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State Officers Charity Drive

"Helping Kids Defy the Odds Since 1922"

Massachusetts DeMolay has chosen the Springfield Shriners Hospital as the recipient of our Holiday Charity Drive to show our support not only for the achievements of our Masonic family, but also for a worthy institution which has risen to the aid of children and young adults our own age who have suffered misfortune.



The Shriners Hospitals for Children has been a leader in research and education in orthopedic, burn, cleft lip and palate, and spinal cord injury care. Admission being based solely on medical need, children ages eighteen and under receive top-notch pediatric care at no charge.

The Holiday Charity Drive

This "main drive" will prove to be our greatest contribution. There will be a continuous collection of monetary donations by Massachusetts DeMolay directly from it's Chapters. Our goal, as a state, is \$3,000, to be reached by the deadline of December 15th. We urge the Chapters to think of creative ways to help us reach this goal; ask your members to pool a small fund, throw a fund raiser, or raise this worthy cause to the attention of your sponsoring lodge. The final collected donation will be used to purchase items for the patients' direct benefit. As a non-profit organization, there is some need for entertainment systems, clothing, craft items, personal hygiene products, and toiletries. All Chapter donations can be sent directly to Massachusetts DeMolay Holiday Charity Drive, 186 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111. And, as always, any contribution made to help us reach our goal is appreciated.

The Mini-Drives

To further help us cater our contribution to the needs of the Springfield Shriners Hospital, we are instituting four additional "mini-drives" to directly take care of their needs. A specific category of items will be collected at each of the drives, held at different sporting events throughout the year. The items can only be donated at these events, and cannot be accepted at a later time.

State Officers:

State Master Councilor
Christopher D. Rooney

Deputy State Master Councilor
John H. Brainard

State Senior Councilor
David W.A. Abbott

State Junior Councilor
Benjamin I. Studt

State Marshal
Timothy Nogueira

State Senior Deacon
Daniel Lora

State Chaplain
Winston Joseph

"Toys for Tenpins"

This drive will be held at the Tenpin Bowling Tournament on December 6th to prepare for the approaching holidays, toys, games, and anything else of entertainment value will be collected for donation to the patients. There are a varying range of ages to appeal to, but keep in mind that everything must be kept age-appropriate. More information, including a list of acceptable toys, will be released shortly.

"Clothes for Candlepins"

Held at the Candlepin Bowling Tournament on January 24th, we will be collecting various articles of clothing. Not only hats, gloves, and jackets of winter clothing, but also clothing for warmer weather. Please avoid donating items that are ripped, torn, or stained, as well as any type of used undergarments. Make sure that all clothes that are donated are clean and have

"Books for Basketball"

This drive will be held on both days of the Basketball Tournament on April 10th and 11th. From great classic literature to childrens' books of your childhood memories, all are welcome. Your favorite books will make a great gift and hopefully spark another's interest.

Softball "Tourney for Toiletries"

Held at the Softball Tournament, July 17th and 18th. The most stressed category of needed items by the Hospital, all toiletry and personal hygiene products are needed. Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, hair gel, and make-up. For this drive, no used items will be taken for obvious reasons.

For additional information or questions contact State Junior Councilor Benjamin Studt at 978-855-9247 or email statejuniorcouncilor@mademolay.org.



Bro. Christopher D. Rooney
State Master Councilor
2009-2010

A Message from the State Master Councilor

In the days and weeks following the most recent Installation of Officers of Massachusetts DeMolay, Conclave 2009, I have found myself answering the same question day in and day out. "What does it feel like to be State Master Councilor?" At first, my answer for this question was, "I don't really know", or even, "I haven't even begun to think about what it means to me just yet". However, after much soul searching I believe I have come to my definitive answer.

I have been a member of this wonderful organization since I was 14. From the very beginning, I looked up to all of the State Officers of that time and tried to model my own character after what I was shown. It became apparent to me very quickly that I wanted to have the rank and influence my role models held. In my time as a member leading up to the present, I have learned many valuable lessons about what being a member of DeMolay truly means.

DeMolay is a leadership and character building organization whose membership consists of young men between the ages of 12 and 21. This means that we experience a very quick turn-around of our membership. The wants and needs of our Chapters not only change quicker than we can imagine, but the members themselves also change. The number of names and faces grow as quickly as the old begin to fade away. As a State Officer, the prime responsibility that myself and each of my Officers have is to constantly gather information from our members about what they want and need out of Massachusetts DeMolay.

It is also our job to always promote the virtues upon which our Order was founded. Promoting brotherhood, loyalty, reverence for sacred things, mutual respect for our parents and friends, and support for our beloved nation is the simplest mission of DeMolay. These are the very core elements of our organization that separate us and from the other youth organizations of our society that make us better.

Being the State Master Councilor of Massachusetts DeMolay has nothing to do with my own personal accomplishments, wants or needs. Socrates is famous for being the wisest man of Athens in Ancient Greece. "I know that I know nothing", the famous phrase he used referring to his wisdom. After much soul searching, I know now that my job is to promote the growth, welfare, and interests of the members themselves by whatever means necessary, even if it goes against my own interests.

Have I truly earned the position I now find myself holding? That's for the critics, the members of Massachusetts DeMolay to decide. After all, I took an oath. I was elected to serve on behalf of them and them alone for the upcoming year. I fully intend to carry out the duties and responsibilities of my office until the time comes that I am called upon to retire. I plan to do this well and with pride and love for this organization, which has given me so many opportunities to succeed.

Fraternally,

State Master Councilor

*"Obstacles are those
frightful things you see
when you take your eyes
off your goal."
-Henry Ford*

Massachusetts DeMolay Membership Blitz

The Professional and Collegiate Football Seasons have already kicked off and Massachusetts DeMolay is feeling the pressure! The rush is coming, the pocket is collapsing! It's 3rd and long and we need to get to positive growth within the calendar year! We're challenging each individual member as well as our chapters to bring in as many friends as possible to beat the rush! The Chapter who shows the most resolve under pressure will be the winner of The "Christopher D. Rooney" Membership 2009 Trophy!

Member Incentives:

- 1 Member: \$5 Gift Card to Massachusetts DeMolay Store (www.rocklandathletics.com)
- 3 Members: Free Membership Blitz T-Shirt
- 5 Members: Free Conclave

Chapter Incentives:

- 7 Members: A Pizza Prospect Party for your Chapter on behalf of Massachusetts DeMolay!

Most Members:

- -A NFL Playoffs Tailgate (Prospect) Party thrown for your chapter with the State Officers!
- The rights to proudly own The "Chris Rooney" 2009 Membership Blitz Trophy!



DeMolay is all about having fun with different kids your own age!

Remember, HELP US BEAT THE RUSH! You have until December 31st!

Deputy State Master Councilor—John Brainard

On March 6th, 2010 we will be having Massachusetts DeMolay's annual Congress session at the Worcester Masonic Building starting at 10:00am. Last year at Congress we voted on some very important legislature which included the renewal of the State Sweetheart program as well as the continuation of the office of Deputy State Master Councilor. The legislature this year should prove to be just as, if not even more, important.

Congress is one of the most important events of the year because it is a chance to make a change in Massachusetts DeMolay. One of the reasons DeMolay is such a great organization is because the power is in the hands of the members, not the advisors to make the important decisions. Overall, this is a chance for the members to help improve the state of Massachusetts DeMolay. Congress isn't all about legislature though; we have an extremely fun program set up for everyone which easily provides entertainment for the entire day. Thus, Congress is no question going to be a very productive, while exciting, event this year. Remember this is your organization, and this is your chance to make a change.

State Senior Councilor—David Abbott

Being a State Officer is a once in a life time opportunity. It has allowed me to help in planning the many events that I went to when I first joined DeMolay. One of those events is DeMolay University. The way I remember "DU" from when I first joined is a lot different than it is now. This year it's shaping up to be one of the best yet. We've got a whole new program that promises to teach important DeMolay lessons while having a little bit of fun long the way!

However, what's being taught this time around isn't necessarily what's been taught in the past. A whole new day is just waiting to unfold. There won't be any "boring" classes, or lame guest speaker to talk your ear off; instead a great day filled with a whole lot of fun information and brotherhood. Where else can you learn about DeMolay while having the time of your life? Nowhere! So come to DU and eat, drink soda, and have a blast! It's the best information you'll ever learn at a University.

State Marshal - Timothy Nogueira

This year I am blessed to have the privilege of serving for my second year as a State Officer. I have been in DeMolay for nearly five years now. As I have grown older, I have found that I owe much of my maturity to the people I have met, but more importantly to the experiences I have had in DeMolay.

After all, as a State Officer we are still just regular members just like everyone else. Sure we may have fancy titles, and we may plan the detailed aspects of the state events, but we have the same experiences as everyone else. It is extremely important to never lose sight of this. I know now that I will always be one of those crazy DeMolay kids just having fun by hanging out with his friends any time, anywhere.

Last but certainly not least, I always try to be a State Officer who leads by example. I never want to be seen as a person who asks more from others than I am willing to contribute myself. We are all equals in DeMolay, and that is what makes this organization better than any other youth organization in the world.

State Senior Deacon—Dan Lora State Chaplain—Winston Joseph

"State Officer". Such great honor and pleasure goes along with that title. For me, being a State Officer requires a lot of responsibility and commitment. However, there are also many opportunities for fun and rewarding experiences. As a State Officer, I have the opportunity to assist with being the driving force behind all the hard work that goes into the planning of our state events.

I believe there is a distinct difference between holding membership in DeMolay and actually being a "DeMolay". Let me be the first to assure you of this if you ever want to meet or know a true DeMolay. I am far from ashamed to say that I am a DeMolay that lives his life in the hope of being a better man and person. I am a DeMolay that truly believes in our virtues. I am a DeMolay that will always be that big brother who will lend a helping hand no matter what.

-Dan Lora

To me being a state officer means that I can do more to help DeMolay. It's not just about my chapter anymore. It's about being there to help in any way I can. It's a chance to not only learn more but to continue to pass that knowledge on to those around me. Throughout my DeMolay career I have always looked up to the state officers not because of a title or because they have a collar and a name tag but because they have incredible insight and are always willing to help if they can. To me that's what this is all about. It is my opportunity to meet more people and to help those that I can.

There are some chapters that I haven't been to or really even talked to people from. One of the things I enjoy most in DeMolay is meeting different people from different areas of the state. They all have different views on life, it's an experience all its own and there is always something you can learn from a friend. But I think the biggest thing that being a state officer means to me is that I am just getting old.

-Winston Joseph



State Marshal, Tim Nogueira, is ferocious like a lion, Grr!

*"When I rise it will be with the ranks, not from the ranks."
-Eugene V. Debs*

"...I am just getting old."

*-Winston Joseph
State Chaplain*

Calendar of Events

October 21, Tuesday Evening: Cross of Honor presentation to Dad Brad Spear at Satuit Lodge in Scituate, Massachusetts

October 24 & 25, Saturday & Sunday: - Advisors' Conference

October 30, Friday: Chevalier Investiture for Bro. Christopher D. Rooney, Old Colony Chapter, Quincy Masonic Building at 7:30 p.m.

November 7, Saturday evening: Massachusetts Court Legion of Honor Investiture commencing at 4 p.m. followed by dinner and a Chevalier Observance at Grand Lodge, Boston.

November 14, Saturday: Massachusetts DeMolay Alumni Ball, Billerica Country Club

November 28, Saturday: Chevalier Investiture and Legion of Honor for Bro. Jordan Oster and Dad Phillip Cromer at South Shore Chapter, 7 p.m.

December 5, Saturday Evening: Massachusetts DeMolay, 'Grand Masters' Class' Double Degree at Grand Lodge in Boston

December 6, Sunday: Ten Pin Bowling Tournament

January 9, Saturday: DeMolay University, Quincy Masonic Building

January 17, Sunday: Candlepin Bowling Tournament

March 6, Saturday: Massachusetts DeMolay Congress, Worcester, MA

April 10-11, Saturday & Sunday: Massachusetts DeMolay Basketball Tournament

July 17-18, Saturday & Sunday: Massachusetts DeMolay Softball Tournament

TENTATIVE DATES: Hold these days as we are awaiting confirmation of locations and programs: Saturday, February 20-Sunday, February 21st - Awake-A-Thon and Double Degree; April 10th - Sweetheart Ball & Double Degree.

SAT DATES: SAT's are held on Saturday mornings. The dates for the academic year are: October 10, November 7, December 5, January 23, March 13, May 1 and June 5th. To the best of our ability, DeMolay will attempt to avoid major commitments the evenings before SAT's.

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