensacola, Tampa, Jacksonville, Kissimmee, and more places, supporting the chapter at State Summer Conclave, Mini Conclave, as well as several district events, and other Chapters' Installations and events. And,

WHEREAS, she has served as Chapter Sweetheart with unparalleled dedication and duty beyond expectations. Attending all chapter events with amazing support and contribution by acting as a liaison to her Assembly, supporting the chapter's charitable and philanthropy projects, leading the entertainment at our functions, providing food and snacks at meetings, and, most of all, being a fabulous "big sister" to this Chapter in many ways too numerous to list. And,

WHEREAS, she is a model of character and exemplifies the highest ideals of girlhood and womanhood, being that she joined us a minor and has since obtained her eighteenth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the officers and members of the George Ulee Lord Chapter to honor and show their profound gratitude to this exceptional person for the contributions she has made to this Chapter and our beloved fraternity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by unanimous vote of the members and unanimous vote of the Advisory Council that Grace Perkins shall be an Honorary Member of the George Ulee Lord Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Oleeta West-Dade Chapter presents Flower Talk to Lodges



On June 26, 2018, Oleeta West-Dade DeMolay Chapter presented the Flower Talk to the Brothers of Hurricane & Oleeta Lodges by their MC Ivan P.

This is the last meeting for Ivan as Master Councilor. He will be leaving us for 2 months to help his family in the Philippines. His Chapter thanks him for a great term and wish him safe travels to his family. We are here for you!



DeMolay Centennial

Have you seen the DeMolay Centennial Website? Information on how we are celebrating 100 years of DeMolay, logo downloads, special awards, ritual competitions and other details!

[DeMolay Centennial](#)



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