



THE OHIO DEMOLAY STAR

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My brothers, I hope that you're as excited as I am about this project, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to pursue it. As you can see the title of this paper is the Ohio DeMolay Star, this is in reference to the man who wrote our ritual, Frank A. Marshall, who wrote for the Kansas City Star. In this paper you can expect monthly articles alternating between your newly installed State Master Councilor, Deputy State Master Councilor, and myself. There will also be articles included from the rest of the state officers, our executive officer, and many more. We will have columns including throwbacks and Chapter spotlights, and we may even add more in the future. If you are interested in adding something to the paper yourself, we will be having a section for comics and jokes made by our brothers as well as a section in the back for advertisements for local and district events or anything else you may want to promote for your chapter. If you are interested in writing something for anything I have covered please send your articles, comics, or jokes to OhioDemolayStateScribe@gmail.com.

~Trevor Cutts, *State Scribe*

My brothers of Ohio DeMolay, first let me express how humbled I am to be installed as the 94th state master councilor of Ohio. But everyone's journey to this office is different. Mine took 6 years and they have been incredible. I hope that myself and the officers can inspire some of the young men of Ohio DeMolay to be the next leaders in our state, just as the past leaders inspired us. We are very excited to serve as the officers of your 94th Ohio State Council and its our hope that you will help us Lay the Foundation for the future of Ohio DeMolay.

~Ryan Cope, *State Master Councilor*

Hello Ohio DeMolay and welcome to the first newspaper! I'm very excited for this year and I'm looking forward to working with all of you throughout it. I have a lot of energy and motivation for our Organization and that will help me plan my term and help Ryan with anything he has planned for this year. I know this year is going to be different but that doesn't mean it will not be amazing! We have a lot of special things planned and I look forward to seeing you at the Tri-Youth event on August 17th!

~Logan Willeke, *Deputy State Master Councilor*

To the DeMolay of Ohio –

"It only takes one!" This was the theme of Jr. Past State Master Councilor, Br. Brady Woodworth. It was evident when Frank Land met a fatherless high school young man, Louis Lower, in Kansas City, Missouri and offered him a job at the Scottish Rite office. There formed a growth of what started as the Order of DeMolay, now known as DeMolay International. DeMolay International has celebrated the 100th year of taking young men and helping make tomorrow's leaders.

Br. Ryan Cope, State Master Councilor for the 2019-2020 term has as his theme, "Lay the Foundation". A foundation to continue to build on for the future of DeMolay. Br. Cope and the 2019-2020 State Officers need your help with that foundation. You are an important part of a strong and solid foundation. You need to spread what DeMolay means to you, and to let your friends know so they can experience the brotherhood of DeMolay.

Much has been accomplished, but much needs to be done! As we venture into the next 100 years, do your part in your Chapter, District and throughout Ohio to help lay the foundation upon which the future will be built.

To the Parents, Advisors, Governors and other Adult Leaders –

It is indeed different to be writing this article in this new position. It is very much in contrast to stepping from a comfort zone of being a person behind the scenes helping to make things flow smoothly to now taking a much more active role. Having worked with and watching Dad Woodworth over this decade, he's made it to be what Ohio DeMolay has been in the past, a strong influence for young men. He did not do this on his own. Ohio DeMolay is very proud to have Mom Debbie Woodworth working alongside with Dad Woodworth. Their love and compassion for our young men is beyond reproach.

Ohio has been known as a leader in DeMolay from membership, to ODLE (Ohio DeMolay Leaders of Excellence) Education, to the State Officers who travel thousands of miles each year attending various meetings, speaking in front of over 1,500 Masons at Grand Lodge Communication, having fun in the pool, posting the U S State flags at a ball game, to performing a ceremony to another organization. The young men of Ohio DeMolay grow because of their commitment to the precepts of DeMolay.

Ohio DeMolay is very fortunate to be supported by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the brethren of York Rite and Scottish Rite and the organizations of our ladies. Ohio DeMolay is very pleased to be able to have such a good working relationship with Ohio Job's Daughters and Ohio Rainbow for Girls. It is because of the work of our Advisors and Parents that Ohio DeMolay can continue to "Lay the Foundation" for our young men! We are so thankful for your time and dedication to the young men and DeMolay!

~Dad Jeff Rannebarger *Ohio DeMolay Executive Officer*





I am incredibly excited for this term. Ryan has some amazing events planned for the State. I'm looking forward to all of the memories we, as a state, will make together this year. It's always been my dream to be a State Officer for Ohio DeMolay and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve another year as Senior Deacon. I believe this year will be an excellent opportunity for Ohio DeMolay to adapt and grow as an organization. Let's set an example this year for what Ohio DeMolay can be for generations to come.

~Josiah Clark, State Senior Deacon

My DeMolay experience has been different compared to the other State Officers. I had no idea what DeMolay was when I first joined. I was a Squire, but I didn't understand DeMolay. I thought it was for the old guys, like Ryan Cope now. I am lucky that I have 2 cousins and an uncle that were all State Officers at some point in their DeMolay career. I always say that getting initiated was the best decision I did not get to make. The problem is, I took 5 years off between Squires and DeMolay. I was initiated when I was 14, not 12. I always think about what could have been if I was initiated at 12 years old. DeMolay has given me lifelong friends and has made me the best man I can be.

~Corey Snodgrass, State Junior Steward

A lot of things have been taking place in the Thundering Third District. I was recently appointed as the District President along with Brother Jakeb Bard of Frank W. Keifer Chapter as the 3rd District Chaplain. The most important event will be our 3rd District Awards night on November 8th. The conferral of the Chevalier Degree will be conferred with Dad David Glatty: Sovereign Grand Commander AASR NMJ USA, Past State Master Councilor of New Jersey, and Past Executive Officer of New Jersey. 3 members of Ralph H McMillan Chapter will be receiving the Degree of Chevalier that night: Bro. Keifer Clark, Joseph Fitzgerald, and myself. We are very excited to support Ryan in his term as State Master Councilor. Everyone in the Third District has been very supportive of him and we can't wait to see what he does as SMC this year. We know he will do his district and chapter proud!

~Jared Ryan, Third District President



My name is Hunter Johnson and I am a member of Groveport Chapter. I would like to invite you to our fundraiser on August 3rd to raise money for the VSC (Veterans Service Center) for \$10 per person at admission so we can raise money for our veterans, by putting on a talent show and dance! This event will be held at Northwest Masonic Temple. The youth is able to perform in one of the five categories: Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Comedy, and Visual Art.

They can perform in any of these categories! If you have any questions please let me know at talentshowdj@gmail.com. We do ask that you please let us know if you can make it by at least a week before the event.





THE OHIO STATE COUNCIL, 1970 – 71

The fifty-seven state officers of the Ohio State Council for 1970-71 were installed the afternoon of Saturday, August 15th, 1970 in the Ballroom of the Sheraton Gibson Hotel in Dayton. (At that time, Conclave was in August.) In addition to several PSMC's and the Master Councilor who initiated the SMC-elect, the third International Master Council, Dan Killian of North Carolina, was on the Installing team. Officers included: State Senior Councilor, Ed Anderson of Middletown Chapter in Middletown; State Junior Councilor, Alan Smith, from Grand Lake Chapter in Celina; State Scribe Ray Brewer from Couer de Lion Chapter in Cleveland; State Treasurer (last one in Ohio State Council history), J. William Kutschbach from Aladdin Chapter in Columbus. Other key officers were: State Senior Deacon, Dave Wood, from Van Wert Chapter in Van Wert. State Marshal, Mickey Mack from Lakewood Chapter in Lakewood; and State Chaplain, John Sutton, from Great Seal Chapter in Chillicothe. The State Sweetheart (chosen, I believe from 12 District Sweethearts who competed at Conclave) was Susan Swies of the 4th District (Linden Chapter). State Membership Advisor and Councilor to the State Council/Officers was Dad Steve Krekus of the 2nd District.

At that time, we had 13,000 DeMolays in 153 Chapters (22 Chapters in the 2nd District; 18 in the 4th; 18, I believe, in the 7th); we were on the go every weekend, usually at least both Friday and Saturday nights and frequently a special event on Sunday, after 2 p.m. With that many Chapters to visit, install, etc, we had no weekends off!

We instituted several chapters that year, including Jess Willard Chapter in Willard; Sidney Chapter in Sidney; and Minerva Chapter in Minerva. We held two educational workshops, one on Thanksgiving weekend and one on Mother's Day weekend, at the Imperial House in Columbus. At the Fall Workshop, Dad Jim Martin of Headquarters presented a ritual demonstration of how to properly present ritual. We had between 300 and 400 people...sometimes more... at these workshops.

During the year, the SMC: 1) participated in a Masonic Showcase in Cleveland and was honored to speak on the same program as Reverend Norman Vincent Peale and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Don Thomson of the 22nd Masonic District; 2) participated in a patriotic parade in Columbus and spoke on the same platform as two local Congressmen; 3) hosted the 4th International Master Councilor, Gary Lukovich* of Michigan, on a visit to Trinity Chapter in Steubenville. En route to the meeting, we heard on the radio that Steubenville had been declared on that day the "dirtiest city" in the United States (due to its coal emissions!); and 4) attended the 1st Miss Ohio Job's Daughters pageant in Canton.

The 4th DeMolay Congress and International Supreme Council Session were held March 25th – 31st in Sacramento, California. Our own Executive Officer, Dad Chester Hodges, a Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge, was installed as Grand Master of DeMolay (the 1st one from Ohio) and served the longest term of any DeMolay Grand Master (for 15 months due to the sessions being moved to June), from March, 1971 through June, 1972. (In honor of Dad Hodges being installed as Grand Master, Dad Bill Schlup, Governor of the 9th District who had been one of Dad Hodges' District Deputy Grand Masters when he was Grand Master, flew all of the Master Councilors of the 9th District Chapters – including Dad George Tilden – to Sacramento to be present for the Installation! However, Dad Hodges determined that the State Councilors, a couple other DeMolays and several advisors would DRIVE to Sacramento! And we drove STRAIGHT THROUGH...no stopping overnight...in a two car caravan for about 28 hours!) Elected as the 5th International Master Councilor was Raoul Frevel, the SMC of Maryland. (Subsequently, Brother Frevel would be elected Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America and was installed 50 years to the day of when Dad Land was installed as Imperial Potentate.)

Prior to the Congress, an Active Member of New York, Dad Henry O. Dormann, made arrangements for the Congress delegates to meet then Governor and later President Ronald W. Reagan in his office in Sacramento. We each got to shake his hand, have our picture taken with him and eat, at his invitation, some of the jelly beans he always kept on his conference table and had become famous for! Dad Dormann and his wife also joined the Ohio delegation one night for dinner.

While in Sacramento, the three councilors decided to jazz things up a bit and bought identical suits which they wore for the duration of the term at a number of events.

Our incredible year ended at Conclave on Planet Cleveland at the Statler Hotel in downtown Cleveland. (Dad Meredith and his staff always named and had a complete and well-carried out theme for Conclaves in Cleveland.) State Marshal Mickey Mack was the Conclave Director (Commander). Attendance at Planet Cleveland was 1,200...the largest Ohio Conclave ever and our last hotel Conclave...until this year.

Brother Charlie Parks, State Orator, of Oakley Chapter in Cincinnati, was announced State Officer of the Year, the only state officer award presented at that time, at the State Master Councilor's luncheon on Saturday...which Dad Krekus contends may still be going on!:)

~Dad Tim Strawn, Ohio DeMolay - The Ohio State Council, 1970 -71

**IMC's Dan Killian (#3) and Gary Lukovich (#4) were the last two IMC's to also be Chairman of the Jurisdictional Master Councilor's Conference. Killian and Jim Alleman (#2), of Colorado and Alleman and Rick Coy (#1) of Michigan, also served in that manner. They served as Chairman of the JMC's conference for the first 6 months of their 12 month term and IMC for the last 6 months. Brother Frevel (#5) was the first to serve for the entire year as IMC.*





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Ohio Tri-Youth Day
 August 17th 2019
 Aladdin Shrine, Columbus Ohio

Fun, Food, and a Dance

Day starts at 2 we will break for dinner from 5-6 and
 dance from 7-9.

We hope to see you there!

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 article, ad, comic
 or joke in the
 paper?**

**Email it to brother Cutts at
 OhioDeMolayStateScribe@
 gmail.com**

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 of and yields allegiance to DeMolay International,
 of which Frank S. Land was the Founder.



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