

GUARDIANS OF DEMOLAY THE CENTENNIAL PLAYLIST

We are challenged by our Executive Officer to initiate 200 new members. As of now we have initiated 48/200 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

Diamond League:

- League Meeting May 18 at Redondo Beach Masonic Center

Dynasty League:

- League Meeting May 26, 3-5pm at San Fernando Masonic Center

Highland League:

- League Sweethearts Ball May 4, 7-11pm at 4500 N Varsity Ave, San Bernardino
- KLS Installation May 19, 7pm at 14941 Hesperia Rd, Victorville
- Highland/Sonora Brotherhood Camp May 24-27 details TBA

Paradise League:

- Downey Initiation and meeting May 6, 7:30pm, Downey Masonic Center
- League Sweethearts Ball May 17, 7:30 at Bellflower Masonic Center

Phoenix League:

- League Beach Clean Up and BBQ/ League Meeting June 22, 8am-4pm place TBA

Sonora League:

- Sonora/Highland League Brotherhood Camp May 24-27 details TBA

Titan League:

- Walt Disney Installation May 11,
- Huntington Beach USS Midway Trip May 11, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego

Priory:

- Priory Cotillion has been rescheduled for July 13. More details in the future.
- Meeting on May 5, after PSA meeting, at the DeMolay Center

Jurisdiction:

- PSA Meeting: 12pm (No Committee meetings)
- Honorary Degree – San Diego
- SCJ Sports Day June 8 Details TBA

- June 15: Dedication of DeMolay Drive and Centennial Time Capsule – Masonic Homes Covina: Lunch at 11:00, Program at 12:00pm

TRACK 2. TODAY'S TOP HITS

New Master Councilors:

- Lake Forest – Thomas Witzel
- Foothill – Caden Smith
- Orange – Clinton Moffatt
- Temecula – TJ Naaktgeboren
- L.C. Kelley – Connor Bezner

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

TRACK 3. BONUS TRACKS

This month we consider the Seventh Precept in an article by bro. Andrew Caster.

Many people think of patriotism as joining and fighting in the military but is that all patriotism is? Patriotism is defined as “the quality of being patriotic; devotion to and vigorous support for one's country.”. We are taught that as there is a patriotism of peace, which means that which makes our country a better place starts here at home.

We can work every day to support our country but it starts at home, in your neighborhood , by going around and doing something as simple as picking up trash. Patriotism is shown by good citizenship, by doing everything you can to make this place we call home better. It is how we can answer the call to make our country a better place without being called to arms, but if we are called upon, we as DeMolays will be there, ready to answer. So remember, it starts at home with all of us, we are all patriots when we work together to make our country a better place.

By *Andrew Caster*

PMC, Liberal Arts Chapter
Illustrious Knight Commander, Saint Bernard Priory

TRACK 4. THE CLASSICS

This month we hear from our former Jurisdiction Master Councilor, Chris Baker.

What was your most memorable moment in DeMolay?

One of my memorable moments as a DeMolay was going to a car rally. My friend Marc Thomas and I got paired up with Jeremy Spurley and one of the members from his chapter.

We were about 15 years old and looked quite ridiculous scaling a fence to find a flag for the next direction in the rally. Even more we dived into a pool to retrieve a Ziplock bag with instructions for the next clue, even when there was a pool cleaning stick nearby to pick up the bags from the bottom of the pool. For another task we fought over how we would split up a bag of hot chili peppers among our team until he shoved the whole bag in his mouth so we could rush to the next checkpoint all the while he is declaring how his mouth was on fire, but insisted he was okay. We did many unnecessary things and were a handful, but memories like those I'll forever cherish. The ones where you get a little crazy since you are kids and having a lot of fun.

What do you credit DeMolay in providing you to have a successful life?

DeMolay has prepared me to tackle most obstacles especially including preparation and execution of tasks as well as the social skills needed to navigate through my plan working with others. My organization skills really helped propel me through interviews and promotions as well as helped me get better grades academically.

What do you want to convey to the new members about DeMolay from your perspective?

You may hear it many times, but what you put into DeMolay is what you will get out of DeMolay. Being an active member in your chapter gives you the experience of working with others as a team and as a leader planning a calendar of events, running annual finances, coordinating activities, and engaging in philanthropic work. DeMolay is international and getting involved in your league, jurisdiction, or region will increase your network which is becoming an asset to anyone looking for more job opportunities in an advancing world of technology. Lastly, the bonds you make with your friends in DeMolay last a lifetime, whereas most friendships from high school fade away. Seeing a brother from DeMolay always feels like you are picking up after your last conversation.

What advice can you tell newer members to help them spread the word about "DeMolay"?

Being vocal about DeMolay is truly dependent on you. I was quite successful with membership recruitment because I took initiative to build my chapter with my most cherished friends from high school and sports clubs. Constantly invite prospects to events and ask your parents or advisors to help talk to their family to let them know about the rewarding experience of DeMolay. Any group you are apart of is a great place to start looking for members like school, church, and sports clubs to name a few options. Further, you can organize booths at community events to look for prospects. The time and effort you spend on membership recruitment is proportional to how many members you will bring into DeMolay. Think of why you enjoy DeMolay, better yet show them at an event. My rewards from DeMolay are: Lifelong friendships, scholarships, resume experience, teamwork, leadership, public speaking, organization & time management, volunteer experience, and many mentors wishing for my success.

Thank you, Brother Baker!

TRACK 5. Video Killed the Radio Star

In Theaters now: SCJ Promotional Video!

Have you seen the new video? More importantly, have you shared it with anyone else? You can find it on our Website, Facebook, and Instagram. <http://scjdemolay.org/3903/>

There is a second, shorter version. It invites Masons to become more involved in DeMolay. Make sure your sponsoring body has seen this video too!

These videos were produced by The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of California.

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

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