

Ohio DeMolay E-Connection



From the Station in the East—SMC Sean Carr

Brethren of Ohio DeMolay,

Greetings and a Happy Holiday's to all from the Ohio State Council! If you have not already, send in your reservations for Winterfest to your governors. Remember, the State Officers Reception and the State Ritual Competition are just around the corner. On December the 12th, our day will begin with the State Ritual Competition followed by the State Officers Reception. Dinner will begin at 6pm and then we will close by opening up the dance floor so bring your dancing shoes, your best moves and invite as many brethren and ladies as you can muster. Come on down, enjoy time with your fellows, and show us how excited you are to be part of the Masonic community! I hope to see you all there brethren.

This coming January 1st thru 3rd, Ohio DeMolay will be holding its annual Winterfest at the beautiful Salt Fork State Park. There will be activities like video games, flag football, dodge ball and more, or you can bring your bathing suit and enjoy some time at the indoor pool. We will also be having a "pie a state officer" activity / fundraiser so bring some money if you would like to participate. The proceeds will go toward our pledge to Relay For Life so come out and support our cause and pie a state officer in the face. Furthermore, this is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun so register now!

Brethren, on a more personal note, if you ever have any questions, concerns, or any suggestions of things that you would like to see on a state level, feel free to email me or tell a state officer. The state officers are here to support YOU. We are here to represent you. We are all here to better the Order of DeMolay. So please give us your feedback on how the state officers are performing as a whole, or lend us suggestions that might better us as a jurisdiction. No DeMolay is too small or too young to be heard. One small suggestion could make a difference in all of our lives and the lives of generations to come. All it takes is just the courage to rise up and be heard.

My brothers, I thank you for all you are doing for our order and again, I hope to see you at our events.

Never underestimate the power of your actions in your endeavors to make difference.

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Fraternally,
Sean Carr

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From the Station in the West—Bro. Robert Anderson

From the station in the west, I bring you greetings my brothers. First of all Happy Holidays! I think that every DeMolay knows that the only way to make DeMolay better is to get more DeMolays involved. The only way to do that is to get more members. We have one of the greatest events coming up and it's Winterfest. Winterfest is a great event to invite new candidates to. If anyone is concerned about missing the Ohio State game, Don't. You can come down early and register, check in, and enjoy the game. Bring your own snacks if you like! Winterfest will also be filled with tons and tons of fun events and delicious food for everyone to enjoy. I encourage every member and new candidates to come.

If your home chapter is struggling with ideas for prospect events or even just fun events, let me know I have tons of them! I will share one idea with you. Pick an event that every boy can do, and have fun. Going out and playing football or playing baseball is always fun. But, not every boy likes to play sports, or just physical sports. Try doing something like bowling, Video game night, Movie night, All you can eat restaurant night, or a big bonfire (Supervised by adults as always). These types of events are fun and can be enjoyed by everyone. Try creating one of these events for your chapter and I bet you will receive results.

We are doing a great job so far this year, but we could always do better! I hope to see everyone soon.

-Fraternally,
Brother Robert K. Anderson -DSMC

Chaplains Corner—Bro. Bob Laing

My Brothers,

We are entering the time of year when our minds are filled with anticipation. The joy of family holidays, the savory smells of special meals, new possessions, a new year. Many times we can get caught up in the activities of the holidays and loose sight of the reasons we are celebrating. Brothers, let us vow to enter the holiday season with an attitude of gratitude. We are blessed with this great country we live in, the loving families that sustain us, good health, and plenty of worldly wealth. Let us not forget the great gift of Brotherhood that we share in our fraternity. Many young men would love to know the great times we share together as DeMolays.

As we enjoy the pleasures of the holiday season, let us remember those with less. Let's strive to lessen the burden of others as much as we can. Let us be thankful for the time, wisdom, and love of our parents and families. Let us be mindful of the efforts of our advisors. Let us rededicate ourselves to our fraternity and our fellow brothers. Let us enter the new year with well thought out plans of how to advance DeMolay in our hometowns and the state of Ohio. Look around. If there is a worthwhile activity, bring it up. If there is a worthy friend who is not yet a Brother, ask him. If there is something you need to concentrate on to improve yourself, get to it.

Reflect, Give Thanks, Focus, and Renew!

Let's Make a Difference in 2010!

You're Always There for
Me
When the world comes
crashing in
And chaos rules my
mind,
I turn my heart to you,
Lord,
And pure, sweet peace
I find.
You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and
cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing
rain.
In times of joy and
bliss,
When things are going
right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.
You listen to my
prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I
know
You're always there for
me.

By Joanna Fuchs

2010 Ohio DeMolay Winterfest Schedule!

Friday January 1st

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Registration in the Lodge
9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Welcome / Agenda / Expectations
9:30 p.m. – 11:45 p.m.	Video games / Board games / pool
12:00 a.m.	Curfew in the Lodge
1:00 a.m.	Lights out in the cabins

Saturday January 2nd

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Degree Practice and set-up
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Opening and Degrees
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch in the Lodge
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Flag football / dodge ball / pool
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner in the Lodge
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	<u>Winter Workshop</u>
8 – 9	Membership Seminar with Dad Woodworth
9 – 10	Elected Officer Roundtable Discussion
10 – 11	LCC & RD Workshop
11:30 p.m.	Curfew in Lodge
11:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	State officer pass out pizza to cabins
1:00 a.m.	Lights out

Sunday January 3rd

9:00 a.m.	Must be out of the cabins/Drive home safely
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This year we have moved Registration to 3:00 p.m. on January 1st. Register early, and then watch Ohio State play in the Rose Bowl either in the main lodge or in the cabins at 4:00. This will provide you a unique experience to experience the brotherhood of DeMolay while watching the Buckeyes win The Granddaddy of Them All.

The dress code for the degree is shirt and tie for the general public, suit for the preceptors in the degrees, and a black tuxedo for the state officers.

