



# E-Mail Newsletter

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*Oklahoma  
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*Building Tomorrow's  
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*State Deputy  
Master Councilor-  
Cameron Hutton*

*State Senior  
Councilor -  
Ryan Rudebock*

*State Junior  
Councilor -  
Jordan Burton*

## Hail and Farewell

We mark the end of an era this month with the resignation of Curtis Gimlin as State Executive Officer. There have been a lot of positive things happen to our fraternity during his tenure. His leadership and inspiration to both the advisors and boys of DeMolay will be long remembered in the state of Oklahoma.



Dad Gimlin gave many hours throughout the year to our fraternity. Most of you don't realize the time he spends with the state officers traveling all over the U.S. to attend events. He was deeply involved in getting everything ship-shape for workshops in the winter and conclaves in the summer, as well as the Grand Lake retreats shortly after conclave each summer.

A mark of good leadership is how well things continue to run after someone of Dad Gimlin's importance leaves. It shows how closely he has

worked with Dad Minshall and the rest of the Oklahoma DeMolay Assoc to keep us moving in the right direction, and I am sure that this is the way we will continue to move... onward and upward ! !

## A Message from our new ODA Executive Officer

To the Oklahoma DeMolay Family,

As your new Executive Officer I want to take a moment and let you know how proud I am to be associated with this Organization and with each of you. I started just as many of you did, as a young man who got asked to join because it was fun and something my friends were doing. The things I learned along the way and the benefits I received were just extras.

I hope each of you are having fun and that you are doing so with your friends and that when you reach majority and move on with your life, you feel that you learned something along the way that will benefit you in life.

Right now I hope you are all planning on going to Workshop in January and bringing lots of candidates. Dad McKinney and his staff are planning another great weekend and I certainly want to encourage all Chapters to attend, however, don't hold off getting those new candidates now. If you need help getting them initiated please contact your District Governor, the State Officers or myself. We will make sure to get you some help.

I am encouraging the State Officers to visit and attend as many Chapter and District functions as possible. The closer they can work with the Chapters the better off Oklahoma DeMolay is. So please send them invitations, give them calls, or e-mails. They want to be involved with you.

Once again, I want to thank Dad Gimlin for his long term dedication and support of our Order. The programs he has in place have made us one of the best jurisdictions in all of DeMolay and will be continued. Dad Gimlin will still be around and has agreed to be my "Advisor" when I need some help. I know he looks forward to a little time off but I am sure, like the rest of us, he won't get much time off before he is back doing something positive for our Order.

Don't forget, new office address, phone number, email, etc. If I can be of assistance or you need to talk, please give me a call.

Looking forward to finishing 2006 strong and a great 2007.

Fraternally,

*Dad Ron Minshall*

Executive Officer

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## State Officers Reception a Big Hit !

The venue changed this year, but not the amount of fun that everyone had at the state officers reception. Corbin and the rest of the guys did a great job providing good food and an entertaining place for a dance.

Check out more pictures below of the event.

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## Frank S. Land Day coming up...

Creek District has a big celebration coming up for Frank S. Land Day on 4 November. Things will kick off with ritual qualification, followed by a district-wide initiation of new candidates. For all you Creek District chapters, your challenge is to bring at least one candidate to be initiated... just one, that isn't too much to ask!

Following the initiation, there will be a Creek District meeting and election of new District Officers. Dad Branson, Creek District Governor, is mailing out letters of intent for those planning to run.

After the District Meeting, there will be a spaghetti dinner @ \$5 per person. That will be followed by a dance. The Rainbows have another commitment, but we are hoping the Jobbies will come thru for us!

More pictures from the past two months events...



*The cake from the State Officers Reception.*

*Pretty sweet ice sculpture...*



**'Carnival cutups' from the Siloam fundraiser**

**Looks like somebody was having a good time dancing !! Participants at the Siloam Fundraiser/dance**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

4 November- Frank S. Land Day observance- Noon until 11:00pm. Spaghetti dinner for \$5.00. Dance is from 8-11.

11 November- Arapaho District Installation

15 November- Shawnee District Meeting, Norman, 7-9pm

18 November- "Phantom of the Opera" Dance at Holland Chapter, 7:30-11pm

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