



THE PRECEPTOR

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SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR



My Brothers, the time has come where the teachings, traditions, and more than anything, the standards of our Fraternity have come to question. The only way to stop it is by sticking to the commitment that I have made to our International Master Councilor. I have committed our Jurisdiction to bringing in 100 new members between October 11th and December 31st of the calendar year. The only reason I made this commitment was because I knew that my brethren had the ability to make this dream come true. Could you imagine finally hurdling over the barrier of negative membership? My brothers, if we can come together and take part in this common goal, we will all do more than just survive— we will flourish. It is my sincere hope that in the years to come, when each and every one of us has done his sincere effort to support the principles, purposes, and more than anything, the members of the Order of DeMolay, we will each be able to say to our Grandsons, “ I have traveled a circuitous route through many lands. I have seen many great things, and met many great men. I have seen great deeds, and broken bread with those who have performed them. Grandson, I am a DeMolay, just like you.”

Fraternally and Respectfully,
Taylor R. Blakely

SCJ DEPUTY MASTER COUNCILOR



“Determine never to be idle...It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.” - Thomas Jefferson

It is essential for this organization to grow, that we must never be caught in an idle position. This jurisdiction is gaining momentum and we must continue to keep everything going. The goal set by our Master Councilor will take a lot of effort on behalf of every member in Southern California. To accomplish this goal we can never be idle. We all have friends who are outside of our DeMolay community. Talk to them about this terrific organization. Invite them to come to an exciting upcoming event in your chapter, district, or jurisdiction and get them hooked on DeMolay. Don't be selfish with what this organization has given you, share it with the rest of your friends. I guarantee you that they will be forever grateful for the opportunity you have given them. So let us all put forth the effort to help DeMolay in Southern California become the true example for DeMolay throughout the world.

Brian James

SCJ Sweetheart



Hey everyone in SCJ!

It's been great traveling to all of your installations! Even though I've been to so many, I never tire of seeing the different installing teams, newly installed officers, and the awesome support of the sideliners!

I am so excited about the things the Sweethearts Program is going to be doing. We would like to lend a helping hand to the local orphanages and women support groups. I think it's very important for those who can help, to help. If anyone is interested about getting involved please let us know! I look forward to seeing you all soon! Happy Holidays!
Leah Roberts

District Discussion

ICD

ICD is having a great term so far. We started our installation season with Whittier chapter. The installation went very well and there was a lot of support from the chapter parents as well as the Masonic Lodge. There was also a lot of support from the district members. We will soon be helping Downey chapter initiate the new members they need to re-open Downey chapter. they will be our newest chapter and we welcome them to Imperial Coast District. I look forward to seeing all the members of ICD and the rest of the members of SCJ at our upcoming events.

Fraternally,

Sean Percival

Imperial Coast District President 2004-2005

Hello to all of the guys in SCJ DeMolay! I hope all of you are having a fantastic time traveling to the different chapters for their installations. If you have not been to that many chapters, then I encourage you to travel. That is the best way to get to know the people that share this jurisdiction with you, and you will make many lasting friendships and memories. The more effort, determination, and commitment that you put into everything you do the more fun, memories, and friends you will have. The best way to experience life is to do all that you can with no regrets. Do not be the person that looks back and says "If only..." but be the person that looked back and says "Wow, I accomplished a great deal and had fun doing it." The legacy that you leave behind should be one that you would be proud to have on your tombstone.

Sweetheart Hogs & Piggie Kisses,

Natalie James

Imperial Coast District Sweetheart



IED

Dear Brothers,

We are starting this year of with a bang. We had a great time at Foothill's installation and at our sports day. Inland Empire has a lot coming up this month there is Redlands and Rialtos installation and District bowling. I would also like to say welcome back to one of our brothers who was in Iraq, Jeremy from K.L.S, he is a great DeMolay and received his chevalier on October 16. I think the best way to enjoy this order is to get out there and have fun. So I expect to see all of

Inland Empire at all our District and Jurisdiction events.

Tony Fernandez

Inland Empire District President 2004-2005

Hi SCJ,

You ask me who I am,
But when I tell you, you may not believe me,
But you must believe me,
Or else I am not that which I claim to be.

I am a radiant youth in love with love,
I am a jaded cynical ancient
whose lust is one of scornful weariness.
I am a squinting, stoop-shouldered shopkeeper
whose life is regimented to the tingling of a bell.

Hug and tape kisses,

Disa Rae Allen

Inland Empire District Sweetheart

I am a sweetheart,
I am a princess,
I am strong,
I am weak,
I am sweet,
I am kind to all things in life,
I am all things to all people,
But only if I can make you believe
that which I claim to be.
For ladies and gentlemen,
I am your IED Sweetheart.



OASIS

Oasis District is off to a good start, congratulations to all the chapters who have had installations. While campaigning for this office, and especially after I have become elected, I have grown to understand the importance of traveling from chapter to chapter. Part of DeMolay is brotherhood and what is a better way of showing your brotherly spirit than by visiting another chapter's meeting. Recently I have been going to more Liberal Arts Chapter meetings and now know every member. This can become a goal of everybody. While traveling increases brotherhood it also has some other benefits. Some chapters have degree teams while others don't. Some chapters run their meetings differently, and you might be able to make your home chapter's meeting more interesting by applying some other ideas. Communication is also strengthened by traveling. The more chapters that know about your events the better events you can have. For example, if you are having a prospect party you might want to invite another chapter, increasing the chances of getting that prospect and making the party more fun for the chapter members. Traveling is simple, fun, and easy. If you don't know where a chapter meets or when they meet check the website.

Brandon Jordan
Oasis District President 04-05

Hello Boys!! How is everyone doin'? My past weekend was busy with Old West and Foothill's Installations. It was good to see so many chairs filled and lots of adult support! I had a lot of fun at both installations, both receptions had something unique and fun, karaoke at Old West and Tony and Chris Fernandez at Foothill singing Respect to get their light sabers back. I hope to see that kind of support and participation from everyone at all the Jurisdiction's events. I know that I will be there supporting you guys whenever I can. Good Luck in your chapters, have fun and be safe!!



Sweetheart Love and Duckie Kisses

Rachael Regnier
Oasis District Sweetheart

SPD

Many people have heard the saying "You get out of DeMolay, what you put into it". Although this may sound cliché, and many of you believe that this does not apply to you, as a matter of fact, that is not the case. DeMolay after DeMolay have shown that those who spend more time devoting themselves to DeMolay have more friends, more excuses to "hang out with the guys", and more important than that, more memories. Growing up is the greatest experience anyone can ever face. Taking the journey from child to boy, and boy to man is the only time when you can establish yourself. It is the only time when you can choose who you want to be in life. Once you have chosen how you will live, it is very unlikely that you will be able to change yourself. DeMolay gives young men all the tools they need to prepare them for success, to prepare them for the workforce, to prepare them for life. Those who go to the events are able to learn these lessons that DeMolay has to offer. I know that for many DeMolay's, their chapter is just something they go to because their parents make them, or because your Grandpa was a DeMolay. That their Districts and Jurisdictions are places that only the truly dedicated members go to and feel they will be unwelcome. Straight out, no lies, everyone in DeMolay is there for the same reason, to make friends, to hang out, and to get value out of the order. All of these members started off the same way, and they chose to make the most out of their DeMolay experience because you really do get out what you put in. I hope to see more guys at more events because this Order is something that we all should be proud to be a part of.

Casey Wright
Southwest Pacific District President 2004-2005

Hey Boys what's up? I have been really enjoying my term. I'm very excited to see our chapters growing and it has been great to see all of our different installations (congrats to all officers). Kaycee and I would like to thank you guys for all the wonderful emails that you have sent, it has been great to get invitations to your events and we will try our best to make it to all of them. Our Sweethearts Ball is coming up in February and I cannot wait to see all of you there. Its been a great term, and I really enjoy all the hugs I get from the boys. If I don't know you, I want to know you, so come up and introduce yourself and give me a hug!! I look forward to meeting new boys every event that I am at. Thanks so much for making it great so far and I look forward to more great events!!!

Aimee Pettengill Southwest Pacific District Sweetheart
Kayceelyn Alvarado Southwest Pacific District Princess



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **6** - Hunting Beach Installation 7:30PM
- **7** - Southwest Pacific District Flag Football
- **8** - Chevalier Observance Dinners
- **11** - Southwest Pacific District Meeting 7PM
- **13** - Keith Lee Seals Installation and Walt Disney Installation 7:30PM
- **14** - Imperial Coast District Bowling & Inland Empire District Bowling
- **18** - Deadline for SCJ Football
- **21** - SCJ Football @ Esperanza HS 1830 N. Kellogg Dr.

<h1>November 2004</h1>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Huntington Beach Installation
7 SPD Flag Football	8 Chev. Observance Dinners	9	10	11 SPD Meeting 7pm	12	13 K.L.S & Disney Install.
14 ICD Bowling IED	15	16	17	18 Deadline For SCJ Football	19	20
21 SCJ Football Oasis Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 NorCal Convention	27 NorCal Convention
28 NorCal Convention	29	30				

Executive Corner

Executive Officer



As this issue of *The Preceptor* reaches final production, the Jurisdiction has seen many chapter installations completed. Old West, Whittier, Foothill, Yorba Linda, Orange, LC Kelley, and Excelsior to name a few. During November we can look forward to Huntington Beach, Keith Lee Seals, and Walt Disney. In addition, Downey Chapter will have its first official meeting following an Initiatory Degree, which will culminate its successful reinstatement. Congratulations to **all** of the new Chapter Officers! This Jurisdiction just continues to get better, and we should be proud of our growth.

Speaking of growth, I would like to share that many of the SCJ chapters will achieve positive growth for 2004! They will end the year with more members than they started with. Positive growth is a very important issue with DeMolay International, and this Jurisdiction as a whole has not kept up with attrition through majority for many years. Your efforts to build your chapters will help us realize positive growth – perhaps even as soon as next year. The real benefit, though, will be more and better activities due to so many more members. Thank you for the new members, and I look forward to even greater numbers in the future!

Dad Jeanson

December 2004

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 ICD Ritual Competition 10am
5 SPD Meeting & Bowling	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 ICD Meeting 7:30pm	17	18
19 IED Meeting & Ritual	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- **4** - Imperial Coast District Ritual Competition 10AM
PSD 12 noon
- **5** - Southwest Pacific District Meeting & Bowling
- **16** - Imperial Coast District Meeting 7:30PM
- **19** - Inland Empire District Meeting & Ritual Competition

Jurisdiction Dad



In our chapters, we think up ways to convince teenage boys to consider joining our ranks. But think of this for just a moment. Does Mercedes-Benz, Rolex, or Armani have to convince people to buy their products? In general the answer is "NO". And the reason is because each of these companies' products is considered to be some of the highest quality in their field.

Let's apply this concept to DeMolay. Rather than think of ways to convince someone that DeMolay is a great organization and worthy of their consideration, we should do all in our power to make sure that DeMolay is in fact a great organization. That means well-planned and executed projects. Living up to the standards that DeMolay has laid out. Being the kind of members, advisors, and sweethearts that people would expect, if all they knew of us was what they read on our website and in our printed materials.

If we make this our goal, we won't have to convince anyone of our high quality. They will know of it because they will see it in our actions and most importantly our lives.

DeMolay can be a magnet. But there are two sides of every magnet. One side attracts and the other side repels. If we make our chapters into the kind of place they should be, we will still talk to our friends and family about DeMolay, but it will be to tell the great stories of who we are and what we are doing. Those stories will attract young men of good character and *they* will seek us out. When that time comes, our only membership problem will be overcrowding and that is a good problem to have.

DeMolay already has a good story; a story we should be proud to tell. Let's make it a great story and then tell it to everyone we see.

Dad Barr

From the Priory

My Brethren,

St. Bernard Priory plans on making changes this year. We are working towards the idea of establishing encampments to help the priory grow. In this sense, small groups of Knights in each district form an encampment to help DeMolays become Knights and plan events. We are working on establishing these encampments, so if you are interested in a leadership role or becoming an encampment commander in your district encampment, please contact me.

The Priory is going to be more active in the jurisdiction this year as well. Not only will we be traveling around our chapters to help them open and grow, but we will be having events throughout the year to keep the older DeMolays from becoming inactive. The older members are an essential part to keeping a chapter open. It is my goal this year as IKC to not see any chapters fold or close as a result of lack of leadership. If a chapter has no more older members to teach the younger members, then Knights will come in and make sure that they know what needs to be done to keep the chapter open.

The Priory has a yahoo group just like that of SCJ Communications. In it we have pictures, the priory roster and membership applications to become a Knight. Be sure to become a member so that you can stay updated on what's going on with the priory! To become a member just send an email to: stbernardspriory-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or find us on <http://groups.yahoo.com>

If anybody has any questions or comments about the Priory or what we are planning this year, feel free to email me. Thanks a lot!

Richard Wollin

Illustrious Knight Commander 2004-2005

St. Bernard Priory

sbpknight@yahoo.com

Nor Cal Convention 2004



HURRY! Northern California DeMolay Association's Convention is here:

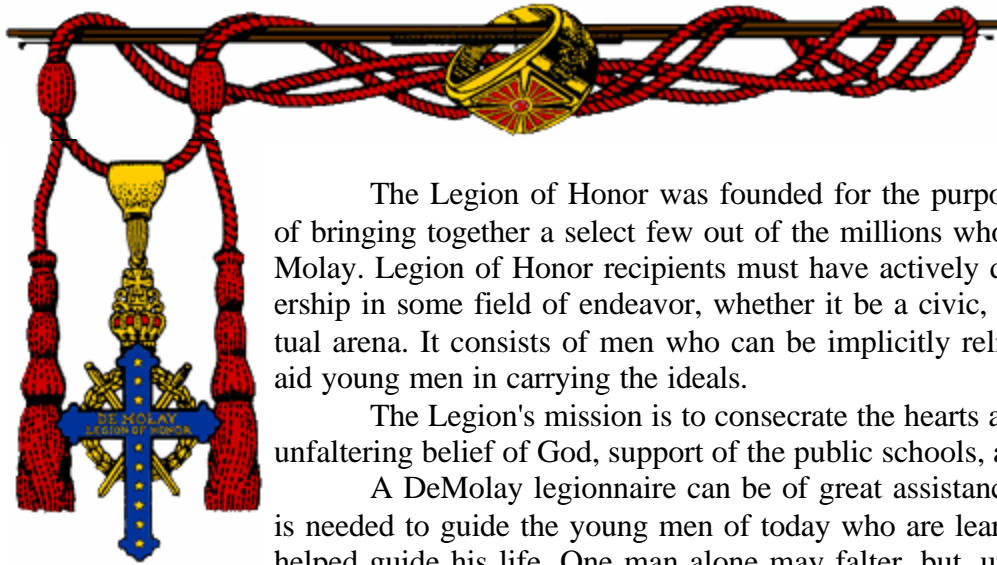
**November 26th - 28th
Sacramento, California**

COST: \$240 (includes bus)

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LEGION OF HONOR



Did you know?

Louis Lower, the first DeMolay, was also the first Legion of Honor.

The Legion of Honor was founded for the purpose of bringing together a select few out of the millions who have knelt at the altar of DeMolay. Legion of Honor recipients must have actively demonstrated outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor, whether it be a civic, professional, fraternal or spiritual arena. It consists of men who can be implicitly relied upon, as the years pass, to aid young men in carrying the ideals.

The Legion's mission is to consecrate the hearts and minds of its members to an unflinching belief of God, support of the public schools, and defense of the rights of all.

A DeMolay legionnaire can be of great assistance to the Order. His leadership is needed to guide the young men of today who are learning those teachings that have helped guide his life. One man alone may falter, but, united, legionnaires can expand and extend their abilities, interests and leadership, building a foundation of service and accepting the responsibilities and tradition of DeMolay into every walk of life.

Congratulations to the new Legion of Honor and Honorary Legion of Honor Inductees!

Active Legion of Honor Recipients:

*John B Ashley
Grand D Ashley
James N Barr, Jr.
A Harry Condiff
Bruce C Davis
Dale E Griffiths*

*William D Mudd
Richard A Roberts
Ronald E Salda
David P Shampay
Russell Wilson
James Woolever*

Honorary Legion of Honor Recipients:

*Harold E Brown
James W Dole
Paul E Dresser
Lionel M Halbe
David D Johnson
Neal N Leonard*



LEFT
San Francisco, CA - Dad Jean-son and the SCJ Officers with the 2003-2004 Grand Master of California at Grand Lodge.



RIGHT
Upland, CA - (left to right) Kevin Downs, Kevin Stevenson, Chris Oaks, and Jacque Lacroix at Foothill Chapter's Installation.

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To assist and support the DeMolay chapters and the Jurisdiction of Southern California in providing the best "DeMolay experience" to their members.

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Break

100

Membership Drive

October 11th - December 31st

Let it begin! Join the rest of Southern California in our attempt to initiate 100 NEW members by the end of the year!

Need ideas for membership recruitment?

- "Who do you know?" Program
- "Masons, Sons, and Grandsons" Program
- "Just Two Boys" Program
- "Sponsor a Local Sports Team" Program
- + More!

For any information regarding membership programs and ideas please contact the DeMolay Office at (714) 491-1669.