

~ Views from the News ~

Another successful Southern California Event: Thank you to all of you that came out to SCJ Ultimate Frisbee, hope you all had fun. The Jurisdiction Officers would like to encourage everyone to travel to other chapters, not only their meetings but also to any of their other events as well. Check the SCJ & League Calendars on the DeMolay App or SCJDeMolay.org website.

~ Events Column ~

Find more events and details at: http://scjdemolay.org/?page_id=959

- **Paradise League Meeting/ Activity**
 - Fri, Nov 17th, at 7:30 pm, Location: 9813 Beach St, Bellflower
- **Phoenix League Meeting / Movie / Dad Land Day**
 - Sat, Nov 18th, at 5:00 pm, Location: 3858 Front St, San Diego
- **Hollywood Chapter Installation**
 - Sat, Nov 18th, at 7:00 pm, Location: 19620 Ventura Blvd, Tarzana
- **Dynasty (Neo-Trital) League Meeting**
 - Sun, Nov 19th, at 3:00 pm, Location: 1112 N Maclay Ave, San Fernando
- **San Pedro Chapter Installation**
 - Sun, Nov 19th, 5:30 pm, Location: 1640 W 9th St, San Pedro
- **Paradise League Breakfast**
 - Sun, Nov 19th, from 8:00 am - 11:00 am, Location: 9813 Beach St, Bellflower
- **SCJ Holiday Dance (Holidays at The Hall of Justice)**
 - Fri, Dec 1st, at 7:00 pm, Location: 303 W Lincoln Ave, Anaheim
 - DeMolay Dress – Ugly Sweater Contest - \$10

~ Sports Column ~

- **Highland League Bowling**
 - Sun, Dec 3rd, details TBA

The Green Lantern's Spotlight

This month we look at Civil Liberty, represented by the flag of our country.
By Oliver Rodriguez, Neo-Trital (Now Dynasty) League President

Since the birth of our country, our flag has symbolized liberty, justice, and democracy for billions of people across the globe. For those who do not know, my family immigrated to our country in 1985 when they were escaping a regime in Nicaragua that oppressed and killed its own people. During that entire decade in Nicaragua, rights like freedom of speech, freedom to peacefully assemble, and freedom of the press did not exist. If you challenged the government in any way, you would be silenced, thrown in jail, and even publicly executed.

When my family was able to walk freely on American soil, the mere notion of a government securing and protecting these basic human rights for its citizens was unfathomable to them considering what they had just gone through back in Nicaragua. They came to love our country for the freedom and love it bestowed on to them.

Today, there are millions of people who believe that our banner has not lived up to those virtues. To say that these people are wrong would deny the reality of their experiences. Our country is not by any means perfect. There are still a myriad of challenges that we as a country have yet to overcome. We must come together, have productive conversations, and push for a brighter future so that the liberty, justice, and democracy that our banner represents is extended to all groups of people no matter what the color of their skin, their religion, creed, political view, or economic status is.

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