



# THE PRECEPTOR

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## SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR



“The luck of the Irish”

The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship. Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland. **See SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR page 6**

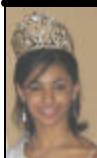
## SCJ DEPUTY MASTER COUNCILOR



As March rolls along and April nears, it's hard to imagine that Conclave was all of six months ago. This milestone marks half-way through the term. The half-way point is an excellent time to ponder about what you have accomplished and what still remains unfinished. You have to think to yourself, “Have I accomplished my goals?” If the answer is no, you must perform all necessary tasks and take every necessary step to improve your current situation so that you may look back and be proud of your accomplishments. If the answer is yes, then you cannot not sit back and be a lame duck, but rather you should set even more goals to accomplish. Improve even more on what has already been a success. Just remember, there is always room for improvement.

**Brian James**

## SCJ Sweetheart



I have always tried to stay aware of how blessed I am to have all the wonderful things in my life. As of late, I've been reminded just how rare a good friendship is. The saying is true, “A good friend is hard to find.” However, I have found friendships that I wouldn't trade for the world. A friend is someone who you know and trust. Friendships mean so many things to different people.

“My friendships are everything to me; they make me who I am. I mean, where would I be without ‘friend’? My socks probably would match, and I wouldn't have gotten flowers on Valentines Day.” **See SCJ SWEETHEART page 7**

# District Discussion

## ICD

ICD is continuing great success. Our dinner and auction went as good as always. The Sweetheart Ball, Honoring Miss Natalie James and Miss Courtney Moore, will be on March 5th at the DeMolay Center. It will be an event you will want to attend. March 6th is ICD Basketball at Anaheim High School (right down the street from the DeMolay Center), it will start at 12:00 noon and there will also be a district meeting. I hope to see a lot of new DeMolays initiated at membership class and I look forward to seeing all ICD members and everyone else in SCJ showing their spirit and dedication at Devo Day.

**Sean Percival**

**Imperial Coast District President 04-05**

Hello all of the young men in SCJ DeMolay! I hope all of are having tons of fun during this term. We have lots of fun activities coming up for me and Courtney to meet all of your smiling faces. Please do not hesitate to come say hello! We enjoy meeting new people everyday because it is at DeMolay that we each have the opportunity to meet new people that will accept us for who we are. I encourage all of you to travel as installation season is coming up on us very quickly. Bring your friends from outside DeMolay so that they can see what we are all about. Have a fantastic time at the upcoming events. Do not forget that behind every great DeMolay there is a Sweetheart giving out advice, suggestions, and support. We are here for all of you, whether it be being the Hostess at a Chapter event, friend at a school event, or even the person you need to confide in. All you boys need to do is ask! Have a great term!!

Sweetheart Hogs and Piglet Kisses,

**Natalie James**

**Imperial Coast District Sweetheart**



## IED

These past few months have been great for the Inland Empire. Our brothers have been traveling a lot more and we hope to see continual improvement. We had a great turnout at our winter formal and we would like to invite everyone to our sweetheart's ball on April 9th at Redlands. I would also like to congratulate the winners from mini-sports day. Kurt Borilla at air hockey, Starson Fichel at ping-pong, and the team from Rialto won at table soccer. It is great to see our guys getting out more and traveling all over the district and don't forget to support your fellow chapters.

**Tony Fernandez**

**Inland Empire District President 04-05**

Hey SCJ,

I have really enjoyed these past few months, and I am looking forward to the next few months because of devotional day and all of the sweetheart balls. And most of all my birthday!

I want to spend time with my DeMolay boys. I am having a great year, and I want it to stay that way. Boys don't forget that you can always write me. See you around!

Hugs and tape kisses,

**Disa Rea Allen**

**Inland Empire District Sweetheart 04-05**



There are so many things in the district to talk about, and I do not want to sound repetitious but I am going to say the same things again. I would like to thank everyone that came out to district bowling, it was a huge success. I would also like to congratulate Liberal Arts for their victory at bowling. There are many events coming up, check your calendar for dates. L.C. Kelley is having a French Toast Breakfast on February 26th and Liberal Arts is having a Pancake Breakfast on March 6th, check those out. Get out and support the chapters having installations, there are a few coming up and everybody appreciates a big turnout. Everyone should bring in new members, you probably hear this enough already, but there are so many new incentives for membership it would be a bad mistake if you did not. Hope to see you at those upcoming events.

# Oasis

**Brandon Jordan**  
**Oasis District President 04-05**

Hello Boys!! What's up? Things are going great here in the Oasis. I had a lot of fun at SCJ Bowling. It was great to see so many people there with such bad weather conditions. I hope that everyone got there and back home safely. SLC was even more fun and I know that all of your Sweethearts had a lot of fun too. It was great getting together with all the girls, getting to know one another and learning new ways to support you guys. I hope to see all of you at Devo Day, it is going to be a lot of fun. Don't forget to bring extra dollars to support this year's SCJ charity. I will be seeing you all around. I encourage all of you to travel to support your fellow brothers. Have fun...see you around!

Sweetheart Love and Duckie Kisses

**Rachael Regnier**  
**Oasis District Sweetheart 04-05**



# SPD

I am going to step out of my normal, motivational tone and instead inform everyone of the progress and success that Southwest Pacific District is having. First I want to congratulate Agate Chapter for winning the DeMolay Degree team competition at SCJ. They will now be traveling to Dallas to compete in the Frank Marshall Championship Tournament in April, and I believe I speak for everyone in SCJ when I say good luck and we are proud of you.

Our chapters are growing every week with a record number of Initiations in the District, and the interest from Ramona and Lemon Grove Lodges to start up DeMolay chapters are being used to our advantage. All of our officers are pulling together to make sure every detail is taken care of to ensure that the District runs smoothly, and just when it seems like a hole is left open, we get help from someone from the chapters who had come by to give us a hand. Thank you to all who have helped us so far, and I invite everyone else to share in the fun and success that we are having right now.

**Casey Wright**  
**Southwest Pacific District President 04-05**



**San Diego, CA** - It was an All-Star line-up as many of the district and jurisdiction officers made an appearance at Southwest Pacific District's Sweetheart's Ball. Escorts and Introductions is arguably the focal point of the night where we show our appreciation and recognize our sweetheart's for all of their hard work and dedication.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1 - Honors due to the Jurisdiction Office
- 5 - ICD Sweetheart's Ball, 7:30pm, DeMolay Center
- 6 - ICD Meeting and Basketball, 12pm, Anaheim H.S.
- 6 - IED Meeting, 3pm, San Bernardino Scottish Rite
- 12 - SCJ Membership Class, 8am, Pasadena Scottish Rite
- 13 - Devotional Day, 9am, Six Flags Magic Mountain
- 18 - Legion of Honor Dinner, 7pm, Pasadena Scottish Rite
- 19-21 - Grand Assembly, Fresno
- 26 - Agate Chapter Installation, 7:30pm

# March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Honors Due to SCJ Office	2	3	4	5 ICD Sweetheart's Ball
6 ICD Basketball / IED Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12 SCJ Membership Class
13 Devotional Day	14	15	16	17	18 LOH Dinner	19 Grand Assembly
20 Grand Assembly	21 Grand Assembly	22	23	24	25	26 Agate Installation
27	28	29	30	31		

## Executive Corner

### Executive Officer



What is DeMolay? I mean really...what do you think DeMolay is? Is it a social club to make new friends and meet girls? Is it an escape from parents and school? Is it merely an opportunity to get away from the responsibilities that weigh you down and just have some free (fun) time for yourself?

Actually, DeMolay should be all of these things. Dad Land put together an organization where young men could learn about the real world, become prepared for adult life, and couched it all in fun activities so the guys did not realize they were learning anything. When your chapter has a stated (business) meeting, you follow a general format that is used in Fortune 500 companies today. The business meeting model is no secret. It is used because it is efficient. All businesses read minutes, pay bills, discuss new and old business, and use Robert's Rules of Order. The meeting offer you and opportunity to practice your public speaking skills. You learn how to organize and do committee work when you plan that snow trip or white water rafting weekend. There are so many subtle things going on that it does not become apparent until you go for that first job interview. You will be better prepared than the other applicants. You will

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# April 2005

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2 - Foothill Chapter Installation, 7:30pm
- 2 - Whittier Chapter Installation, 7:30pm
- 9 - PSD Meeting, 12pm, DeMolay Center
- 9 - IED Sweetheart's Ball,
- 10 - Oasis District Meeting and Basketball, Thompson Park, Bellflower
- 16 - Yorba Linda Installation, 7pm
- 17 - IED Basketball and Meeting
- 21 - Deadline for SCJ Basketball
- 23 - SCJ Basketball, 8am, Esperanza HS
- 23 - Orange Chapter Installation 7:30pm

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 PSD IED Sweetheart's Ball
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Jurisdiction Dad



“If you aren’t living right, you can’t play right.” NBA All-Star Isaiah Thomas spoke these words to a group of teenage basketball camp attendees. The point that Mr. Thomas was trying to make was that if your messing up your life off the court, you won’t be able to do it right on the court. If you don't manage your life diligently, then it will be difficult for you to concentrate or sometimes even participate in the fun things that life has to offer. In other words, take care of your educational, family, and work responsibilities so that you can enjoy the fun things in life with a carefree mind and a sense of freedom from the burden of things left undone.

Family, faith, friends, community, country, and of course yourself, are all addressed in the teachings that are first presented to you when you first enter the chapter room as a candidate for membership in DeMolay. These are not just words but words to live by.

When things start to get a little unmanageable and it feels like things in your life are spinning out of control, ask yourself, “Am I following the basic rules of being a good DeMolay? Am I being loving to my family, faithful to my God, courteous to all, a good friend, and diligent in my responsibilities?”

It will not always be the case that you are at fault. Sometimes life is just difficult. But in cases like these, DeMolay’s teachings will help you to find a way to pull yourself up and get back on track to success and

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# From the Priory

Brethren & Fellow Knights,

February has been a good month for the Priory. We recently invested Brother Brian James from Walt Disney Chapter and Brother Brandon Jordan from L.C. Kelley Chapter into the ranks of Knighthood. With their help, St. Bernard Priory will continue to grow and bring in new members. I encourage all the knights in SCJ to continue to support the chapters as much as possible. Our Priory is in a position where we can make a big difference in the jurisdiction. We can help with membership class, ritual competitions, and installations. Advisors and DeMolays need to know that the Priory is here to help as much as possible. If our chapter or district needs an installing part, arch of steel, or anything that you would like the Priory to help with, please contact me and we will be there. The Priory is looking at two event for the following months: Volunteering at the Shrine Circus and holing a campout. More information will be given in the following weeks. I look forward to seeing more knights attend our meetings and events.

**Richard Wollin**  
**Illustrious Knight Commander**

## SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR (continued from page 1)

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up school and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity. His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day had been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated.

Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.

By the way, those leprechauns, stated in folklore, were originally known as "lobaircin" meaning "small-bodied fellow". They were cranky souls who mended the shoes of the other fairies. They were known for trickery, which they used to protect their treasure, usually a pot of gold. Now we know them for their fun and mischief as they bring us good luck.

So, as you enjoy a plate of corned beef and cabbage and was it down with a green elixir, remember why we are celebrating the day. And may the Luck of the Irish be with you.

**Taylor R. Blakely**

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fun. And if you can't do it alone, DeMolay provides you with brothers and advisors to give you that little extra something to help you get on your feet. But if your honest answer to the question above is "no", then look to DeMolay and the lessons we teach. Apply them in the best way you can. Remember why we are banded together and that we are here for each other. In the end, when you begin living like a DeMolay ("living right") you will see the difference in your life and you will be free to "play right", too.

**Dad Barr**

# SCJ Bowling

What do you think about when the new year comes along? That's right bowling! The annual tournament brought many people to the scene, DeMolays, advisors, sweethearts, and the like. There was lots of talk among the chapters about who really brought their game, but in the end it all comes down to execution.

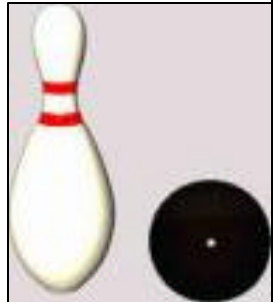
The tournament used the traditional style of rules: four bowlers per team, best total pin count wins. Simplicity at its best. So bowling commenced between the thirteen teams present, who did their best to keep focused on the task at hand. It was a difficult one considering the atmosphere involved. Each time one would step up to throw their ball, he would have to attempt to try and ignore the laughter of everyone around having a good time. As time wore on, you can't be sure whether it was the pressure or the lack of talent which led the teams' scores to deviate from each other. It seemed to come down to yet another duel between Walt Disney and Huntington Beach Chapter, but not far off was Liberal Arts Chapter, who stuck close due to a 224 pin game by Walter Pijeaux.

In the end, only one chapter can walk away with that beloved championship trophy. Sorry, folks, no



Norco, CA - Liberal Arts Chapter was there in full force led by Walter Pijeaux

Cinderella story here as Huntington Beach Chapter came out with a mission in the final game: to carry home that trophy. Mission: accomplished. Huntington Beach Chapter won, followed by Walt Disney in second, then Liberal Arts in third. One thing Walter is proud to say is that Huntington Beach failed to capture the Individual "High Game" and "High Series" trophy, which he gladly accepted.



## SCJ SWEETHEART (continued from page 1)

*(Deanna Guise)*

*"Friends are people who are always there and always care, through the good times and the bad, the happy times and the sad. True friends are always there." (Sean Percival)*

It seems so clear that one of the reasons why all of us come together is because of the relationships we share with each other. This is definitely a social organization. For DeMolay to survive and thrive we need people. Consider all the people you've met over the course of your involvement in DeMolay, whether member or supporter. What if you never got involved? Someone once told me, "Look at the people around you. These are the people that will be at your graduations, weddings, and any other important parts in your life. These are the friendships you'll always have." Why deny anyone the opportunity to participate in a wonderful experience. Don't keep DeMolay a secret.

**Leah Roberts**

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know how to dress (DeMolay attire); answering questions and speaking will not be uncomfortable for you; your thoughts will be organized and presented in an easy to understand format. The bottom line - you will do much better than the other guys. All because you had a good time in DeMolay.

Is DeMolay important? Absolutely. It promotes family values, gives you leadership skills, increases your level of responsibility, provides the opportunity for new friends, and proves to your parents and the world that you are a trustworthy young man whose word is as good as his bond.

Are you getting all of these benefits? Have you made a bunch of new friends? Is DeMolay important to you? I hope so.

**Dad Jeanson**

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# Ritual Competition

## The Results are in!

### WINNERS:

#### *Individual -*

**Matt Pinzon** Installing Chaplain, Best Chaplain (tie), Initiatory Degree MC, Ultimate MC, Ultimate Officer  
**Brian James** Ultimate Preceptor, Flower Talk, Individual Preceptor, Best Master Inquisitor, Installing Councilor  
**Starson Finkel** Initiatory Degree Marshal  
**Jonathan Pollard** Best Chaplain (tie)  
**Joey Zukas** Ceremony of Light  
**Joe Valenzuela** Junior Inquisitor, Best Orator  
**Casey Wright** Chapter Proficiency MC

#### *Team -*

**Walt Disney Chapter -** Initiatory Degree Ironman, DeMolay Degree Fourth Section, Chapter Proficiency  
**Agate Chapter -** DeMolay Degree