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## What is your DeMolay EXPERIENCE...

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 efforts in accomplishing this important mission. If you have feedback please share it with us at any of the options at the bottom of this email and we will endeavor to make it happen.

## Important Dates to be Aware of A few dates that you should keep an eye on...

As we move forward in the year we wanted to make sure you were aware of a few dates coming up and deadlines you need to

keep on top of. You will find additional details below but we wanted to give you a quick preview into the dates with the most importance. As always you can find more information on the website under <u>State News</u> or you can click on the links to take you to the information.

Dates:	Event:
Jan. 24th	HMJ Chapter OV
Feb. 1st	Cowlitz Chapter Initiation
Feb. 3rd	Puyallup Chapter OV
Feb. 5th	Registration due for Leaders' Ball
Feb. 8th	Chuckanut Chapter Installation
Feb. 15th	Leaders' Ball
Feb. 26th	Bellevue Chapter OV
Mar. 2nd	Olympia Chapter OV
Mar. 9th	Kitsap Chapter OV
Mar. 14th	Spring WADA

## Winter Sportsfest 2020

Komachin Middle School...



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#### Basketball, Dodgeball, Gatorball, Gagaball, and Volleyball!

Congratulations to everyone who came out to play at Winter Sportsfest yesterday in Lacey. The sportsmanship was as good as we have ever seen and for that we applaud everyone who played during the day.

We had 10 teams compete including a rainbow team, all playing the traditional sports as well as the new gagaball which seemed to be quite popular.

#### Leaders' Ball 2020

Feb. 15th, @ Pacific Science Center...

This year's Leaders' Ball is right around the corner. It will be held at the Ackerly Family Exhibit Gallery @ the Pacific Science Center.

The cost will be \$20 per youth and \$10 per adult. Registration is available online at wademolay.org. the registration will be open until Feb. 5th. If you have any questions please contact <u>SSC Keneth</u> <u>Copeland</u>.



## Annual Reports Available Now

Chairman please make note of the February 21 deadline ...

As we discussed at WADA your annual reports are available for you to sign in to and complete. The process is still the same as the last couple of years, and now, is available to save and come back to for ongoing use. The deadline for getting your 2019 report



completed and submitted is February 21, 2020. Just login and fill out everything and if you need to stop to get details for any reason then you can save and complete after doing so. As we move into the next year you should also follow this process so that at the end of the year you will have much less to recap when completing the report for next year.

## Arch of Steels

Please read a message from our EO...



Greetings All,

I am not sure where the trend started, but it ends today. I am tired of hearing from the guests of where we (our Chapters) are attending other Masonic Family Installations. I am embarrassed when told about the excessive noises that are being made and the disrespect that is being shown by our DeMolay Members to the Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, Masons and other. I must disagree when I am told "we are just practicing" And finally. I know we are better than what we have been de



practicing". And finally, I know we are better than what we have been doing.

I was recently at a Masonic Lodge Installation. As the Officers were entering and being introduced, the silence was broken with rather loud cackling echoing from the dinning room. Nearly everyone turned their attention in the direction of the noise for only moments later to hear the sound of a sword slapping to the floor. Then during introductions, the young men that were invited to do an Arch of Steel were no where to be seen or recognized for what they were soon to do. As the event progressed various mystery sounds emanated from out the doors of the Lodge room.

Following the Installation instead of listening to compliments of the performance DeMolay gave, I had to hear about how rude, inconsiderate, and unprofessional "my" young members were. Unfortunately, I have heard this same message via calls and emails from others attending various Installations. This is not the representation we DeMolays need to leave.

From now on, if a DeMolay is attending any Installation, no matter if you are doing an Arch of Steel, helping pull chairs or even passing out programs - you will sit in the Installation and be a full participant. It is a sign of respect and honor to be present and sit IN the Installation. Your practices should happen if not days in advance, at least an hour before the start time so you can be in your seats when the event begins. I ask that all DeMolay Advisors assist in making sure our Members are representing our organization by being awesome participants.

Thank you! Jeffery A. Brunson Executive Officer

#### Conclave 2020

Conclave is right around the corner...

Conclave 2020 is right around the corner and you can now register to be part of the fun.

Once again we will be at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, WA. Early registration is open



and can be accessed at both <u>wademolay.org</u> and <u>demolaycon.org</u> for a discounted price. You should check back frequently to see new details and information about all the activities planned for Convention. If you have questions you can reach out to the <u>Convention Director</u> <u>Mom Allison Luedke</u>. Please start making your plans now to join us in all the fun.

## **Chapter Squires**

Do you have squires at your Chapter...

We just had a Squires induction this last Saturday in Tacoma and several questions were raised about how to report these boys.

Since we have one Squires Manor in Washington in order to get them correctly reported you need to send an email to <u>Dad Frank Rinehart</u> who will report them into eScribe for you. You need to send all the traditional elements that you would for a new DeMolay and if he has any questions he will respond back to you.



Since there are many ways you can approach the

Squires, if you have any unique ideas that have worked for you and you would like to share them, you can reach out to share your successes. If you have any other questions about how to handle things with regards to Squires you can call Dad Rinehart at 206-930-5171 and he will get back with you as quickly as he can.

#### **Chapter Communications**

How does your Chapter communicate with each other ...

At the last WADA we had a lot of wonderful conversations and a big one centered around how our Chapters choose to communicate among their members. The BAND app, SLACK, and DISCORD were three of the most popular options discussed. They are all readily available in your app store for your phone or even on your computer at home.



With this being such an important part of how we manage our Chapters you are encouraged to check

them out and see if one will work for your Chapter to assist in how you go about sharing information and details of what is happening in your local Chapter. Be sure to survey your membership so you get the best buy in from the most people. If you have questions ask around.

## **Updated Protocol (Introductions) Guide**

Be sure to review the updated version...

Greeting MC's and Chapter Dad's,

With the passing of the legislation at Conclave that changed the titles of the State Corps, we needed to do a bit of editing to the Protocol (Introductions) Guide. It have been completely updated with a few other changes and uploaded to the State Website under the Resources tab, Online Resources, and then Policies.



Click here: https://www.wademolay.org/forms-resources-policies.html

This is effective immediately, so toss all the old ones you have printed and begin using this newest version. A little hint, before your next big meeting/event where you will need to do formal introductions, spend a few minutes doing a practice with your MC and Marshal. Remember ~ it's the small things that make a huge impression.

Thank you! Dad Brunson, EO

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## WA DeMolay Online Google Calendar

#### Be sure that you are synced to the correct calendar...

**Effective IMMEDIATELY** our **"NEW" Google Calendar** is the only calendar we are updating and keeping current - so be sure you have the correct Calendar synced to all of your digital devices.

You will know that your are on the right calendar when you look at the TOP-LEFT of the correct google calendar and it says **"WA DeMolay - All Calendar"**.

## Let us help you promote your events!

Use the DeMolay Update App. From the home page use the " <u>Calendar</u>" button, then the top choice is "Add Calendar Event". Just complete all the required informational boxes. Be sure to mark which calendars you want it posted to and the type of event you are having. *IT IS THAT EASY!* 



Don't forget to **email us a flyer (PDF or JPEG) of your events including the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How much.** We will post it on the State Website, Facebook, Update App and other social media outlets. Email it to: <u>office@wademolay.org</u>.

Are you working on your Term Plan for the next 6 months? Trying to pick an event date? Check out the WA DeMolay - All 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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