



# THE OHIO DEMOLAY STAR

December 2019



Brothers of Ohio DeMolay, Winterfest is finally here and we are very happy to have you join us at Kalahari for yet another year of brotherhood and fun. We have a lot of exciting events planned and the water park is open to all of you, but make sure that your advisors know where you are. Remember, you are all representing Ohio DeMolay, so please be respectful of the other guests. I'm very excited that we also have new members joining DeMolay that will be with us this weekend, so please help us in making our new brothers feel welcomed. On another note, Ohio State will be playing the B1G championship on Saturday night, and I'm sure we could get a big screen hooked up to show it if there is interest to do so. I hope that you all have a great time again this year. For the rest of the month, we as Ohio DeMolay are only 10 new members away from reaching positive growth for the 2nd year in a row. We need your help to make this happen. As I said in last months paper, this is a group effort, and if we work as a team, we can make it happen. I believe in all of you and I believe that Ohio DeMolay will continually progress in strength. Also keep in mind the OMAP program: if you earn your founders or blue honor key or already have your blue honor key, you will be invited to an event with the state council for free. If you weren't aware, you can first line sign a petition and get \$25 to use for the state event of your choice, which does stack. I'm proud to be the State Master Councilor of Ohio DeMolay and it is because of all of you that being in this position is so much more enjoyable. I hope those of you at Winterfest have a great time and that you all have a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy your time off of school, brethren.

*~Ryan Cope, State Master Councilor*

As we approach the holiday season and prepare for the new year it's the perfect time to start to set goals for yourself. As we learn at ODLE the best way to accomplish your goals is to set smaller goals and let those build into your long-term goals. An example of this could be like reading this paper! You can't read every article at once, you need to start at one article

and then move on to the next. So, whatever you whatever you want to do next year, whether it be becoming the junior councilor of your chapter or getting better grades at school. start by learning that new ritual part or taking the extra time to do your extra credit work, start small and build up.

*~Trevor Cutts, State Scribe*

Hey Ohio DeMolay, I'm Brock Woodworth, Past State Scribe and your current State Sentinel. I would like to talk to you about the best thing about being a part of DeMolay... brotherhood. DeMolay has given me more friends, brothers, and dads I could have ever imagined. This brotherhood is why I joined and stayed in DeMolay. It's the reason I work so hard for DeMolay because I want to make sure that every young man has this same brotherhood feeling. So, I challenge each of you to give DeMolay a Chance because if you do that not only will it make you a better person. But it will give you brothers, friends and mentors for a lifetime. Also, when you are out, try to make sure to be inclusive to everyone and making sure everybody is having a good time.

*~Brock Woodworth, State Sentinel*

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## November / Chevalier Observances / Lodge Installations / Obligatory Days

**November was Scottish Rite Month.** State Sr. Deacon, Br. J. Clark venturing with Br. J. Ryan, and Deputy State Master Councilor Br. L. Willeke attended the Valley of Columbus Reunion dinner at Bridgewater Banquet Center in Delaware County on November 1st. Dad David Glattly “just a DeMolay Boy from Clifton, New Jersey”, Past State Master Councilor of New Jersey, Past Executive Officer of New Jersey, Active Member of DeMolay Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Commander of the 15 state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite was the honoree of the Fall Reunion. As a way to honor him, Br. Clark presented the Ohio DeMolay Tribute to Motherhood after dinner. There were about 250 who saw Br. Clark give a fine presentation. Br. Willeke and Br. Ryan presented each lady in the room with a red rose

Dad Glattly was very impressed with the presentation. Mom Monica Glattly, “a DeMolay Mom” was equally impressed and mentioned that it was well presented. Thank you to the brethren for this very special way to “welcome” Dad Glattly. Thank you to Dad Bolyard, 4th District Governor or his arranging this to happen.

As Dad Glattly travelled throughout the Valleys in Ohio, he concluded by attending the Valley of Dayton on November 8 – 9. November 8, Dad Frank Land Memorial Obligatory Day, Dad Glattly was welcomed by State Master Councilor, Br. Cope and myself. That evening was the 3rd District Honors and Installation of District Officers. Mom Dana Clark was presented with the Cross of Honor for her years of faithful service as an Advisor. Also that evening, Brothers J. Ryan, K. Clark, J. Fitzgerald and R. Atha had the Degree of Chevalier conferred on them in the Dayton Scottish Rite Commandery Room. Dad Glattly made it a special event for those brethren as he participated in “knighting” each brother. Thank you to Dad Clark, Governor of the 3rd District for helping make this happen. November 9th was a special day for Br. Cope as he became a Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Dayton. We welcome him to the “Grand Army of the Scottish Rite.”

As Chevaliers, we took an obligation as a memorial to Dad Land, we will “hold communion with a fellow Chevalier or Court of Chevaliers or an Active DeMolay or a young man in his teens.” The various courts held dinners and Chevaliers met to visit with each other and to remember our Founder, Dad Land.

The middle of the month had the members of Linden Chapter helping serve breakfast at Purple Pancakes for Pancreatic Cancer in honor of Mom Kathy Kern. She was the wife of Dad Dave Kern, Past State Scribe of Ohio DeMolay and the daughter of Mom and Dad Steve Krekus. They did a fine job keeping the plates filled. It was very thoughtful of so many DeMolays to support this very fine cause.

Ohio DeMolay is also proud to share that several Sr. DeMolays have been installed as Worshipful Master of their respective Masonic Lodges. Those include; Dad Nick Bolyard, Master of Neoacacia #595, Dad Ken Cohen, Master of Reynoldsburg #340, Dad Brad Thompson, Master of Groveport Lockbourne #801, and Dad Sean Carr, Past State Master Councilor, Master of Washington #17. We wish them and those Sr. DeMolays we aren't aware of the best as they lead their Lodges in 2020.

Members of Hamilton Chapter presented the American Flag at Washington Lodge Installation, and DeMolays attended Groveport Lockbourne Lodge Installation. Thank you to those members for supporting the Masons of Ohio who support DeMolay.

Dad Land Day is one of the Obligatory Days we observe. Another one between Thanksgiving and December 25th is the Day of Comfort. I hope that your chapter makes plans to see that this is a meaningful time in how you can make a difference in their community. Patriots Day is in February, Devotional Day is held on or closest to March 18th. Parent's Day is another Obligatory Day held between May 1 and June 21. My Government Day is scheduled in July to explain about the Government, Federal, State or Local. There is no specific date scheduled for Educational Day. This Obligatory Day is held to recognize and appreciate the foundation of America's public schools and all education. Please be involved and help plan your Chapter's Obligatory Days.

We wish all of our members, Advisors, Sr. DeMolays and our extended families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

**Looking forward to seeing you in Sandusky at Kalahari for Winterfest December 6-8.**

***~Dad Jeff Rannebarger, Ohio DeMolay Executive Officer***





When the State Scribe asked me if I would write an article for the “throwback” issue of the newsletter, I immediately thought about 1988-89. I had just become a Rookie State Officer, and I was about to be installed as District Chairman of the Second District. David F. Braatz was the State Master Councilor and Julia M. Volansky (now Mom Julie Brown from Denbrook Chapter) was the State Sweetheart. At that time, there were forty State Officers, so Rookies got appointed as either a District Representative or as a State Committee Chairman. I was appointed as the State Fund Raising Chairman. It really worked out perfectly because the Second District Governor, Dad James A. Fair, Sr. was also the Director of Fund Raising for Ohio DeMolay. Since he and I would be working closely together in the Second District that year, it made sense to be together at the State level as well.

At that time there were twenty districts in Ohio DeMolay, so the Second District was smaller than it is now. It only covered Lorain, Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties. There were eighteen Chapters in the Second District. I had six District Officers and Dad Fair had six District Deputies, so each District Officer was paired with a District Deputy and were responsible for three Chapters in our District. Just like now, we had some big Chapters and some small Chapters. There were Chapters that were doing really well, and Chapters that were barely hanging on. Our District Council Advisor was Dad Stuart H. Currie. We had a District membership Program, and we used thermometers to keep track of the new members that year. Each Chapter had a large thermometer poster that they would bring with them to the District meeting (Central DeMolay Meeting) each month and we would update this giant chart that had a smaller thermometer for each Chapter on it, arranged by the “teams” of three Chapters I mentioned before. (Dad Fair had arranged for the Graphic Arts students at the Cuyahoga Valley Vocational School to design and make the Thermometers for us at no charge.)

We had some really great events in the Second District that year, including a District Ceremonial honoring Dad Merlyn E. Meredith’s fiftieth year in DeMolay and, of course, the Second District Holidays Dance. My favorite activity that year was our trip to Bear Creek Toboggan Run in East Sparta, Ohio. The Chapters all met at the Brecksville Road Transit Station and travelled by motorcoach to the facility. This was an incredible place for tobogganing. You began by standing in the back of an old Beer Delivery Truck and they would take you up to the top of the hill (that ride took quite a while, and was almost as exciting as the trip down on the toboggan). The track was incredibly long and seemed to go on forever. The Second District Mother’s Club (whose President that year was Mom Shirley M. Wilkes) rented a “warming cabin” and provided snacks and hot chocolate throughout the day, as well as a place to get warm between rides. It is a very great memory of that year.

The boundaries of the Second District are larger now and there are less Chapters, but DeMolay across Ohio survives in pretty much the same condition as before. There are some big Chapters and some small Chapters. There are Chapters that are doing really well, and Chapters that are barely hanging on. As you heard me say many times while I was Executive Officer, DeMolay looks different than it once did, but the ideals and principles of DeMolay are the same as they were one hundred years ago, when Dad Frank S. Land and nine young men founded this great organization. DeMolay is still an important and necessary part of our communities. The young men of today have some really great experiences and learn valuable life lessons in DeMolay, just as they always have. They become part of a brotherhood, and form life-long friendships in DeMolay, just as they always have. The memories I have of my time as an Active DeMolay are great. The experiences that I have had as a DeMolay Advisor have been great. The joy I feel as a parent, watching my sons experience DeMolay as I did, has been tremendous. I look forward to being a part of all that DeMolay experiences and accomplishes as we begin the second one hundred years of being “the greatest young organization in the world for young men between the ages of twelve and twenty-one.”

~Dad Martin R. Woodworth,

*Past Executive Officer of Ohio DeMolay, Past Second District Chairman 1988-89*

**Across**

3. The highest honor an active DeMolay can receive
6. The founder of DeMolay
8. The newspaper that Dad Frank Marshall wrote for
10. The oldest active chapter in Ohio DeMolay
11. The award Dad Land wanted all DeMolays to receive
12. The award given after you complete all 5 of your LCCs
17. The original name of Geoffrey De Charny

**Down**

1. The best state to be in as a DeMolay
2. The award given to members who sign 10 petitions
4. The city DeMolay started in
5. An award presented to someone who is responsible for founding a new chapter
7. Ohio's exclusive ritual part
9. Who was the last grandmaster of the Knights Templar
13. Ohio DeMolay is broken up into what?
14. The premier international youth organization striving to shape young men into leaders
15. The award given to members who sign 5 petitions
16. The first name of Ohio DeMolay's State Master Councilor





DeMolay and Scottish Rite have a long history together, beginning with Dad Land and continuing to today. The Scottish Rite's Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother and Dad David Glattly began as an active DeMolay in Clifton, New Jersey. When he visited Ohio last month, Dad Glattly participated in several DeMolay ceremonies.

Scottish Rite in Ohio is organized into twelve valleys. They operate under charters from the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, headquartered in Lexington, Massachusetts. The largest Valley, Columbus, has over 5000 members. The smallest Valley, Gallipolis, has less than 200 members. In total, there are over 22,000 Scottish Rite Masons in Ohio.

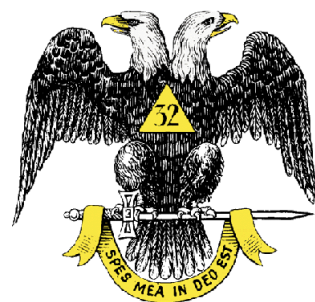
Each Valley is responsible for conferring the 4th through the 32nd Degrees. The degrees are set in times from Moses to World War II. Each degree exemplifies and teaches one or more core values: reverence for God, devotion to country, integrity, toleration, justice, or service to humanity. Scottish Rite begins with the 4th Degree because the first three degrees in the Rite are the three Blue Lodge degrees.

A 32nd Degree Mason is properly known as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He must be a Master Mason before he can join the Rite. Because valleys are regional, often covering many counties, the 32nd Degree Mason enjoys opportunities to meet and expand his friendships to Brothers far beyond his local lodge. Scottish Rite leaders are often past masters in their lodges who bring tremendous talent and experience to their Valleys and fellow Sublime Princes.

Scottish Rite charities include annual scholarships, a world-class museum and library, the network of Children's Dyslexia Centers, and a Grand Almoner's Fund. Whether helping young people learn to read or go to college, or whether helping Masonic families in dire need, the charities of Scottish Rite represent a vision of giving put into action. The Scottish Rite vision says we will fulfill our Masonic obligation to care for our members, and we do that every day.

It is our sincere hope that DeMolay will continue to thrive and prosper in Ohio. The Scottish Rite stands ready to do our part to help that happen.

*~Dad Doug Kaylor, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Deputy For Ohio*



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS OHIO DEMOLAY!** As we enter this holiday season, we often take time to think about the things we are grateful for and what blessings we have been given. As I reflect on these thoughts, I can't help but feel blessed and humbled. I am grateful that I have a supportive, loving family, a good education, and a lot of great friends. Many of these friendships have been developed through DeMolay. When I joined RHM, Xenia Chapter when I was 12, I had no idea the impact it would have on my life. I have met fellow brothers, advisors, Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters and other Masons that have become important in my life. These people have become mentors, supporters, traveling buddies, and partners in crimes for many escapades at DeMolay events, but most importantly friends. I have been blessed to hold many local chapter, district and state positions throughout my DeMolay career and I'm excited for what I still have the opportunities to do in DeMolay.

I recently was honored with the Degree of Chevalier. This is an honor that I am truly thankful for and completely humbled to receive. Many DeMolay brothers, much greater than I, have received this award and I consider myself blessed to be among them. Thank you DeMolay!

Over the century of DeMolay, many boys have joined this organizations and have become men. Men whom parents can be proud of, men who have fun, men who help each other, and men who make a difference!

My fellow DeMolay brothers, advisors, friends and family may you take time to pause and think about your blessings as we enter this wonderful time of the year. Enjoy the gifts you have been given in the form of friends, opportunities and experiences.

I want to wish you all a very happy holiday season, and I will close with an inspirational thought from our Dear departed Brother Walt Disney:

*"I feel a great sense of obligation and gratitude toward DeMolay for the important part it played in shaping my life. Its precepts have been invaluable in making decisions, in facing dilemmas and crises, in holding on to faiths and ideals, and in meeting those tests which are best borne when shared with others in a bond of confidence."*

*~Joseph Fitzgerald, State Third Preceptor*

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