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A LOT Going on !

There is a lot happening in Oklahoma DeMolay these days. With new officers elected, there are new initiatives underway that show this will be a banner year.

If you haven't been to the ODA website recently, there is a new addition; the State Officer's corner. No more guessing on what the "big guy" has planned for his term- it is here, in writing!

This past month saw a lot of fun events going on in addition to some good planning by the new officers. The Illinois River float trip was a smashing success (not literally this time). The weather co-operated and the water was high enough for a really nice float.

The next weekend included a school of instruction for the state DeMolays, sponsored by Shawnee District. Word has it the event turnout was good and a lot of DeMolays made good progress on their various parts.

The next weekend included some drag-racing at the Owasso drag-strip. Lots of noise and fast cars, followed up by a day of degree work and "Guitar Hero" riffs.

As is always the case with the end of summer and the beginning of the school year, there always seems to be more to do than time to do it in. Try (**TRY**) to make it to at least one other chapter or district meeting a month. Yes, it is difficult with gas prices going up, but DeMolay is about fellowship and you can't have that if you aren't together to share that fellowship. This is a good month to start with Charter presentations, District meetings, and that favorite, Capitol Youth Day and State Officers Reception.

New features coming to YOUR newsletter...

After some discussion with the SMC, we are going to try to get a new initiative going this year that hasn't been done in the past. Ryan is tasking his state officers to submit articles, pictures, etc. to this newsletter so that it has more *DeMolay* input instead reflections of a crotchety old man ("Bah!! Young whipper snappers!!!" Wasn't like that back in MY day!!!) ..



Chapter Master Councilors task your officers to come up with a similar plan/challenge. Make it your goal to submit something of interest to this newsletter each month, so that other chapters can see why YOURS is the best in the state.

Bring forth the Spartans ! !

Our State Master Councilor has come up with a theme for our recruiting campaign this year, based on the movie "The 300". He has put out a number of initiatives

and incentives to get this program kick-started, including doing some rather "interesting things" to the state officers as goals are reached.



The goals are based on a certain number of new candidates by workshop in late January... lots of time to get those prospect parties planned and get things going. Don't think that because you don't have a degree team that you have to wait until workshop to get your new guys in the chapter. I PROMISE you, the District Dads and other chapters in the state will help you get the guys initiated in a timely fashion (*for starters, bring them to the Creek District initiations on 15 September !*)

We are not for Everyone (yeah, I said it!)

While we want Oklahoma DeMolay to grow, don't be so desperate for membership that you take every person who fills out an application without question. DeMolays all have fundamental character that makes them "better than the average teenager". There are a lot of really good guys out there that can benefit from DeMolays goals (and a few bad ones that can bring your chapter down). Keep the perspective that they are not doing you a favor by joining the fraternity, but you are doing them a favor by letting them join and share in the experience of a lifetime.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

8 Sep – Coal County Chapter charter presentation and installation, Coalgate Lodge, 6:00pm

15 Sep – Creek District Initiations/Meeting/Fun Day: Frontier Lodge, Stillwater, 2-10pm

22 Sep – Arapaho District Meeting/WOW Chapter Installation, Elk City Lodge

27 Sep- Siloam Chapter Sweetheart Selection, 7:00pm

29 Sep- Capitol Youth Day, State Officers Reception

This publication yields authority to the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, of which Frank S. Land was the founder.

