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SCJ Upcoming Events

February

13-16th– SCJ Councilors
Camp

March

20th– SCJ Membership
Class

21st– Devotional Day @ Six
Flags Magic Mountain

April

3-7th– Grand Assembly

May

23rd– SCJ Soccer

June

12th– SCJ Sports Day

24-27th– Grand Bethel

July

31st– SCJ Sweethearts Ball

SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR

Hello everyone! Now that everything has become finalized, things in our jurisdiction are once again stable. We, as a Jurisdiction, have our work cut out for us. I would like to start by thanking everyone for doing an excellent job so far. Our Jurisdiction is doing awesome and our membership is on the rise. All I can say is keep going. Keep having initiations, keep having the great events, and keep attending the district and Jurisdiction functions. Feel free to ask for help from any of your officers, whether district or jurisdiction. It is our job to help this jurisdiction, and we are prepared to do so at all times. I look forward to more great events and fun times and everyone remember- KEEP THE TRAIN ROLLIN'!

Matt McKinney

SCJ Deputy Master Councilor

“A leader takes a group of people where they want to go. But a great leader, doesn't necessarily take a group of people where they want to go, he takes them where they ought to be.” When I was younger, my father always inspired me with those words. Those words always led me to the question of, what is a leader? And the answer I got was, someone who inspires another to go beyond their own expectations for themselves. My brothers, DeMolay was founded on principles instituted to take good upstanding young men, and turn them into quality citizens who will act as such in society today. When someone from the general public hears the name DeMolay, I want it to click in their mind that they are dealing with a top notch individual. In the past few years, DeMolay has lost it's direct connection with the general public. My challenge to all of you is to go out there, and talk DeMolay up to the general public. And I ask that all of you present yourself with the quality characteristics that DeMolay has bestowed upon you. And when the question is asked of you, “What is a leader?”, I hope I have been able to assist you in answering that question. And remember, “A leader takes a group of people where they want to go, but a great leader doesn't necessarily take a group of people where they want to go, he takes them where they ought to be.”

Taylor R. Blakely

SCJ Sweetheart & Princess

Hi guys! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Matt & Taylor have planned some awesome SCJ events this year. So make sure you don't miss out. Now that the New Year has begun it is time to get out there and travel. Make the most of your DeMolay experience and have fun! We will see all you guys around at your events. Drive safely and take care. Sweetheart & Princess signing out !

Amber Kossow & Becky Gallina

Imperial Coast District Calendar of Events

February

4th- District Visitation to
Agate Chapter
21st- Chula Vista Chapter
Installation
25th- Orange Chapter Visitation
28- Sweethearts Ball

March

6th- Dinner Auction
7th- District Basketball
9th- District Visitation to
Santa Ana Chapter
13- Agate Chapter Installation

April

17- Yorba Linda Installation
24th- Orange Chapter
Installation

May

1st- Huntington Beach Installation
1st- Golf Tournament Registration Deadline
5th- Agate Chapter Visitation
8th- Walt Disney Installation
17th- District Meeting and Huntington Beach Visitation
22nd- Masonic DeMolay Golf Tournament

Inland Empire District Calendar of Events

February

18th- San Bernardino Visitation
22nd- District Meeting and Bowling
27th- Foothill Laser Tag

March

27th- Sweethearts Ball

April

18th- Mini Sports Day/
District Meeting

26th- Visit to Rialto

May

15th- Basketball Tournament
28-30th- Camp I.E.

FROM THE IMPERIAL COAST DISTRICT PRESIDENT

ICD

Hi SCJ! Although the New Year has already come, it is not too late to set resolutions. DeMolay is on the cusp of either a major leap in membership., or a major crash, and it is up to each and everyone of us to make sure this organization thrives for years to come. I encourage everyone to get out there and spread DeMolay. Is your chapter having a fun and exciting event soon? Great ! Tell your friends about it. Get them to come along, and the next thing you know, your chapter just initiated another member. Even though getting new members is something we are always striving to do, retention of the older members is also important. I encourage all of you to take the time to talk to those members who don't always come around to the events and chapter meetings. Let them know that you appreciate their presence and that you would like to have them around more often. Such a simple act can get these members more involved in the chapter. Remember, DeMolay will be an extreme benefit to you, but only if you use it properly. So go to everything you can, and I assure that you will become a better person, and have a great time in the process

Brian James

ICD DISTRICT SWEETHEART

I hope everyone's term is going well. I've had a great time traveling, meeting and getting to know all of you. I look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events. So far, this year has been so much fun, and I'm positive that the fun will continue! In order to do so, I'm going to ask everyone to step it up in the participation, and do your best to get out to as many events as possible. Remember, the more people at an event, the more fun everyone is going to have. So get out there, and let the fun times roll!

Leah Roberts

FROM THE INLAND EMPIRE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

IED

Hello SCJ,

This last month has been good. Inland Empire had a great turn out for our first ever Winter Formal. I hope to see just as good a turn out to our district bowling on the twenty-second of February. February is also a very large month for DeMolay, we have leadership camp and I hope that many of you signed

up to go.

Ben Dinsmore

IED DISTRICT SWEETHEART

Hello SCJ! Five months into the term and the Inland Empire has been, and continues to be going strong. We have had numerous amounts of events that have had wonderful turn outs including; trips to the movies after district meetings, over the line tournament, ritual competition, and our Winter Formal dinner and dance, not to forget the district visitation to a chapter every month. Yes the Inland Empire has been very active, not only at the district level but at the chapter level as well. Chapters have served breakfasts and dinner fundraisers, hosted dances, held lock-ins, and even had a day of boffer. We hope to see all of you soon at the IED Sweethearts ball in March and the numerous events yet to come. I know all the events will be wonderful and will be a fun time enjoyed by all. Please e-mail me with any of your chapter or district events at ShortMariCherry@aol.com. Hope to see you soon!

Mari Gallina

FROM THE OASIS DISTRICT

OASIS

Hello Brethren. A new year has arrived with new and exciting events ahead. We had over 50 people attend the Oasis Laser Tag Lock-In on December 13th. You missed out on a lot of fun if you did not make it. 20 of the 50 people in attendance were from L.C. Kelley Chapter! Our first

District Ritual Competition was held on December 6th and 15 DeMolays participated. They all did an outstanding job. Whittier Chapter competed in chapter competition and did great. Oasis District is looking to put on some great events in the following months. We have a Shakey's Pizza Night coming up on February 10th from 6 to 9 P.M. Our Sweethearts Ball is coming up quickly as well, April 24th!!! Membership is on the rise and chapters that were once closed are opening up again. Liberal Arts chapter is being re-instituted with 4 new members and 4 more on the way. I can see a strong start ahead with Elliot Maude leading this new chapter as Master Councilor. Leadership Camp is also coming up very quickly, so I hope everyone has put in their registration forms. The spaces fill up fast.

Richard Wollin

OASIS DISTRICT SWEETHEART

Good Day SCJ! It was awesome to see you all at SCJ bowling, there was a good representation from all the Districts... and I would like to congratulate Huntington Beach Chapter for winning the tournament. The year 2003 was great.. And I have high expectations that 2004 will be even better. Than reminds me, I also wish everyone a Happy New Year, and good luck keeping up your New Year resolutions! The month of February is full of events and I really look forward to going to all of them and meeting as many of you as I can. Hope to see everyone soon!

Christy Kossow

Oasis District Calendar of Events

January

21st- Whittier Visitation

February

10th- Shakeys Pizza Night
Fundraiser

19th- Old West Installation

22nd- District Meeting
TBA- Past Masters Dinner

March

11th- Conejo Valley Visitation

15th- Theodore Roosevelt Visitation

TBA- Conejo Installation

April

10th- District Meeting/
Broomball

18th- Easter Breakfast

24th- Oasis Sweethearts
Ball

May

8th- District Meeting/
Sports Day

11th- South Bay Visitation

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first of the following
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SCJ Mission Statement:
*To assist and support the
DeMolay chapters and the
Jurisdiction of Southern
California in providing
the best "DeMolay ex-
perience" to their mem-
bers.*

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From The Personal Representative

Fraternal Greetings! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share some of my thoughts on the future.

I am a Senior DeMolay from George Washington Chapter in Citrus League. As an Advisor I have been instrumental in helping to start both a new chapter and a new league. I have worked with several chapters over the years and held every Advisory Council position, most recently as Chairman of Yorba Linda Chapter. I also

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have years of experience as League Dad and League Administrator. While some things in DeMolay have changed over the years, the basic foundational beliefs have not, and there still exists the same opportunities for self improvement, making friends, and having a blast. The French have a saying: *To know life you must love many things*. DeMolay is no different - to really know and appreciate the Order, you need to get involved in everything.

Southern California Jurisdiction is in good shape. We might be down a few members, but with your help that will continue to change. Many chapters are initiating 3 or 4 members at a time, and I anticipate a major incentive program in the near future. We are currently moving forward and upward. I have faith that Matt and Taylor will continue to lead us in those directions. The SCJ Directors are strong, capable adults and I have every confidence in their performance. All of us, together, can make SCJ the premier jurisdiction in the world. We have the potential for the largest membership base, the most respected leaders, and the greatest activities. Please join me in making this happen.

Dad Richard Jeanson

I AM A DEMOLAY, TOO!

When DeMolay was founded over 80 years ago, Dad Land probably had no expectation of turning it into the worldwide endeavor it has grown to be. But what would stop it from doing so? The principles and ideals that DeMolay promotes are the building blocks of every ideal society. DeMolay is, at the very least, striving to represent that great society that all who build civilizations hope their society will be. But we must not forget that DeMolay is not merely a reflection of what is great about humanity; it is one of the cradles and custodians of it.

So we stand here today, looking towards a difficult and exciting time when all of your hopes and expectations for DeMolay might have come into question. But, at the same time, you must sense that the opportunities are boundless, limited only by your own dreams and imagination. I know that your world feels like it has been turned upside down. Some of you may feel that what is to come will never be as good as what was. And that may be true. But it will be true only if you allow it to be.

President Lyndon Johnson once said, "We are trying to build a Great Society that will make your children and your grandchildren and the people three or four generations from today proud of what we are doing." Ask yourself this question, "If I help make DeMolay something more than it is today, better than it is today; how will it feel to tell my grandson, "I am a DeMolay, too."

Dad Jamie Barr