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CHAPTERS IN MOTION

E.K. Walker Chapter
Crowns New Sweetheart

On June 7th, Edward K. Walker Chapter coronated Ashlyn S. as their new Chapter Sweetheart. The ceremony was performed by Brother Wade S. We are excited to see you be the amazing sweetheart you will be. We also thank Miss Jayda B. for being our Sweetheart, and wish her luck in her State Sweetheart hopes.

Tenure Pin Presentation

Florida DeMolay is proud to present Richard Rounds with his 70 Year pin and Dick Mills with his 65 Year pin! Congratulations Brothers!

DEADLINE - JUNE 30

Each Chapter has the opportunity to accumulate points on a monthly basis by hosting and participating in DeMolay events. At the close of the program year, the Chapter with the most points will be named “Florida DeMolay’s Chapter of the Year”.

Every Chapter will be recognized for their achievements in this program no matter how large or small.

The deadline for final submission is JUNE 30! Get your forms in NOW and show how great your Chapter is!
Steps for Success!

1. PLAN
   Plan your term with this program.

2. EXECUTE
   Hold your events and have FUN.

3. SUBMIT
   Report your events by the 10th on-line.

4. ACHIEVE
   Success for your Chapter!

Achieve Greatness
Good Character

If things are worth doing they are worth doing right. In the end, the great leader is not who can simply get the job done. It is the person who knows how to link motives with methods. Right methods without right motives are shallow at best and evil at their worst.

If you lead with Integrity, the members and supporters of your Chapter will trust and respect you. Trust and respect are earned, and your integrity will show your members that you are worthy of that trust and respect.

Responsibility and Fairness are important qualities that will change your perspective on failure. If there is a failure, own it. In fairness, do not assign blame to the failure, but rather find a solution. Find out WHY the failure happened, and work to remedy it. Responsibility and Fairness will sustain you and your Chapter through difficult times.

Respectfulness, Authenticity and Reliability are the character traits that will create the foundation for happy, healthy relationships. Respectfulness means you treat yourself and others with courtesy, kindness, deference, dignity, and civility. You offer basic respect as a sign of your value for the worth of all people and your ability to accept the inherent flaws we all possess. Authenticity gives you the opportunity to be your real and true self, and will make your members feel warm, welcoming and trusting of you, allowing them to be authentic now and in the future. Reliability shows that you can be consistently depended upon to follow through on your commitments, actions, and decisions. You do what you say you will do.

In your Chapter, YOU must display GOOD character, which will encourage your members to have GREAT character.

“Reputation is made in a moment. Character is built in a lifetime.”
Florida's Past Grand Masters of DeMolay

Most people involved with the Order of DeMolay at the ISC (or now DI) level, never rise to the level of becoming Grand Master of our Order. Those who do are typically exceptional Brothers, and many have been also Past Grand Master of Masons in their respective Grand Lodges, either before or after serving as GM of DeMolay.

But even among these elite there are distinctions. Only 12 of the men who have risen to become Grand Master were distinguished with the Founder's Cross by Dad Land, and three of those only became Grand Master after Dad Land had passed away in 1959. Florida DeMolay is proud to have provided three Past Grand Masters of our Order.

Frank Howard Thompson served as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Florida Masons in 1947. In February of 1955 he was elected and installed as Grand Master of DeMolay and he remained as such until March of 1956. When the Imperial Priory of Florida Knighthood, organized in 1967, created the Florida Knighthood Grand Cross of Honor, they selected only three distinguished Dads to receive it. Frank H. Thompson's breast jewel as a FKGCH is the only one of those three known to have survived, and is on display in the Tampa Scottish Rite's display cases in the lobby. The FKGCH was in abeyance from the disbandment of the Imperial Priory until it was reactivated by the Col. James "Nick" Rowe State Priory, but different regalia have been used for it under the State Priory of Florida.

John Lawton Crofts Sr. may not have been a PGM of Florida Masons, but having previously been Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Iowa, he served as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, elected and installed in 1967, and served until 1970, while residing in Nokomis, Florida. He served as Grand Master of DeMolay from April of 1974 until April of 1975.
Demolay from April of 1874 until April of 1876.

G. Lawrence Hunt, a Senior DeMolay from Rochester Chapter, New York, was a long time Advisor and State Staff member of Florida DeMolay before he was elevated to serve as Executive Officer of Florida in 1971. As the only EO of Florida to become Grand Master during our first century, he has that unique distinction. He served as Grand Master of DeMolay from May 1983 until May 1984.

It is to be hoped that during our second century, further outstanding Florida Advisors may be honored to serve as Grand Master of our Order. It is most definitely an office of servant leadership.

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