Installation Season

Installation season is almost over, and we wish a sincere congratulations to all our Chapters and their new officers!

Legion of Honor Observance

Legion of Honor Courts and their members will be holding their Annual Observance dinners in March. Please check with your local Court for dates, times and locations.

Florida Preceptory #1 will hold their 2018 annual DeMolay Legion of Honor banquet on Sunday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at: Capdevila's La Teresita Restaurant,
3248 W. Columbus Drive, Tampa FL, 33607. A dinner, short business meeting, elections, installation of officers and a Rededication Ceremony will be held. Contact Dad Jerry Meguiar (jmmloh@aol.com) NLT Wednesday March 14th if you plan to attend.

**District 3 Installations**

Installation season has come and gone, like it a new set of officers have taken their respective roles within the chapter room. Each with their own responsibilities, we congratulate the proud district 3 of Florida Demolay and with it hope for a great term with each of them.

Dale Chapman

Lake Sumter
The Expansion of DeMolay Month is Here!

This year, the DeMolay Month Program has expanded into March and April! We are excited to focus on our International Brotherhood and thank our high-achieving Chapters for their efforts in 2017!
Here’s how YOU can get involved:

**March (Around the World of DeMolay in 31 Days)**

Every **Friday** is **Global Wear Day**! Wear your DeMolay gear with your brothers all over the world today and share that on Facebook for everyone to see!

**Our Theme:** For all 31 days of March, we will be touring all the countries where DeMolay is growing stronger and stronger! Join us on Facebook and use the #DeMolayWorldwide to see our tour, and also share your DeMolay travel and brotherhood experiences with us!

**Spring Breaking Membership Weekend (Mar. 17th-18th):** This is your weekend to go out and help us BREAK our membership goals for March! Whether it is holding an open house, lock-in, or bowling tournament, bring out your friends to enjoy DeMolay and have a chance to win prizes for being the top line signer on new petitions:

- **3 Members Signed:** Special DeMolay Month Key Holder
- **5 Members Signed:** Entered Into a Chance to Win a Brick in the Centennial Courtyard!

**Remembrance Weekend (Mar. 24th-25th):** Join thousands of DeMolays on Facebook as we share why we joined DeMolay! This is a great moment to remember all the fun you have had throughout your DeMolay journey so far. Remember to use the #DeMolayWorldwide as you share out!

**April (Chapter Thankfulness Month)**

Each year we have Chapters whose membership efforts go above-and-beyond the call of duty. Last year, we surpassed 3,000 new members and reached positive growth. We want to say thank you to all the Chapters that helped us achieve such great heights in 2017, and those who are starting 2018 off in the right direction. Join us in April as we thank those high-achieving Chapters.

We are also running a **Chapter Pen Pal Program**! Read instructions and information on this Form!

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**REMINDER OF DEADLINES**

**DeMolay International Internship - March 15**

https://demolay.org/2018internship/

**Kach Essay Contest - March 31**

https://demolay.org/2018-paul-r-kach-33-essay-competition/
Shepherd Scholarship - March 31

https://scottishrite.org/brothers-in-the-community/scholarships/shepherd-scholarship/

Chapter Challenge Bowling Tournament -
Bowl by March 31, submit scores by April 15

https://demolay.org/bowling/

These are great opportunities, don't let them slip away!

Who are those Masons with those pointed hats? Did I see them on Jerry Lewis’ Annual Telethon? Where they carrying pink roses and asking for donations in their fight against Muscular Dystrophy?

As woven as we Masons are within our Masonic world, so are we, threads within the Order of DeMolay. Many Freemasons began their Masonic career as a member of DeMolay. A very strong thread is the support we Tall Cedars weave within the tartans of masonic life (my Scottish heritage) of North America with continued support of the Masonic Youth and our fight against MD.

Tall Cedars are Master Masons, whose ritual is the supplying of Cedar Wood from Lebanon to the site of the building of King Solomon's Temple. The Tall Cedars carried out the request from King Solomon (1Kings 5) by supplying cedar wood from the beautiful forest of Lebanon, a land rich in timber. A fraternal brotherhood existed known as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

The Supreme Forest was organized and incorporated in Trenton, NJ on March 18, 1902. At the annual convention in 1951, Tall Cedars adopted, a National Charitable Objective in the form of an annual contribution toward research to find a cure for muscular dystrophy. In 1972, Tall Cedars supported the Metabolism unit on the 10th Floor of the National Research Center, New York City. Up until 2012, we offered our annual donation in that MD fight at the annual Jerry Lewis Telethon. Since 2012, The Tall Cedars continue our fight by fundraising, especially by asking for donations for the Pink roses we hold.
Florida DeMolay, you must know that the Tall Cedars fund the DeMolay Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award (PMC MSA) program. We wrote a Tall Cedar presentation script to enhance that program. When your Master Councilor meets the PMC MSA qualifications, I encourage your chapter to request, through your jurisdiction's Executive Officer, Tall Cedars to make that presentation. Tall Cedars can assist your chapter in various ways and I know DeMolay members will be an aide to Tall Cedars.

Our headgear is pointed because they are pyramids, three sides representing our life as a Man, a Mason and a Tall Cedar; Fun, Frolic and Fellowship is our motto with a charitable purpose. So when you see a Tall Cedar you can be certain you are meeting a Friend, a Brother and a Good Fellow.

Contact information: www.tallcedars.org

In Florida - Supreme Director Bernie Schlenk: bcschlenk@aol.com

Offered by Harvey “Bud” Willard, Senior DeMolay from Pennsylvania

Past Supreme Tall Cedar  stc.2012@comcast.net

Job’s Daughters International

Founded in 1920 in Omaha, Nebraska, by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick, Job’s Daughters International® is an organization of young women, ages 10-20, with over 10,000 members in the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines, and Brazil. Job’s Daughters was founded during the height of the Women’s Suffrage Movement and just a few months prior to the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. Mrs. Mick recognized that women’s roles were changing.

One of the strengths of Job’s Daughters is its tie to the Masonic fraternity and organizations requiring a family Masonic relationship. Girls who wish to join Job’s Daughters must be 10-20 years old and bear a Masonic relationship or be recommended by a Mason and a Majority Member of Job’s Daughters. The local Job’s Daughters organization is called a Bethel, and meetings are usually held in Masonic centers. Adults serving on the Bethel Guardian Council act as advisors for the Bethel members. Adults who work with members of Job’s Daughters must be Certified Adult Volunteers (CAV) who have been trained and screened to ensure a safe environment and experience for members of the organization.

Membership enables them to learn leadership skills, organizational methods, and the importance of fulfilling individual responsibilities within a group. Its activities provide opportunities for young women to develop confidence, good character, life-long friendships, moral and spiritual values, and leadership abilities.

Job’s Daughters raise money for the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) each year. HIKE gives the money to provide children with hearing aids and other equipment. Over $5 million has been raised and more than 2,400 hearing devices have been donated to children.
Job’s Daughters International® offers the qualities that today’s young women want and need from organizations that earn their commitment: fun, friendship, helping others and the chance to learn organizational and leadership skills. Fairness, honesty, respect, and patriotism are its cornerstones.

Members of Job’s Daughters would not be where they are today without the support and commitment of Masons, from whom they receive their heritage. Job 42:15 states, “And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.” Members of DeMolay are invited to recommend girls for membership in a local Bethel today!

For more information, contact Mom Bobbie Hoglund at bhangel52@yahoo.com.

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Submit an Article to The Meridian Sun

Submit an Article

Submit an Event for the State Calendar

Don't forget to include the WHO, WHAT, WHEN and WHERE information.

Submit an Event

View Calendar

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This is the official newsletter of Florida DeMolay.

This newsletter acknowledges authority and yields allegiance to DeMolay International, of which Frank S. Land was the Founder.