

# Executive Officer Briefing September 25, 2016 Vol. 3 Issue 12

## Back to school, football, and Membership Plans...

You are one of the key leaders in your Chapter! We need you to share the information here with the members and advisors of your Chapter. It is our desire to ensure frequent communications are taking place throughout the jurisdiction. Thank you for your effort in accomplishing this important mission. If you have feedback place



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#### **Grand Masters Class - November 12th**

New Membership Plan and Incentives Packet...

Time to plan for bringing Candidates to Grand Masters Class!

Click here for the:

**GMC Membership Plan and Incentives Packet!** 

Download the information and discuss at your next Councilors Meeting, Chapter Meeting and Advisory Council Meeting. Get to work, assign responsibilities, and execute your plan. Now is the time to make it happen. Your success depends on it!



### WA DeMolay Academy - October 8th

Councilor's, Chapter Dad's, Chairmen, and anyone interested...

It's that time again for all of our Chapter Leaders to come together for skills training and information sharing. As it has been for some time this is required for all current **Councilors** and **Chapter Dad's** to attend, **even if you have attended previously**, due to new content that will be covered along with opportunities to learn more ways to help your Chapter Level Up in DeMolay.



We are asking that all **Council Chairman** attend this WADA as we will be going through the new process for registering our 2017 Advisors and Councils at the end of this year. This will be a completely new online process. While Dad Gross is covering this with the Chairman, Dad Brunson will be working with the Chapter Dad's

Advisors and Councils at the end of this year. This will be a completely new online process. While Dad Gross is covering this with the Chairman, Dad Brunson will be working with the Chapter Dad's discussing several new processes and updating how we do business within the Chapter. So please be sure to set this date aside so that you and your Councilors can be in attendance. We will also be rolling out the new Squires program with Dad Rinehart.

FALL WADA will be held at King Solomon Lodge in Auburn (where Ed James Chapter meetings). The day will begin @ 8:00am and complete around 5:00pm with lunch provided all for \$10 per person (\$11 w/ paypal). Registration is live and ready for you to use now. If you have any questions you can direct them to Dad Chris Wheeler the Youth Training Director.

#### **WA Cup and the Mariners**

Thank you to all who attended the Mariners and Kickball...

WA Cup weekend had several new twists for 2016 and thank you to everyone who participated. Friday night we took 75 people to cheer on the Mariners and got on the Safeco big screen. Saturday we faced a few challenges with the rain and a locked gate, but we marched forward and had a great day of Kickball. We apologize to everyone about the lack of onsite bathrooms and thank you for your understanding and willingness to make it all work. Please give us any feedback about our changes of having a Friday night bonus activity along with Kickball instead of Softball. The members input is what drives the activities we provide.



Congratulations to First Place - Tacoma / Kitsap Team, Second Place - Puyallup / Shoreline Team, and Third Place - Edward James / Shoreline Team. Also trophies were awarded for Best Sportsmanship to the WA/ID Rainbow Team and Best Dressed to the Tacoma /Kitsap Team.

#### WA DeMolay Investiture Day - October 15th

Come see those who have been designated for honors...

We will be honoring those who have been designated by the International Supreme Council for honors in 2016 at the recent session in San Diego, CA. We will be investing the Legion of Honor, the Cross of Honor, and Chevalier to those who have been so designated.

Investiture Day will take place near Everett where Centennial Lodge meets in Snohomish beginning at Noon and run most of the day with a dinner to follow for a \$10 donation unless you are going to the Hockey Night, then it is include with your ticket purchase. The flyer (click here) has all the details including a schedule. Please join us in honoring these very deserving Members and Advisors in our jurisdiction who have given of themselves selflessly over the years.

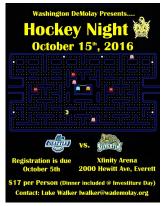


#### WA DeMolay Hockey Night - October 15th

See the Everett Silvertips take on the Seattle Thunderbirds...

Following the Investiture Day honors and a fabulous dinner, join us for a great celebration at the Xfinity Arena in Everett. WA DeMolay Hockey Night has re-emerged as a awesome event and we are kicking it up another notch as we attend to see I-5 rivals - the Seattle Thunberbirds take on the Everett Silvertips.

This night also happens to be the largest promotional night of the season for the Silvertips - it is their Annual "Pink the Rink" Night! All funds raised at Xfinity Arena that night go to the Providence General Foundation to provide free mammograms for women in Snohomish County with limited means to pay and will also help support other breast health activities. The Silvertips have helped raise over \$450,000 from Pink the Rink over the last seven seasons.



So plan to join us for a great night by purchasing your tickets today! Click here - <u>registration</u> is available on the state website now. Tickets are only \$17 for the matchup and include dinner at Investiture Day and where you can pickup your tickets. If you have any questions you can contact <u>SMC Luke Walker</u> for answers. Ticket deadline is October 5th at midnight.

NEW - DeMolay Advisor Policy when attending youth events

Effective Immediately - designate who you are an Advisor for...

It has been brought to my attention and I want to comply with our other Masonic Family organizations as we all continue to work together for the betterment of our youth. Therefore, I am issuing the following Washington State DeMolay Policy regarding Certified DeMolay Advisors attending Masonic Youth Events.



Where as many of our DeMolay Advisors (including myself) wear several hats in the Masonic Family including but not limited to - Rainbow Advisory Boards, Rainbow Dad's, Job's Daughter CAV Adults, Masonic Lodge Officers, and as such attend various events and activities representing our organizations, but are also there as the designated Adult responsible for Youth attending in an official capacity (ie. a DeMolay Advisor taking DeMolay Members to an event).

Where as our Adult Advisor pool for all three youth groups has shrunk, we have seen more and more "dual & tri" Adults being responsible for Youth Members from multiple groups all at the same event. This has been a challenge for those running the event as well as those attending the event. I have been there in both capacities and know that is it tough to think like a DeMolay Advisor dealing with boys, then having to switch over the brain to think like a Job's Daughter or Rainbow Adult dealing with the girls. While we all have similar rules and regulations, there are fundamental differences that go along with giving 100% attention to being a teacher, counselor, advisor, parent, and adult when talking to and about our three youth groups.

Therefore, <u>effective immediately</u>, before attending any Masonic Youth Group event and/or activity, as a DeMolay Advisor you need to declare who (which group) you will be attending said function as the designated Adult responsible for Youth Members. (For example the upcoming WA Cup event, if you are bringing DeMolay Members and attending as their designated DeMolay Advisor, then you cannot ALSO be the designated Adult for either Rainbow Girls or Job's Daughters attending that event.) This policy is not meant to restrict anyone from attending anything, it is to allow all Adults to clearly state which Masonic Youth Group they are responsible for at that event and give 100% attention to those Youth and help them have the greatest experience possible. I am aware that this designation may change from event to event depending on which group you have committed to being the responsible Adult for and that this will take some pre-planning for you and each group. We can make this work as long as we work together for our Youth!

## **Advisor Training Now Online**

#### We encourage all current Advisors to go online and take it!

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - KANSAS CITY, MO.

DeMolay International is proud to launch the online DeMolay Advisor Training program!

To access the DeMolay Advisor Training Program simply log in to <a href="mailto:eScribe.DeMolay.org">eScribe.DeMolay.org</a> and click on the Advisor Training tab at the top of the screen.

If a potential Advisor does NOT have an eScribe profile, meaning they are not a Senior DeMolay, former Advisor, or an Honorary Legion of Honor recipient they will need to register for a new profile. Registration is simple, go to <u>DeMolay.org/AdvisorTraining</u>.

This six module online training course is now the only officially approved Advisor Training course for new and continuing Advisors. These six modules consist of an Advisor Training program intro, how DeMolay operates, the role of the Advisory Council, Risk Management & Youth Protection policies and procedures, and concludes with a summation of resources at the Advisors' disposal. Each module is between five and 20 minutes and concludes by the participant answering a set of questions. These questions are not ranked or scored, rather the questions show what they have just learned in the video and the reference materials.

Completing the DeMolay Advisor Training program **does not mean** participants are automatically DeMolay Advisors. All potential Advisors still must complete the Advisor Application and background checks and submitted as they have been in the past. Soon you will have a place on the WADEMOLAY site that you can go to and fill in your forms online and follow a step by step process to get new adults certified to be Advisors in your local Chapters. Until then, please be patient. In the mean time if you have questions about how to handle a new adult, please reach out to your Region Deputy or the **jurisdictional office**.

#### WDU - Washington DeMolay University

Become a well educated Leader in DeMolay...

Welcome to DeMolay University, where DeMolays, Advisors and Supporters can learn more about DeMolay and develop leadership knowledge, skills, and techniques for success. Thank you to all who have registered thus far and are working to become better educated as a Leader.



To get started, all you need to do is go to <a href="DeMolay.University">DeMolay.University</a>, create a Learner Profile and complete the Registration Course. Once completed, you will be able to access the rest of the DeMolay University Coursework including Leadership Correspondence Courses, Chapter Management and more! We will be adding more and more to the Course Catalog (and if there is something you want that is not there, let us know)! Be sure to inform your Councilors, Chapter Members and all New Members, their Parents, and even the Masons from your Sponsoring Body are signing up to become improved leaders.

# New DeMolay International Store is LIVE - ShopDeMolay.org DI has expanded the products and apparel you can get right now...

During the ISC and Congress Sessions recently, DeMolay International unveiled the NEW DeMolay Store Website. Go to **ShopDeMolay.org** to see the expanded selection of products and apparel you can order today. This will be the place to go for



imprinted and embroidered wearable items! You are seeing just Phase 1 of the new store. In the coming months (Phase 2) you will also be able to customize the DeMolay Logo to say "WASHINGTON"! Along with getting your Chapter Name or your Name on the apparel too. Before we only had around 20 apparel items at one time to select from, now you have over 400 choices daily, with expanding selections.

All "metal" items (pins, rings, merit bars, awards, etc) will be available through this site also. Because of the size and depth of this vendor, they have setup various ways for you to save money on shipping, volume discounts and specials of the month. Keep checking back to the website to see new items!

# WA DeMolay Online Calendar The place to go to find out what's happening...

Is your Chapter or Region holding an event or activity that you want others to attend? Well that requires advertising, right?!? Let us help you promote your events! First, use the " Calendar Event Submittal Form " on the Website. This will get your date booked and posted on the WA DeMolay State Event Calendar. Second, email us a flyer (PDF or JPEG) of the event including the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How much. We will post it on the State Website, Facebook and other social media outlets. Send it to -



office@wademolay.org. Then look for it in the Chapter and Region sections of the Website!

Are you working on your Term Plan for the next 6 months? Trying to pick an event date? Check out the WA DeMolay State Event Calendar to see what is happening and what events are are already posted. The State Chapter puts dates out as far as possible so you can plan when you want to do something. We also post other organizations major events so you can plan for those too. When you have your Installation date picked, let us know so we can put it on there!

Go to DeMolay State Calendar!

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Our work and our people are regularly recognized as the best DeMolay has to offer.



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