



Brotherhood Newsletter 2011

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Colonial Coast Challenge By Robert Marsters

On November 19th, 2010 Commander William L Herndon Chapter, Order of DeMolay, embarked on their trip to the first annual Colonial Coast Challenge, a basketball game between the state champions of states on the east coast. This year's Colonial Coast Challenge took place just outside of Atlanta at Kedron Field house in Peachtree City in the state of Georgia. The State champions of the great Commonwealth of Virginia, Commander William L Herndon Chapter, faced off with the three time state champions of Georgia, Peachtree City Chapter. Ben Brooks, Robert Marsters, Blake Gillenwater, Richard Fehrle, and David Fehrle were the competi-

tors for Virginia's squad. Georgia had a starting lineup that included three semi professional football players. The game began with the tip won by Robert Marsters, which was the theme of the game. After the first half, Herndon Chapter was up 30 to 8. Herndon Chapter dominated the game with a smooth tempo and smart defense, defeating the Georgians 40 to 18. Ben Brooks led the team in points with 21 points and Robert Marsters led the team in rebounds with 20 rebounds. However, the game was won because of team work and heart. "Even though the other team was bigger than us, they did not want it. We left everything out on the court"

said Blake Gillenwater. "I was really glad I could be a part of this. This trip was the highlight of my year. Herndon Chapter is not only the best in the State of Virginia; we are the best in the country. I challenge any other state champions to play us. We are ready for you. We are international DeMolay champions. We are Herndon Chapter" Said Richard Fehrle. "No other chapter does the stuff we do; we are the greatest" said David Fehrle. It seems that Herndon Chapter is not happy with just Colonial Coast champions, but have their eyes set on any other state champion who is willing to challenge them. They are representing Virginia well..

Fredericksburg Halloween Dance By Robert Gilbert

On October 29, 2010, Fredericksburg Chapter, Order of DeMolay, hosted our first prospect event, which was a Halloween Dance. It was held at Fredericksburg Lodge #4 in the Baker Room (the dining hall). We had a fairly nice amount of people show up, about 75. I would like to thank the guys from Herndon Chapter for providing a DJ for this event. Without them, the dance would

have been a complete bust. We also had a small bake sale going on at the same time, with which we managed to make a few dollars of profit. It was a great time, and I would like to thank everybody who participated. Fraternaly,

Robert Gilbert
Master Councilor of
Fredericksburg Chapter



Harlem Globetrotter at Fredericksburg

Lexington Initiation

By CRMC Danny Nichols

On October 23rd Lexington, Virginia was home to a wondrous event. Lexington chapter, Order of DeMolay held an initiation with both degrees. Members from both Westhampton and Herndon chapters were there to give their support as both degrees were performed spectacularly. There to welcome our three new brothers into the order were Executive Officer Dad Mike E. Williams, Executive Officer-emeritus Dad Howard Smith, State Master Councilor Paul Shuey Jr. and Deputy State Master Councilor Robert Marsters. Following the ceremonies was a delectable spaghetti dinner prepared for us by the gracious hosts of Lexington

Lodge, to whom we wish to issue special thanks. On behalf of the Virginia State Association we wish to welcome our new brothers to our order and also may you find both happiness and joy in your fellowship in DeMolay.



Degree teams and Candidates at Lexington

Delaware State Installation

By PJay Shuey

On January 14th, I attended the Installation of the State Staff of Delaware along with Deputy State Master Councilor Robert Marsters, Northern Region Master Councilor Zach Thayer, and Grand Worthy Advisor of Virginia for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Chris Ruby, who I have had the pleasure of meeting on many occasions, was installed as the State Master Councilor of Delaware.

Chris is lucky in that he was well supported by out of state DeMolays. In addition to Virginia, both Maryland and New Jersey were present. It was great to see all the visiting DeMolay show up to support their Brethren.

The night was particularly special because in conjunction with the State Staff Installation, The

NUR Shrine held their installation of their Potentate.

Coincidentally, the new Potentate of NUR Shrine is James Ruby, Chris's father. Both father and son took their obligations side by side.

the Imperial Potentate for the Shrine in 1954-55. I believe Dad Land was truly with all the Masonic Family assembled at NUR Shrine and it was a unique experience to be there to witness it.



I found the pairing of a Shriner Installation and a DeMolay Installation because of our common link, Dad Frank S. Land. In addition to helping found our Order, Dad Land also served as

State Ritual Competitions 2011

On April 30th, right before the MCHQWA Ball, Virginia will be having Competitions for:

- Chapter Proficiency
- Initiatory Degree
- RD Presentation Ceremony
- Majority Service
- Nine O'Clock Interpolation
- Ceremony of Light
- Magnificent 7
- Shield Talk

Registration for competitors will be due to Dad Tom Sellers by April 17th.

On June 4th, before the Luray State Quarterly Meeting, Virginia will be having Competitions for:

- DeMolay Degree
- Fourth Section
- Flower Talk

Winning Chapters will perform that day for the Grand Masters Class.

Something else new this year is that we will be accepting mixed teams. That is, teams made up of more than one chapter. They will compete in a separate category than individual chapters. If you have any questions, feel free

to contact the State Master Councilor, PJay Shuey.

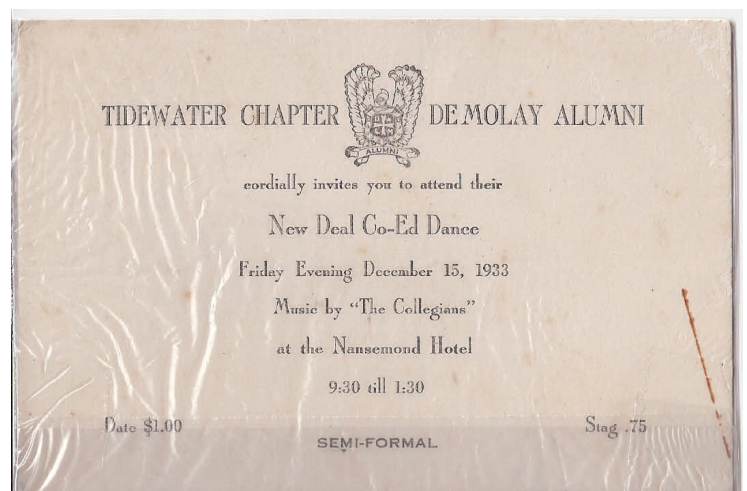


Eastern Region Initiatory Degree Team on November 28th

Tidewater Chapter Installation By Darren Murray

For the first time in a few years, Tidewater Chapter held their first official installation on October 24th. Darren Murray was installed into the office of Master Councilor, Thomas Guss into Senior Councilor, and Chase Baldwin into Junior Councilor. The Installing team consisted of Dad David Murray as Installing Officer, PJay Shuey as Installing Senior Deacon, Brian Foley as Installing Junior Councilor, Dad Robert Murray as Installing Marshal, Danny Nichols as Installing Chaplain, and Dad Rick Smith as Installing Senior Deacon. A 60 year Senior DeMolay pin was presented to Brother Tom Guilliam. The Chapter also received a dance ticket from the year 1933! As

you can see in the enclosed picture, they had a little more room on the times of their dances, with the dance ending at 1:30 A.M.! The reception followed the installation and a beautiful cake was made by Mom Baldwin.





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Matthew Dexter Edmonds is a Mason and a Senior DeMolay of Alexandria-Washington Chapter. He came up with the idea of doing a transcontinental hike across the country. He will most likely be staying at Lodges across the country. Because he is unable to ask for donations, he must stay at Masonic Lodges unless offered other accommodations. He asks that if you see him, you become a "trail angel" by stopping, walking, and chatting with him about

your journey. Offering him a warm place to sleep, because at the least, he plans to sleep on the grounds of a lodge, inside or out. If you see this man, offer assistance and do what you can to help. Thank you. You can find out more at <http://www.millennialfreemason.com/2011/01/guest-article-project-wayfarer.html>