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August was Really Hopping !

Looks like the summer in ole Oklahoma is going out with a BANG ! I don't know about you, but I have just about HAD IT with these 105^o+ days...

We started off the month with our annual Illinois River canoe trip. This year saw record numbers turn out, including our new State Dad, Travis Fast, some of the lovely Jobbies, DeMolay state officers, AND our own State Sweetheart, Miss Conclave, and Miss Congeniality. Thank you for going down the river with us, ladies.

Again, the heat was stifling, but there were over 60 DeMolays doing that "float thang". Other than Tyler Singleton coming back with new nicknames ("lobster boy", which a week later changed into the "molting snake boy"...), everyone seemed to have had a great time!

The next weekend was the celebration of two of Oklahoma's finest moving on to manhood. Actually, it turned out to be *FOUR*, because a couple guys Stillwater chapter hadn't expected showed up. Jeff Bekkelund, Will Shea, Brad Heldreth, and Kevin Jones all took part in the service (although Brad was Senior Councilor for the ceremony). More on majority services below, for your enjoyment and education.

Later in the month, we had a few DeMolays try to attend the Mason night at the Redhawks game in Oklahoma City. After trekking down to OKC in all sorts of bad weather, the game ended up getting cancelled... oh well, Bass Pro Shop was interesting!

Despite all of that, we have folks starting school, work, football practice, etc, etc. It is always a busy and exciting time of year. Take time out to make your chapter meetings. We still need you!

Majority Service – What is it?

We had a majority service in our state this past month, and it struck me that this is only the second time I have seen this done- the other time prior to the tri-youth Christmas dance two years ago. For the girl's groups, this is a private ceremony for their members, but for DeMolay, it is open to the public.

Our majority service is a very moving ceremony, intended to celebrate the passage from adolescent DeMolay to manhood. For many, it will be the last time they kneel on their left knee in prayer, the last time they will set in a chapter as brothers.

A lot of our DeMolays miss this experience because when they move on to college, or the military, or work at 18 or 19, they don't have time to come back for this ceremony. That is a shame; they deserve the recognition of the years of service they have put in to our group. They deserve a last farewell.

Remember that as your chapter members head out to parts unknown this fall.

Keep in contact with them, so that when their 21st birthday rolls around, you can recognize them for all they have done.

Coming up- Capitol Youth Day and State Officer's Reception



Don't wait until the last minute to make plans to attend this year's Capitol Youth Day in OKC. If you haven't been before, it is a great experience- you get to see the state capitol from the seat of a legislator! You also get to pass mock bills, eat lunch at the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and have a great time with the Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters.

The State Officers reception sounds like a really nice affair this year, held in a different location than previous years. This is a great opportunity to meet the new officers and get a little dancing in to- remember, dress is coat and tie.

Siloam Youth Carnival !!

Siloam Masonic Lodge is sponsoring the Masonic Youth Order Fundraising Carnival on September 23 at 4201 NW 39th St. from 10:00am to 6:00 pm. There will be carnival activities, a "slave auction (hmm?), spaghetti lunch, an old fashion box office and a dance (with jail?). Booth Rental is open to the public: Masonic Youth Organizations - \$20.00; Adult Masonic Orders - \$30.00; All Others \$40.00.

Booths are available for arts, crafts or carnival type games/rides; i.e., balloon darts, water ducks, pony rides, spin the wheel, age/weight guessing, ring toss or original ideas. Contact Sue deCardenas at 634-9927 or sdecardenas@sbcglobal.net. Duplicate booths will not be allowed.



PHOTOS FROM AUGUST



Okay, most of the scenery was lovely going down the river; our Miss Conclave, State Sweetheart, Miss Congeniality and Creek District Governor

If our State Master Councilor (the one in the Gilligan hat) was any more relaxed, he would be asleep...





Is it just me, or does it appear the NEW State Dad is trying to get the OLD State Dad wet??? (Watch that paddle !)

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

9 Sep - Grand Bethel Back to School Dance, Amity Lodge, 8-11 pm \$5 admission

21 Sep- Shawnee District Meeting, Edmond

23 Sep- Tri-youth Carnival, Siloam Lodge, OKC

30 Sep – Capitol Youth Day (State Capitol)/State Officers Reception, OCU Auditorium



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