

Membership Class Brings 21 New Members

PASADENA - Southern California has twenty-one new members as of March 17th.

It may have not been the largest class to ever grace the Jurisdiction books, but it certainly was the best. This year's Jurisdiction class was fortunate to have an all-star degree team to initiate them. The degree team consisted of a large portion of DeMolays from Old West Chapter and from throughout Oasis District.

The orientation, taught by Dad Schuster of Oasis District, allowed the members going into the degree class to possess a better understanding of the lessons of DeMolay. The feedback was very positive and many important questions were answered.

Adam E. Roof, the 34th International Congress Secretary, visited Southern California Jurisdiction during the weekend and helped to kick off membership orientation with a few stories about his travels throughout the United States and world.



Adam E. Roof visits with SCJ Officers.

Congratulations to the following new brothers who were initiated at the spring membership class: Robert Arnold, Vern Briones, Lainel Briones, Mark Crespo, Jake Del Dosso, Rayburn Fabra, Jonathan Hill, Andrew Hull, Fabian Hurtado, Malcolm Layug, Aaron Ortiz, Adam Ortiz, Cameron Pearson, Morgan Peters, Miguel Ramitoz, Eric Schwartz, Garrett Stone, Doug Thomas, Nic Thorp, Wesley Whiteman, and Jared Winchell.

One More Trip Up The Mountain

VALENCIA, CA— Southern California DeMolays converged again upon Six Flags Magic Mountain for the annual Devotional Day service. This year's Jurisdiction officers concentrated on bringing back the solemnity of the devotional service. Not to mention excellent roller coasters!

As by direction of the Grand Lodge of officers, the Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls played an active role in the service. Those who spoke for our sister organizations were Kinsie Flynn, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor of Rainbow in California, and Shanna Fickentsher, Miss California Job's Daughter. Thank you to

everyone that was able to attend to make this a successful event.

Side Note:

Southern California Jurisdiction donated \$1000 to Miss Robin Strumph of Project Books and Blankeys. Miss Strumph started this charity at the age of 11 and has helped to encourage reading improvement among young children throughout the Los Angeles area. A check presentation occurred on April 14th at the Borders near Magic Mountain.

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THE SPIN

Installation season May is nearing the middle of the Installation season where the chapters spend the big bucks and strut their stuff. These are the parties where memories are made and friendships created. Some response for installation dates are posted in the calendar on **Page 4**.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

June 10 - Sports Day

Nothing new about this! Yeah right, this year's officers have a few surprises up their sleeves. Learn next year's candidates, play sports all day, and enjoy some excellent barbeque. Look for a full schedule in next month's issue!

Location: Pearson Park in Anaheim, CA
400 N. Harbor Blvd
Anaheim, CA 92805

Contact: District & Jurisdiction officers

!!Conclave 2001!!

Bakersfield Holiday Inn
August 31- September 2

Cost : \$140 before June 30

* Conclave Application Enclosed

May 19th - SCJ Co-Ed Soccer

Co-Ed Soccer began at the League level with tremendous success. This year the Jurisdiction has picked up the Co-Ed soccer phenomenon. Come discover what thousands of people have already known- that soccer is fun, fun, fun! This is open to any chapter. There is no requirement for proficiencies, but there must be members of Job's Daughters and/or Rainbow on your team. Sign up with Imperial Coast today!

Location: California Elementary School
1080 N. California
Orange, CA 92867

Contact: Imperial Coast District
Ryan Scott (909) 737-7716

May 5th - Scottish Rite Car Wash

The Jurisdiction staff has decided to host a car wash benefiting the Scottish Rite Speech Development Clinics. There will be a car wash in each district and the funds will benefit the Clinics in those areas. The car wash will be donation only. DeMolay is committed to helping those that are less fortunate. Please support this attempt of the SCJ staff. For more information please contact your District President.

ON THE SIDE

Do you feel like you're missing out on all the activities? Not anymore! Just subscribe to SCJ Communication at www.demolayscj.org for updates about all your favorite DeMolay activities.

What's happening in June? Look for the Preceptor, coming to a mailbox near you! June issue mailed May 25th.

Free ads in the Preceptor! Got a dance, installation, or fundraiser coming up? Advertise in the Preceptor for FREE! Get your confirmation to the Preceptor Staff by May 9th for the June issue.

For more info.: SCJ_Preceptor@yahoo.com

Did You Know?

- The first investiture of the Degree of Chevalier was held June 2, 1937 for Mother Chapter. Forty-one active DeMolays and Senior DeMolays were invested with the Degree on that date. John S. McKibben, Jr. was recognized as the first Chevalier, and the rest of the nominees were numbered accordingly.
- DeMolay was originally limited to seventy-five members, until Dad Land spoke to the boys and showed them how selfish they were being.

This information and much more is available in the Hi Dad! Book. Hi Dad! is available through the DeMolay & More Store in Kansas City, Missouri.

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD...

Chapter Profile: Foothill Chapter Reorganization Improves DeMolay Experience

As part of Citrus League, Foothill chapter participated in all the ritual and sports activities. They knew with their (then) young and small members that they were not going to win basketball or softball, but they always competed because that afforded the members more of the DeMolay experience. But they found a sport they could excel at - bowling. They won league, jurisdiction and region 8 bowling several times. Since the reorganization late last year, Foothill has become the "anchor" chapter for three other chapters: George Washington, Claremont, and Pomona. The concept of reorganization is to grow one very strong

"I have seen Foothill Chapter grow from nothing but a few guys to a thriving Chapter that continues to grow and prosper."

-Michelle Anderson

Foothill Chapter Sweetheart

chapter and when membership is right, to slowly and with guidance activate the other chapters. The ritual, meeting decorum, planning, enthusiasm and energy have improved greatly in the last few months. While more needs to be done, Foothill is making real strides to give the members a quality DeMolay program and experience. I am proud of what the chapter has done and continues to do with an eye toward the future and even better things for the chapter, district and SCJ. Foothill can help set the standard of excellence in the district and jurisdiction. *-Dad Thomas, Foothill Chapter Advisor*



FROM THE JURISDICTION...

Well my brothers we are reaching the last part of the year, but yet the most exciting. So far this year we have surpassed everyone's expectations as a jurisdiction. In these next coming months we have some big events coming up and I hope to see everyone at all of them. Such as the Car Show (August 11th), Jurisdiction-wide Scottish Rite Car Wash (May 5th), and Conclave up in Bakersfield on August 31-September 2. These events are some of the biggest and best we will have all year and I know that everyone will want to attend. I would also at this time like to thank everyone for all there support in the past 7 months. Congratulations are due to Old West for competing in the Old South Ritual Tournament. I know that they represented our jurisdiction well. Thank you all once again.

Fraternally Yours,
Jeremyha Lyle
Master Councilor

For all you DeMolay fans out there who want to know what is coming up, I suggest you pay close attention. Installation session is here! Lets show our support to all the chapters who have been working very hard with their chapter on putting on a successful installation. But lets not stop there! Sweethearts balls are coming up as well! Imperial Coast, June 9th the day before Sports Day, June 10th. What a great weekend to dance and play sports! So would you like to meet more DeMolays and dance all night long? I. S.C. will be held here in Southern California (June 13th-17th) and Oasis' Sweethearts ball is on June 16. Lets show everyone what big fans we are of DeMolay, by supporting these events and the many more events the chapters, districts and jurisdiction have planned.

Sweetie Love,
Iris Gonzales
SCJ Sweetheart

Brothers,

As summer break approaches we will all have much more time on our hands. I encourage you to take this opportunity upon yourselves to work for DeMolay to bring the greatness of our Order to the hearts and homes of everyone in Southern California. There are many opportunities for your friends to become members. The best and most successful activities are always dances, pool parties, and beach trips. Let us look forward to a summer full of good weather and growth for DeMolay. A chance of a lifetime awaits as the International Congress comes to Anaheim. The informal opening at the Shrine Auditorium is an excellent opportunity to witness DeMolay International at work. This will on June 14th. I look forward to seeing a powerful presence from SCJ!

I need not remind you that we have Conclave just



Some of the Jurisdiction staff pose with Robin Strumpf, Project Books and Blankies

around the bend and registration forms are due soon. This is a NEW location, so lets make it a NEW Dawn for DeMolay and set records for others to live up to! See everyone there.

Fraternally,
John James
D.M.C.

Hey Everyone,

It was so great to see you all at membership class and Devo day. We had a great time. I hope that all of your chapters are having great terms. Installation season is just around the corner. I will be traveling just about every night, and I hope that you do too!! I wish everyone one luck in their new offices. I'll see you all soon.

Rubber Ducky Love,
Melissa Keys
SCJ Princess 00-01

Special Message

Joseph Wayne Thompson (1937-2001) passed away in March. Brother Thompson was a PMC of Santa Ana Chapter and a strong supporter of DeMolay for many years. He was instrumental in getting his nephew, Jim Dorsey a PMC Orange Chapter in the 1960's, into DeMolay and supporting him throughout his years in the line. DeMolay will miss Joe.

-Submitted respectively Rob Scott, Orange Chapter Advisor



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SCJ CALENDAR

May

- 5th - Scottish Rite Car Wash (Each District hosts)
 - Inland Empire Cinco de Mayo Mini-Q (Kendal Park)
 - Inland Empire District Meeting 3:00 pm
 - Huntington Beach Installation 7:30 pm
- 11th - Redlands Chapter Installation 8:00 pm
- 12th - Walt Disney Chapter Installation 7:30 pm
- 19th - SCJ Co-Ed Soccer (Imperial Coast Hosts)

June

- 9th - Imperial Coast Sweetheart's Ball
- 10th - SCJ Sports Day @ Pearson Park
- 13th- 17th - ISC Session in Anaheim
- 16th - Oasis District Sweetheart's Ball
- 28th- 1st - Grand Bethel in Bakersfield

July

- 14th - Imperial Coast District Honors Night in Orange
- 15th - LOH Investiture in San Bernardino
- 21st - Jurisdiction Sweethearts Ball
- 28th - SCJ Beach Volleyball (Oasis hosts)
- 28th - Imperial Cost District Elections in Huntington Beach

August

- 4th - Jeremyha's Master Councilor Reception
- 11th - SCJ Custom Car Show in Redlands, CA
- 31st- 2nd - Conclave 2001 @ Bakersfield Holiday Inn

Don't see your events here! Why not? Email your chapter, district or whatever events to:
Dad Thomas at dadthomasfoothillscj@onebox.com

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Southern California Jurisdiction yields and acknowledges the allegiance of International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, of which Frank S. Land is founder.