

## ~ Views from the News ~

Happy Holidays everyone! SCJ would like to wish everyone the best for the upcoming holiday season and a happy new year! Be sure to attend all the events you can before the holiday break. We will hit the ground running in January.

## ~ Events Column ~

Find more events and details at: [http://scjdemolay.org/?page\\_id=959](http://scjdemolay.org/?page_id=959)

- Diamond / Paradise League Ritual Competition
  - Sat, Jan 6th, at 9:00 am – 9813 Beach St, Bellflower, 90706

## ~ Sports Column ~

- SCJ All Night Bowling
  - Sat, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30pm – Sun, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 am (\$30/\$15)
  - 1800 Hammer Ave. Norco 92860

## The Green Lantern's Spotlight

This month we look at the Third Precept: Courtesy.

By John Logan, Diamond League President

What is Courtesy? Courtesy is defined by the showing of politeness in one's attitude and behavior toward others: A polite speech or action, especially one required by convention: Behavior marked by [polished](#) manners or respect for others.

In DeMolay we are told about Courtesy as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precept. We are told that Courtesy should be part of our human character. We should not use this characteristic only when we have visitors in our homes, but with whomever we should meet. Everyone that we meet we should meet everyone with courtesy. There isn't a time limit on it, as no matter how old or young you are, you should always be courteous.

To me courtesy is an easy characteristic, as you should act with respect toward everyone. When I joined DeMolay 5 years ago, everyone was demonstrating Courtesy at every event. Everyone pitched in and helped to clean up after the event was over without being asked by an Advisor. Courtesy, like respect, goes hand in hand. You give it without the thought of getting anything back in return. The more you are able to act with courtesy, the more society will notice you as someone who they can not only count on, but respect too.

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