

# GUARDIANS OF DEMOLAY

## THE CENTENNIAL PLAYLIST

We are challenged by our Executive Officer to initiate 200 new members. As of now we have initiated 18/200 new members since Conclave. Everyone who is initiated during the 100th year will get a special limited centennial pin as well as the first line signers. Don't miss this special opportunity to get these limited pins.

### **TRACK 1. NEW RELEASES (12-1-2018)**

#### **Diamond League:**

- League Meeting December 22, 12pm at Redondo Masonic Center
- Gardena Installation December 28, Details TBA
- Diamond/Paradise/Titan League Ritual Competition January 5, at 8am-1pm at Bellflower Masonic Center

#### **Dynasty League:**

- League Leadership Boot Camp Friday, December 14 at 4:30 – Sunday, December 16 at 5:30pm
  - League meeting will be at the boot camp Sunday December 16, 3-5pm

#### **Highland League:**

- League Meeting and Bowling December 8, 6:30pm at Chaparral Lanes 400 west Bonita Ave, San Dimas
  - \$20 per person (shoes included). Teams of three to compete
- Highland/Sonora League Ritual Competition and League meeting January 12, details TBA

#### **Paradise League:**

- League Bowling December 2, 3:30-7pm at Cal Bowl 2500 E Carson St, Lakewood
- Cost is \$25 per bowler or \$10 per non-bowler
- Excelsior Installation December 12, 7:30-8:30pm at Norwalk Masonic Center
- Spark of Love Dance December 21, 7:30-9:30pm at Bellflower Masonic Center
  - Cost is \$10 or at unwrapped toy at a value of \$10+
- Paradise/Diamond/Titan League Ritual Competition January 5, 8am-1pm at Bellflower Masonic Center

#### **Phoenix League:**

- Kimball Installation December 2, 3-5pm at 1140 B Ave, National City
- Temecula Installation December 13, 7:30-9:30pm at 27895 Diaz Rd, Temecula
- Ritual Competition and League Meeting January 12, 8am-12pm at 27895 Diaz Rd, Temecula

#### **Sonora League:**

- Sonora/Highland League Ritual Competition January 12, more details TBA

### **Titan League:**

- Huntington Beach RD night December 10, 6:30-9pm at 601 Palm Ave, Huntington Beach

### **Priory:**

- Meeting January 20, details TBA

### **Jurisdiction:**

- “Let it snow... Globe” Dance December 7, 7-11pm at the DeMolay Center, price is \$8 and the dress is casual (no shorts or flip-flops.)
- SCJ Bowling January 5, 12am- January 6, 6am at Brunswick zone, Norco  
Price is \$15 to watch \$30 to play and includes AYCE pizza & soda.  
Team Tournament: 4 man Chapter teams, duel proficient, for high series and high score.  
Open division for Individuals (Open to all) will be for high series and high score.
- SCJ Ritual Competition January 26, at the DeMolay Center. Entry forms are available on SCJDeMolay.org – Forms & Resources – Ritual Information Page; **Due 1/18/19**

## **TRACK 2. TODAY’S TOP HITS**

### **New Master Counselors:**

- LC Kelley – Maxwell Higginbotham
- Antelope Valley – Thomas Kappers
- Hollywood – Jody Williams

Congratulations to everyone who was installed into an office; we can't wait to see what you have in stored for your chapters. We would like to also congratulate Huntington Beach Chapter for hosting an initiation. Keep up the good work guys.

## **TRACK 3. BONUS TRACKS**

**Filial Love** - When we were initiated into DeMolay, Filial Love was the first precept that was taught to us.

It reminds us of all the sacrifices that our parents have made for us, which we have accepted without expressing any form of gratitude to them. And it teaches us that it is okay for us to show our gratitude to them, *“in thoughtful consideration, courtesy, affectionate and dutiful obedience”*.

As we become young men, we need to recognize that Filial Love is both the love a parent has for their child, as well as the love we have for our parents. To me Filial Love is the best gift a child could give to their parents. It is one way of saying thank you to them for everything they have done. It is giving them the unconditional love that they deserve. It is remembering what they taught us and incorporating it into our daily lives.

In a greater sense this doesn’t apply only to our parents, it also applies to all the mother and father figures that have impacted your life. It is respecting and acknowledging the positive impact they have in our lives, that we should never forget, and always be thankful for it.

By *John Dela Cuesta*

PMC, Long Beach Chapter

President, Paradise DeMolay League

## **TRACK 4. THE CLASSICS**

Greetings my DeMolay Brothers!

It is impossible to do justice in one short message to the experiences you gain by serving a term as Jurisdiction Master Councilor. It is a rewarding and straining experience, and the only way to fully understand it, is to do it. But briefly, I'm going to give you an idea of how being a Past JMC has helped me in the years since I was in office.

First off, being called upon frequently to help in different areas of DeMolay gave me the valuable experience of having no choice but to compartmentalize my time. There were weeks when I'd have multiple degrees, an installation, and events for other masonic bodies to prepare for. Being ready to tackle multiple tasks at once helps me every day now when I have to prepare for work, school, and family events.

It goes without saying that public speaking also was a big part of being JMC, and though I don't give speeches often anymore, talking professionally with people you barely know personally also is a skill I learned while in office. Without that experience, it would have been much harder to feel confident talking with my professors or superiors at work.

Lastly, I'd say being JMC gave me more appreciation than ever that everyone I talk to and interact with, and even those I don't, have their own stories, experiences, and struggles of their own. Recognizing the strengths and weaknesses of the people I work with and the people I hang out with and making sure that I do my best to fit their needs with my own, is something that I did each day when I was in office, and it's something that never will change about DeMolay. Whether you know it or not, if you've ever built a ritual team for a degree or been a part of an event committee in your chapter, you've been a part of a process like this, and I promise that it will come up in your life later on.

Obviously, DeMolay teaches life skills and leadership abilities to all of its members, not just its highest-ranking ones. When I was an active DeMolay, I didn't do what I did thinking that someday, putting together a ritual team was going to prepare me for my education or workplace, but it did. Whenever you go to an Installation, you'll probably hear something along the lines of "What you put into DeMolay, you get out tenfold". This is so very true, and I recommend to all of you that you do what you can to make DeMolay better. When your time as an active DeMolay is done, you'll find not only your Order, but yourself better off for it.

Fraternally,

*Thomas (TJ) Elliott*

For more details on any events or activities, check the SCJ website and our Google calendar at [http://scjdemolay.org/?page\\_id=959](http://scjdemolay.org/?page_id=959)

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