



ODA Newsletter

(this is a long one!)

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*Oklahoma
DeMolay Assoc.*

*Building Tomorrow's
Leaders Today*

State Officers

*State Master
Councilor -
Corbin Johns*

*State Deputy
Master
Councilor -
Cameron Hutton*

*State Senior
Councilor -
Ryan Rudebock*

*State Junior
Councilor -
Jordan Burton*

CONCLAVE – a Celebration of Brotherhood

What a great conclave- again! This year saw a large increase in the number of chapters competing in ritual competition. It was a full Friday and by the time volleyball rolled around, there were a bunch of TIRED guys (as evidenced by the numbers of pictures of guys sleeping during the day...). The initiations Friday night were (again) impressive- thanks to Stillwater and Del City teams for their assistance. The Chevalier investiture was impressive as well- a sharp bunch of guys.

Saturday saw us holding our annual meetings (and trying to stay awake). The afternoon saw something a little different--- Dad Gimlin giving away money! The Deal-No Deal competition was enjoyed by everyone as evidenced by the amount of cheering-on from the crowd. Rumor has it that next year's Conclave will only be a day and a half because ODA ran out of money with Deal-No Deal !! (just kidding, guys).

Saturday nights Sweetheart pageant was a thing of beauty (literally and figuratively). Our sweethearts put on some great performances, but should really work with the state officers to teach them how to dance...

Speaking of dances, the grand finale of Saturday was another successful affair, DJ'd by your new state Dad, Dad Travis Fast. The Bohemian Rhapsody choir was in rare form, putting out 110% for Dad Singleton's last performance as conductor (Thank you to all the choir members for your hard work!) Then, the late night pizza party (UGH- pizza at 1 am in the morning...)

Sunday morning we celebrated all the weekend festivities at our awards banquet. Edmond walked away with the Exemplary chapter award this year- congratulations to those guys! Our new state officers (see list to left) were sworn in and are now ready to lead us through the remainder of 2006 and into 2007.

This really was a weekend to celebrate brotherhood throughout the state.

RITUAL CHAMPIONS

These are the guys and chapters that separate DeMolay from every other youth organization in the United States. Their commitment to preserving the tradition of memorization of our ceremonies ensures that our ability to educate and inform our new candidates through initiations and opening and closing chapters in a uniform manner will continue.

It is a shame there isn't enough room to name all the guys who competed AND made proficiency- there were a LOT. Keep up the good work- **YOUR ADULT LEADERS ARE PROUD OF YOU !!**

Best Part - Obligations

Norman Ian Kennedy

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - 1st Preceptor

Stillwater Justin Paddock-Johnson

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - 2nd Preceptor

Murrow David Shirey

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - 3rd Preceptor

Siloam Rylee Carpenter

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - 4th Preceptor

Stillwater Chris Simpson

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - 6th Preceptor

Norman Ian Kenney

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - 7th Preceptor

Stillwater Mathew Salas

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - Magnificent Seven - Senior Division

Holland Danel Simmons

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - Magnificent Seven - Junior Division

Del City Brian Deason

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - Magnificent Seven - Grand Champion

Holland Danel Simmons

Best Part - Ceremony of Light - Junior Division

Del City Andrew Roberts

Best Part - Ceremony of Light - Senior Division

Highland Park Jordan Burton

Best Part - Ceremony of Light - Grand Champion

Highland Park Jordan Burton

Team - Ceremony of Light - Large Class

Siloam Chapter

Team - Ceremony of Light - Small Class

Norman Chapter

Team - Ceremony of Light - Coach

Norman Tommy Parker

Team - Ceremony of Light - Grand Champion

Norman Chapter

Team - Ceremony of Light Initiation - Large Class

Trinity Chapter

Team - Ceremony of Light Initiation - Small Class

Norman Chapter

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Norman Chapter

Best Part - Flower Talk - Junior Division

Shawnee Matthew Garlington

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Best Part - Installing Officer - Scripted

Del City Jaymie Jordan

Best Part - Installing Officer - Scripted - Grand Champion

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Best Part - Fourth Section - Master Councilor

Edmond Johnathan Cox

Team - Fourth Section - Small Class

Edmond Chapter

Team - Fourth Section - Grand Champion

Edmond Chapter

Best Part - Chapter Proficiency - Master Councilor

Del City Jamie Jordan

Best Part - Chapter Proficiency - Chaplain

Howard Weber Levi Bishop

Team - Chapter Proficiency - Large Class

Howard Weber Chapter

Team - Chapter Proficiency - Grand Champion

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Best Part - Initiatory Degree - Master Councilor

Stillwater BJ Mahan

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - Senior Deacon - Initiatory Degree

Stillwater Tyler Pate

Best Part - Initiatory Degree - Marshal - Initiatory Degree

Stillwater Matt Salas

Team - Initiatory Degree - Small Class

Stillwater Chapter

Team - Initiatory Degree - Grand Champion

Stillwater Chapter

Best Part - Master Inquisitor - DeMolay Degree

Siloam Steele Willison

Best Part - Junior Inquisitor - DeMolay Degree

Del City Brian Deason

Best Part - Jacques DeMolay - DeMolay Degree

Del City Tyler Finnie

Best Part - Orator - DeMolay Degree

Del City Cory Deason

Team - DeMolay Degree - Large Class

Del City Chapter

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OKLAHOMA DEMOLAY RITUALISTS

PRESERVERS OF OUR GRAND TRADITION !

This month – Float trip and Majority Service

Everyone is reminded of the annual Illinois River float trip- 5 Aug, starting at 10am. For information on War Eagle floats, visit <http://www.shopoklahoma.com/wareagle.htm> . I promise, the trip will be MUCH MUCH MUCH better than last year's hail/lightening/75 knot wind grand finale (oh brother).

As our members approach the years of manhood, we are called upon to recognize them for their years of service to our Order. On 12 August, such an event will take place in Stillwater. Will Shea and Jeff Bekkelund, two of the bedrocks of Stillwater DeMolay, will be recognized for their years of service to their state and chapter with a majority service, reception and dance.

Each DeMolay chapter, Rainbow for Girls Assembly and Jobs Daughters Bethel is invited to attend this special event.

Gentleman, Please

My least-favorite event in DeMolay is standing at the door of the Conclave dance and telling a young man he can't come in because he is wearing tennis shoes and jeans. It happens at least once each year.



As gentleman of the Order of DeMolay, it is imperative that we live up to higher standards. One of these is our dress code. There are certain occasions each year that call for us to dress in our finest;

- State Conclave,
- state officers reception,
- tri-youth dance,
- York Rite workshop dance,
- any other time an invitation states formal or semi-formal

Dress shirt, tie, sport coat/suit, dress pants and dress shoes. That is the standard.

For every one of these events, the young ladies that attend are required to wear formal dresses. They don't have the option to wear anything else... Should we be disrespectful to them by showing up in less formal attire?

The responsibility for meeting this standard lies with the members and the advisors. Check clothes before you leave for the event so you don't cause embarrassment on anyone's part.

If you have boys that, for one reason or another, can not get dress shoes or a dress jacket, set up a "share locker" at your chapter. Guys outgrow clothes and shoes about every other month, and there are members of your chapter that may need them to look their best. Everyone please do your part to help.

PHOTOS FROM CONCLAVE



Our new state officers being sworn in

Dad Epperly and his guys enjoying some Lunch at the Student Union





Our new Court of Chevaliers

(again),

Dad Epperly eating

this time with the power behind Oklahoma DeMolay
(the Moms)



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS IN AUGUST

5-7 Aug – Illinois River Float Trip, War Eagle Camp Grounds

12 Aug– Will Shea and Jeff Bekkelund (Stillwater Chapter) Majority Service

26 Aug- Masonic Night at the RedHawks game, Bricktown. Check with your lodge for details-come support the Redhawks and Masons !

28 Aug- Shawnee District Meeting, Shawnee

Today (31 July) is Jeff Bekkelund's 21st Birthday

Happy Birthday!



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