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State of The Order Address

My brothers, we are at the dawn of a new millennium and it doesn't matter. We are at the dawn of something greater in DeMolay. We are at the beginning of something that you DeMolays may not even realize. We are on the brink of making DeMolay OUR Order once again. We should be the ones making decisions running the Chapter, and we can be, if only we are willing to accept the challenge.

In the last year, Florida has experienced growth in many important areas. Many DeMolays have gone on to serve as advisors, when they reached their majority. Some Chapters have grown in size, some have grown into very close brothers, some have gotten attention from the community at large, and all of these are highly commendable actions, and they begin the path to our goal. But, the most important and most difficult part of reaching that goal is dedication and diligence. If we want to run this Order, we've got to be willing to actually run it, and not rely on advisors to plan events, and programs. Keep in mind, this is not an "us-vs.-them" situation. We cannot point the finger at advisors for our problems. Advisors should advise, and DeMolays should run DeMolay. Now, that's something easy to say, and perhaps easy to live during Conclave, and for awhile after, but if we want the Order our way, we've got to run it all year, not just for a week.

Besides making a commitment to DeMolay, other things must fall into place for DeMolay to be run by the boys. Very often at events, or meetings, there are a few boys, and a lot of advisors. Sometimes Chapters can't open a stated meeting due to not enough members. Guys, no matter how much we care about DeMolay ourselves, no matter how much of a living, breathing entity DeMolay is, it cannot survive without members. There is truth to the phrase strength in numbers. Realistically, don't you think that 20 boys voicing their opinion makes a bigger influence than 5? Wouldn't those 20 members at a dance, or car wash, or community service activity make a bigger impression on guests? More importantly, wouldn't 20 guys be more fun to hang out with than 5? It may seem that everyone preaches about membership like it's a disease. Like it's something we have to fix... That isn't the case at all. The reason DeMolay needs members is to make it more interesting, more fun and a bigger hand in serving our fellowmen.

Here is another challenge I will put to you: I know school hasn't started for the fall yet, but it will start in a month or so, and I challenge each of you to honestly go out and just get one member in. Everyone go home, and bring back a signed petition to your Chapter by September first. That gives you summertime, and the first couple weeks of school. And this is one way to do it: I want each of you now, to think of all the reasons why you come to DeMolay every week, or why you come to Conclave. Go ahead, I'm serious. Now, I want each of you to go home, and explain those reasons to one friend. Don't ask them to join, just tell them why it is you keep coming, and keep giving your time and energy for DeMolay. Introduce them to another DeMolay friend of yours. That's simple, and I'll wager that in many cases you will have just introduced a new brother.

Brethren, Guests and friends, I'd like to thank each of you for the hard work that you already give to DeMolay. I'd like to congratulate you on a job well done this past year in particular, and I would like to urge you to continued service to this Order, these young men, and to the future which we DeMolays will lead.

To my brothers, I honestly hope you will step up to the challenges that I have employed you, and that you will reach for the brass ring in all your endeavors.

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Minutes of the Grand Opening Session on Sunday, July 15, 2001

The Florida DeMolay Association was called to order at 7:30p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2000 with Master of Ceremonies and State Chapter Dad Chris McKenney presiding.

Dad McKenney introduced the State Master Councilor of the Florida DeMolay Association:

- Brother Herb Rogers III

Representing the Florida DeMolay Association, the following State Officers were introduced west of the altar:

- Brother Jason "Stubby" Campbell, State Senior Councilor
- Brother Patrick Bailey, State Junior Councilor
- Brother David Newton, State Scribe/Treasurer
- Miss Kristyrae Larson, State Sweetheart

Representing the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, the following members were introduced west of the altar:

- Dad William A. Marti, Active Member of the International Supreme Council and Executive Officer for the Jurisdiction of Florida.
- Dad Robert Schvey, Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Area "VI" Director.
- Dad Russell B. Glendinning, Active Member of the International Supreme Council, and Director of Conclaves in Florida.
- Dad Jerome Meguiar, Deputy Member of the International Supreme Council, and member of the Board of Administration.

Representing the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, the following Grand Lodge Officers were presented west of the altar:

- Dad James A. Durham, Jr., Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida.
- Dad D. Hayward Stuckey, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida and President of the Masonic Youth Association of Florida, Inc..

The following Past State Master Councilors were presented west of the altar:

- Brother Hamilton E. Reed, J. Edwin Larson Chapter, State Master Councilor in 1987-1988
- Brother Joseph C. Earnhardt Jr., George Ulee Lord Chapter, State Master Councilor in 1997-1998
- Brother Corey Allshouse, Crawford Chapter, State Master Councilor in 1999-2000

Representing the other Masonic Youth Organizations, the following honored guests were presented west of the altar:

- Miss Kimberly Bradley, Miss Florida Job's Daughters.
- Miss Jessica Langan, Florida HIKE Committee Chairperson, International Order of Job's Daughters.
- Mom Shirley Terrill, Supreme Deputy of Florida, International Order of Job's Daughters.
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- Dad Edward K. Walker, Chairman of the Board of Administration.
- Dad Donald W. Crowley, member of the Board of Administration.
- Dad George Stear, member of the Board of Administration.
- Dad Tom Jenkins, member of the Board of Administration.
- Dad Terry L. Winkel, Director of Conduct.
- Dad Allan J. Graulich, Director of Knighthood.
- Mom Betty Stonitsch, Director of Ladies Activities.
- Dad Walter M. Hammond, Director of Ritual.
- Mom Beverly Richards, President of the State Parent's Club.

The following Area Directors of the Florida DeMolay Association were presented west of the altar:

- Dad Brian M. Czako, Area I Director
- Dad William C. Cobb, Area V Director

The following presiding officers from appendant Masonic Organizations were presented west of the altar:

- Dad George Hayes, Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- Dad Wayne E. Parks, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida.
- Dad Charles Hollinger, Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Master of Florida.
- Dad Frederick L. Piasecki, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Florida
- Dad Carl R. Dennis, President of High Twelve in Florida.

At 8:02p.m. Brother Herb Rogers III, State Master Councilor, gave the welcoming address.

At 8:04p.m. Dad Wayne E. Parks was given the floor for his remarks.

At 8:07p.m. Dad Charles Hollinger was given the floor for his remarks.

At 8:11p.m. Dad Frederick L. Piasecki was given the floor for his remarks.

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At 8:23p.m. Dad Glendinning was given the floor for announcements.

At 8:26 p.m. Dad William Marti was given the floor for his remarks.

At 8:29p.m. Dad James A. Durham was given the floor for his remarks.

At 8:31p.m. Brother Herb Rogers III delivered the State of the Order Address.

At 8:33p.m. the State Master Councilor placed the Florida DeMolay Association in a state of recess for the purpose of opening the Association ritualistically.

The State Master Councilor appointed the Following Brothers to serve as appointed officers for the remainder of Conclave

- Brother William Langley as Junior Deacon

The Florida DeMolay Association was called to order at 8:40pm

The Florida DeMolay Association was ritualistically opened on the Initiatory Degree at 9:10p.m., and on the DeMolay Degree at 9:15p.m.

The State Master Councilor placed the Florida DeMolay Association in a state of recess at 9:18p.m.

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Minutes of the Business Session on Monday July 16, 2001

The State Master Councilor declared the Florida DeMolay Association out of a state of recess at 8:05p.m.

The State Master Councilor declared the Florida DeMolay Association opened for Nominations.

The State Master Councilor then called on Brother Ryan Jones, State Nominations Committee Chairman, to read the letters of intent.

Brother Jones then read the following letter for Brother Jacob Meister, a candidate for the honorable office of State Master Councilor:

To the delegates of the 68th Annual Conclave:

I, Jacob Meister, submit this letter to inform you of my intent to run for the honorable and prestigious office of State Master Councilor. I confirm on my honor that I am qualified to hold this such office pursuant to Chapter three, Section 3.02(a) and 3.03 of the Florida DeMolay Statutes.

- ◆ I have been a member of Crawford Chapter since August of 1997 and am a member in good standing.
- ◆ I am a Past Master Councilor of my Chapter for two consecutive terms.
- ◆ I am a recipient of the Representative DeMolay Award.
- ◆ I have completed all five Leadership Correspondence Courses.
- ◆ I have been a resident of the state of Florida since 1994.
- ◆ I am a graduate of Wakulla High School in Medart, Florida.

I have read and am familiar with the Charter, Constitution and Statutes of this Association. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fraternally,

/s/ Jacob W. Meister, PMC

The State Master Councilor then opened the floor for nominations for the honorable office of State Master Councilor.

Brother Corey Allshouse, Past State Master Councilor, then gave the following nomination speech for Brother Jacob Meister.

Ladies and Gentlemen and Delegates of the 68th Annual Conclave,

It is definitely my privilege to stand here and nominate Brother Jacob Meister for the office of State Master Councilor.

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The State Master Councilor called on Brother Jacob Meister for his acceptance. Brother Meister accepted the nomination, giving the following acceptance speech:

First, I would like to thank Corey for nominating me for such an honorable office. Most young DeMolays have someone that they look up to when they join. For me, that person was Corey. He was my initiating Master Councilor, my Installing Officer when I became my Chapters Master Councilor, and he also helped to dub me as a Sir Knight. Corey, I owe thanks for much more than just a nomination.

Brothers, when I joined DeMolay, I didn't join a social club. I joined a family. When I look around tonight, it makes me sad. It makes me sad because our numbers have been dwindling through the years. It makes me sad because I know that there are hundreds of young men that should be in DeMolay. And of course, it makes me sad because my life has been DeMolay and to see it decreasing at such a rate would be upsetting to all DeMolays.

I'm not up here to offer promises. I will do my best if elected State Master Councilor but it is not something that I can do alone. DeMolay grew from nine guys into an international fraternity that could rival any organization. But now we are starting to be put on the back-burner. We must be fired-up and motivated DeMolays. You may leave here in that condition, but you must continue it at your home Chapters and motivate your brothers that could not make it here this week, and perhaps, if we can keep the fire going long enough, we might see them at Mini or even at Conclave next year. But it doesn't matter who you vote for if you cannot keep this fire lit. The most efficient officers who could be chosen would be ineffective without the loyal help of enthusiastic members.

Thank you for your time and consideration and remember to continue this legacy of brotherhood.

The State Master Councilor called for any other nominations, and declared the nominations for State Master Councilor closed.

The State Master Councilor then opened the floor for nominations for the honorable office of State Senior Councilor.

Brother Jones then read the following letter of intent for Brother Patrick Bailey, a candidate for the honorable office of State Senior Councilor:

To the delegates of the 68th Annual Conclave:

I respectfully submit this letter of my intent to run for the honorable office of State Senior Councilor of the Florida DeMolay Association during the 2001-2002 term. I have read and understand the Charter, Constitution and Statutes of this Association. I declare, on my honor, that I meet all qualifications to run for this honorable office as set forth by Chapter three of the Statutes of the Florida DeMolay Association.

My qualifications are as such:

- ◆ Member in good standing of South Miami Chapter as of December 3rd, 1997.
- ◆ Past Master Councilor of South Miami Chapter.

The State Master Councilor called on Brother Jacob Meister for his acceptance. Brother Meister accepted the nomination, giving the following acceptance speech:

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- ◆ Completion of all five Leadership Correspondence Courses.
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Distinguished East, Advisor, Ladies, my Brothers all,

Over the course of my DeMolay career, I have been asked to give several Nomination Speeches. Some of these offers I have accepted, since I felt it would benefit the Order, but some I have declined, because I didn't feel they would bring honor and dignity to our Association.

Tonight, it is my distinct honor to nominate my Brother, Patrick Bailey, for the distinguished title of your State Senior Councilor. I accepted Patrick's request because he has proven to me that whatever he endeavors, he gets the job done. He takes responsibility and is a man of his word. A Past Master Councilor of South Miami Chapter, he has also attended the Leadership Training Conference, and has proven his devotion to our beloved Order. He has gone well beyond the minimum requirements of his sought State Office, in that he not only has received his Representative DeMolay Award, but also has completed ALL FIVE of the Leadership Correspondence Course. In recent years, we have seen that it is extremely difficult to bring in one new member to DeMolay. Patrick has brought in NINE!!

In previous years, he has served our State Association as its State Parliamentarian, State Chaplain, State Jurisprudence Committee devotion to our Order by elevating the position of State Junior Councilor to a new level. He has traveled the state extensively, yet stayed true to his home Chapter even though he had official duties with the state, when others have abandoned their duties and responsibilities at the Chapter level.

All this aside, Patrick is one of my Brothers who I am extremely proud to be able to call my own. It is with this in mind, that I recommend him to you, with tremendous hope for the future of our Order and our Association, that I nominate Brother Patrick Bailey for the honorable office of your State Senior Councilor.

Love ya, Bro!

The State Master Councilor then called on Patrick Bailey for his acceptance. Brother Bailey accepted, delivering the following speech:

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