

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **SMC pumped about Winterfest**
- **SSC talks on Statewide Rallies**

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# Michigan DeMolay News

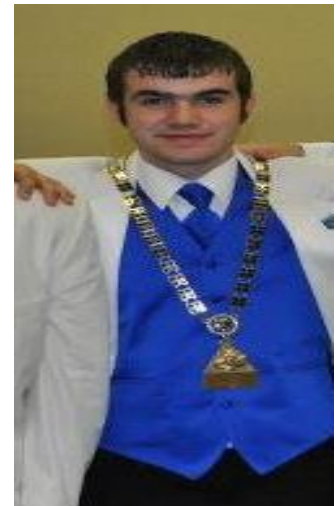
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## A word from the SMC

As we have already celebrated Thanksgiving, it is time to get on to the holiday season for giving. How would you like a gift that keeps on giving year after year? Well, I know one that does and it comes from Michigan DeMolay every year. That's right, I'm talking about Winterfest. This year, Winterfest is going to be bigger and better than ever. However, it can't be bigger and better if you're not

there, right? We are doing our part and doing all we can to make this the best, and we want you to share this gift with your friends. Whether it is your first time or you are a returning veteran it will be a spectacular event you will not forget. So get ready and get set for Winterfest 2012 coming to a resort near you January, 13-15, 2012.

**Matthew Willson-Mardlin**  
State Master Councilor



### Upcoming Events!!!

- 1/4/12 CCR Statewide Rally
- 1/13-1/15 Winterfest!!
- 2/04/12 State School of Instruction
- 2/7/12 Davison Statewide Rally
- 2/25/11 Heartland Ritual Competition

## State Senior Councilor

This term we started a program similar to the official visits called Statewide Rallies. So far, two chapters have had their SWR. Roseville's Statewide Rally had at least one DeMolay from each chapter except for one. They performed an initiatory degree with the help of members from all over the state. Walt Disney Chapter's Statewide Rally invited prospects to their meeting to show them what one is like. This is an easy way for a

chapter to show a prospect exactly what the ritual is and what we as an organization stands for.

The Statewide Rallies were created so that all of the chapters could come out and show their support for that chapter. It is also supposed to be an educational event where the State would help a chapter with whatever they need to improve upon. This could be a how to throw a prospect party, the options above done by the other chapters, or

anything which a chapter feels it needs improvement on.

So far, these events have not had the attendance which we have hoped for. Some incoming Statewide Rallies that are coming up are Clifford C. Reeves on January 4, Davison on February 7, and Clio on April 5. These events are very important and help out all of the chapters. Let's get together have some fun and unite Michigan DeMolay to help each other out.

**Max Jenkins**  
State Senior Councilor

# Masonic Family Honoring

*“The DeMolays who preformed the ceremonies did a wonderful job.”*

On November 19, the three Masonic youth groups in Michigan, The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, The International Order of Jobs Daughter’s in Michigan, and DeMolay, all got together and honored the Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, Mr. Fredrick E. Kaiser, as well as the Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Nancy Martin, and Grand Worthy Patron, Mr. Lenzy Lewis of the Order of the Eastern

Star’s Grand Chapter. The honoring showed Masonic youth support for the adults who support us so much.

Michigan DeMolay preformed the Ceremony of Light and the Flower Talk to inform the members of the Masonic family what DeMolay is really about. The DeMolays who preformed the ceremonies did a wonderful job and were very good examples of DeMolay. After the

honoring, there was a dance and the DeMolays, Jobs and Rainbows all enjoyed some time for fellowship and dancing.

Joey Golec  
State Officer

## DeMolay Words

Here’s a fun word search to challenge your word finding skills.

D H X F R X O M M Z Z R V F M  
 E P T F I O T F Q K S B N A W  
 M J I U E D P D F F T J S Y A  
 O X S Q O E E N X C R T N K E  
 L G H E T Y D L E B E X W M V  
 A N J W B A F C I R P I X V O  
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 C O U R T E S Y E B I R C S X  
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COURTESY CROWNOFYOUTH DADLAND DEMOLAY FIDELITY

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ROBES SCRIBE

# State Chapter Dad's Corner

Happy Holidays!!!

I am thrilled to restart the Michigan DeMolay News or MDN. Our State Councilors and State Officers have worked on a plan to get this newsletter off the ground to keep you and your chapter well informed. Allow me to place a special emphasis on your chapter because the MDN is a communication tool for Michigan DeMolay to the chapter. Therefore, during your chapter business meeting, when the Master Councilor asks if there are any communications, this MDN should be utilized. It would be unwise, of course, to read this word for word at a business meeting (except for maybe MY article). I recommend that someone in your chapter take the initiative to describe the most important information provided here. In other words, find the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY of the upcoming events and pass that information on to your chapter members. Also, I know you are super excited about the MDN, but please

stand up and WAIT to be recognized by the Master Councilor before speaking.

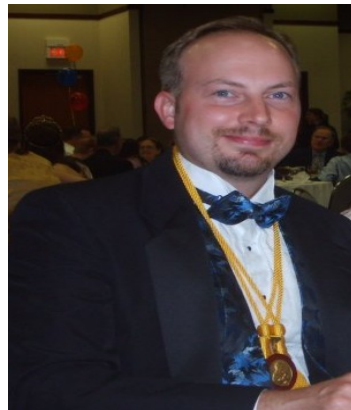
One of my goals this year is to get an early start on determining next year's State Officer team. There are different requirements for every level of the state team. It is important I know of your interest early so I can help you achieve any of the necessary requirements to the office you seek. Any DeMolay who believes they are interested in being a part of the 2012-2013 team, including those currently on the team, should email me, Dad Z., at [alanzirkle@hotmail.com](mailto:alanzirkle@hotmail.com) and put in the subject line: "Yippeee!!!"

This year, I have introduced the "State Qualifying Score" for Initiatory Degree, DeMolay Degree and certain Public Ceremonies. A State Qualifying Score is the minimum score needed to be able to count the speaking part towards your State Officer or State Councilor requirements. It allows you to have -20 points per 200 words

and assumes at least a score of +10 on your performance score. Therefore, just about every part will have a different "State Qualifying Score" depending on the number of words in the speaking part. This not only helps us set a standard on state requirements, it helps us to recognize those DeMolay who have achieved a high score on any speaking part. Within this MDN, you will find a list of some of our active DeMolay who have already met this mark. Wow, I managed to explain that without using the word "ritual"...whoops, I just did.

WINTERFEST IS COMING!!!  
DON'T MISS IT!!!!!!

Dad Zirkle



## Dad Zirkle talks about:

- The MDN
- The State Team for next year
- The State Ritual Program
- Winterfest 2012!!!

# Fun at State Individual Events

This year's State Individual Events was a blast! Many chapters from across the state came to compete in numerous events. Events like chess, table tennis, darts, pool, euchre, and bean bag toss. Many people competed in those events, and had a blast doing it. Whether they won or lost it was about brotherhood, friendship, and good ole competition. Livingston County

Chapter and their Advisory Council did a wonderful job planning this event.

Everyone found it to be a very enjoyable day at Pinckney Masonic Temple. The events were both inside, and because the weather was so kind to us, there was also games outside. They even had food!!! The food they had was awesome and was well worth the dollar it cost. It

was an overall great day of brotherhood!

Cody Moore



# Outstanding Ritualists

State Qualifying Scores - The Preceptors:

**1<sup>st</sup> Preceptor:** Austin Hutton (Roseville) 1021; Aaron Proudfoot (Phoenix) 1010; Zach Krawczyk (Walt Disney) 1004

**2<sup>nd</sup> Preceptor:** Brandon Mullins (Roseville) 998; Zach Krawczyk (Walt Disney) 995

**3<sup>rd</sup> Preceptor:** Aaron Proudfoot (Phoenix) 1023; Steve New (Liv. Co.) 1013; Mateo Segura (Roseville) 1010; Quintin Cook (Clio) 1007.5

**4<sup>th</sup> Preceptor:** Auston Hutton (Roseville) 1016; Kyle Eggert (Roseville) 1007.5; Joe Elliott (Clio) 1025.5 Tyler Makins (Liv. Co.) 1026; Aaron Proudfoot (Phoenix) 1023.5

**5<sup>th</sup> Preceptor:** Aaron Proudfoot (Phoenix) 998

**6<sup>th</sup> Preceptor:** Josh Lampar (Roseville) 1024; Sammy Sekan (Liv. Co.) 1016.5

**7<sup>th</sup> Preceptor:** Lucas Moore (Clio) 1018; Devin Hunt (Liv. Co.); 1004.5; Aaron Proudfoot (Phoenix) 999; Charlie Potts (Liv. Co.) 998; Andrew MacLeod (Roseville)

## DeMolay Ritual

My experience with the DeMolay ritual has been very dynamic over the year, allowing me to see the importance it holds for the fabric of this organization. In my opinion, the ritual is one of the most *important* parts of DeMolay life. It separates us from the other groups such as the Boy Scouts or the YMCA. I also believe ritual emphasizes the fact that we are young men, dedicated to the seven virtues, as well as to the idea of chivalry.

When I first joined DeMolay, I had no idea ritual was such a big deal. I thought it was just another thing to learn and recite. But, as the months went by, I actually started to listen to the words being spoken. They impressed upon me something that no other organization could: a sense of brotherhood. Shortly after that, I was given a part, Sixth Preceptor. I wanted to perform this part as best I could, that way I could give someone the same feeling of brotherhood and camaraderie I had.

This year, as the Michigan DeMolay Ritual Chairman, I want to impress upon everyone the importance of the ritual to this organization as a whole, and the sense of pride, accomplishment and comradeship that made me so passionate about this organization.

Josh Lampar

State Officer