A NEW YEAR, A NEW ERA

I wish for you and your family a VERY happy and blessed new year!

As I write this message, I ponder the last 27 years of personal involvement with DeMolay, and I am forced to smile. My DeMolay experience has truly made an impact on my life, and I hope that each and every one of you feels the same way.
I am often asked to describe what it is like to be the Executive Officer of a DeMolay Jurisdiction. The position of Executive Officer is not extraordinarily jovial; it has its challenges, as does every position of leadership. But, I can also say that it truly has its rewards.

Seeing the progress made by the youth... Helping to facilitate some of the changes they have in their vision... Watching as our youth leaders make a difference and leave their mark in our program. It can be very inspiring.

This Mini Conclave, several changes will take effect with regard to the State Chapter and its governance. These changes come directly from brainstorming, focus groups and follow-up conversations our jurisdictional leadership (both youth and adults) have conducted over the last several months. Our SMC, Bro. Hunter, has taken the lead and has been a lead figure in each of these discussions, and should be commended for his influence with regard to the future direction of Florida DeMolay.

Mini Conclave will be a time for learning, a time for connecting and a time for laying the foundation and direction for the future of Florida DeMolay!

We have fantastic plans and programs to take Florida DeMolay to great heights in 2019 and beyond!

This is only the beginning.

I thank you for your continued dedication to DeMolay, and I wish for you and your family a joyous new year’s celebration.

For God, For Country, For DeMolay.

Fraternally yours,

Dad R. Jordan “Jody” Meguiar
Executive Officer for the Jurisdiction of Florida
Active Member of the International Supreme Council

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Mini-Conclave 2019

Mini-Conclave 2019 is right around the corner! Don't miss out on all the exciting activities and brotherhood! The registration deadline is JANUARY 2, 2019! Get the registration packet by clicking the button below. See you at Mini!!!
Florida DeMolay Year Book

This fundraiser is solely in place to help with the cost of Conclave. Help out all your brothers and let's get lots of ads sold.

We will be asking for information from each Chapter and will need some photos. Be sure to get photos at all your events and installations, so your Yearbook page will have lots of pictures!

Yearbook Ad Sales Form

Westside Chapter is Out and About in the Community

Westside Chapter attended the Coral Springs Holiday Christmas Parade and assisted the Mahi Shriners and Brothers of Coral Springs Lodge No. 373 on December 12th.

Continue spreading your DeMolay pride in 2019!
First Coast Chapter
Prospect Party

First Coast Chapter held a prospect party at a local bowling alley on December 21st. There were six members, four prospects and three advisors in attendance. The prospects seemed to fit right in and a great time was had by all.

Keep up the great work and SHARE DeMolay!!!
State

Brother Michael Ertel, a Senior DeMolay and a recipient of the Active Legion of Honor from South Seminole Chapter, has been selected as the Secretary or State for Florida. Bro. Ertel has given many talks to Chapters about elections in his most recent roll as the Seminole County Elections Supervisor since 2005. He has also had South Seminole Chapter participate in "Partners in Democracy" program to collect ballots during elections.

Congratulations to Brother Ertel on this most prestigious office!

Florida PSMC named Alabama's Executive Officer

Dad J. Wesley Hyde has been appointed Personal Representative in Alabama. Dad Hyde is a Past State Master Councilor of Florida DeMolay, and has been an Advisor in both Florida and Alabama for many years. He has been a Deputy Member of the ISC since 2012. Professionally, Dad Hyde is a Branch Retail Executive for BBVA Compass.

Dad Hyde replaces Dad Tom Paul, who has served as Executive Officer since 2012.

Attend your Sponsoring Body Installation

Late December and January is Masonic Lodge Installation season. Make plans to attend your Sponsoring Bodies Installation of officers. Offer to help with the installation by serving/cleaning the dinner, handing our programs or pulling chairs. Ask your Sponsoring Body what you can do to help and show your appreciation for their support!
Patriot's Day - February

On a day convenient to the Chapter during February, each Chapter should arrange a special Patriots’ Day meeting featuring the nation’s great patriotic events and the great patriots who participated in them. The Standard Bearer usually directs this observance.

Other suggestions include:

1. Having a local historian or someone from the public library speak on the topic at the Patriots’ Day meeting.
2. Having Chapter members present short talks on famous patriots who were Masons at a sponsoring body event.
3. Sending "care packages" to Chapter members serving as today’s patriots in the armed services.
4. Having the Seventh Preceptor get a film or video documentary on patriotism to show at the meeting.
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.