

Delaware Valley Chapter

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Letter from Dad Stoneking

Well another month has past and what a month it has been! We have had a talent show, DelVal Paintball, DeMolay Congress, the hugely successful spaghetti dinner, served at the Crescent Shrine, State Soccer, the DelVal Applebees breakfast with the Easter Bunny, the Rainbow Grand Charity Ball, and the DeMolay Sweetheart Ball. And mentioning Sweethearts—Congratulates to Becca S. for not only being elected as DelVal's Chapter Sweetheart, but also on being unopposed for the 2011-2012 NJ State Sweetheart term. Becca will be the 2nd DelVal Sweetheart to become the State Sweetheart in the last 3 years—DelVal Rules! May is another busy month with lots of things going on so grab your copy of the term plan and make sure you know what is happening. Convention is coming soon and your forms (both the registration form and the medical release form) and money have to be turned in to me no later than our meeting on May 10th. If you do not have your forms/money in by then you are on your own! I hope everyone can make down to Wildwood—it is going to be another awesome time for NJ DeMolay!

Fraternally, Dad Stoneking

Rising in the East

Brethren, So far my term has been outstanding. I'm very happy with what we are accomplishing. We have made a lot of money for our chapter, and because of this everyone who will be attending camping will be free, including some other small events like the movie night. Keep up the good work and let's get some members in!

Fraternally, Steven F.

From the South at Meridian

Brethren, we deeply miss Brother Brian and look forward to his speedy return to the Chapter. Please remember Brian in your prayers and drop him a card or note. The funnier, the better.

From the Setting Sun

My friends, it has been quite some time since the last time we've been doing a newsletter. I would just like to unofficially announce the continuation of our monthly newsletter. Now, I'm going to talk about upcoming events that I'll be looking forward to in the future. One of the earlier ones, camping, will be early in May. I will be looking forward to lots of what we've done in the past. Namely Frisbee, football, fire, turtles and monorail cat. Maybe we can even make some new stuff to do? A few days later, we will have the state ritual tournament in which I will be competing for several preceptors. I hope to see many of our members attend this event. A bit later in the month will be State Frisbee. Del-Val has always had a fun-filled and successful history with this event and I expect no less this year. I also believe we will be having a movie night at the lodge, which is always fun. We have lot to look forward to this month so be happy guys!

-Nick W.



DeMolay Congress 2011

DeMolay Congress took place on April 9th. At this event, DeMolays were grouped into three different categories with the purpose of covering all types of changes in DeMolay. Attending members of Del-Val included me, Clayton and Riley. Important questions were asked and each were answered. We went on break twice for breakfast and lunch. Both were very good. Regarding the actual congress, many important decisions were made that I think many people will be happy with. By Nick W.

DeMolay State Soccer

State Soccer took place at Tall Cedars on the 17th. Many DeMolays attended this event creating 3 teams in total. Del-Val was grouped together with Capital for this occasion. I scored a few goals throughout the games we played. My brother Nick knocked down a lot of people too. In between the games we had a short lunch break which was well needed. At the end of all the games we were at two wins and two loses. I had a very good time at this event and hope everyone else did as well. By Zac W.

Chapter Spaghetti Dinner

On Saturday April 9th, Del-Val DeMolay had its annual spaghetti dinner. The dinner was a big success for Del-Val. It was one of our biggest fundraisers in a long time. We should give big thanks to the families of the Fields, Zaccarias, Waszkiewicz, Biglins, and Stonekings for contributing food to the dinner. Without the help of all the families we were able to make a lot of money. By, Joseph Z.

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May-June Calendar

04/26 Regular Meeting (Formal) Riverside, NJ	7:30PM	05/28 State Softball Tall Cedars Grove, Crosswicks, NJ	1:00PM
Advisory Council Meeting	6:30PM	05/29 Del Val Carwash Riverside, NJ	9:00AM
05/01 Masonic Home Visit (Formal) Burlington, NJ	8:30AM	06/03 DeMolay Degree Presentation Covenant Lodge, Palmyra, NJ	TBA
State Volleyball Burlington, NJ	12:30PM	06/08 DeMolay Degree Presentation Mt. Moriah Lodge, Bordentown, NJ	TBA
05/06-08 Del-Val Camping Trip Bass River State Park	TBA	06/10-12 State Convention Wildwood, NJ	TBA
05/10 Regular Meeting (Casual) Riverside, NJ	7:30PM	06/14 Regular Meeting (Casual) Covenant Lodge, Palmyra, NJ	7:30PM
05/14 State Ritual Tournament USSNJ Lodge, Cherry Hill, NJ	9:00AM	06/17 Crescent Shrine Dinner Westampton, NJ	6:00PM
05/20 Crescent Shrine Dinner Westampton, NJ	6:00PM	06/18 MC BBQ and Pool Party TBA	TBA
05/20 Del Val Sit-In Movie Night Riverside, NJ	8:00PM	06/25 Del Val Carwash Riverside, NJ	9:00AM
05/22 State Frisbee Tall Cedars Grove, Crosswicks, NJ	12:00PM	06/28 Regular Meeting (Formal) Riverside, NJ	7:30PM
05/24 Regular Meeting (Formal) Parents Day Observance (Dinner) Riverside, NJ	7:30PM	Advisory Council Meeting	6:30PM
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05/28 Civic Service Event	TBA		



The Continuing Saga of What I Wouldn't Do For White Castle

This is when I had officially lost all hope, I thought I would be spending the night in that car. Now that we were even worse off than before, Rich insisted on going to get his own tools to pull us out. So Rich and his friend backed out the way they had come promising to return in about twenty minutes or so. Soon enough we could no longer see their headlights and my comrades my father and myself were left in the darkness. I then heard my dad mumbling, "They won't be coming back..."



Roughly twenty minutes passed and still no sign of Rich. So my Dad preceded to do something he did not want to have to resort to: calling Triple A. He had a short conversation with the service provider on the other end, exchanging his information and explaining our current predicament. "We will have someone out to help you in sixty minutes or less." they told us. Great, since it was already past one in the morning. Now we just had to wait. Clayton and my father were hanging in and around the Durango, resting their eyes from the long night. Chris and myself sat in the Taurus and talked about how crazy this night has been and how we ended up here; how it was truly worth it, just because we got our White Castle. During this downtime I offered my dad the only provision we had with us, an unopened can of Root Beer. He happily accepted and I knew it was the least I could do to say I'm sorry.

Only about ten minutes after my Dad had made the phone call to Triple A we saw headlights coming up from a distance. It was much too fast to have been Triple A already, and I never really thought it was; I knew Rich had come back. His truck pulled up behind the Durango (they had come down the road from the opposite end as before). Rich jumped out and said, "We stopped at the Pub and asked anyone if they had anything to help. One guy gave us this chain out of his car." Apparently they had never actually made it back home, but instead they just had this giant chain to wrap around the bumpers.

While Rich was hooking the chain up between his Truck and ours, my dad cut the strap between the Durango and Taurus; it was useless now and there was no way Rich's truck could have pulled out both of our cars while they were hooked together. Once that was disposed of and the chain was tied together tightly, Rich got into his truck and his buddy steered the Durango. After revving the engine multiple times without so much as a budge, we realized there just wasn't enough horse power in any of these three cars. Our last hope would be to wait for the tow truck. We thanked Rich multiple times and reassured him that more help was on the way. He double checked to make sure we had his number before getting into his car. By Riley S.



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Empire State Building

The **Empire State Building** is a 102-story New York City, United States, at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and West 34th Street. It is 1,250 ft (381 meters) tall. Its name is derived from the nickname for New York, the Empire State. It stood as the world's tallest building for more than 40 years, from its completion in 1931 until the North Tower was completed in 1972. Following the destruction of the World Trade Center in 2001, the Empire State Building once again became the tallest building in New York City. The Empire State Building has been named by the American Society of Civil Engineers as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. The building and its street floor are designated landmarks of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, and confirmed by the New York City Board of Estimate. It was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1986. In 2007, it was ranked number one on the List of America's Favorite Architecture according to the AIA. The building is owned and managed by W&H Properties. The Empire State Building is currently the third tallest skyscraper in the United States (after the Willis Tower and Trump International Hotel and Tower, both in Chicago), and the 15th tallest in the world. It is also the fourth tallest freestanding structure in the Americas.



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By Dad LaBaw

Sweetheart Ball 2011

On April 23, 2011 the state held their annual Sweetheart Ball at the Crescent Shrine Lodge in Westampton. Now like always, the DeMolay dances are great. I say this because it's an easy way to meet new friends and there are usually girls there which is always a good thing. Also, these dances are held for two reasons the fun, and the friendship. The Sweetheart Ball, for one sure thing, is held for the Sweethearts and DeMolay's around the state. Personally, the DJ could've been better to make the dance a lot more exciting, but at least she had a good amount of slow dances for gentlemen and ladies to meet. So all in all, the Sweetheart Ball was a blast. By Michael F.



Breakfast With The Easter Bunny

On Saturday April 23, 2011 Del-Val chapter held a breakfast with me, the Easter Bunny, at the Applebee's restaurant in Westampton from 8am to 10am. The boys had a great turn out with 72 people in attendance. Also, many children and families were able to have their pictures taken with me thanks to Dad Jackson and his photography skills. I had a fun time spending the morning with the guys from Del-Val.

Thanks, Easter B. Bunny