

FLORIDA DEMOLAY PROCEEDING 1931

AUGUST 10TH - 11TH and 12TH

MONDAY August 10TH: -

Meeting was called to order by State Master Councilor John R. White at 9.00 AM. Invocation by Rev. J. H. Barbee. Roll called by State Scribe.

Dad Wiese of Tampa called to the East for purpose of speaking on "Purpose of Conclave". Delegates requested to sit in group. Mayor John T. Alsop introduced and extends welcome to visitors and delegates.

Meeting opened in due form. Dad Zoro D. Clark asked to approach East. Minutes of 1930 State Conclave read and approved by State Scribe Clifford Beasley of Sanford. Dad Wiese gave speech on "Purpose of Conclave".

Dad Wiese announced the need of a meeting of all Dads present at 5.00 PM. Dad Wiese said in his speech that the welcome extended by Mayor Alsop had truly inspired that gentleman. He also said that State Conclaves were the heart of the DeMolay organization of the State.

Announcement was made of absence of State Senior Councilor due to very serious accident. State Scribe was instructed to send Bro. Harry Millikin a telegram of regrets over his absence.

Bro. White suggested that an executive secretary be appointed to handle book work of State Scribe. Report of Credentials committee asked for and given by Malcolm Johnson. State Master Councilor and State Scribe offered their reports at this time.

Committee appointments as follows made by State Master Councilor:

Chapter Contacts with Grand Council - H. T. Jones Jr., Clarence Terry, Pete Everett, Sam Quincy, Jimmy Wiltshire. Ritualistic - Robert Baker, Jack Tyree, Ernest Armstrong, Byron Stout, Kenneth White. Entertainment - Don Norton, Bill Bowman, Dick Farrell, George Brumley, Dick Cumming. Attendance - R. E. Crozier, Jr., Robert Adams, Edward Williams, J. D. Morris, LeRoy Leighton. Masonic Contact - Leonard Brown, J.F. McKenney, Jimmy Mood, Harold Doty, Joe Gates. Collection of Dues - Sig Pruitt, Clay Tousey, Manuel Garcia, Anthony Cruz, J. F. McKenney. Nomination - Malcolm Johnson, Robert Villiar, Kenneth White, Byron Stout, Dick Cummings. By Laws and Resolution - Ernest Armstrong, Sig Pruitt, Harold Doty, Jimmy Wiltshire, Joe Yates.

Bro. Johnson announced that any members present who had not been assigned a room, to get in touch with him.

Dad Hammett was introduced by Master Councilor White and gave a short and inspiring speech. Recess at 11.00 AM. Lunch announced at 12.00 Noon. Announcement of Motorcade thru city at 12.45 PM.

Call to order by State Master Councilor at 2.45 PM.

St. Augustine Chapter - reported condition of Chapter good.

Palm Beach - Notice given as to moving of Chapter from Lake Worth to Palm Beach. Excellent report with good finances.

Fort Myers - All bills paid. Reported 28 members. Successful social events. Increased interest in Chapter by Masons.

Tampa - Active membership of 107. Good financial condition. Put on membership campaign, which was successful. Very successful in social activities. Good prospects. Pointed out cooperation of Chapters with Alumni Association. Inter-Chapter relations a great aid. In close contact with St. Petersburg and Lakeland Chapters.

Lakeland - Active 35. Pointed out that Lakeland Chapter was probably most active among poor families. Gave examples of good work done by Lakeland Chapter. Ritual classes held.

St. Petersburg - Membership of 60. Successful social events. Close contact between Tampa and St. Petersburg.

Jacksonville - Active 89, #155.00 on account. Successful social events. After Chapter entertainment aid to interest. Close contact with Masons. Rising vote of thanks to American Crusaders Chapter called for by Dad Wiese which was readily given.

Gainesville - 42 Actives. Finances good. Surplus account of 40.00. Successful social activities. Endeavor made to get in touch with DeMolays registered in University. This was successful and added a great deal of visitation of Florida Chapter by Student DeMolays. One social event each month.

Dad St. John of Jacksonville gave a short talk on "Selling DeMolay".

Orlando - 50 members. Interest increased in the Orlando Chapter. DeMolay has revived in Orlando. Balance of over \$100.00. Cottage rented at beach. Successful social activities. Finest element of Orlando are members of Orlando Chapter. Inter-Chapter relations great help.

Fort Pierce - \$106.00 balance. Fine social events. House parties successful. Welfare work carried on in big way by this Chapter. Excellent Masonic support. Contributions to Civic undertakings.

Pensacola - Good finances social activities and good Masonic support.

Sanford - Decrease in interest by Masons. Fair bank balance. Have aided Masons financially. Inter-Chapter relations a great aid. Good standing with Grand Council. Not many social events.

Key West - Excellent Masonic support. Fair finances. Grand Council still owes this Chapter money. Alumni club formed.

Ernest Armstrong of Lakeland gave a very interesting talk on "Alumni and Clubs". Outlined plans for forming Alumni Associations. Brother White gave data on DeMolay Clubs and Alumni Associations. Recess declared until 7.30 PM.

Meeting called to order by State Master Councilor at 7.30 PM. Dad Clark then exemplified the Ritualistic work of the Order of DeMolay, assisted by members of American Crusaders Chapter. During short intermission, announcement was made of a motorcade to St. Augustine on Tuesday afternoon. Dad Clark pointed out that it was the command of the Grand Council that the ritual be carried out in full on both the Initiatory and DeMolay degrees. During the course of the explanations Dad Clark told of the death of Dad Frank A. Marshall, author of the DeMolay ritual. One minute was given for silent prayer for this fine Dad and Brother.

Meeting was then opened on the Initiatory degree with Master Councilor Moreland of American Crusaders in the East. During the Initiatory degree Dad Clark corrected and explained all mistakes in procedure made by the officers. Several questions of the ritualistic work were asked Dad Clark by the delegates. Candidates initiated were -

Jack Burns Burgess, St. Petersburg
Avery Alexander May, St. Petersburg
Julian Thomas Newsom, Jacksonville
John Higgins Ek, Jacksonville

Scribe was to inform respective Chapters of candidates initiated including special permission to confer the DeMolay degree on the four aforementioned candidates and he is to explain the movements as by the ritual. Chapter closed in due form and then reopened in the Initiatory degree for the benefit of Conclave to see the correct procedure carried out. The Conclave was turned over to Okaloa Chapter of Ft. Myers to confer the Initiatory degree on the above mentioned candidates with Master Councilor Howard in the East.

Nine o' clock Interpolation was observed in due form. Members of the degree team were as follows:

Thomas Howard, M.C., Jimmy Wiltshire, S.C., Mark Dupree, J.C., Boyd Chamberlain, S.D., Thomas Guthrie (Jax.), J.D., Don Pollack, S.S., Ernest Kinzie, J.S., Gordon reeves, Sent., Jasper Willis, Scribe, Orville Allen, Chap., Walter Grace, Treas., Irving Davis (Jax) Std. Bearer. Preceptors in order, Wade Nicole, Floyd Cox, Tony Anselle, Russell Wintle, Jack Turner, Glen Bryant, Byron Stout.

DeMolay Degree conferred on -

Norman Marks, Jacksonville
Fred Langston, Jacksonville
Louis Osteen, Jacksonville

With special permission of State Deputy Wiese the DeMolay Degree was also conferred on -

Jack Burns Burgess, St. Petersburg
Avery Alexander May, St. Petersburg
Julian Thomas Newsom, Jacksonville
John Higgins Ek, Jacksonville

By the following degree team:

Master Inquisitor, Raymond G. Linderbeck, Senior Inquisitor, Earl Pearson, Junior Inquisitor, Edward Gilmore, Jacques DeMolay, Allen Moreland, Godfrey Goneville, Louis Powell, Hughes DePerald, Carl Sasnett, Guy of Auvergne, Clay Tousey, Senior Guard, Ed McGann, Marshal Raymond Rambo, Scribes, Newton Daniel, Mac Walden, Fred Bucky, Caraway Hackett. Lord Constable, Malcolm Johnson.

Dad Wiese congratulated the teams on their excellent work. Dad Clark also extended congratulations. Dad St. John responded for the teams. Program for Tuesday was called to the attention of the Conclave. Tuesday night's program was announced as open to the public.

TUESDAY MORNING

August 11TH

Conclave called to order by the State Master Councilor. Announcement was made concerning bids for dance on Wednesday night.

Dad Frank Norris, Vice-President of Barnett National Bank, was introduced and presented by John R. White. Dad Norris gave a very interesting and inspiring speech on "Obligations". During his speech, Dad Norris outlined the importance of good character to the success of the young men of today. Following this fine speech a telegram was read from the Boy Scouts and Boy's Club of St. Petersburg extending greetings and expressing St. Petersburg's desire for the 1932 Conclave.

Assignment was made then to committee meetings. Recess was called for the committee meetings, and reports were called for. The meeting was called to order following recess by Armstrong of Lakeland due to the delay of John R. White.

First committee report was that of Chapter Contacts with the Grand Council. This report was read by Chairman K. T. Jones. Following this the Ritualistic Committee report was given by Chairman Robert Baker. Several suggestions were added to this report. The Entertainment committee next gave its report. This was given by Chairman Donald Norton. Several suggestions were added by several brothers from various chapters. Next Committee report was the Masonic Contact committee. This report was given by Jimmy Moed. The Collection of Dues committee next gave its report thru Manuel Garcia of Tampa. In this report a plan was outlined for collection of dues. Dad Wiese added to this report by telling of a plan used by St. Augustine Chapter in collecting dues. By Laws and Resolution committee report given by Brother Armstrong of Lakeland. A list of resolutions were read in this report.

Quite a long discussion was held regarding hiring an Executive Secretary. Motion was made and carried that State Body elect an Executive Secretary.

Motion made and carried that each visitor be charged \$1.00 and each delegate \$2.00 on registering at future conclaves. Standing vote taken and carried by majority.

Nominating Committee next read its list of Nominations. Vote was cast by delegates with results as follows : -

M.C. Thomas Howard, Ft. Myers
S.C. Clarence Terry, Tampa
J.C. Harold Doty, St. Petersburg
Scribe Allen Moreland, Jacksonville
Treas. O. D. Morris, Gainesville
Ex. Secy., Clay Tousey, Jacksonville

Session was called to order by P.M.C. Clarence Terry in the East for the Majority Service at 8.45 PM. Brothers White, Harry Warnock, of Jacksonville, and Reeves of St. Petersburg received Majority service. 9 O'clock interpolation.

East turned over to Dad Wiese for the administering of the Honorary Legion of Honor degree on Dad A. H. St. Johns and conferring the Cross of Honor degree on Dad Willoughby of Gainesville. Dad Wiese praised Dads St. John and Willoughby for their wonderful work for DeMolay Chapters. Patents and jewels were presented by Dad Clark. Jewels were pinned on by Master Councilors Jones of Gainesville and Moreland of Jacksonville.

Dad Clark addresses audience expressing appreciation for meals served during Conclave. Praises DeMolay boys. Congratulates those who have just had majority service conferred on them. States there are about 600,000 boys who have been initiated into DeMolay.

Brothers expressed pleasure at having Dad Clark at Conclave. Mrs. H. G. Rambo gives a few words expressing her pleasure in caring for food at Conclave. Brother White praises Eastern Star for noble work.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

August 12th

Conclave called to order by State Master Councilor. Dr. Green of Jacksonville was introduced and gave an excellent speech on "Right Living".

Following this speech a telegram was read from Bro. Whit Ansley of Ft. Myers asking for the 1932 Conclave for Ft. Myers. Floor opened for old business. Floor opened for new business.

Bro. Villar suggests that a telegram be sent to State Junior Councilor Maurice L. Cruz of Key West who was absent on account of injury. Scribe instructed to send telegram to Bro. Cruz. Discussion of reviving interest of Brothers who attend College and return in the summer. Suggested that mimeographed news letter be sent out to members. Recommendation to Scribes of every Chapter to send a list of members to Gainesville Chapter.

Announcement of appointive officers called for. They are as follows; -

S.D. J. F. Jones, Gainesville; J.D. Sig Pruitt, West Palm Beach; S.S. Jimmy Wiltshire, Ft. Myers; J.S. Pete Everett, Orlando; S.B. Dick Farrell, St. Augustine; Chap. Manuel Garcia, Tampa; Mar. K. T. Jones, Lakeland; Sent. Anthony Cruz, Key West; Orator, Neil Vester, St. Petersburg; Almoner Robert Baker, Pensacola; Preceptors in order : Dick Cummings, Miami; Jack Tyree, Orlando; Billy Ball, Sanford; Joe Gates, Ft. Pierce; Percival Stark, Tampa; Kenneth White, St. Petersburg; Sam Quincey, West Palm Beach.

Word of thanks to newspapers discussed and motion made and carrier that committee of thanks go to newspapers and express appreciation for their wonderful cooperation during Conclave. Committee of Jack Tyree, Orlando; Sig Pruitt, West Palm Beach and Paul Jones, Gainesville appointed.

Three telegrams read from Rotary Club, Mayor of St. Petersburg, and Princess Martha Hotel, St. Petersburg urging selection of St. Petersburg as 1932 Conclave meeting place. A series of letters were read from the St. Petersburg civic organizations, officials and Mayor of St. Petersburg. Invitation extended from Ft. Myers. Palm Beach withdrew its bid in favor of St. Petersburg. Two bids of St. Petersburg and Ft. Myers voted upon by standing vote. St. Petersburg received the majority. Dad Clark congratulates St. Petersburg on receiving the selection.

Short recess declared in which to make preparations for installation of incoming officers. All officers were installed in due form.

Resolution concerning activities of the Advisory Council adopted. Dad Wiese addressed group on rotation educational fund. Dad Clark spoke on progress of DeMolay and its international scope. Dad Wiese briefly explains symbolism of the DeMolay pin. Dad Clark goes into greater detail on the symbolism of pin. Open forum held and suggestions for betterment of DeMolay chapters heard.

Motion was made and carried that cards of identification be given to all delegates and visitors at 1932 conclave.

Conclave closed in due form.

CLIFFORD C. BEASLEY
STATE SCRIBE

