

~ Views from the News ~

Welcome to the New Year! Congratulations on 86 new members in 2017, now let's see what you can do in 2018! SCJ is having a membership drive, leading into our Membership Class and DEVO Day in DeMolay Month. So make a resolution to make a revolution in membership and introduce your friends to DeMolay.

~ Events Column ~

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

- **Diamond / Paradise League Ritual Competition**
 - Sat, Jan 6th, at 9:00 am – 9813 Beach St, Bellflower, 90706
- **Highland / Sonora League Ritual Competition**
 - Sat, Jan 13th, at 8:30 am - 260 S Palm Ave, Rialto
- **Highland League Meeting**
 - Sat, Jan 13th – Details TBA
- **Titan League Ritual Competition**
 - Sun, Jan 14th – Details TBA
- **Sonora League Meeting / Redlands Visitation**
 - Thu, Jan 18th, at 7:30 pm – 131 Cajon St, Redlands
- **Phoenix League Ritual Competition**
 - Sat, Jan 20th, at 8:00 am – 1331 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido
- **Diamond League Food Truck Event**
 - Sat, Jan 20th – Details TBA

~ Sports Column ~

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

The Green Lantern's Spotlight

This month we look at the Fourth Precept: Comradeship.
By Christopher Sperry, Phoenix League President

The creation of comradeship is a long process. There are many forms of this precept; love, compassion, trust. These ideals and many more are key parts of comradeship, and are key parts of stories and lessons throughout history. When David slayed Goliath at the Valley of Elah, the King of Israel's armies were stalled, not just by the efforts of David, but by a rival as well: Jonathan. When the two

meet, even though they were from rivaling families, they decided to become friends rather than enemies.

According to our DeMolay ritual, a true friend practices compassion through honesty and goodwill to those around them. When you see a fellow man or woman in need, you tend to want to help that person in need. When you go to a ball game, and a song that everybody knows starts playing, people are compelled to sing along together. When a friend reaches out for assistance, you lend a hand, and that builds the foundation for comradeship.

I joined DeMolay six years ago, and since then I have learned that comradeship is more than just the brothers of our order and the camaraderie that revolves around it. Comradeship is seen in our interactions with our sisters in Jobs Daughters and the Rainbow Girls. It is exemplified in the teachings of the Eastern Star. It is demonstrated through the guidance of the Masons. Without comradeship taught by our fellow Masonic family members and practiced in our communities, DeMolay would have never inspired those in and around our order to do good, and to become better.

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