



# THE PRECEPTOR

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## Famous Quotes By Famous People

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. ~Bob Hope

## SCJ MASTER COUNCILOR



In DeMolay one has the opportunity to learn a lot. A young man who obtains the opportunity to be a part of this great organization will have the ability to learn many useful skills that will be valuable all of his life through. But much of what is taught in DeMolay is learned through experience. Learning from mistakes is a key to becoming a better leader and a better man, yet the best part of DeMolay is the fact that most of what is learned is done so unconsciously. A DeMolay learns from planning activities that provide fun moments and long-lasting memories. Remember to make the most out of your DeMolay careers because I guarantee they will pass much faster than expected.

**Brian James**

## SCJ DEPUTY MASTER COUNCILOR



This has been a great month for SCJ. We have exceed all our hopes and have jumped to the top spot in membership and are continuing to grow and expand our jurisdiction. Don't forget that a lot of jurisdiction activities are not only for DeMolays, but for prospects as well. Let's continue to get our friends in so that we can stay number one in all of international. This is going to be the start of a great summer and let's not forget that even though we are number one, that can change very fast. Sports Day and the Video Game Tournament are coming up are great events to bring your friends to so that they can get excited about DeMolay. We can stay at the top but only if we take membership as a personal responsibility and each us does our part to make sure that we continue to be the best. We are going to have a lot of fun in these coming months so let's not forget our duty to keep our organization alive. Good Luck SCJ.

**Tony Fernandez Jr.**

## SCJ SWEETHEART



Hey SCJ! I hope all of you are having a great spring season! The Sweethearts & Princesses of the Jurisdiction are busy with lots of fun projects coming up on the calendar. However, we still have a few current projects going that we need your help with. Please don't forget about the Penny Wars' milk jugs at your chapter! I have recently been given a full jar from Excelsior chapter, and hope to receive one from your chapter as well. Besides Penny Wars, we have our garter sales coming up which start at SCJ Sports Day, and we are working on putting together blankets for this year's charity. If you would like to help please contact me and I can give you the details for which ever project. Also, we are looking at doing a beach clean up over the summer. When more details are available I'll let all of you know!

Thanks Boys!

**Natalie James**

# District Discussion

## ICD

Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you recognize a mistake when you make it again.

F. P. Jones

Greetings my fellow brothers,

I hope everyone had an awesome time at SCJ soccer and had a great Mother's Day. We have a lot of fun events coming up within our District. Such events as dodge ball, over the line, a camping trip, a volleyball tournament, and a car rally. We are keeping ourselves very busy in ICD and I would like to congratulate all the districts on carrying out great Sweetheart Balls. Don't forget those Conclave forms and I look forward to seeing everyone at the SCJ Sweetheart's ball.

**Fraternally,  
Matthew Pinzon ICD President 05-06**

Hey Guys!

I hope everyone is looking forward to an AWESOME summer, and is traveling to all the fun and exciting events that the Jurisdiction, Districts, and chapters are having! I hope to see all of you soon! LOVE YOU!

"A man's growth is seen in the successive choirs of his friends."  
**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

**xoxo  
Jessica Stibich  
ICD Sweetheart 05-06**



## IED

Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake.

Chess master Savielly Grigorievitch Tartakower

Hello SCJ!

The month of May was a very busy month for the Inland Empire District. First off, I would like to thank all that attended and helped put together our District Sweetheart's Ball in May. The night was absolutely fabulous and definitely left memories that will last me a life time. I am also pleased to announce we had a very successful sports day, and I hope that all you boys enjoyed your lunch! I hope to be seeing you all very soon, until then...

**All-star Love and Hugs,  
Ashley Dotter  
Inland Empire District Sweetheart**



# OASIS

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas Alva Edison

Hey SCJ,

I just would like to let everyone know that we are doing a great job in Oasis!!! We recently held our Oasis Sweethearts Ball and had a great turn out. Another thing that does not surprise me in Oasis is that we are in the process of opening another chapter in our District. This chapter has many enthusiastic advisor that have already been Dad trained and they are looking for more boys. The chapter will be located in the West Hollywood area. I hope to see everyone making there membership quotas and lets keep SCJ traveling and number one in membership. See you guys around. Have A BLAST!!!!

**Matt Terzian**  
Oasis District President



# SPD

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true.

James Branch Cabell

Brethren,

Well, the end of the year is almost upon us, and I must say it has been a great year. On behalf of SPD, I wish to extend a great deal of congratulations to Agate Chapter for an outstanding performance at the Frank Marshal Tournament, with a second place finish in both team competitions and a very impressive job in all of their individuals. Their efforts paid off and we are all proud of them.

SPD also had its annual beach party, and it was a great turn out. I hope that everyone had as much fun as I did. The District has a few events coming up over the next month, such as our sports day on June 24th at Admiral Baker Park, our Honors Night July 8th at the Oceanside Masonic Lodge and our community service project on July 23rd. I hope that everyone can make it out to them and that you all continue to enjoy yourselves. I hope to see more people out there showing their spirit for DeMolay, not only at their chapter and district levels but lets make sure that enthusiasm makes it out to jurisdiction, and most importantly into our daily lives. Be sure to go out and invite your friends to events, and make them realize what a great time they will have. So go out and spread the word of DeMolay, and of course....

**SOUTHWEST!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Oh Yeah!!**

**Joe Valenzuela**  
SPD President



# June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Letters of intent due to jurisdiction office	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> ICD Over The Line
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> SPD Visitation to Agate	<b>8</b> Oasis Visitation to Conejo Valley	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> SCJ Sports Day and Meet the Candidates
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Dad Schuster's Birthday	<b>14</b> Happy Flag Day	<b>15</b> Dad Barr's Birthday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Happy Fathers Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Oasis Meeting and OTL	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> ICD Meeting at Santa Ana	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1st Conclave Deadline	

## JURISDICTION DAD



As of the writing of this article, SCJ was #1 in all of DeMolay International in membership. But our efforts in this area seem to have fallen off dramatically since the first quarter of this year. In February we initiated 17 and in March 33. In April we initiated only 4. Membership efforts do not have to be difficult or uncomfortable. They can actually be fun. The best way to get new members is to invite prospects to fun chapter, district, and Jurisdiction activities. Let them get to know the members of the chapter and share in the fun and brotherhood that surrounds us in DeMolay. Once they get a sense of what it is like to be in DeMolay, they will join readily. But this means you have to have fun and frequent chapter activities that will be appealing to your prospects as well as current members. You can do this if you have a small or a large chapter. A well run, active chapter is the best recruiting tool you have to get new members and should be the cornerstone of every chapter's recruiting efforts. If you have that, then it is easy to invite your friends to fun activities that they can enjoy and they will probably ask you how they can join your chapter. There are membership manuals available from the Jurisdiction office and a membership committee that can assist your chapter in its efforts to bring in new members. Use these resources and your own efforts to turn your chapter into a membership machine and DeMolay and your chapter will be more fun than you can imagine.

**Dad Barr**

# July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> SCJ Video Game Tournament @ DeMolay Center
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> SCJ Office Closed For 4th of July	<b>5</b> SPD Visitation to Chula Vista	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> SPD Honors Night @ Oceanside
<b>9</b> IED Meeting @ Scottish Rite	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Oasis Visitation @ Liberal Arts	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> SPD Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Oasis Honors Night
<b>16</b> Dad Read's Birthday	<b>17</b> ICD Meeting @ Downey	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Chula Vista Installation	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> ICD Honor Night-
<b>23</b> Oasis Meeting and Elections @ Glendale	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Mom Taylor's Birthday	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> SCJ Sweethearts Ball
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

## Success in SCJ



Agate chapter has recently returned from the Frank Marshall Ritual Competition in Texas and do we have reason to be proud!!

In their first effort in this competition, Agate Chapter placed second in the DeMolay Degree, Championship Level competition behind the four time defending champion Reagan Chapter. They also placed second in Chapter proficiency; open level. This is a fantastic showing from a group of DeMolays who will continue to improve the brotherhood in their chapter through a top-notch ritual program.



But this is not the only good news. Southwest Pacific District President Joe Valenzuela (also from Agate Chapter) placed first in the Best Chaplain competition. Brother Valenzuela also placed second in Ceremony of Light, Orator, and Installing Officer. Brother Mike Galyean placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for Master Inquisitor and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Chapter Proficiency Master Councilor. Once again showing that quality ritual in SCJ DeMolay is alive and well.

In the not too distant past, SCJ was a highly regarded competitor on the national ritual stage and thanks to these hard working DeMolays and advisors, we have been given a great jumpstart to that happening again. We have begun the process of reclaiming our rightful place as one of the finest and ritually proficient jurisdictions in all of DeMolay International. The transformation is not yet complete but we have one more chapter that is making great strides to put us back on the map. Hopefully, other chapters will follow their fine example and travel with them down that road to accomplishment and success. Thank you for representing us so well and for making us proud. **Congratulations**

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**FROM THE E.O.**

This being the season for installations, I have made a few of them and I am very pleased with the way they have come off. Ritual work by both the Installing Team and the new Master Councilor has been way above average. Keep up the good work - it looks great.

Some of the new chapters are getting very close to crossing the line into existence. Hollywood West Valley Lodge trained 11 men as new advisors, and already has some petitions waiting. Saddleback Laguna has submitted their Resolution of Sponsorship and requested Letters Temporary. Garden Grove has 5 or 6 Masons who will be advisors, has 2 boys initiated with more in the wings, and Dad Fry coaches soccer for boys under 14 years!

We have had quite a few initiations recently...Agate had one new member, Whittier had 3, Orange had 2 and the same night Agate had 2 more. Walt Disney has 2 for sure to initiate (maybe as many as 8) and Yorba Linda has 2 more from their New Jersey Plan dinner. If your chapter has initiated new members recently, make sure you get those Form 10's in to Barbie. If you have applicants to initiate, please let us know - we can help with a team if needed. The August Membership Class will be the last Saturday in August (the 26<sup>th</sup>) at Evergreen Lodge in Riverside. We will have more info about that in the near future.

SCJ is looking better than ever, and it's because of YOU. Thanks very much!

**Dad Jeanson**

# SCJ DeMolay

## Membership Goal Update

Every chapter has been given a membership quota for the current year (9/05/05 – 9/01/06). Membership stats are based on Form 10s received by DeMolay International. If there is a discrepancy with your chapter's statistics, please contact the DeMolay Center Office at (714) 491-1669.

Chapter	New Members	Quota	Percentage
Agate	1	12	8%
Bakersfield	9	12	75%
Centennial	4	12	33%
Chula Vista	0	12	0%
Conejo Valley	1	12	8%
Downey	0	12	0%
East Bakersfield	0	12	0%
Excelsior	10	12	83%
Foothill	2	12	17%
Huntington Beach	5	12	42%
Keith Lee Seals	2	12	17%
Lakeside	0	12	0%
Lawrence C. Kelley	5	12	42%
Liberal Arts	5	12	42%
Long Beach	0	12	0%
Moreno Valley	0	12	0%
Old West	1	12	8%
Orange	1	12	8%
Pasadena	0	12	0%
Redlands	0	12	0%
Rialto	2	12	17%
San Bernardino	0	12	0%
Santa Ana	0	12	0%
South Bay	8	12	67%
Theodore Roosevelt	0	12	0%
Torrance	12	12	100%
Walt Disney	6	12	50%
Whittier	2	12	17%
Yorba Linda	8	12	67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>24%</b>

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