

# GUARDIANS OF DEMOLAY

## THE CENTENNIAL PLAYLIST

We are challenged by our Executive Officer to initiate 200 new members. As of now we have initiated 52/200 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 June 15 at Redondo Beach Masonic Center

#### **Dynasty League:**

- League Meeting June 16, 9:30am-12:30pm at O'Melveny Park, Los Angeles

#### **Highland League:**

- League Meeting June 8, after SCJ Sports Day

#### **Paradise League:**

- League Meeting June 21, 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 League Lock-In/History July 12, 7pm to July 13, 7am at Yucaipa Masonic Center

#### **Titan League:**

#### **Priory:**

- Priory Cotillion July 13, 6pm at 71 Plaza Square, Orange

#### **Jurisdiction:**

- SCJ Sports Day June 8, 10am at San Marino Park (6200 San Rolando Way, Buena Park)

### TRACK 2. TODAY'S TOP HITS

#### **New Master Councilors:**

- Walt Disney – Kenneth Roman
- Huntington Beach – Digby Gray
- Keith Lee Seals – Aaron Philips
- Hollywood – Sean Santos

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 Downey and Huntington Beach for hosting an Initiation. Keep up the good work guys.

### **TRACK 3. BONUS TRACKS**

This month we consider the Second Precept in an article by bro. Benny Elliott.

The second precept of DeMolay is reverence for sacred things

Reverence means to have respect for something. But what does Dad Land mean when he instructs us to be reverent for sacred “things”?

I think that he phrased it like this because it teaches us that we shouldn't just be respectful of the name of God, or even just respectful of the Bible (if you're Christian). DeMolays should be reverent of the right of all our brothers to have their own symbols and beliefs that mean something special to each one of us individually. A few years ago, SCJ took the big step of making sure that our membership classes, that we don't just have the Bible on our altar, we have the Books of Faith of the three major religions, and that we can add books or scripts if a candidate follows another religion.

This reverence doesn't just mean to be respectful of religion. It can extend to other things too. As the flower talk tells us of the flower that we will take if our mother has already passed on, that we should “keep it forever sacred to her memory”.

At the end of the day, we all have our own things that we specifically hold to be sacred. But the mark of a brother and a friend is that we should be just as respectful of every other brothers' sacred things, as we expect them to be of ours.

That's what reverence for sacred things means to me.

By *Benny Elliott*

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Squire Commander of St. Bernard Priory

## **TRACK 4. THE CLASSICS**

This month we hear from a former Jurisdiction Master Councilor, TJ Elliott.

What was your most memorable moment in DeMolay?

***I had many memorable moments in DeMolay. All of the times I represented SCJ in California or at ISC are memories that I will cherish forever. But the times that I am most proud of our when my brother Benny accomplished something big and I was around to see it. Getting to be Chapter Master Councilor when he was initiated, installing him as a President when I was Jurisdiction Master Councilor, and presiding over his Chevalier Degree are moments I was so blessed to experience.***

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

***DeMolay helped me find my voice and my motivations in ways that I don't know I'd have found without DeMolay's teachings. My friends know I am fairly outspoken about the things and issues I care about, and DeMolay was a huge part of that, because the Order teaches you to stand up for the little guy and to help your fellow men (and women) out as if they were members of your actual family.***

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

***I'd advise the younger members to go out and do as much as possible in DeMolay as you can. If you stay in your chapter and only go to chapter meetings, you will learn a lot, but it won't truly feel like a brotherhood. Traveling to other chapters' events and to installations and functions across Southern California is what DeMolay is all about, and the more effort you put into doing that kind of stuff, the more of a sense of brotherhood you will feel.***

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

***The most important thing you can do as a member is spread the order amongst your friends. There is a reason that we expect our leaders at the Jurisdiction level to be able to sell DeMolay, and have their membership awards lined up. Sometimes it can feel weird to invite your friends to things, but always remember, you don't have to invite them to join the organization off the bat. Invite them to a lock in or a fun event that your chapter or a close chapter is doing, and see how it goes. You're in the Order because it's a great place to have fun and learn to be a leader. If you bring your friends around and they have fun, the rest of the membership question is just handing them a petition and making it official.***

Thank you, Brother Elliott!

## **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](http://scjdemolay.org/?page_id=959)

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