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### Letter from Dad Stoneking

Well time seems to be flying by! We are already a month and a half in to our new Master Councilors term and lots of activities are coming up. I want to welcome our newest member Sebastian A. - who was short formed at our Oct 14th meeting. Also, everyone should check out the DeVal website ([www.delvalchapter.com](http://www.delvalchapter.com)) if you have not done so recently. Many new photographs have been posted in the last week or so. Also, if you have any suggestions for the web site please let our webmaster (Richard L.) know. Don't forget to sell those cheesecakes - this is one of our main fundraisers and we need everyone to do their best to sell as many as possible. I have heard a rumor that our Chapter Sweetheart is outselling all of the DeMolays!! There are a number of events coming up - including Fall Ball which is a great opportunity to bring prospects out to enjoy good food, good music, and a great time.

Fraternally, Dad Stoneking

### Letter from the Master Councilor

Hi Guys! I almost did not get my letter done for this edition of the newsletter (again)! Anyway I wanted to thank the DeVal DeMolays who went to the Mo-Town Halloween Dance, and also I wanted to say that the Medford/Mo-Town/DeVal Haunted House was awesome! Next year I hope we can have a lot more guys involved! Oct 28th is our Educational Day observance one of my favorite teachers giving us a presentation, Nov 1st is Fall Ball and on the 2nd is a DeVal Picnic and Ultimate Frisbee day at Casa Stoneking - I hope a bunch of guys can make it out. Fraternaly, Ian S.

### Letter From the Junior Councilor

Hey guys. It has been a while since our last newsletter. I have found out recently that I am in charge of distributing out the articles everyone should write. With that information, I will make sure that at our first meeting of each month, those who volunteer will write the upcoming articles and past event articles. Also, if you would like to write one, just let me know. Since I am the head of the membership committee, this is what I will be using this time to write about. So far we are already doing great with membership. I'm sure at this rate we will surpass our majority from last year. I would like to thank our new members for coming in to our chapter. Finally I have Fall Honors class. This year it will be held in Livingston NJ, on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We really need to get all the new members there. If you have trouble with a ride let me know.

Fraternaly, Brian V.

### Letter from the Senior Councilor

Hey guys, I'd like to start out with football, it was a great attempt we had, although we went 0-3, I thought we all as brethren had a really good time, me and Brian were QB and Ian was a really sturdy center. At one point we had what was called the "The stonewall" which was Riley and Ian on the line. Also I have to thank everyone for serving our sponsoring body Beverly-Riverside lodge. Dad Devenny the Worshipful master of the lodge really appreciated us helping them out. Finally, I would like to apologize for not getting the cheesecake order forms out on time. I promise I will never procrastinate like that again with anything. If you need an order form, be sure to ask me or Mom DiPaula for one, we have plenty. Good luck with selling those cheesecakes, so far our sweetheart has 16 sales! Fraternaly, Matt W.



### \*\*\*COTY Update\*\*\*

In looking at the State COTY board, it looks like there is another race developing for this year's COTY. COTY doesn't mean the best chapter or the chapter that amasses the most points. COTY acknowledges the chapter that exhibits the most DeMolay spirit, the most brotherhood, the most sportsmanship and the most fun in being a DeMolay. Every NJ DeMolay chapter should walk away from convention 2009 with the pride that they helped their chapter be the best that it could be. Every chapter should feel the thrill and the glow of carrying the sword of chivalry into their chapter room. With hard work and DeMolay brotherhood, we will ALL be Chapter of the Year.

### State Masonic Home Visit

A little while back much of our chapter visited the Masonic home with many other chapters from around the state. Visiting the home is a customary occurrence from Del-Val, but it was great doing it with the whole state. As usual we pushed the residents down to church. But the best part about that is talking to them and learning their experiences. Once in church we sat in the choir, and some of us even participated in the service. As usual the Masonic home is a very good event. It is great to make the elders smile, while completing Masonic service. By Sean M.

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#### November Calendar

- 11/01 Fall Ball (Theme is Halloween Costume)  
7:00-11:00PM  
Crescent Shrine, Westhampton, NJ
- 11/02 Del-Val Ultimate Frisbee & Picnic TBD
- 11/08 Fall Honors Class 8:30AM  
Salaam Temple, Livingston, NJ
- 11/11 Regular Meeting (Formal) 7:30PM  
Del-Val SMC OV  
Cheesecake orders due  
Riverside, NJ
- 11/22 Cheesecakes delivered TBD  
Riverside, NJ
- 11/25 Regular Meeting (Formal) 7:30PM  
Frank Land Observance Day  
Advisory Council Mtg. 6:30PM  
Riverside, NJ
- 11/27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 11/28 DeMolay/Rainbow Dance 7:00-11:00PM  
Salaam Temple, Livingston, NJ

#### Duncan Beard Chapter Pancake Breakfast

Early on the morning of Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, me and my dad took a ride down to Delaware City, Delaware to get some pancakes. My dad gets a trestle board from Jackson Lodge #19 and they are now sponsoring a DeMolay Chapter. When we first got to the lodge, the food was gone. A girls soccer team got there about ten minutes before we did and cleaned them out. But we only had a short wait until the next batch of hot hotcakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and home-fries were done. I passed on the home-fries, but my dad said they were good. I talked to the Master Councilor and the Junior Councilor, they were pretty tired from the work in the kitchen and getting up early. Duncan Beard Chapter meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. Maybe when the weather gets good we can head down there for one of their meetings. By Chris L.



## DeMolay Congress

This past Saturday, Ian, Riley, and I attended DeMolay Congress. It was held in the Crescent Shrine Temple in Westhampton. This was my first time attending and apparently the first time in a few years. This was a very enjoyable and educational program. We learned many different ways to make our chapters better, each chapter's successes and weaknesses, and various other things. Another great experience was the voting session. We voted on different ideas using the same congressional process and lingo. After the congress there was a table chapter. This was basically a big lunch, which involved all the chapters. We were served some great food, did some weird toasting, and had a great time. I really enjoyed this experience and hope all can attend the next session. By Brian V.

### State Football

DeMolay State Football was a really great event. There were six teams and nine chapters at the event, so it was a pretty good turnout. There were a few big plays by our team, but other than that, we really didn't do that well. One play that was almost huge was when I was in position to intercept the ball in our first game. After about 7 seconds of bobbling the ball around, I didn't get it. Later on in another game, Brian V. was quarterback and he handed it off to Matt W. and gave us our first touchdown. In between games, we had some good hamburgers and hot dogs and we also tried to improve our team. Even though we didn't win any games, it was still a fun event all around. This was my first DeMolay sports event and I really enjoyed it and I'm sure everyone else did too. By, Alex C.

### State Paintball

On a sunny Saturday in Jacksonville NJ, DeMolay had State Paintball. The game started at around 10AM and ended at around 3PM. It was allies against axis. There was a good amount of DeMolays and Prospects. The first four battles went great. Then came the last major battle. It was the advisors and state officers vs. DeMolays and Prospects. That battle turned out to be a tie, but the others weren't. When lunch time came, we had KFC. The Allies won just about every battle. I just want to say I hope everyone had a great time. Fraternaly, James F.

### Masonic Dinner

Guys, I would like to thank you all for serving at the Masonic Dinner. I believe we did a tremendous job and we did it well. I don't think that the Masons could have done it without us. We all did great and we scored some major points for future help from our sponsors! I would also like to congratulate the chefs that cooked the delicious food. You guys did a great job! I'm sure that if we keep our attendance going strong, we can take home Chapter of the Year again! Again, great job guys and keep it up! Fraternaly, Cody F.



### Medal for Saving a Human Life

Life saving medal which was approved at the 1969 ISC Session, may be granted in cases where a DeMolay has performed an act that resulted in the saving of a human life.

Recommendations are made by the Advisory Council and must be forwarded to the Executive Officer for his approval. The recommendation is acted on by the ISC or its Board of Directors.

## Who Spoke Before Lincoln At Gettysburg



From July 1–3, 1863, more than 160,000 American soldiers clashed in the Battle of Gettysburg, in what would prove to be both a turning point of the Civil War and one of its bloodiest battles. The battlefield contained the bodies of more than 7,500 dead soldiers. Interring the dead in a dignified and orderly manner became a high priority for the few thousand residents of Gettysburg. Initially, the town planned to buy land for a cemetery and then ask the families of the dead to pay for their burial. However, David Wills, a wealthy 32-yo attorney, objected to this idea and wrote to the Governor of Pennsylvania, Andrew G. Curtin, suggesting instead a National Cemetery to be funded by the states. Wills was authorized to purchase 17 acres for a cemetery to honor those soldiers, paying \$2,475.87 for the land. Wills originally planned to dedicate this new cemetery on October 23, 1863 and invited Edward Everett, who had served in many political offices, to be the main speaker. At that time, Everett, a widely famed orator, told Wills and his organizing committee that he would be unable to prepare an appropriate speech in such a short period of time, and requested that the date be postponed. The committee agreed, and the dedication was postponed until November 19, 1863. Almost as an afterthought, Wills and the committee invited President Lincoln to participate in the ceremony. Wills' letter stated, "It is the desire that, after the Oration, you, as Chief Executive of the nation, formally set apart these grounds to their sacred use by a few appropriate remarks." Lincoln received formal notice of his invitation to participate only 17 days before the ceremony, while Everett had been invited 40 days earlier: "Although there is some evidence Lincoln expected Wills' letter, its late date makes the invitation appear presumptuous...seventeen days was an extraordinarily short notice for presidential participation even by 19<sup>th</sup> century standards." Wills' letter made it equally clear to the president that he would have only a small part in the ceremonies. Lincoln arrived by train in Gettysburg on November 18<sup>th</sup>, and spent the night as a guest in Wills' house on the Gettysburg town square, where he put the finishing touches on the speech he had written in Washington, D.C. Contrary to popular belief, Lincoln neither completed his address while on the train nor wrote it on the back of an envelope. This story is at odds with the existence of several early drafts on Executive Mansion stationery as well as the reports of Lincoln's final editing while a guest of David Wills in Gettysburg. Approximately 15,000 people are estimated to have attended the ceremony, including the sitting governors of six of the 24 Union states. Edward Everett's "Gettysburg oration", was 13,607 words and lasted two hours. Not long after those well-received remarks, Lincoln spoke in his high-pitched Kentucky accent for two or three minutes. Lincoln's "few appropriate remarks" summarized the war in 10 sentences and 272 words. It is considered by many as the most copied and recited speech in history. By Dad LaBaw

## Voice of the State Master Councilor



Guys, September & October have been great months. Not only for NJ DeMolay, but also for Del-Val and my other favorite Chapter Mo-town. Both Del-Val and the State had a paintball Tourney. Great minds think alike. State football showed who was the best. Where did Mo-town get all those pros to play for them. But we'll get them back at bowling. (I doubt it, but we'll have fun anyway). Mo-town had a great Halloween dance, I didn't make it, but I heard all about it. The Haunted House, with Medford and Mo-town was a real scream. BIG Thanks to Dad Gee, Dad Rival and Mom Cress for most of the setup work. We had 22 DeMolays at Congress. I hope every learned a lot from it and got a chance to get their ideas heard to make NJ DeMolay better. We had a GREAT turnout at the Lodge Reception and the Masonic Home visit. November is our SMC OV. We need to put some time into our ritual to dazzle and impress Andy. Also to get ready for our State Ritual Evaluation. You can't enjoy DeMolay, unless you are coming out, having FUN.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Chris L. State Senior Steward