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CONCLAVE 2001, AMARILLO

Conclave 2001 was a great big success. We had 103 DeMolays and numerous Advisors in attendance. Everyone said they had a great time. The activities included Athletics, Ritual, Saturday Night Banquet, Dance, and a great time at Wonderland.

This was my first Conclave and I am very proud of my staff for doing such a bang up job in putting everything together and making it work out so smoothly. I want to personally thank the following **Staff Members** for all the help they gave me: *Bart Henderson, Michael Phillipus, Bruce Baily, Reese L. Harrison, Ray Morlock, Gerald Nowotny, Richard Ochs, Dwight Phillips, James Rodriguez, Steve Seymour, Larry Tucker, E. E. "Buster" Williams, and Mark Williams.* Without them, Conclave 2001 would have not have been successful.

NEW STATE OFFICERS

The annual election for new state officers was held under the direction of our State Scribe, Mark Williams. The following young men were elected to serve Texas DeMolay for 2001-2002.

State Master Councilor
Dep. State Master Councilor
State Senior Councilor
State Junior Councilor

Doug Van Griner
Phillip Rose
Kristopher Rice
Jeffrey Holder

Albert Pike Chapter
Farmers Branch Chapter
Houston Chapter
Houston Chapter

State IKC
Dep. State IKC

George Pandzik
Graham Cull

Albert Pike Priory
Houston Priory

State Sweetheart
State Priory Queen

Katie Hampton
Jean Barnes

Albert Pike Chapter
Albert Pike Priory



(1 to r): Graham Cull, George Pandzik, Doug Van Griner, Phillip Rose, Kris Rice, Jeffrey Holder. (below, 1 to r): Katie Hampton, Jean Barnes.



Congratulations to these fine young men and the image they display as they travel around Texas and the country representing Texas DeMolay. They are a great asset to our outstanding Fraternity.

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From the Executive Officer... (cont.)



GRAND LODGE of TEXAS NEWS

Grand Master of Masons in Texas, **David B. Dibrell**, invited Texas DeMolay to perform the DeMolay Degree on the floor of Grand Lodge on **Thursday, December 6, 2001**. The time will be sometime after 4:00 PM and will be considered a part of Grand Lodge's Opening Ceremonies. I have invited Houston Chapter to accept this responsibility, because they were the best in the state at Conclave this year. They accepted the challenge and will represent us at Grand Lodge.

Deputy Grand Master Michael D. Nanny, has requested that an Arch of Steel be provided for his installation as Grand Master on Saturday, December 8, 2001, at 2:00 PM. I have asked Dad Baker, of H. Malvern Marks Chapter, to coordinate the effort with the Fort Worth/Dallas Metroplex Chapters and provide this service.

Grand Lodge of Texas Supporting DeMolay: DeMolay is enjoying the greatest support from the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Grand Lodge Trustees that it has ever experienced. Not only are they asking us to be a part of the Grand Lodge Ceremonies but we are also receiving exposure at the several **Annual Warden's Retreats** being held at different locations around the state. Dad and District Governor, **Brian Dodson**, who is one of the instructors in the Warden's Retreats, is showing a DeMolay Video and is also giving a presentation to go with it.



Last June, I was encouraged by Grand Master Dibrell to show the video ***Tomorrows Leaders Today***, the Masonic Version, at the District Deputy Grand Masters Mid Year Briefing, which was held at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. It was well received by over one hundred Masons and DDGMs in attendance. Several inquiries were made about starting a DeMolay Chapter in their area.

I will also be a part of the **Deputy Grand Master's District Deputy Grand Master Training** this fall and have been asked to promote DeMolay to the incoming DDGM's. I am looking forward to discussing DeMolay issues with these distinguished and active Masons. I feel that it will further enhance DeMolay to the far reaches of Texas.



IMPORTANT DEMOLAY ADVISOR INFORMATION

Chairmen, for this coming year, 2002, there are going to be a couple of revised forms for registering your Advisory Staff. You and your Advisory Staff must be prepared to handle the new registration in a timely and accurate manner. At its Annual Session, the International Supreme Council (ISC) instituted the following rules regarding Advisors.

An entirely new individual **ACR form** was developed. It must be completely filled out by each person requesting to be an advisor starting in 2002. It is only one advisor per form and you cannot group several advisors together like the previous form. **Most importantly** all blanks must be filled in completely or where not applicable, so indicate by writing "N/A." **Names must be in full. No initials** accepted, unless that is all that is on the birth certificate.

The **Adult Worker Profile** has a little different appearance but it is basically the same. Again, I stress that the **AWP**, like the new ACR, must be filled out completely. All references must include full names, completed addresses, and correct phone numbers for each reference. Mothers and relatives are not considered appropriate references. If a space is not applicable, then so indicate by writing "NA." **ISC will return it for incompleteness.**

The Grand Lodge of Texas "**Form 79**" is still mandatory and **must be submitted annually**. It ultimately goes to the Grand Lodge of Texas for their records.

The biggest change is that every person registering as an advisor, beginning with 2002, must successfully pass **Background Verification**. It will be conducted through "**Hire Right**" the firm ISC retained to conduct the investigations. Local Jurisdictional checks will not be accepted in lieu of the ISC verification. Hire Right will be looking for Criminal Records, Motor Vehicle Record check, SS# and address verification, and a Sex Offender Registry check. A Background Verification **Fee** in the amount of **\$38.00** will be charged for each person registering as an advisor. The \$38.00 fee must be paid, in addition to the regular \$10.00 registration fee and must accompany the forms when each Chapter registers its Advisors for 2002. This makes the final **charge for registering each Advisor \$48.00**. The additional fee may be passed along to individual Advisors if desired to minimize the cost, or if your Chapter wants to cover the expense, that is up to you.

From the Executive Officer... (cont.)

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

The following men have been appointed District Governors. Their job is to assist me in the management of the local Chapters, in the various areas of the state. I would appreciate it if you will show them the same respect and considerations that you would me. They are my personal representatives to the Chapters they are designated to manage.

The District Governors are as follows along with the Chapters they are assigned to manage:

Houston	Brian R. Dodson <i>(Houston, Reagan, Pasadena, John Wayne, Tri-Cities)</i>
Dallas	Bruce A. Baily <i>(Grand Prairie, Richardson, Garland, Bloomfield, Farmers Branch)</i>
Alamo	E.E. Buster Williams <i>(Albert Pike, San Antonio, Austin)</i>
Gulf Coast	John Young <i>(Corpus Christi)</i>
Pan Handle	Richard Ochs <i>(Amarillo)</i>
Golden Triangle	Bill Schroeter <i>(Nederland)</i>
Ft. Worth	Michie Brous <i>(H. Malvern Marks, Weatherford)</i>
El Paso	Jim Worsham <i>(Ameth)</i>

A completely new form has been added. It is the **Authorization Form**. This form like the others must be filled out with complete names, addresses, and with you Social Security Number and Drivers License. No blanks. This form is forwarded to the company doing the Background Verifications.

The **good news** is this may only be a one-time fee. After the initial charge of \$38.00, for the Background Verification for the 2002 Advisors, only the new registrants will be charged as they sign up to be Advisors. In other words, this may not be a recurring annual expense for those Advisors who have already gone through the Background Verification.

The **2002 Advisor Registration Material** will soon be available. I get it to your District Governors for distribution or in some cases mail it direct to the Chapter Chairman. The material must be back to me by the first of December 2001.

It is **Very Important** that all of the new **ACR's, Authorization Forms, Form "79's"**, and any **new Adult Worker Profiles, along with appropriate fees, must be completed and in my possession prior to December 1st**. Make sure you go over each one thoroughly with each advisor before mailing them to me because if they have not been filled out correctly and completely, I will return them and your Chapter takes a chance of being **suspended** until they are completed and turned into ISC. If held too long, you could forfeit you Charter.

Make sure that you do not submit anyone's name to me, for approval, to be an Advisor who has not already been **DAD Trained**, completed an Adult Worker Profile and a Form "79." All of these requirements **must** be in place before I can, or will even consider him to be allowed to serve on an Advisory Board. This is mandatory and no exceptions will be made.

STATE MASTER COUNCILOR'S RETREAT

The SMC RETREAT will be held at the **Greene Family Camp** in **Bruceville** again this year on November 17 thru 19,2001. We will discuss the Advisor Registration further during the SMC Retreat. **I will be holding a meeting of Chapter Chairmen and Chapter Dads on Saturday evening. You or your Chapter Dad should be there to discuss the new changes in DeMolay and any problems you are having. This is an important meeting.**

If you have any questions regarding the SMC Retreat, please call Dad Ray Morlock at (713) 455-3011 or Dad E.E. "Buster" Williams at (210) 558-7986.

NEW (or revived) CHAPTERS

Stephen F. Austin Chapter, in Austin is coming back to life. Chapter Dad, **Scrappy King**, and several others have gotten together and breathed some life back into Austin DeMolay. They have a lot of enthusiasm going and are working hard to become a very active Chapter. If you know of anyone in the Austin area who is interested in DeMolay, have him or her contact Scrappy or Gordon Kelso at the Austin Scottish Rite for information.

Pasadena Chapter is also coming back to life. Chapter Chairman **Dale Holdeman** and several others are working hard to get Pasadena going again. They have several advisors and a few DeMolays. I am sure that they will become an active DeMolay Chapter in the near future.

It has been reported to me that the Chapter in **Waco** wants to get started back up and we are trying to get started at **Kauffman, Sugar Land, Tomball, and Spring** have also expressed interest. Only time will tell, but things look very good for the future of DeMolay in Texas.

From the State Master Councilor...



Douglas John Van Griner
State Master Councilor

Greetings. My name is Douglas John Van Griner. I am a member of Albert Pike Chapter in San Antonio. I am a junior attending the University of Texas at San Antonio. It is an honor to have been elected State Master Councilor of the Texas DeMolay Association. I am hoping for a successful and productive year. I and the other State Officers have been hard at work. We have a lot of things coming up this year and I would like to share them.

For October, DeMolay International has come up with another international membership drive designed to spark competition between jurisdictions and ultimately improve our membership. It is called the Brotherhood 500 and is based on NASCAR. Each jurisdiction will be divided into two series and race around a track. Moving along the track is dependent on how many members that jurisdiction inducts. There will be prizes handed out to the winning jurisdiction and the top first signer of that state. I have come up with a general plan during this drive. Each of the State Councilors will take a specific area and be responsible for promoting and reporting the results to me. My goal is to have every chapter participate and make a good showing. Stay tuned for more details.

Also, the State Master Councilor's Retreat is rapidly approaching. One of the central themes that I have come up with is Chapter Functions. We are going to spend a lot of time talking about the Chapter. Everything from planning a good calendar to running an actual meeting, we are going to cover it all. Also, fund raising will be another important topic. We are in desperate need of money. One of the things that we get most of our money from is Conclave Advertising. Finally, we are going to spend time talking about some of the awards programs. New members sometimes hear about the RD or LCC and never know what they are. Every member should complete his RD and those who have not will be given an opportunity during the weekend. Also, those who are brave will have a chance to see if they are the "strongest link."

These are some of the key things that are approaching. Keep checking our website for more up to date details...www.texasdemolay.org. If you have any events that are coming up, please let me know about them. My email address is doug@texasdemolay.org. I would like to attend as many as possible. Meanwhile, I would like for all DeMolays to keep the people of Washington and New York in your thoughts and prayers. In these troubled times, we all could use a little extra help. Take care and keep DeMolay strong!!!

Visit our website...www.texasdemolay.org!!

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