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Seasons Greeting Y'all !

I know; it is the 'Carolina' coming out in me. Well, anyway, I hope everyone had a turkey-filled Thanksgiving and is getting ready for a joyful holiday season. There will be a lot going on over the next month and we must not get lost in the shuffle of the upcoming "commercial onslaught". **Remember the true meaning of Christmas.**

I would also ask you to remember this. The most miserable, depressing Christmas I ever experienced in my life was sitting on a ship in the Middle East. The food was good, we had Christmas presents from home, but we didn't have our families. Loneliness for our troops overseas is a never-ending struggle, and the holiday season only compounds that a million-fold. Imagine sitting in a trench with bullets being fired over your head, doing maintenance on a aircraft that needed your complete attention, or refueling a ship in stormy seas at 2 am in the morning - - all this happening on Christmas day. And we think not getting a new iPod for Christmas is hardship...



Try to do your part to remember the troops during this holiday season. At a minimum, send a Christmas card and if you can, send a phone card or a Care package with some candy, a magazine, CD or something that a young soldier or sailor may enjoy. They all know their families miss them. Let them know that there are others who appreciate their sacrifice, and care for them as well.

In addition to keeping them in our thoughts and prayers, there's now a great way to let them know we're thinking of them via a personal greeting developed by Xerox (<http://www.letssaythanks.com/Home1024.html>). By visiting that site, you can



select a "thank you" greeting to go to a member of our Armed Forces this Thanksgiving. While you can't determine the exact recipient, you can determine the card and individual greeting you wish to send. This is a great, easy way to lift the spirits of our men and women in uniform who are spending their Holidays away from their homes and families serving their country.



"Web-a-licious" (I think I just made that up)

We have changes happening all over the state with our DeMolay chapter websites! Del City, not content with just having ONE website, has TWO. One is on myspace at www.myspace.com/delcitydemolay and the other is at Geocities at www.geocities.com/delcitydemolay/home.html . Pretty slick work, guys!

Also, Dad Cook has been busy doing some "redesigning" on the Stillwater site. He is going to add a bunch of neat features, including a database to help find info.

Check it out at www.stwdemolay.org/

If any of you other chapters out there have any good websites to pass along, e-mail them to Singleton@CitadelNet.org and I will get them listed also.

Frank S. Land Day a big hit

Creek District had a real nice turnout for the Frank S. Land day. The event started off with part qualification. A number of guys came away with new medals for putting forth the effort to qualify parts. GREAT JOB GUYS !! After that, there was an Initiatory degree (yes the full blown thing, thanks to some help from Claremore chapter) and DeMolay degrees. After that the Horde (and I use that term loosely) descended down upon huge bowls of spaghetti. I swear, the stuff looked like it was evaporating before the bowl even got to the table.

And, thanks to the lovely ladies of Bethel 2, we also had a dance ! A very sincere thank you ladies for traveling up from OKC to help make the evening a success. There was even a little "Bohemian Rhapsody" thang going on. Oh yeah, another special thanks to Dad Fast for coming to the event as well and to a **LOT** of the state officers showing up to lend their support. It is always nice to have the State Dad there to keep things hopping ! !

Tri-Youth Dance !

A reminder (yeah, like you need it) that the Tri-Youth dance is coming up the 16th of December. In the past, the Guthrie Christmas festival is going on at the same time, so be sure you have a place to eat before the dance.

This year, our event is sponsored by Rainbow for Girls. Please stand by to assist in any way they may request to make this evening special.

And last but not least--- dress. You **KNOW** that you must wear a coat and tie, dress pants and dress shoes. No tennis shoes, no blue jeans, no polo or t-shirts. The girls are dressed up, YOU SHOULD BE TOO! Advisors, please help with this.

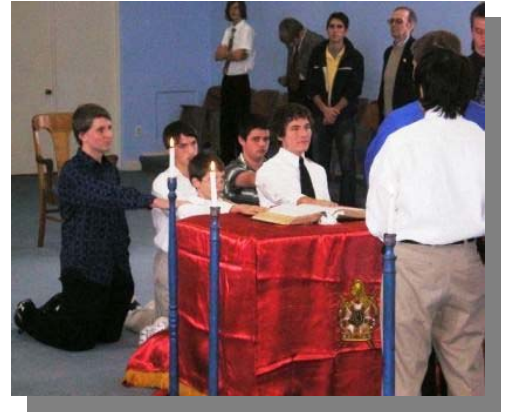


Pictures from the past month's events...



DeMolay initiates enjoying a little movie time at Frank S. Land day

Newest Oklahoma
DeMolays receive
Initiatory Degree

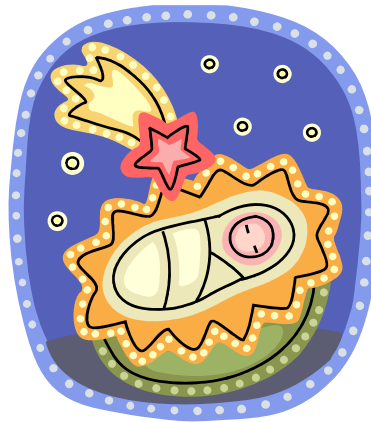


UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

9 December – William E. Godfrey Installation, 1pm, El Reno
Masonic lodge

16 December- Tri-Youth Dance, Guthrie

***DON'T FORGET- WORKSHOP IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER !! HAVE
YOU DONE YOUR FUND-RAISERS TO GET EVERYONE THERE?***



Have a joyous and happy holiday season !



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