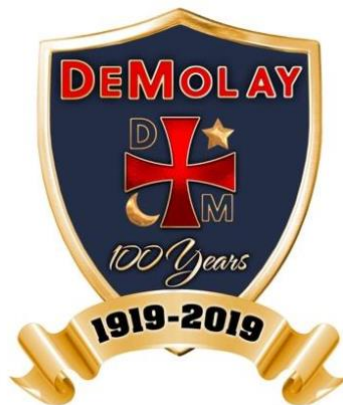


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of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter



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## State Scribe Preface

It is with great pleasure that I present for all the Proceedings of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter for the 2019 Summer Conclave. It's been a spectacular year for Florida DeMolay and it has been my pleasure to be a part of and serve this Order with pride and dignity. I wish the best of luck to all future, and current, State Officers and State Scribes. I would encourage the active DeMolays of this Jurisdiction to take an active role in letting myself, the Deputy State Master Councilor, or the State Master Councilor know what it is we can provide to have a successful term, and get stuff done for you.

I would like to personally thank Dad Brendon Blankinship, Past State Scribe in 2008, and Dad Anthony Pickren, Past State Scribe in 2006, for being not only my State Scribe Advisors, but for helping me all the way through my term, for being my mentors, and my friends. I would like to thank my Chapter Dad Ron Delucia, Past Illustrious Knight Commander in 1992, for being there for me since the beginning of my career in DeMolay, and I would also like to thank Past State Scribe in 1997 and Executive Officer Dad Jody Meguiar for appointing me, trusting in me and given me the amazing opportunity to serve as the State Scribe this year, and for inspiring me during my term in office. I would also like to extend my thanks to my mother, without her support all this time I wouldn't be here, thank you Mom Luz Estrada. You're my real MVP.

And for Florida DeMolay, I hope you get as active, or more, as I did, because the more you do, the better things you will get from it, and more great experiences you will have from it. I hope we all stay working together for the continuity of the betterment of this Jurisdiction for the next 100 years, and hopefully all of us as a team can accomplish greater and historical things that we have never done or seen before, all we have to do together to accomplish them, Is to GeStuDo! Florida DeMolay let's Get Stuff Done!

And for all the Scribes in the Jurisdiction of Florida, or any Scribe anywhere around the world that is reading this, I encourage all of you to remember and acknowledge yourself with the A.R.D.S, a great Scribe must always be Accurate, Responsible, Dependable, and a Self-Starter!

Sincerely, and Fraternaly Submitted



Jose Lopez  
State Scribe/Treasurer 2019

# Minutes of the State Chapter Opening

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Florida Jurisdictional Chapter was called to order at 7:30 pm by the State Chapter Advisor, Dad Anthony L. Pickren, PSMC.

Dad Pickren then introduced the State Master Councilor of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter, Bro. Hunter Hancock. Bro. Hancock then made the remaining introductions:

Representing the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter, the following State Officers were introduced at the altar:

- Bro. Shawn Lopez II, State Senior Councilor
- Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, State Junior Councilor
- Bro. Jose Lopez, State Scribe
- Miss Brooklyn Johnson, State Sweetheart, and Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Florida, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

The following distinguished guests were introduced at the altar:

- R:W: Mark S. Balester, District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Florida, representing M:W: John W. Westerman III, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida
- Gary J. Bergenske, Past Imperial Potentate of Shriners International and Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay
- Russell B. Glendinning, Special Assistant to Richard G. Hoover, Deputy in the Orient of Florida of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction and Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay
- Robert Cunningham, President of the Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs
- Thomas A. Olsen, Right Illustrious Grand Steward of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Florida
- Ronald L. Parks, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Florida
- Miss Corah Coward, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Florida, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
- Jackie Harmon, Supreme Deputy in Florida, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
- Bro. J.P. Greene, Illustrious Knight Commander of Colonel James “Nick” Rowe Priory, Order of Knighthood
- Heather Earnhardt, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Florida
- Lance Kleinsmith, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Florida
- Roslyn Heath, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of Florida, Order of the Amaranth

Representing the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, the following Elected Officers were introduced at the altar:

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- Dad Marc Bohn, Grand Senior Councilor of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay

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

Active Members:

- Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar, Executive Officer in Florida
- M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, PGM
- Allan J. Graulich
- Stephen K. Moline

Emeritus Members:

- Jerome M. Meguiar

Deputy Members:

- Michael K. Blankinship
- Clifford Cooper
- John J. Hillyer IV
- David F. Puzzo

Honorary Members:

- William C. Cobb
- W. Dale Dietzman
- Anthony L. Pickren

The following Past State Master Councilors were introduced at the Altar:

- Bro. Scott D. Holland of Hadji Chapter and State Master Councilor in 1993-1994
- Bro. Alex Siew of Bahia Chapter and State Master Councilor in 2017-2018
- Bro. Philip A. McGee, State Master Councilor of Alabama in 2011
- Bro Kyle McGee, State Master Councilor of Alabama in 2018

The following were then invited by the State Master Councilor to speak on behalf of the Order they represent:

Gary J. Bergenske, Past Imperial Potentate of Shriners International and Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay:

Thank you, and greetings. To think that this started 100 years ago. You were probably watching the news today and heard it mentioned that a man landed on the moon 50 years ago. Imagine 100 years. That's how long the Order of DeMolay has been around.

I wouldn't know about DeMolay myself for a few years. Where I was growing up there wasn't a DeMolay Chapter, but I have to tell you that I'm so impressed every time I'm around DeMolay, either the Advisors or Dad's, but more importantly the young men. The young men who carry the torch of everything that we believe in. Their manners, their politeness, the way

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they speak, the way they treat each other, their respect to their elders. I have to tell you that I'm extremely proud to be a part of DeMolay.

I bring greetings to you from the 240,000 Members of Shriners International and also from the 1.3 Million Children that we have helped in our hospitals. We do great around the world just as you do, and I hope together we continue to collaborate to make this world a better place, God bless you.

Russell B. Glendinning, Special Assistant to Richard G. Hoover, Deputy in the Orient of Florida of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction and Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay:

Thank you, Brother State Master Councilor. Brothers on behalf of the Illustrious Richard G. Hoover, 33°, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and the Deputy of the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Florida. On behalf of the 10,000 Scottish Rite Masons in Florida, I bring you greetings and wishes for a very successful State Conclave.

As you heard, the Valley of Tampa was the original sponsoring body of the first DeMolay Chapter in Florida. Paul Revere Chapter held their meeting at the Scottish Rite in Tampa for many, many years until the sponsorship was transferred to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. The Valley of Tampa has always made our facility available to DeMolay, whether be on a Chapter Level, or whether be on a Knighthood Level, or on a State Level. I will tell you that as long as I'm around that support will continue, I have a perfect record of attendance at Cotillion.

But on another note, it was announced last month that two people who are in this room tonight have been elected to receive their 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Dad Bergenske will travel to Washington, D.C. next month and will receive his 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree at the House of the Temple. And, in November, Dad Richard Lynn will travel to Tampa and receive his 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Both, as you all know, are members of the DeMolay Supreme Council and they have the full support of the 10,000 Scottish Rite Masons in Florida. Again, congratulations on a good Conclave. They're all good, I know, and I hope all of you have fun and I know you will, Thank you.

Dad Marc Bohn, Grand Senior Councilor of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay:

Hello, everyone. You know, I was driving down here, past Orlando, and Disney World and all of the good stuff, and I heard an interesting survey, and I thought I should probably share this with you. The Survey was about Disney, and the survey was that six of the seven dwarfs are not happy. I have a quite a reputation in my family and in DeMolay to make good jokes. I try to make everybody laugh. I totally appreciate your groans. Thank you.

On behalf of the Grand Master of DeMolay International, I'd like to extend our greetings to Florida DeMolay and our appreciation for the over the top dedicated members, the work that Dad Meguiar is putting in as Executive Officer, and for the programs he's been working for Florida DeMolay. It is that kind of leadership that makes Florida DeMolay one of the premier Jurisdictions in the United States.

I'm very proud and pleased to be here. I've been serving Georgia DeMolay as their Executive Officer for the past 18 years and I just stepped down about 3 months ago. I turned it over Dad

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Skip Mason, who is an outstanding leader and he will do some amazing things for Georgia DeMolay. However, because I was the Executive Officer in Georgia, and Georgia's Conclave follows Florida's Conclave, I haven't had the chance to visit this Conclave. But when I passed the position to Dad Mason, Conclave in Georgia was no longer my problem, which was kind of a nice relaxation. Dad Meguiar was very generous in asking me to attend and to have the opportunity to be here tonight. Thank you so much all of you for your hospitality here today, for making me feel welcome so quickly, and I look forward to this Conclave with all of you.

If you have the time and want to talk to me or ask me things, I will be happy to speak to you. If you have any messages you want to send to the Grand Master, let me know as well and hopefully we can help you with whatever you need. Thank you, Florida DeMolay and god bless you. Thank you.

Robert Cunningham, President of the Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs:

Special greetings from everyone from the Florida High Twelve organization to the Annual DeMolay Florida Summer Conclave.

My name is Robert Cunningham. I have been a mason for 42 years. I'm also a member of the King Solomon Honorary DeMolay Chapter. I'm happy to be here tonight to tell you all a little bit about the High Twelve organization. Being surrounded by all of you young men and women here tonight makes me feel old. To all of you whether you're old or not, write this down because this will be a test. If you fall down in front of a group of people and they laugh at you, you're okay. However, if they run over to check on you, well, you're old.

Our purpose is to praise the High Twelve as a symbolic meaning of Masonry. High Twelve is an association of Master Masons who desire an hour of Masonic fellowship independent of the formal ritual of Lodge but dedicated to the service to the fraternity. High Twelve was founded by E. C. Wolcott in Sioux City, Iowa on May 17, 1921. There are about 160 active High Twelve Clubs in the United States and in foreign Countries. Clubs in the U.S. are chartered in States where the Grand Jurisdictions permits us as an independent organization. The local clubs are the foundation on what the State and International organizations are based. All High Twelve clubs are under the Jurisdiction of High Twelve International and all Masons in good standing can petition.

One of the best things in the High Twelve is that you can bring your wife and kids into the meetings. We are expecting to open up three new Clubs this fall. Each Club supports DeMolay. Again, let me say thank you for inviting me to your Conclave. On the second note, I just found out that my son is almost old enough to join the DeMolay Squires program. May all of you have an excellent State Conclave, and again, thank you.

Thomas A. Olsen, Right Illustrious Grand Steward of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Florida:

On behalf of John D. Pickford, who couldn't be here tonight, I send you his greetings and his apologies for not being here.

This is one of my first encounters with the DeMolay. I do support the Chapter in Mandarin Lodge. I have been there a couple of times and upon my last visit, just to give you a story, we

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had one young man come in with one of the dads. They went to him and said, so and so is not here tonight and know you haven't done this part before, but do you think you can do this part for us? The young man takes the book and reads the part and then gives it back to him. During the degrees the young man did the part flawlessly. When I was ready to give my comments, I said that they do the same work we do, but they just don't read it like we do. These are very talented young men and they're a great asset to our Blue Lodges. We do a lot of stuff for the R.O.T.C, the International Sojourners, and the Scottish Rite, and we are going to start putting more effort into the DeMolay.

I'm a member of St. Augustine York Rite Bodies and the Melbourne York Rite Bodies. We have selected First Coast Chapter as the Chapter that our Council will take care of. We are going to make ourselves available to them on whatever they want us to do. I'm also a Member of the Jacksonville York Rite Bodies. I understand there is a different DeMolay Chapter in Solomon Lodge and we can see if we can help them, but we need to think of some way to get people into DeMolay, because that's the perfect bridge to the Blue Lodges. We are looking for members in the Blue Lodges and we are looking for members in the Appendant Bodies. We have a scene of young people who we can choose from but we must work with them and that's what I plan to do. Thank you.

Ronald L. Parks, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Florida:

Thank you for this opportunity. Since last year I see some familiar faces, and some new faces.

On behalf of the Grand Commandery of Florida, thank you for this opportunity, and congratulations to all of the DeMolays, wherever they may be, on a very successful 100 years.

I first want to congratulate Florida DeMolay for a successful year. I haven't had the opportunity to help you all on what you need, but I had a talk with one of my buddies, and I knew all of you were Okay, and I challenge you to continue to do well and do those things that DeMolay does. I just wondered if Frank S. Land had any idea when he started this organization in Kansas City. I wondered if he knew how DeMolay would be then, and what it would be today. I had two of my brother-in-laws who were in DeMolay. I just wondered what those older DeMolays think of it today with the fine young men that we have in supportive families. It's a fine organization.

What I have learned a lot from the DeMolay was if you start early, they will develop into fine young men and hopefully many of those fine young men will join our ranks in Masonry and join the York Rite and our other bodies. I like to do a little reading, and I did some reading about DeMolay. I know you are all familiar with the DeMolay Shield and how it has changed over the years. It's still symbolic with the same high morals of DeMolay, and speaks well of the faithfulness of the obligation of the Seven Cardinal Virtues of the Order and I'm sure everybody here can relate to that.

The last thing I want to say is in the world full of troubled youth, you are the foundation to help out the young people, because our young people many of them are in trouble. So, I challenge all of you to get out there and provide those values to those who need guidance. Give those values to the ones that need leadership as all of you can provide that. As I told the Rainbow girls, Rainbow needs the support of Masons and their families. DeMolay also needs



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your support and so do their families. The Masons need the DeMolay as well, because you are our reach to those young people As I asked to the Grand Assembly and now to you, how many of your fathers are not a part of Freemasonry. I see some hands. You need to ask them why not? Why aren't you a Mason? If you believe that I'm doing well in DeMolay, then you don't know what the real Masons are about. So, go ask your fathers that question and if they join, ask them to join the York Rite as well.

Again, congratulations, and as many of you know the Knights Templar have been involved with DeMolay and the Grand Commander in Florida will forever continue to help DeMolay. If any of you need help please ask us and we will do our best to help. Thank you.

Brooklyn Johnson, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Florida, and Jackie Harmon, Supreme Deputy in Florida, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls:

State Master Councilor Hunter, Executive Officer Dad Jody, Distinguished East, and all of Florida DeMolay,

Good evening everyone! I'm Brooklyn Johnson, Grand Worthy Advisor in Florida, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. I am pleased to bring greetings from Mrs. Jackie Harmon, our Supreme Inspector and Member of the House of Gold, Mrs. Sharon Ball, our State Mother Advisor, and from all of Florida Rainbow.

Would any of my Grand Officers here tonight please stand? Thank you so much for being here.

This year, my theme Is Cosmically United. My goal is not only to unite all of Florida Rainbow, but also to strengthen the bond between us Rainbow Girls and our Masonic Family. It is because of our Masonic supporters that Masonic Youth as a whole continues to prosper. And, it is because of my appreciation to them that I created a Rainbow Supporters Tribute Coin as a way of saying "Thank you" to our Masons, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Scottish Rite, the York Rite, Shrine, and Grotto supporters. By purchasing one of these beautiful coins, you will be helping me as Grand Worthy Advisor, as well as supporting our Statewide Service Project, Camp Boggy Creek.

Camp Boggy Creek is just like any other summer camp except that it is a complete medical facility that gives kids who are just a little different than us. The "Joy of Yes" camp allows kids with serious illnesses, such as Sickle Cell Syndrome, or who are completely wheelchair bound the chance to go swimming for the first time, and gives them the opportunity to be themselves and star in onstage performances. They are given chances to accomplish their dreams and build new ones. Camp Boggy Creek has a very special place in mine and all of Florida Rainbow's hearts, which is why we're also having a Yeti cooler fundraiser during my term with the assistance of the Zelica Grotto to raise money to send kids to camp. We want to make a difference in someone's life this year, and Camp Boggy Creek is how to do that.

I've really enjoyed being able to represent a small part of both Rainbow and DeMolay, and I hope the unity between our Orders will always allow us to shoot for the stars. Oprah Winfrey once said "Step out of the history that is holding you back. Step into the new story you are willing to create." This year is just one small "Chapter" of your DeMolay "Story", and I hope you will all embrace it and come together as one and work to accomplish all of your goals!

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With that being said, I'd like to end this "Sentence" in this "Chapter" of my Rainbow "Story" by telling you all what Cosmically United means to me.

Cosmically United has such a big meaning, and that meaning should be different for us all. For me, I look up to so many amazing people who when are all linked together have made me into the girl I am today, without each of them, I never would have made It this far. I am so blessed to live in 2 amazing Masonic Districts. Districts 1 and 2 are so supportive of me and my entire Assembly, and It's because of their example and support that I have learned that without our Masons, Eastern Star, and other Masonic Bodies we would not be where we are today. If we unite together as one, we can continue to grow and accomplish the amazing things we all love to do. But, I think the biggest meaning of Cosmically United for us all is that all past, present, and future Rainbow Girls are a star, thousands and thousands of miles apart, but when were chained together as one, that's when we become this beautiful constellation called the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. And that's Cosmically United. Thank you!

Roslyn Heath, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of Florida, Order of the Amaranth:

State Master Councilor, Executive Officer, current and Senior DeMolays, Distinguished guests and friends,

I would like to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to bring greetings to you on behalf of myself, and Sir Knight Randy Stephen, Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth.

Unfortunately, those who had commitments this weekend where unable to make to this Annual Conclave. The Order of the Amaranth is one of the Appendant bodies of the Masonic Order. Amaranth was founded in 1873 as part of a proposed Adoptive Rite of Masonry, which included the Order of Eastern Star, the Queen of the South, and the Order of the Amaranth. the first Supreme Meeting of Amaranth was in 1897. In 1921, the three organizations became separate while they were still associated with the Masonic Bodies.

The Members of the Order of Amaranth believes in a Supreme Being. Our virtues are Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity. Since 1979, the Order's main charity is the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. 100% of the conations are given to the American Diabetes Association in support of diabetes research. Over the years we have donated over \$16,000,000 to help sponsor the research.

Florida Amaranth also supports the residents of the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg. Each year we visit the home in January where we present the moms and pops with gifts from each of our Courts. In addition, we purchase house Furniture, laptops, television, and computers. In other Projects, our local Courts make donations and raise money for the Order of DeMolay and other organizations and every year we present to the youth statewide scholarships to assist and help them continue with their education. For our Amaranth Scholarships you can find them online at flamaranth.org.

The next Grand Court meeting will be at the end of May in Tampa Florida, we look forward to have you Florida DeMolay at our Informal Opening on May 21 2020. We truly enjoy

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witnessing of your participation in your ceremonies. One a personal note, I like listening to the Flower Talk. I get happy every time I hear it.

I would like to congratulate you on a very successful 100 years of service in the world. I trust that I will be around in 2021 when you celebrate 100 years here in Florida. On behalf of the Order of the Amaranth I wish you a successful week, have fun, and the best of luck.

Heather Earnhardt, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Florida:

State Master Councilor Brother Hunter, and Executive Officer Dad Jody Meguiar,

I bring greetings on behalf of the Sister and Brothers that make up the Order of the Eastern Star, and I would like to ask all of the Eastern Stars that are here present to stand up please. All of you are looking sharp. We have in addition to me and the Grand Patron with us here tonight our Grand Chaplain, Sister Debra Kleinsmith, and our Grand Ruth Sister Teresa Burke.

As a Rainbow girl I was never prouder than to have my babe, who was always a DeMolay, kneel for the Nine O'clock Interpolation. By doing this I knew that those young men held to the same beliefs as I did, which is one of the reasons why I married one of them.

Dad Frank S. Land had a vision that was inspired by generations of young men to become great men. DeMolay has molded many of those who were in ranks of leadership in our Masonic Families. Precepts they learned in this Order is where they build their character and reputation on. I'm especially proud to be able to say that my own husband was the first Florida DeMolay to serve as the Worthy Grand Patron of Eastern Star. My husband kept going in Masonry from the lessons he learned as a DeMolay and he's continued service to our Orders and is an example of the precepts taught through the years.

I'm especially happy to say that DeMolay has celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and entering its second century. My family has proudly served Florida DeMolay into now what is our fourth generation. My father was a Chapter Dad, my brother and my husband are both Past Master Councilors and Past Chapter Dads. Our son is also a Past Master Councilor and our oldest serving as the Illustrious Knight Commander and State Master Councilor, and our nephew is a Past Master Councilor of Marion Chapter. We know in the years to come our grandsons will join the ranks and I look forward to watching them grow with the lessons that are taught by our seven Precepts. Our sons will tell you they have been chosen for every job they ever applied for or any promotion they ever received in large part due to DeMolay where they learned public speaking and how to represent themselves. You may not realize at this time how important that is. These lessons will help you for years to come.

Through all these years I have done what I could to support. One of the things I have always enjoyed most was having the opportunity to become certify by Old South as a Ritual evaluator. This has given me the opportunity through the years to see the young men mature and grow, many into the Advisors that I see here in this room, including our Executive Officer. I look forward in the future, when my journey is complete, to spend some time with the Chapters in my area and assist them in any way I can.

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In an effort to repay for all that I have received from all of the Masonic youth groups sitting here, I have chosen our masonic youth groups as my special fund and set a goal to raise \$4,350 Dollars which will be 50 Dollars for each of the 685 Rainbow, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay in the State of Florida. I ask that our OES Chapter Members remember their ABCs, Assembly, Bethels, and Chapters, and support this fund.

I want to take a moment to say thank you to the Col. James "Nick" Rowe Priory, Order of Knighthood, and all of the DeMolays who were there for our Installation in April. Our Arch of Steel to welcome the Grand Worthy Patron and I to the East, it will be a lasting memory.

Many of our members have never seen this done and they were very impressed. For this you have my heartfelt thanks. When I was told you wanted to do this for us I was very humbled. I also give thanks to Dad Jody for the statue that was presented to me at the reunion in May. My heart does truly belong to our Masonic Youth Orders. Without them and the lessons I learned as a teen I would not be in the position I'm in today, or have the wonderful family that blesses me daily.

The members of our Grand Chapter are ready to assist Florida DeMolay in whatever way we can, and we encourage you to continue to stand with the seven Cardinal Virtues. It is my hope in the future that we will have more Senior DeMolays serving in positions of leadership as Grand Masters, Grand Commanders, and Grand Worthy Matrons in our Masonic. Today I challenge each and every one of you to look to the future and ensure that all of our organizations will be there for your children and grandchildren. I think I can say without a doubt that DeMolay is the greatest youth organization in the world. Our world is a better place because of the work of young men like yourselves who take into your daily lives the seven Precepts of DeMolay. I know well that those Precepts you hold include Filial Love and I'm truly proud to hold the title of "Mom Earnhardt" over any other honor I could have. Thank you.

Lance Kleinsmith, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Florida:

State Master Councilor Brother Hunter Hancock, Executive Officer Dad Jody Meguiar, Distinguished guests, and each and every one of you sitting in the audience today,

I would like to take this opportunity to take a few remarks from Sister Heather, our Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Florida, and extend to all fraternal greetings, and to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay.

As you all know, Jacques DeMolay lived around the 14<sup>th</sup> Century in France. He was the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, which was the fraternity of crusaders in France. Not only was he a Knight and a leader of men, he also stood up for the less fortunate, and was true and faithful to his cause and his friends even in the face of death. As I look around this room, I'm pleased to see so many of the young men to still feel these straits of values in our society today, and who strive to live by their standards which has been passed down by their namesake.

I would like to say as I stand before you today as one who was never given the opportunity as a teenager to become a DeMolay. I would have done it in a heartbeat. However, as a Master

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Mason I understand the importance of support to each young man who is a member of the Order of DeMolay because, frankly, you are the future of my beloved fraternity.

The Masonic fraternity stands before the world today, not merely as a marvelous monument of antiquity. Older, larger, and more widely spread than any other human institution, having maintained for so many centuries the essentials of its primary organization. It has long outlived the circumstances which gave it birth. Originally, an association of operative stonemasons and builders, whose monuments of rare skill still adorn almost every part of the old world, the hands of time have brought those operative labors to a close. The everlasting principles, however, upon which our beloved Craft was founded, are as intact today as they were when it emerged from the very shadows of prehistory. Thus, over the centuries, as the demand for builders of physical temples has subsided, Freemasons have transitioned their efforts to building "Spiritual Temples" in the hearts of men. It is for this reason that I feel it is the responsibility of each Mason, and Eastern Star members, to do whatever we can to support each of our youth organizations each and every day.

Sister Heather and I have a desire to help the youth of Florida in any way as possible. I wish each and every one of you to continue with your success in all your future endeavors. If I can be in any assistance to any of you in the future please let me know, and Thank you.

The State Master Councilor then delivered the State of the Order Address:

At this time, it is my privilege to deliver the State of the Order address to the brethren and guests here assembled.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, we're in the process of making strides towards a positive change in our organization. DeMolay has the potential to be so much more than it is. It is our duty, as the members and leaders, to find a way to unlock this potential. Every change that has been made, and every change that will be made, is in an effort to make DeMolay better.

Internationally, DeMolay has had positive growth in membership for two years consecutively now. As Jurisdictions open across the world, Jurisdictions foreign and abroad are contributing towards the overall growth of DeMolay. Unfortunately, here in Florida, we have not contributed towards this growth.

As of right now, there are currently 454 Active DeMolays in the State of Florida, with 26 Chapters. This makes us one of the larger Jurisdictions of DeMolay. However, one year ago today, we had over 484 members. Including the 5 members we plan to initiate tomorrow, we will miss net growth by Just 25 members. This is not an uncommon trend in Florida. We have missed positive growth for many years now. It is our duty to break this trend and contribute towards increasing the number of members each year globally. If every Chapter in the State had initiated just one additional member over the last 12 months, we would have had positive net growth.

Combatting this issue has proven difficult. Moving forward, we believe that a twofold effort is needed. In the future, it is our goal to increase public awareness of DeMolay using internet marketing and social media. These tools are available to us now, and by using them to their fullest potential, we hope to reach an audience that DeMolay has not previously reached. Additionally, by incentivizing the membership awards that are already established by

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DeMolay International, we can further increase the direct recruitment that DeMolay has relied on for a century now. These are just two examples of tools that we have at our disposal now, but that we are not using effectively.

Currently, we have 26 Chapters spread across 6 geographical districts. We have noticed a performance gap in these Chapters. While some Chapters are active and doing well, others are struggling to meet and perform. The purpose of having a statewide DeMolay program is to support the Chapters, and we are always looking for new ways to help, especially for those that need it most.

Leadership development is an area that we are always looking to improve. At Mini-Conclave, we created new offices and requirements for leaders at all levels in an attempt to strengthen the quality of those who lead now and in the future. Beginning at the Chapter level, a requirement has been added for Chapter councilors to encourage their completion of Leadership Correspondence Courses. An additional requirement of being a Representative DeMolay has been added to those to be a Chapter Master Councilor. We believe that these tools can increase the leadership capability of members across the board. An impressive number of people have completed these courses and earned their Representative DeMolay awards.

In addition, the position of District Deputy State Master Councilor has been replaced with the position of District Master Councilor. This new role, elected by the members of the Chapters, aims to bridge the gap between state level and chapter level leadership. It is our goal that these leaders can facilitate statewide programs at the Chapter level, while also serving as a point of connection for these Chapters to the state. In the future, we want for the District Master Councilors to be our most valuable asset. These leaders need to take the charge that will carry DeMolay into the future. By facilitating the Chapters and appropriating assistance to those that need it, not only will more chapters have the support they need, but those who serve in this role will gain incredibly valuable leadership experience that can be applied at the state level, or even beyond DeMolay.

The changes in leadership roles do not end here. The largest change we are undertaking right now is the transition from a three-officer state line to a two-officer state line. The Delegates voted at Mini-Conclave to eliminate the offices of State Junior and Senior Councilor, replacing them with a single Deputy State Master Councilor. Moving forward, the Deputy State Master Councilor will be elected every Conclave, who will then ascend to the east in a year's time. The time that each of us has in DeMolay is limited to less than a decade. It is unrealistic to expect a young man entering college, at the most formidable years of his life, to lay aside three years for service to DeMolay. In the past, we have had several of the most qualified individuals turned away from state leadership due to the years-long time restriction. We hope that now, the doors of opportunity are opened more fully, so that those who are best to serve this role are the ones that do. The Deputy State Master Councilor will have a more meaningful opportunity to prepare for his time as State Master Councilor than officers would in our previous system. It is our goal that every State Master Councilor in the future is able to perform the duties which pertain to the office even more fully than the last.

Many legislative proposals have been set forth for this Conclave. Please review these carefully and prepare for any discussion that may take place during the Delegate sessions.

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In conclusion, the leaders of this organization have spent the last year building a foundation that a successful DeMolay program can be built upon. Only time will tell if these changes are effective. It is up to us, the members, to see this change through.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

The State Master Councilor invited the Director of Conclave, Mom Athena Mock, to the east for announcements.

The State Master Councilor called on the Executive Officer, Dad Jody Meguiar, for his remarks:

Thank you, Brother State Master Councilor.

A lot of comments have been made tonight by a lot of representatives from our Masonic Families. I hope that each of you would go out of this room and talk to these people. They are here to support you now. I'm sure they probably have better things to do than to come and sit in a hysterically hot room, but they want to be here, and they want to address this crowd and talk about their love, their support, and their devotion to our youth. Not just to DeMolay.

First, I want to introduce my wife Kimberly Meguiar, and my boys Christian and Evan Meguiar. I want to give my heartfelt thank you to all who came here tonight, and those who gave their comments and their special greetings and for representing their organizations. It really is great to have strong support, and as Mom Heather said, the support and relationships that you build will go on for the rest of your life, literally. I can't tell you how many times I spend in the night on her couch. If it ever comes to it you can have my couch anytime, always.

I'd like to thank all of those in the room who are part of the Order of DeMolay. Not just the Active DeMolays, the candidates for Squires, the Moms, the Dads, the Sweethearts, the young ladies, the young men. All of you who are a part of Florida DeMolay and invest so much of your time and talent, not just here at the State level, but at home in the local Chapters. You are the ones that make Dad Land's dream a reality.

It was announced tonight that we are well on our way to the third year of positive growth in this organization. The countless hours I spend talking with our State Master Councilor, the State Line, the candidates for the next line, and youth and adult leaders within this Jurisdiction, I believe were at the turning point. I think that is going to happen. I do believe that is going to happen because I see the enthusiasm in each and every one of your faces. You come to Conclave, you're working in the field. You're being installed as Master Councilor, you're earning the RD, and the LCC's. This is what it's about. We are trying in every way that we can to bring the credit and bring the recognition to the youth, because they're the ones that make it happen. They're the ones who are doing the work, and they're the ones who makes us look good.

It is a pleasure for me to sit back at the International level and be able to represent Florida, because even though we have not hit the positive growth in quite some time, our story is getting told. We have the attention of the International grounds. Dad Bohn is here for you guys tonight. It's not to watch us. It's to support us, and that says volumes.

We have an opportunity tonight. I know we are getting close to our Nine O'clock. I want to talk briefly about the Chapter Research. Dad Shawn Lopez, who's in the back, came up with

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an idea. A lot of Grand Lodges have Lodges of Research and what it is, is an opportunity for the people within the Grand Lodge to submit a research papers about different things that happen to be in Freemasonry. What we did is we took that original idea, and we are going to do presentation in just a little while. Dad Lopez is actually taking a lead on it and we are giving people the opportunity to research and present on something having to do with DeMolay, Freemasonry, it's impact on society, it's philosophies, the Ritual, all that stuff, and it's really going to be cool to see how it comes out. It's something that we haven't done before, and it's an opportunity to have everyone have their voice heard. It's an opportunity to learn, and it's an opportunity to be educated on our Fraternity, and our organizations. Not just DeMolay, so I encourage everybody to stick around after the opening, participate, and be present and just enjoy what we're doing with some of the programs that we have.

We have a lot of exciting things going on for DeMolay. Hunter, thank you for the State of the Order, as it has been a while since we actually had a State of the Order, and I truly appreciate your time and your talent. And for each of you, I hope you have a great Conclave, and I thank you for being here and for your attention, Thank you so much.

State Master Councilor invited R:W: Mark S. Balester, District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District, to give remarks on behalf of M:W: John W. Westerman, III, Grand Master of Masons of Florida:

Thank you, State Master Councilor, Thank you, Executive Officer,

On behalf of Most Worshipful Dad John W. Westerman III, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, I bring from him his greetings and salutations. To the DeMolay men, I'm going to be honest with you, I'm a little jealous that you're involve in this organization. When I was growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, I was unaware that this organization existed. I feel like I would have been part of it and it would have greatly helped me throughout my life, and take me on the right path which took me so many decades to achieve.

People join Masonry, people join the Order of DeMolay for different reasons, some want to do it for the ritual work they enjoy. I myself, I'm a total ritual nerd. I love it. Others join DeMolay for the comradery that they feel, others may want to do it because their father, brothers, family, or friends is, or was, a DeMolay. Whatever reason you joined DeMolay, embrace it. Go to meetings and be a friend, go to events, and participate.

We live in an era right now that we are constantly using our phones, and those things can actually overwhelm your life by spending hours a day on it, and it will never satisfy our soul. It will make you laugh, it works pretty good with communication, and maybe helps with some research, but it is completely different than looking a man in the eye and saying I'm glad to be your friend, and I enjoy being with you. We humans we need touch, we need to shake a hand, we need a pat on the shoulder. Sometimes we need to give a pat on the shoulder to someone. This communication device that we have cannot our substitute for that. We have lots of things to get done to correct society. The choice of going to a DeMolay meeting, saying "Okay here's all the things I can do, or I can go to this meeting and be a friend." We talked about Masonry making men into better men, well that's part of it. But the real goal is not to make yourself better, but to make your fellow man better. DeMolay has the perfect opportunity to do this.



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To the young men of DeMolay, I say to you “thank you” for all that you have done. Thank you for all that you are going to do. I’m sure this year has been the most successful year for DeMolay and I congratulate you and all the ceremonies you’ll do at this Conclave. the Most Worshipful Grand Master will join you tomorrow night, to honor you, and to participate with you in Conclave for the next several days. I’m sure the incoming officers will continue the heritage, and continue to keep up the great work, and hopefully the DeMolay and the Masons will continue to grow their Membership.

In these times we need a good friend, and personal communication more than ever, so I hope you continue to pursue that. May God bless you all, may God bless our armed forces, first responders, the men and women who sacrifice their lives every day, and may God bless the United States of America, Thank you.

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 8:45 pm.

# Minutes of the Saturday Delegate Session

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, called the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter to order at 3:03 pm for the purpose of the Delegate Session.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was not taken in this Session.

The State Master Councilor called on Bro. Wade Speigner, District Master Councilor of District One, for the reading of his district report.

**Full report in the Appendix F.**

Bro. Phillip Dillon of Edward K. Walker Chapter moved to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. Connor Guimond of Dale Chapman Chapter. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor called on Bro. Connor Guimond, District Master Councilor of District Three, for the reading of his district report.

**Full report in the Appendix F.**

Bro. Richard Riley of Dale Chapman Chapter moved to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. Maximillian Ortiz of Dale Chapman Chapter. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor called on Bro. JP Greene, District Master Councilor of District Four, for the reading of his district report.

**See Full report in the Appendix F.**

Bro. Robert Morrison of Anclote Chapter moved to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. Michael Wilson of South Seminole Chapter. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor introduced Dad Marc Bohn, Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International, and extended him the floor for remarks. Dad Bohn stated that it's an honor for him to be here and that he can't wait to see what is in store for Florida DeMolay this year.

The State Master Councilor introduced the candidates for the office of State Master Councilor, Bro. Shawn Lopez II of Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter and State Senior Councilor, Bro Robert Morrison of Anclote Chapter, and Bro. Somosa Ramdeen of Bahia Chapter and State Junior Councilor. The State Master Councilor extended each of them the floor their opening remarks.

Shawn Lopez II:

<p>I am running for the position of State Master Councilor. I am currently serving you as State Senior Councilor and I have been part of DeMolay for nearly eight years. I have been District Deputy State Master Councilor, now District Master Councilor, of District Six for two terms. I am a past Master Councilor of Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter three times, a Chevalier, and a Sir Knight of Col. James "Nick" Rowe Priory. Three main points that I will focus on is to build</p>
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leadership, public relations, and fun. For leadership I want everyone to have a chance and opportunity to stand as leaders in the upcoming years, by appointing more State Officers and Chairman Committees, delegate authority, and holding councilors accountable. I believe that I am better prepared to lead Florida DeMolay to a brighter future. For public relations, we need to get the word out to the world as much as possible. We are not a secret organization, but we are an organization with secrets. One of our many ways to get our name out is by participating in great charities such as the "Relay of life." Not only we will be participating for a great cause, but you will be getting our name out to the whole community in the Jurisdiction of Florida, and for our families if we challenge them to teams. As far as fun, I want to create new events and systems, not only for annual Conclaves, but at the Chapter level. I know we have the logic problems where we need to work on a Chapter level, to get more engaged and more excited for DeMolay for new and old, hopefully returning members. I once heard that DeMolay wasn't for everyone and everybody, but it has the potential to be for everyone, that these with these ideas DeMolay has the chance to be for everybody, Thank you.

Robert Morrison:

Good afternoon everyone! My name is Bobby Morrison and I'm running to be your State Master Councilor! This is a very pivotal year for Florida DeMolay, there have been many changes to our Jurisdictions system and it is truly up to us to make sure these new changes work and that we keep continuity between each term. Bro. Hancock's term was very successful and it gives us a solid foundation to continue to keep building on top. One of the programs that needs to keep being re-enforced is the District Master Councilor program. One of the main jobs of the State Master Councilor is to know what is going on in the state and unfortunately the State Master Councilor can't be everywhere at once, which makes the District Master Councilor's one of the most important jobs in our Jurisdiction, because they serve as the State Master Councilor's eyes and ears for how each district is running. But over the last couple of years the standard for District Master Councilor's has been low, and the countability has been rare. Which is why it would benefit the Jurisdiction if we paired each District Master Councilor's with each District Representatives, it would help with accountability and also as a way to assist the District Master Councilor's with their term and offer guidance. We should also turn our attention to the State Committees. The Committees have taken a step in the right direction and will continue to get better as the year goes on. Keeping the Committees active throughout the year is a goal of mine as I want to use them in the most efficient way possible to fully get the benefits. If elected I will work to improve the youth leadership by holding Officers and Committee members accountable for their work, while also working closely with them to assure current and future projects throughout the term are executed correctly, and everything is in place for the project to thrive. The direction of my term will not only be a term by myself but with the help of my staff and the executive staff assuring we all have a voice in our Florida DeMolay. If elected I will strive to hit the ground running early in my term to gain momentum to start on a high note. I plan on being very active during both Installations seasons

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this year and will be visiting everywhere in the state throughout my term. By connecting the State Line and Chapters, we can be on the same page more often and on more issues.

Somosa Ramdeen:

Good afternoon my Brothers. As many of you know my name is Somosa Ramdeen and I come before you today to tell you why you should vote for me, for the honorable office of your State Master Councilor. Guys, Florida DeMolay is the greatest organization. I know that each of you love DeMolay in your own way, as much as I do. Look to your fellow Chapters around you and you can see that not one Chapter is perfect and we each have our own quirks that make us special. Well as your State Master Councilor and with the help of all you my Brothers I plan on improving Florida DeMolay for the future to come.

It all starts at the Chapter level. I plan to get personal with you guys and personally visit Chapters, and see what needs to be done for each individual Chapter. We aren't all the same, we each need something different to help us. To tackle leadership, I plan on Implementing a Big Brother system. This system will consist of an older DeMolay who will be assigned a group of young DeMolays twelve through fifteen, who need that leadership training. They will mentor and nurture them until they're ready to take that position as a Chapter Councilor. In turn this will help ready those Brothers to take in future positions as District Master Councilor's. This helps improve upon the District Master Councilor's and give them proper training in leadership and etiquette so that they will be ready to help us as the State Line and help you guys as DeMolays.

We will also be continuing to work with the District Master Councilor's to help us better the Chapters. As State Master Councilor, I cannot do this alone. I can't be everywhere at once and I'm not multiple people. With the help of your District Master Councilor the State Line can get the proper information and knowledge needed to Improve further development. Membership is a tough subject. DeMolay International has seen positive growth for the past couple years and we can help keep the momentum going. Have fun, visit other Chapters, invite your friends to share in this great experience. DeMolay isn't hard to sell. It's about appearance. If your friends see you and the great times and memories your making, the members will begin to follow.

I'm not running for State Master Councilor just for a collar. I'm running for the betterment and future development of this order. And together we can achieve that, together we can get stuff done.

The State Master Councilor introduced the candidate for the office of Deputy State Master Councilor, Bro. Zachary Hardgrove of Anclote Chapter. The State Master Councilor extended him the floor his opening remarks.

Zachary Hardgrove:

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Good Afternoon Brothers, I hope everyone is enjoying their Conclave. This year's Jurisdictional Officer elections may be one of the most vital in our recent history. We are at a very important crossroads. For the past year I have watched Bro. Hancock and his team create a new sense of legitimacy and direction for our Jurisdiction. After multiple years in the past of stagnation and no commitment or follow through from our Jurisdictional Officers. It was good to see a paradigm shift from our youth leaders.

This spirit and enthusiasm is the key to unlocking the potential of this organization, and without it, we will continue to stagnate. The next several State Master Councilors must continue to carry this spirit of DeMolay. This new State Line structure adopted by the delegates at Mini-Conclave will only be effective if the correct leaders fill it. This year, we must elect a State Master Councilor who can carry the flame that we have now, and a Deputy State Master Councilor who can work with him to carry it a year further.

If I were to be elected to the position of Deputy State Master Councilor for the upcoming term, my main objective would be to prepare myself for the position of State Master Councilor.

There is a reason I ran specifically for Deputy State Master Councilor this year instead of running directly for State Master Councilor. My objective isn't to collect a title as soon as possible, but rather to guide our Jurisdiction as State Master Councilor in my highest capacity. I believe I need a year to fully prepare myself for all the duties and responsibilities being State Master Councilor entails. Holding the office of Deputy State Master Councilor would be a perfect opportunity to learn and prepare for the job. I will spend a year gathering all of the necessary tools to be an effective State Master Councilor. By assisting the State Master Councilor in all duties which naturally pertain to his office, I can become familiar with the process of work which will become mine in a year's time. If elected, we will be completely prepared for a smooth transition at next year's Conclave.

In addition to these general duties, over the next year, a task I wish to take on is Social Media. Our Social Media is inconsistent and generally not representative of our organization. Credit is due to the advisors who have taken it upon themselves to fulfill this duty, but ultimately it is our responsibility as the leaders of our organization to fulfill this duty ourselves. I want to set a precedence where the Deputy State Master Councilor oversees the Social Media and general communications of our organization, and I will set this precedence by effective action.

By electing me to the second highest office in your gift, I will help to continue pioneering Florida DeMolay into the twenty-first century, so that we can soon begin an era of growth and prosperity. This will only be possible with effective leaders who can take us there. By tasking myself with some of the objectives at hand and learning the ins and outs of being an operative State Master Councilor, the next two terms will carry this spirit we have now, and we can finally achieve three years of consecutive success. Thank you.

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 3:34 pm.

# Minutes of the Initiation and Chevalier Investiture

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess for the purpose of Initiation at 3:06 pm.

The following Brothers received both Degrees of the Order:

- Ian Campbell of C. Allen Pattison Chapter
- Corey Cupples of Lake Sumter Chapter
- Kevin Ellenberg of George Ulee Lord Chapter
- Joseph Gonynor of Lake Sumter Chapter
- Dakota Robbins of George Ulee Lord Chapter

The State Master Councilor declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 4:22 pm.

The State Master Councilor declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess at 4:37 pm, for the purpose of the Chevalier Investiture.

The Degree of Chevalier was conferred on the following Brothers:

- Cyrus Bouniady of Lake Sumter Chapter
- Eli Cowart of John Wayne Chapter
- Zackary Hardgrove of Anclote Chapter
- Robert Morrison of Anclote Chapter
- Somosa Ramdeen of Bahia Chapter

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 4:59 pm.



# Minutes of the Sunday Delegate Session

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess at 5:30 pm and commenced the Delegated Session. The State Scribe, Bro. Jose Lopez, completed the roll call.

**Roll Call: 52 total votes, excluding the State Master Councilor. (Full roll call in Appendix I)**

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Bro. Robert Morrison, for the reading of his report.

**Full report in Appendix E.**

Bro. Morrison moved to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the first Action Item:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Membership Committee  
Chairman as:

“Oversee the Jurisdictional membership program and activities. assure that the active members of the committee are consistently staying productive in the committee throughout the whole term, work with the committee members on improving and maintaining the membership program, coordinate with the state membership advisor to ensure the implementation of the Jurisdictional membership initiatives.”

Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the second Action Item:

2. Recommend to the FSDA the allotment for a \$60 prize for each recipient of the Founder’s Membership Award, or a \$120 prize for each recipient of the Blue Honor Key, after July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter seconded the Action Item.

Bro. Stephen Sharp of Edward K. Walker Chapter asked why It had to be \$60 dollars for each recipient of the Founder’s Membership, and then \$120 dollars for each recipient of the Blue Honor Key.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee answered that the Committee thinks that \$60 dollars for five members is reasonable same with 10 members for \$120 dollars, that way It can be very unique for everybody.

The State Master Councilor clarified that the prize will not be given in cash. It will be given in the form of with a gift that is worth \$60 or \$120, whether it’s a video game or something else.

Hearing no further discussion, the Action Item passed.

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The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the third Action Item:

3. To hold a Paintball Game at the 2020 Mini-Conclave, open to all Active DeMolays who have first lined signed at least one Initiate after Conclave 2019, before January 1st 2020.

Bro. Richard Riley of Dale Chapman Chapter seconded the Motion. There was no discussion. The Action Item was passed.

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of the Ritual Committee, Bro. Shawn Lopez II, for the reading of his report.

**Full report in the Appendix E.**

Bro. Lopez moved to receive the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. Robert Morrison of Anclote Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the first Action Item:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Ritual Committee Chairman as:

"Be attentive to the perceived and actual state of ritual proficiency within the Jurisdiction, review District and State Ritual competition results and participation of both competitors and evaluators, identify areas for improvement concerning ritual performance, proficiency, participation, and competitions, and recommend solutions to the Delegation for action."

Bro. Zach Hardgrove of Anclote Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the second Action Item:

2. Establish Ritual Competition at the District level following the same rules and regulations as state competitions which are based on the DeMolay Old South Tournament. These District competitions should occur at District functions arranged by the District Master Councilor. District Master Councilors should contact the Ritual Director to ensure competitions at the District level reflect upcoming ritual competition to be held at the upcoming Conclave or Mini-Conclave. District evaluation must be evaluated by certified evaluators. All evaluation forms may be provided by the Ritual Director. Only winners of district competition will be allowed to compete at the State competitions at the Conclave Immediately succeeding the District ritual competition. If there aren't any certified evaluators in a district, the District Master Councilor along with the Personal Representative should arrange for evaluator training with the Ritual Director.

Bro. Richard Riley of Dale Chapman Chapter seconded the motion.

The Chairman of the Ritual Committee stated that the Ritual competitions will be on a District level, and winners of the District level competitions in their own District will get to compete at the State level.



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Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter asked what is the main goal of this Ritual competitions in the Districts? Is it going to help members stay more involved? Is it going to be more challenging? Or is it going to elevate the Ritual competitions.

The State Ritual Committee Chairmen did not respond to the question.

Bro. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia Chapter asked what is going to happen if this passes? All the Chapters will not make it to this District events because maybe they don't have transportation to get to the location or they already had something planned for that day? What if they are already planning to come to Conclave and for this reason they cannot participate in the Ritual Competitions. Just because they didn't participate in a District competition what will be the point of even coming to Conclave?

The State Ritual Committee Chairmen did not respond to the question.

Bro. Stephen Sharp of Edward K. Walker Chapter asked if this Action Item passes, are the non-competing District level competitors not eligible to participate In the State Competitions?

The Ritual Committee Chairman responded with yes.

Bro. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia Chapter asked what if the District Master Councilor forgets to do the District Ritual Competitions, will all of the members of that District still be eligible to Compete at the State Competition Level?

The Ritual Committee Chairman responded with yes.

Bro. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia Chapter added that there should be a consistency to that. Can Chapters have competitions amongst themselves as a Chapter, in order to prove proficiency to advance to the State Level?

The Director off Ritual, Dad Shawn Lopez, stated that the point of this Action Item is to get the District Master Councilors more involved. It is the responsibility of the DMC to stay involved with the Chapters and hold District events and District Ritual competitions. If the DMC fails to hold the events, the DMC should no longer serve in that role.

Bro. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia Chapter added it is understandable that it is the job of the DMC to hold the District events, but what about the individual member who can't make it to the event for some reason and cannot compete at the State level.

The State Master Councilor stated that the Delegates can ask one more question before he proceeds with the vote.

Bro. Max Ortiz of Dale Chapman Chapter asked what about the members who are former winners of State Ritual competitions? Do they still need to prove their Ritual Proficiency in order to compete in the State level?

The Ritual Committee Chairman responded with yes.

Dad Graulich asked if, for example, Bahia wins the District competition, do those who win the competition have to be the same members who compete at Conclave, or can Bahia add in another member as a substitute from their District, or from another District, or from another State? Can any other Chapter who wins at the District Ritual competition substitute members on their teams

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for other members from their District, or other Districts, or from another State right after they win, or they have to stay with the same Members they had when they won the District Competition?

The State Ritual Committee Chairmen did not respond to the question.

The State Master Councilor closed the discussion and proceeded to voting. The Action Item failed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the third Action Item:

3. "Make Your Own Ritual Competition" announced at the Conclave or Mini-Conclave before. DeMolays will be asked to write their own ritual in accordance with standards and teachings currently displayed within our own rules, regulations, teachings, and ritual. They will be required to submit their ritual direction sheets to the ritual director 60 days prior to the opening of Conclave or Mini-Conclave. Author of the submitted ritual will be responsible for arranging for the individual or team performance of the submitted work to be evaluated by a state ritual evaluation panel.

Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter seconded the Action Item.

The State Ritual Committee Chairmen added that the Ceremony of Light was performed for the first time at a DeMolay International Ritual Competition and in doing so that DeMolay made a mark In DeMolay history. This State Ritual Competition will allow any DeMolay to make their own Ritual and share their experience.

Bro. Stephen Sharp of Edward K. Walker Chapter asked does this violate any of the DeMolay International Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations?

The Executive Officer, Dad Jody Meguiar, responded that he can allow it.

Bro. Richard Riley of Dale Chapman Chapter asked for understanding on the process. A DeMolay writes their Ceremony and then submits it to a Ritual Evaluator. Then they will get evaluated and be able to compete in the State Ritual Competition with their own Ritual?

The State Ritual Committee Chairmen answered yes. It's all based off memory and performance.

The Director of Ritual, Dad Shawn Lopez, added that the whole point of this is to have DeMolays compete and write their own Ritual for the State Ritual competition and have them compete against each other with their own Ritual. It could either be performed in competitions with teams or individually competing against other individuals. This will also help the members who are not great at Ritual. Instead of competing with our Ritual they can make their own, and if the team or individual wins the competition, we can use their Ritual and distribute it Statewide.

Brother Ian Konyha of Anclote Chapter added that he thinks this is a very interesting and cool idea and offers creativity and self-thinking. But how can that individual compete against the person that wrote the Ritual? He thinks there is an unfair advantage as the person who wrote the ritual will have more time to practice then the competitors that are competing with his Ritual.

Dad Graulich added that the idea of writing their own Ritual is to submit to a Ritual Evaluator, the Executive Officer approves the Ritual. Then that Ritual is going to be published in the Meridian Sun and it gives everybody a chance to practice it.

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Bro. Stephen Sharp of Edward K. Walker Chapter moved to amend the third Action Item to remove the competition aspect and have it as a Mini or Summer Conclave Ritual performance, not as a Competition, and the Ritual must be distributed to the Chapters. It was seconded by (unrecorded).

The State Master Councilor closed discussion and proceeded to the vote on the amendment. The amendment was passed.

The State Master Councilor closed discussion on the amended Action Item and proceeded to the vote. The amended Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of the Athletics Committee, Bro. Stone Perry, for the reading of his report.

**Full report in Appendix E.**

Bro. Perry moved to receive the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. Ian Konyha of Anclote Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the first Action Item:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Sports Committee Chairman to be:

“Assist the State Sports Advisor with the planning and execution of sporting events at Conclave and Mini-Conclave, propose necessary changes to sporting events to reflect the opinions of participants.”

Bro. Stephen Sharp of Edward K. Walker Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the second Action Item:

2. Require immediate consideration by the State Sports Advisor for any motion presented on the floor which would add, remove, or in any way change the structure of sporting competitions at Conclave.

Bro. Richard Riley of Dale Chapman Chapter seconded the action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of Public Relations and Social Media, Bro. Zachary Hardgrove, for the reading of his report.

**Full report in Appendix E.**

Bro. Hardgrove moved to receive the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the first Action Item:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Social Media and Public Relations Committee Chairman as:

“Oversee the Social Media and Public Relations Committee, assure that the active members of the committee are consistently staying productive in the committee

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throughout the whole term, work with the committee members on improving and maintaining the Florida DeMolay social media accounts, and exploring all methods to improve public relations through marketing and advertising.”

Bro. Ian Konyha of Anclote Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the seconded Action Item:

2. For this committee to be able to create quality content for our social media accounts consistently, we will need a graphic design software so that we can have the ability to create original posts or put finishing touches on photos taken. We move to purchase an Adobe Creative Cloud License for the purpose of creating digital content. The committee chairman and State Master Councilor will work with the executive staff to choose a plan that satisfies our requirements without financial burden.

Bro. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia Chapter Seconded the Action Item.

The Chairman of Public Relations and Social Media Committee added that the Committee is looking to use an Adobe Creative Cloud License so the Committee can start doing more creative things for Florida DeMolay. The Cloud could be used not only for our social media, but for this Jurisdiction as a whole. It's Only \$33 a month for a simple software, and \$80 a month for the multiple software.

Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter asked if the committee is also trying to improve our marketing.

The Chairman of Public Relations and Social Media Committee answered yes, the Committee is interested in advertising on social media like Instagram. The Committee is trying to restart our social media in general, especially our Instagram and our Facebook account.

Dad Graulich added that he thought he sent the Committee his Adobe account to use.

The State Master Councilor stated that the Committee tried to use Dad Graulich's software account but the account was not working.

A motion was made by (unrecorded) to amend the Action Item to apply only if the Committee can no longer use Dad Graulich's software account, or if Dad Graulich's software account does not work for any reason. It was seconded by Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter.

The State Master Councilor closed discussion and proceeded to the vote on the amendment. The amendment was passed.

The State Master Councilor closed discussion on the amended Action Item and proceeded to the vote. The amended Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, Bro. Jose Lopez, for the reading of his report.

**Full report in Appendix E.**

Bro. Lopez moved to receive the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

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The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the first Action Item:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Fundraising Committee Chairman as:

“To organize youth fundraising efforts for the purpose of charitable donations and other expenditures not covered by the FSDA.”

Bro. Michael Wilson of South Seminole Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the second Action Item:

2. Declare the 5K Run to become an annual event at Conclave.

Bro. Michael Wilson of South Seminole Chapter seconded the Action Item.

BRO. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia Chapter asked how much time this will take away from Conclave.

The Chairmen of the Fundraising Committee answered that the walk itself is not intended to be held at Conclave.

Bro. Phillip Dillon of Edward K. Walker Chapter moved to amend the Action Item to change the 5k from an annual event at Conclave, to becoming an Annual Virtual 5k Event. It was seconded by Bro. Michael Wilson of South Seminole Chapter.

The State Master Councilor closed discussion and proceeded to the vote on the amendment. The amendment was passed.

The State Master Councilor closed discussion on the amended Action Item and proceeded to the vote. The amended Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor called on the Centennial Committee, Bro. Wade Speigner, for the reading of his report.

**Full report in Appendix E.**

Bro. Speigner moved to receive the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. Stephen Sharp of Edward K. Walker Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the first Action Item:

1. Design a Centennial logo for Florida DeMolay. This logo would be used throughout the Centennial term in full capacity.

Bro. Michael Wilson of South Seminole Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the second Action Item:

2. Dedicate the entire year’s membership to somebody of importance to Florida DeMolay.

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Bro. Christian Meguiar of Paul Revere Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the third Action Item:

3. Issue a special patent to new members initiated during the Centennial Term.

Bro. Michael Wilson of South Seminole Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the fourth Action Item:

4. Hold a state-wide initiation on the Saturday of DeMolay Week of 2021 at Paul Revere Chapter, the first DeMolay Chapter in Florida. This event would be followed by a Centennial Ball, held at Hillsborough Lodge.

Bro. Michael Wilson of South Seminole Chapter seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the fifth Action Item:

5. Hold a state-wide fun weekend at Walt Disney World to recognize the legacy of DeMolay In Florida, and the legacy of Senior DeMolay Bro. Walt Disney.

Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter seconded the Action Item.

Bro. Aidan O'Brien of South Seminole Chapter asked if the Jurisdiction is going to pay for the trip.

The Executive Officer answered no.

The State Master Councilor closed discussion and proceeded with the vote. The Action Item passed.

The State Master Councilor asked for a second for the sixth Action Item:

6. Have each chapter perform a public service project in their communities in recognition of the 100th year of Florida DeMolay.

Bro. Ian Konyha of Anclote Chapter seconded the Action Item seconded the Action Item. There was no discussion. The Action Item passed.

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 6:40 pm.

# Minutes of the Sunday Night Banquet

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess at 7:10 PM. The following were introduced:

- Bro. Jose Lopez, State Scribe/Treasurer
- Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, State Junior Councilor
- Bro. Shawn Lopez II, State Senior Councilor
- Miss Brooklyn Johnson, State Sweetheart
- Dad Jody Meguiar, Executive Officer
- M. · W. · John Westerman III, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and his wife Sudy Westerman, First Lady of Masons of Florida
- Miss Rebecca Pereira, Bahia Chapter Sweetheart, and her escort Carter Uribe
- Miss Jayda Brim, State Sweetheart Candidate, and her escort Max Mispel
- Miss Natasha Klienbach, State Sweetheart Candidate, and her escort Logan Anderson
- Miss Ashlyn Speigner, Edward K. Walker Chapter Sweetheart, and her escort Wade Speigner
- Dad Marc Bohn, Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International.
- Dad Don Cowart, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and his wife Dell Cowart

The State Senior Councilor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The State Junior Councilor gave the blessing.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Membership Development for presentations.

The Director of Membership Development, Dad Kyle Moline, presented the following awards:

- Erik G. Hendrickson of Anclote Chapter - Founders Membership Award
- Sion King of Dale Chapman Chapter - Founders Membership Award
- Christian Meguiar of Paul Revere Chapter - #1 DeMolay Pin
- Dustin Ellenberg of George Ulee Lord Chapter - #1 DeMolay Pin
- Jeremiah Haynes of South Seminole Chapter - #1 DeMolay Pin
- Zachery Windsor. of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Defender of Florida Award
- Tally Brown of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Defender of Florida Award
- Cameron Thomas of First Coast Chapter - Defender of Florida Award

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of ISC Awards for presentations.

The Director of ISC Awards, Dad Dale Dietzman, presented the following awards:

- Jayda Brim of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Representative Sweetheart Award
- Natasha Klienbach of Lake Sumter Chapter - Representative Sweetheart Award
- Cyrus Bouniady of Lake Sumter Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award
- Brendon Jackson of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award
- Maxwell Mispel of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award
- Tally Brown of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award

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- Brian Speigner of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award
- Phillip Dillon of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award
- Zachery Windsor of Edward K. Walker Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award
- Christian Meguiar of Paul Revere Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award

The State Master Councilor called on the State Chapter Advisor, Dad Anthony Pickren, for assistance with the caucus for the for the candidates for State Master Councilor and Deputy State Master Councilor. The following questions were selected at random and asked to all candidates.

“What value do you find of use in the Ritual?”

Shawn Lopez II:

I think the value of our Ritual is to demonstrate the teachings of DeMolay, and when you learn the Ritual, you will find that all of the love in DeMolay in learning the values that are in all of the Rituals such as the Seven Preceptors, the Ceremony of Light, and the Seven Cardinal Virtues in our Order, and pretty much everything that has to deal with being committed to DeMolay. Explaining what is really DeMolay, how to represent yourself to the world and as a DeMolay, and everyone in the public. that what I feel and believe of the value of our Ritual.

Robert Morrison:

What is the value of Ritual? Well I think the value of Ritual has a lot of values. I think it contributes tremendously on public speaking, and also it's just something to do, some people like to interact with things. It's something that you can look for, and try it out.

Somosa Ramdeen:

What is the value of Ritual? I see Ritual as a vital stepping stone towards the manhood that DeMolay natures you for. It Embodies everything that DeMolay impulse, and teaches us how to become better people in our own way.

Zachary Hardgrove:

The value of Ritual is to teach you some of the Masonic values that our lodges over the years have implemented, and also helps to better men. It also helps with leadership skills that Brother Morrison has alluded to. I believe I wouldn't be here today talking in front of everyone in the dining hall today without Ritual to give me the confidence and the ability of public speaking.

“What are you going to do for the Chapters that are in Letters Temporary?”

Zachary Hardgrove:



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It's a very tricky question, for the Letters Temporary Chapters as some are in situations where they are not moving, or there are a new Chapter trying their best to recruit members. I personally don't have a plan set up in place at the moment, for Letters Temporary Chapter. I'm gonna have to think about that one. I will be taking that for consideration.

Somosa Ramdeen:

I do agree that is a very tricky situation. Each Chapter is different, each do our own thing to help us, so my plan will be to go to every Chapter personally see what resources they use, check the base of the Members. If I can do that I can see what each person needs individually. If not, you can't expect to have a plan and expect to work on everybody, everybody is different.

Robert Morrison:

For the Chapters that are under Letters Temporary, it is my opinion I think the District Master Councilors should work on the most. I think that should be their number one priority to work with Chapters that need startups and need help. I think that is also something that requires attention to the State Master Councilor, which is why I believe the State Master Councilor should work with the District Master Councilors, and work to help those Chapters who are in need or are in Letters Temporary.

Shawn Lopez II:

I would like to agree that Chapters under Letters Temporary is a very huge, very tricky situation. I do believe that the District Master Councilors must assist with care to those Chapters. I do have an idea that could work out for those that are very low members the "Wind of Life" is a really big opportunity to get members and to get so many kinds of people to join DeMolay. It just takes one person it takes just one person to represent an entire Chapter for their team. It's done In High Schools, it's done at Colleges, it's done communities, neighborhoods, it just such a great opportunity to build membership in those Letters Temporary Chapters, and I think that will be great progression for those Letters Temporary Chapters.

"How do you hold more DMC's more accountable?"

Shawn Lopez II:

By giving them more responsibilities, and duties for them to act on, by offering more training to the DMC's and showing them how to be held accountable, so that they don't make mistakes of not performing their duties correctly.

Robert Morrison:

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One of the ways I believe I can hold DMC's accountable is to continue their job, and to do it correctly, is pairing them with their Personal Representatives, and use the Personal Representatives to mentor their District Master Councilors and to also keep them on track. The DMC's should also continually check up on their local Chapters and be in the know on what is going on. They should receive phone calls, or text messages weekly, they should always be on the go.

Somosa Ramdeen:

How I think we hold DMC's more accountable is that I feel like in the past they get away with too much. Everyone tries their best but they do get away with not doing their Jobs. I believe we should work on strike policies. Three strikes and you're out. If the DMC's are not doing their jobs maybe is time to find a new DMC. I also believe they require more training on how to hold themselves more accountable, so I would like to work with them personally, and I plan implementing a training System called "Big Brother" System. This system will help consist of an older DeMolay who will be assigned a group of young DeMolays twelve through fifteen, who need that leadership training. They will mentor and nurture them until they're ready to take that position as a Chapter Councilor.

Zachary Hardgrove:

The way I believe we can hold DMC's accountable, is to first set some standards in the District Master Councilor program in general like Bro Somosa, there hasn't been some standards in the past few years with the District Master Councilors. Also, in communications I do agree on Brother Morrison about the District Representatives they should be the ones mentoring the District Master Councilors in their jobs, and making sure their doing what their supposed to be doing, the District Master Councilor cannot do this alone, the District Master Councilor is probably one of the most important jobs in the State. They are the ones that keep an eye out for us in the Jurisdiction, for the State Master Councilor. They're the true success of a Chapter, and our true success of our DeMolay, it is a very important issue to think about, and that's how I believe I can solve it.

"How do you personally handle failure?"

Zachary Hardgrove:

For me I'm not the best in failure, for me just a couple of questions ago I wasn't prepared for what to answer on those and I felt I did a pretty bad job on them. Sometimes I'm not very irrational, but this is something that I feel I can work on, is I planned on my prior speech, I have things to work on before I become State Master Councilor and this is exactly one of them. I Just have to make sure that I'm always keeping my head up and help on any difficult decisions.

Somosa Ramdeen:

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I see failure as a great learning opportunity, most people see it as a reason to quit, but I see failure something to build off from, strengthen yourself from, and move on with the next opportunity to build success.

Robert Morrison:

I'm just like everyone I'm very experienced with failure. Failure is something that is just part of life, and we have to deal with them, the most important thing to take away from it is to just take a step back, look at what you did, and see on that situation on where you were wrong, and know what to do next time you face the same situation and make it better, and just keep moving forward.

Shawn Lopez II:

I don't like failing but it that's life, and you use failure to grow. You can't really succeed until you make mistakes, and you just build off from it and then you can succeed, and just build off from what you did wrong and next time just try to find an alternative, and just make the best of it.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Alumni Relations for presentations.

The Director of Alumni Relations, Dad Anthony Pickren, presented the following:

- Dad Glennis Hobbs - 25 Year DeMolay Pin and certificate
- Dad Michael Blankinship – DeMolay International Alumni Association Certificate of Recognition for serving as Worthy Patron of Clermont Chapter, OES

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Conclave for any comments.

The Director of Conclave, Mom Athena Mock, made her announcements.

The State Master Councilor called on the Executive Officer for any comments.

The Executive Officer, Dad Jody Meguiar, gave his remarks.

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 8:57 pm.

# Minutes of the Monday Delegate Session

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, called the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter to Order at 3:11 pm, to commence the Delegate Session. Bro. Jose Lopez, State Scribe, took the roll call.

**Roll Call: 52 total votes, excluding the State Master Councilor. (Full roll call in Appendix I)**

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman Legislative Revision Committee, Bro. Sion King, for the reading of his report.

**See Full Report in Appendix E.**

Bro. King moved to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Bro. Christian Meguiar of Paul Revere Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor stated that all of the Action Items that were presented by the Legislative Revision Committee report will be all be voted on in one Motion.

Bro. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia Chapter moved to accept all of the action items presented. Bro. Max Ortiz of Dale Chapman Chapter Seconded.

The State Master Councilor called for discussion on any of the Action Items. There was no discussion. The Action Items passed.

The State Master Councilor extended the floor to each of the candidates for their closing remarks.

The State Senior Councilor and candidate for the office of State Master Councilor, Bro. Shawn Lopez II, gave his final remarks:

Greetings my Brothers. If in the case I were elected, I foresee that by the end of my term, every DeMolay is capable of leading Florida DeMolay towards the bright future ahead of it. DeMolay is known across the state and a household name, DeMolays from various backgrounds we've yet to attract; Chapters flourishing in the Jurisdiction; And Conclaves more exciting than each one that follows. The new and creative ideas I have in store for the year will be promising and above all fun and I am ready to give all of you my utmost effort to make this the best year that it can be. If in the event I am not elected my love and compassion for DeMolay will not dwindle. I will use what I can muster from my term plan to then help build my District as much as possible. The effort I expect to put in for DeMolay would remain unchanged. in my 8 years of serving as a DeMolay and having the opportunity to serve my brethren on the State Line, I have never been prouder to be a DeMolay and that pride will only grow from here on. Our flames within us are burning brighter than ever, it is what pushes us to put all of our effort in making DeMolay as great as it can be and for all the future generations of DeMolays that will come after us. Call it the will of fire as you will. I truly believe more than ever now, that we really are at the threshold of the years of preparation when we must lay

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the foundation on which the future must be built. I'm looking forward to a future so bright, we gotta wear shades. Thank you.

The candidate for the office of State Master Councilor, Bro. Robert Morrison, gave his final remarks:

Good afternoon everyone, I would like to thank the Delegation for considering me to be your next State Master Councilor. DeMolay has played a very vital role in my life, showing me new avenues and experiences that I wouldn't have known. We are truly lucky to be a part of DeMolay in Florida. There Is no better place to grow as a leader like Florida. The next State Master Councilor has to ensure that every DeMolay chapter in the state is producing leaders. Every single DeMolay who is active with their Chapter needs to have the opportunity to become a leader. As State Master Councilor I will work to improve the Leadership Development Program by helping Chapter Master Councilor's with their term plans with a Chapter term planning guide and I plan on getting the Delegates more involved in the state planning process with the State Committees. The committee system we have set up this year has the potential to make lasting changes on the Order by the youth. By focusing on the Jurisdictional changes, we set up this year and making them better and more refined we can establish successful continuity for the first time in our DeMolay lifetimes. This is why I want to be your next SMC, I want to see these changes through and have actual continuity from this term. Together we can make a difference but we cannot make a difference unless we are together.

The State Junior Councilor and candidate for the office of State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, gave his final remarks:

Good afternoon Brothers. As I'm given one last opportunity to speak in behalf of this election, I wanted to be able to leave you guys with a few more points. My Big Brother Program was built to help strengthen the bonds that we each have within our Chapters. With these stronger bonds we can continue to grow as an organization, and help build a more enlightened path to manhood. This also allows for proper one on one training with the younger DeMolays, turning them into the next future leaders our Jurisdiction. By working personally with the Chapters that are under Letters Temporary, we can see what specific problems each Chapter has and adjust their resources accordingly to what will help them the best. DeMolay isn't just about me or you, it's about all of us together, giving each other knew outlooks and greater experiences that can continue to walk us towards the right path. Let me tell you guys this, a friend once told me, "if you can't believe in yourself don't. Believe in me, believe in the me that believes in you." He was saying that if you find that you're doubting yourself, if you've fallen and feel like you can bring yourself back up. You'll always be able to look to a Brother next to you and he'll be there for the support you need. Cause in DeMolay were all links in the Chain. And without all you Brothers, our chain would break.

The candidate for the office of Deputy State Master Councilor, Bro. Zachary Hardgrove gave his final remarks:

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My Brothers, I cannot urge upon all of you enough the very importance of continuity with the State Line. Without continuity, we cannot set a standard of legitimacy and authority. Today, we will decide the future of our Jurisdiction for the next two years. We have often been told that we must have three continuous years of effective leadership, and we are in the position now for the first time in years to make this reality. By electing me to be your Deputy State Master Councilor, I will dedicate the next year of my life to ensure that I will be an effective leader in a year's time.

As Deputy State Master Councilor, I will prepare to lead us into our Centennial year with a term plan filled with opportunities for leadership, growth, development, and opportunity. We must continue to carry the flame that is beginning to kindle in our organization. It will take tireless devotion from our entire team to make sure that our program is executed to its fullest extent. This is the mantle of leadership I wish to assume.

In the end, my Brothers, this is the most vital election in our Jurisdiction's history. Awards, Honors, and distinctions mean little. These are not the marks of a leader. I seek your vote so that I can lead by example and by action. The work laid out by Brother Hancock and his team will only be an effective foundation for our program if there is consecrated leadership to follow through with it. Over the next 2 years, with your support, I will facilitate the continuous success of DeMolay in Florida so that we can unlock the true potential of this organization. Thank you.

Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter moved to have only the Delegates and the State Chapter Advisor in the room for the election. Bro. Stephen Sharp of Edward K. Walker Chapter seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor called on the Executive Officer, Dad Jody Meguiar, for clarification on who can stay in the room. Dad Meguiar advised that all Advisors can stay in the room.

The floor was opened for the election of State Master Councilor. The candidates were Brothers Shawn Lopez II, Robert Morrison, and Somosa Ramdeen. The results were as follows:

Shawn Lopez II	6 votes
Robert Morrison	24 votes
Somosa Ramdeen	22 votes

Since simple majority was not reached, Bro. Shawn Lopez II was dropped due to having the least number of votes, and the ballot was recast. The results of the second ballot were as follows.

Robert Morrison	23 votes
Somosa Ramdeen	29 votes

The State Master Councilor declared that simple majority had been reached and declared Bro. Somosa Ramdeen as State Master Councilor-elect.

Bro. Shawn Lopez II moved to accept the results of the election. Bro. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia Chapter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The floor was opened for the election of Deputy State Master Councilor. The candidate was Bro. Zachary Hardgrove. The State Master Councilor asked Bro. Morrison if he would accept a

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motion to drop down to run for the office of Deputy State Master Councilor. Bro. Morrison declined.

Bro. Alex Siew, PSMC, of Bahia moved to elect Bro. Zachary Hardgrove to the office of Deputy State Master Councilor by acclamation. Bro. Zackary Burger of Manatee Chapter Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Officer, Dad Jody Meguiar, congratulated the State Master Councilor-elect, and Deputy State Master Councilor-elect.

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 3:55 pm.

# Minutes of the Grand Banquet, Installation, and State Sweetheart Coronation

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess at 7:03 PM. The head table was introduced:

- Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, State Master Councilor-Elect, and his escort Miss Cheyenne Glover
- Miss Brooklyn Johnson, State Sweetheart, and her escort Ross Bednar
- Bro. Hunter Hancock, State Master Councilor, and his escort Miss Natasha Klienbach
- Dad Jody Meguiar, Executive Officer, and his wife Mom Kimberly Meguiar
- M.:W.: John Westerman III, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and his wife Mrs. Sudy Westerman, First Lady of Masons of Florida
- Dad Marc Bohn, Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International.
- Bro. Jose Lopez, State Scribe/Treasurer, and his escort Miss Tara Grant
- Bro. Shawn Lopez II, State Senior Councilor, and his escort Miss Jada Lopez
- Bro. Zachary Hardgrove, Deputy State Master Councilor-Elect, and his escort Miss Jayda Brim

The State Master Councilor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The State Master Councilor called on the State Senior Deacon to attend at the Altar.

The State Master Councilor-Elect gave the blessing.

The State Master Councilor called on the Grand Senior Councilor, Dad Marc Bohn, for his comments.

Dad Bohn remarked:

I thank you for the warm welcome and for the hospitality here.

I'm overwhelmed by the love and generosity that each of you show for each other. This has been an outstanding experience for me and I cannot thank you enough for that. I would like to bring greetings to you from the Grand Master of DeMolay International, Dad John Whitaker. We're planning to visit the southern Jurisdictions. He's doing pretty great in his new role and he is moving around all over the states, and he wanted me to share with you his appreciation for the excellent work that Executive Officer Dad Meguiar is doing. He is very proud with the progress Florida is making. Always making improvements, always looking for ways to make the DeMolay experience better for our young men, and frankly we can't ask for more than that.

He also wanted me to share with you to the young men that are in the room, how important it is for you to prepare your calendars in your term planning for your DeMolay Chapters. I happen to agree that if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Although it seems like a cliché but it couldn't be more true. So, he asked me to tell each of you to look at the qualifications for the Past Master Councilor - Meritorious Service Award and then make your term plan according to those standards and then submit your initial letter. Even if you don't meet all of the



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requirements that have to be done, if you didn't accomplish everything you set up to do, just accomplishing a portion of that program, it will make the next term even better and strengthen the Chapter and make sure that DeMolay exists after you have grown up, that your Brothers and my Brothers have an opportunity to experience DeMolay as you did.

Thank you, again for all the hospitality and for all the love. Thank you, Dad Meguiar for the time that you spent with me during this past weekend. This has been a wonderful experience and I can't thank you enough. God bless you.

The State Master Councilor introduced the follow at the Distinguished Guests tables:

- Mom Heather Earnhardt, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star
- Dad Lance Kleinsmith, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star
- Dad Don Cowart, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and his wife Dell Cowart
- Dad Jeff Foster, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and his wife Hollyn Foster
- Dad Richard Lynn, PGM, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida
- Dad Brett Gordon, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida.
- Dad Bill Thomas, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York and an Honorary member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay

The State Master Councilor called on Bahia Chapter for the Cross of Honor Ceremony. The following Advisors were invested:

- Dad Patrick Uppole - Bahia Chapter
- Dad Roman Maciag - Oleeta-West Dade Chapter
- Dad Shawn Lopez - Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter

The State Master Councilor called on the Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida for the presentation of the Chapter of the Year Award.

The following Chapters received Chapter of the Year participation Certificates:

- Bahia Chapter
- Dale Chapman Chapter
- Escambia Chapter
- Lake Sumter Chapter
- Manatee Chapter
- Oleeta-West Dade Chapter
- South Seminole Chapter
- Westside Chapter

Edward K. Walker Chapter was named Chapter of the Year and presented with the trophy.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Knighthood for his presentations.

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The Director of Knighthood, Dad Al Graulich, presented the Centennial Past Illustrious Knight Commander-Meritorious Service Award to Robert Morrison, PIKC.

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of the Athletic Committee, Bro. Stone Perry, for the presentation of the Athletic competition trophies. See Appendix G.

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of the Ritual Committee, Bro. Shawn Lopez II, for the presentation of the Ritual competition trophies. See Appendix G.

The State Master Councilor called on the State Sweetheart for her comments.

The State Master Councilor personally presented the following awards:

- Mom April Blankinship - Hats Off Award
- Dad Michael Blankinship - Hats Off Award
- Mrs. Amy Hancock - Medal of Appreciation

The State Master Councilor called on Dad Rusty Glendenning for the presentation of the Conclave Participation Trophy.

Dad Glendenning presented the following:

- C. Allen Pattison Chapter - Dad Curtis F. Archer Conclave Participation Award

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Conclave, Mom Athena Mock, for any Presentations she would like to make.

Mom Mock presented the following:

- Bro. Hunter Hancock - Puzzle Piece
- Dad Richard Lynn, PGM - Puzzle Piece
- Dad Jerome Meguiar - Puzzle Piece
- Dad Philip McGee - Roger Siegel Award

The State Master Councilor called on the Executive Officer for his presentations.

Dad Meguiar presented the following:

- Bro. Hunter J. Hancock - Medal of Appreciation
- Dad Scott D. Holland - Guild of the Leather Apron
- Bro. Matthew Ross Govreau - Distinguished Service Award
- Bro. Shawn Ray Lopez II - Distinguished Service Award
- Bro. Brian Wade Speigner, Jr. - DeMolay of the Year

The State Master Councilor gave his final remarks.

The past year of my life has been a journey that I never imagined I would experience. There is not a way to properly describe to someone what this job entails. Being State Master Councilor has presented me with the greatest opportunity to grow as a leader that I have ever had. I owe it to everyone in this room for allowing this to happen.

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I firmly believe that we are now in a position to grow DeMolay In Florida for the first time in years. The changes we have Instituted are now going into effect. Ultimately, we will see now if these changes are effective. I have faith that these changes are going to turn us around.

My main objective this term was to completely change the precedence of what It means to be State Master Councilor. Since I was Initiated into DeMolay, I have personally seen a total of 8 Brothers, 9 including myself, hold this office. I watched each of them very carefully, and I respected each of them in their own right. At the beginning of my term, I thought that the scale of successfulness of the SMC was very linear, but as I now leave office, I can confirm that it's far from that.

I soon realized that being SMC Is all about 2 objectives: the first, accomplishing the duties which naturally pertain to the office, such as leading at Conclave, setting up teams, representing the body, facilitating committees, and generally guiding the youth program. The second, don't piss off the Executive Officer. The most effective SMCs are the ones who are able to motivate the members of the body to do what Is necessary to grow our order. In years with these leaders, everyone leaves Conclave feeling excited about DeMolay. My goal as State Master Councilor was not only to leave the members feeling excited about DeMolay, but to also inspire the leaders to carry DeMolay forward. I hope that the next several State Master Councilors are able to only raise the precedence further.

The most shocking part to me about being State Master Councilor was how utterly unprepared I was for this role coming into it. I truly believe that there's no amount of preparation that you can do to prepare to be SMC. As soon as the ride begins, it is up to you to adapt to the environment, to learn the ropes, to figure out truly how to be a leader of the body. To Somosa, Zach, and anyone else in the room who will one day serve this office, do not lose hope if you feel lost. As long as you keep in contact, and don't piss off the Executive Officer, you will be okay.

DeMolay is truly at a turning point. When I look around the room I see excitement and motivation in our members. I see Brothers who are ready to carry the flame of DeMolay further. I encourage you to get involved further than you are, and take another step into service to DeMolay. Join a committee or run for an office. Offer to take on a role, large or small. The contribution of the individual is what will make or break us as an organization.

There are a few acknowledgements that I want to make. First, I want to say thank you to the two who introduced me to DeMolay in the first place. From the time I was five years old, I've been thankful to have the pleasure of knowing the Govreau family. Through all the years, all the rides to meetings, all of the advice and guidance for our entire chapter, Ross and Dad Lou have been here for me and for DeMolay from the moment I began my journey into this organization. Ross, who signed by DeMolay petition, has truly been one of the most impressive leaders in our Chapter, mentoring so many of the young men who have entered our doors. I love you guys, and I thank you for all that you've done for me and for the members of DeMolay.

In a similar vein, I want to thank all of the other members of First Coast who have supported me through my term as State Master Councilor. You all have been understanding of my obligations to this office, and your support has never been questioned. I could not have done

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anything without your moral support and friendship. My only regret about my involvement at a higher level is that It took away the severely limited time that we had together as DeMolays.

I couldn't acknowledge anyone for their help this year without thanking Dad Jody Meguiar for everything that he's done for me and for DeMolay. Over the last several years, Dad Jody has been the greatest mentor I could have asked for. I've learned so much about DeMolay and about life in general from his guidance. At International Session this year, I was told by the SMC of another Jurisdiction how bad they wished they had Jody as their EO. I think Jody understands this organization from the perspective of the youth. This has given him a greater level of trust and respect for us, and that respect and trust is reciprocated. If you go through all the awards and recognitions, there is literally nothing else left for me to give you. Sorry that I can't give you the Grand Cross. All I can give you is my sincerest thanks.

I commend Somosa and Zach and all of the Brothers who sought an office of leadership at Conclave this year. Your service to DeMolay will carry us into our next 100 years. I have full faith in your abilities to execute this office after me. I will be here for the both of you, to offer any guidance or mentorship you could need.

A thought that is often inculcated in DeMolay is that of how will you think about your time in DeMolay in decades from now as you sit on your front porch. I am satisfied with what has been accomplished, but my reflection will not focus on this year as much as it will the years which will soon follow. My objective this year was to lay a foundation in this organization that the next several SMCs can build a successful DeMolay upon. Only time will tell if this worked. I will be happy sitting on my front porch, if in 20 years I am just another average guy that came through this office because this new program has produced leaders of a higher caliber than we've ever seen.

Thank you all for your support. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I have ascended from the ranks for a brief time, and that brief time has concluded. To the ranks I now return.

The State Master Councilor served as Installing Officer for the Installation of State Officers.

Brother Somosa Ramdeen was installed as State Master Councilor of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter at 8:33 pm.

Brother Zachary Hardgrove was installed as Deputy State Master Councilor of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter at 8:36 pm.

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, gave his remarks:

I know I have a lot of work to do, but I'm truly grateful for the opportunity.

There is no greater honor, in my mind, then being your SMC. I want to thank all the Brothers out there who believe in me and I won't let you guys down. I'd like to ask my family and my Chapter to stand up. I want to thank you guys for being there for me. Without you guys I wouldn't be the person that is standing here today. I would like to give my special thanks to Bro. Alex Siew. He is the reason why I joined DeMolay. He always answered my call every time I needed him, and he has always helped me in time of trouble and need.

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My goal this year is that I will be implementing some key programs that will strive to build our leadership training within the state. I will be working with our IKC and together we will be rolling out the Big Brother Program, with the help of the Sir Knights of Colonel Nick Rowe Priory, I will be working with the Chapters who are Letters Temporary. I will personally visit those Chapters, see what resources are needed to help with the problems of the Chapters. I remember what was like to be that brother at Conclave, that one shy kid who always stays inside his hotel room every chance he gets, but I began to realize over the course of the next few years what I was missing out on, and that was the best part of Conclave. I was missing out on those great memories with my fellow brethren, and what I will make sure to all the members, new or old, have great experiences at Conclave.

My focus is to continue on the path that Brother Hunter set at Mini-Conclave this year, and we will continue to empower the DMCs. They will be responsible to hold Leadership Training Programs that will create the future leaders of Florida DeMolay. DeMolay strived for 100 years, and I plan to make sure it builds even stronger for the next 100 years. Each and every one of you is the reason why we are standing here today. All of your encouragement is what makes us keep doing what we are doing, and hopefully during this year as a whole we can Get Stuff Done.

The State Master Councilor called on the Executive Officer for his comments.

The Executive Officer and the State Master Councilor presented Bro. Hunter Hancock, PSMC, a Past State Master Councilor jewel.

The Executive Officer, Dad Jody Meguiar, gave his final remarks:

Here we are at Summer Conclave 2019. It is incredible to see each year more and more people. Each year I see more and more smiles, much more enthusiasm. I see the cheers. I see the celebrations, that what it's about. Those are the memories that you are going to be thinking about forever.

I would like to thank all of you for making Conclave what it is, and for making DeMolay the program that it is today. It is incredible to look at the progress each of you is making, not only here at Conclave, but in you Chapters. I challenge you for your term in your Chapters to do just a little bit more. Let's get this plan going, let's get these Leadership Trainings done. This is what needs to happen as we move forward into our new century. Next year, 2020, we will be kicking off our Florida DeMolay Centennial Year from 2020 to 2021. Because Paul Revere Chapter in Tampa they got their Charter in April of 1921, so we will have celebratory events throughout that year, milestone events, not only for the success that Paul Revere Chapter had, but the success that Florida DeMolay had in the past 100 years. It is incredible and it is exciting.

I would like to congratulate all of the members and advisors who received awards tonight. I would like to congratulate the State Line that is finishing, and our new State Line. I look forward to working with each of you as we keep on moving forward and it is going to be great. I would like to thank all of the Masonic bodies and different Jurisdictions that attended tonight,

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and for everyone who made 2019 Summer Conclave a tremendous success. So, for everyone in Florida DeMolay let's GeStuDo! Get Stuff Done, Thank You.

The State Master Councilor called on the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida for any remarks.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Dad John Westerman III, gave his remarks:

Good evening.

One year ago, I was here and I experienced the generosity and kindness of the Executive Officer, Dad Jody Meguiar, and I said I was going to be back. This year I'm back and we are doubling our contribution. I have here this check from the Grand Lodge of Florida. Not for \$500, but for \$1,000, and a personal check from me and my wife for a personal contribution of \$250.

I believe there is no finer organization for young men to be a part of than DeMolay. Each and every one of you is capable of great things.

On behalf of my wife and I, I would like to extend our gratitude for your generosity, kindness, love, and for the hospitality, and I look forward to seeing you again in the near future. Thank you.

There being no further business, The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter closed at 9 pm.

Miss Natasha Klienbach was coronated as the State Sweetheart after the closing of the Grand Banquet.

# Minutes of the Delegate Session at Mini-Conclave

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of a state of recess at 7:30 pm and commenced the Delegate session. The State Scribe, Bro. Zachary Hardgrove, completed the roll call.

## **Roll Call: Full roll call in Appendix I**

The State Master Councilor presented the proposed Rules and Regulations of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter.

Bro. CJ Christiansen of Marion Chapter made a motion to amend Section 2.08 to allow being a Past Illustrious Knight Commander as an alternate requirement to run for Deputy State Master Councilor. It was seconded by Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion failed.

Bro. CJ Christiansen of Marion Chapter made a motion to amend Section 2.06 to include that when a District Master Councilor is elected to Deputy State Master Councilor, thus causing a vacancy in the office of District Master Councilor in his district, that he can nominate his replacement with the approval of the State Master Councilor. The motion was seconded by Bro. Quinn McConnell of Marion Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Bro. Phillip Dillion of Edward K. Walker Chapter moved to accept the proposed Rules and Regulation as amended. It was seconded by Bro. Sam Bouniady of Lake Sumter Chapter. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The State Master Councilor announced the new State Committee Chairman and Committee members. The Committees then broke into their respective groups for discussion.

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 8:30 pm.

## Minutes of the Initiation at Mini-Conclave

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess for the purpose of Initiation at 1:18 pm

The following Brothers received both Degrees of the Order:

- Danny DeJesus - Anclote Chapter
- Chris Holloway - South Seminole Chapter
- Ben Johnson - Paul Revere Chapter
- Jeremiah Kaufman - John Wayne Chapter
- Christopher Kelly - M.:W.: William M. Hollis Chapter
- Elyjah Kelly - M.:W.: William M. Hollis Chapter
- Gabriel Leach - M.:W.: William M. Hollis Chapter
- Michael Molitor - Paul Revere Chapter
- Connor Norton - M.:W.: William M. Hollis Chapter
- James Rains- John Wayne Chapter
- Sebastian Rosario - Bahia Chapter

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 1:49 pm.



# Minutes of the Awards Breakfast Banquet, and Installation at Mini-Conclave

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, called the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter to order at 9:11 am. The following were introduced:

- Bro. Zachary Hardgrove, State Scribe
- Bro. Jose Lopez, State Scribe-Appointed
- Miss Brooklyn Johnson, State Sweetheart
- Bro. Hunter Hancock, State Master Councilor
- Dad Jody Meguiar, Executive Officer
- Riley Desin, National Ambassador of Shriners Hospital for Children
- Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, State Junior Councilor
- Bro. Shawn Lopez II, State Senior Councilor

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of the Ritual Committee, Bro. Shawn Lopez II, for the presentation of the Ritual competition trophies. See Appendix G.

The State Master Councilor called on the Chairman of the Athletic Committee, Bro. John Caldwell, for the presentation of the Athletic competition trophies. See Appendix G.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of ISC Awards for presentations.

The Director of ISC Awards, Dad Dale Dietzman, presented the following award:

- Bro. Zack Berger of Manatee Chapter - Representative DeMolay Award

Bro. Jose Lopez of South Seminole Chapter was installed as State Scribe/Treasurer of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter at 9:36 am.

The State Master Councilor invited Riley Desin, National Ambassador of Shriners Hospital for Children, for his remarks.

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Hunter Hancock, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter closed at 10:03 am.

## Appendix A: Jurisdictional Officers *2019-2020*

### Elected Officers

State Master Councilor: Somosa H.R. Ramdeen  
Deputy State Master Councilor: Zachary Hardgrove  
State Scribe/Treasurer: Jose Lopez  
State Sweetheart: Miss Natasha Klienbach

### District Master Councilors

District One: Brian Wade Speigner, Jr.  
District Two: Jackson Cowart  
District Three: Connor Guimond  
District Four: Dylan Baumgartner  
District Five: Austin Abernathy  
District Six: Shawn R. Lopez II

### State Committee Chairmen

Ritual: Maximilian Ortiz  
Fund-Raising: Logan Anderson  
Continuity: Hunter Hancock  
Membership: Sion King  
Social Media and Communications: Zackary Hardgrove  
Legislative Revisions: Dylan Myers  
Athletics: Stone Perry

### State Chapter Advisor

Dad Anthony L. Pickren, PSMC

## Appendix B: Jurisdictional Staff *2019-2020*

### Executive Staff

Executive Officer: Dad Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar  
Deputy Executive Officer: Dad Allan J. Graulich  
Assistant Executive Officer for Communications: Dad Michael K Blankinship  
Assistant Executive Officer for Education: Dad John J. Hillyer IV  
Assistant Executive Officer for Field Operations: Dad Anthony L. Pickren  
Dad Russell B. Glendinning, Ex-Officio  
Dad Richard E. Lynn, PGM, Ex-Officio  
Dad Jerome M. Meguiar, Ex-Officio

### Staff of Jurisdictional Directors

Alumni Relations: Dad Anthony L. Pickren, PSMC  
Athletics: Dad E. Jason Sinnott  
Awards: Dad W. Dale Dietzman  
Conclave: Mom Athena Mock  
Knighthood: Dad Allan J. Graulich  
Ladies Activities: Mom Pamela Meguiar  
Membership Development: Dad S. Kyle Moline  
Ritual: Dad Shawn R. Lopez

### Staff of Jurisdictional Program Coordinators

Florida Educational Foundation: Dad Bill Cobb  
John Bates University: Dad Andrew Gluchov  
Parents Club Coordinator: Mom Theresa Nelson  
Squires Coordinator: Mom April Blankinship, PSS  
Sweetheart Coordinator: Mom Denise Mock, PSS  
Webmaster: Dad Michael K. Blankinship, PSMC

# Appendix C: Charter of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter

**Florida Jurisdictional Chapter**  
**Directive of the Executive Officer**  
**20190101-01**

January 1, 2019

By directive of the Executive Officer, a Jurisdictional State Chapter is hereby chartered.

The State Chapter shall be governed first by the Bylaws, Rules & Regulations of DeMolay International, second by directives of the Executive Officer and third by its Rules & Regulations and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The State Chapter shall function through Jurisdictional Staff to promote and achieve the Jurisdictional Management plan and directions of the Executive Officer.

The State Chapter shall be inclusive of all components and members of Florida DeMolay.

Take due notice thereof, and govern yourselves accordingly.

/s/ Robert J. "Jody" Meguiar Executive Officer	/s/ Hunter J. Hancock State Master Councilor
/s/ Allan J. Graulich Deputy Executive Officer	/s/ Shawn R. Lopez II State Senior Councilor
/s/ Michael K. Blankinship Assistant Executive Officer	/s/ Somosa Ramdeen State Junior Councilor
/s/ John J. Hillyer IV Assistant Executive Officer	/s/ Zachary Hardgrove State Scribe/Treasurer
	/s/ Robert Morrison Illustrious Knight Commander

# Appendix D: Rules and Regulations of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter Updated July 2019

## Chapter 1: The Organization of the State Chapter

***Section 1.01.*** The membership of this State Chapter shall be inclusive of all members of every Chartered Chapter, as well as those holding Letters Temporary from DeMolay International, located within the Jurisdiction of Florida. All members of the individual Chapters shall be dual members with the State Chapter.

Any member who is initiated into, or moves to, an area where there is no Chapter shall automatically be a part of the Florida-at-Large Chapter.

***Section 1.02.*** The members of this State Chapter shall meet at the Annual State Conclave and Mini Conclave, and at other times as necessary for the purpose of conducting business, electing officers, holding athletic and ritual competitions, and other activities deemed appropriate by the Executive Staff.

## Chapter 2: State Chapter Leadership

***Section 2.01.*** The Elected Officers of this State Chapter shall be the State Master Councilor and the Deputy State Master Councilor, and one District Master Councilor for each district.

Elections for the office of Deputy State Master Councilor shall be held at the annual State Conclave each year; the Brother elected shall serve until he ascends the office of State Master Councilor, until his successor is installed, he resigns or is removed. The Deputy State Master Councilor shall automatically ascend the office of State Master Councilor upon successful completion of his term, with the approval of the Executive Staff.

It is proper for the Delegation to offer a vote of confidence to support the ascension.

***Section 2.02.*** The State Master Councilor shall be the duly elected head of this State Chapter and it shall be his duty to perform all duties which naturally pertain to such an office or which may devolve upon him from time to time.

The State Master Councilor shall preside at the Annual State Conclave and Mini Conclave.

***Section 2.03.*** The Deputy State Master Councilor shall serve alongside the State Master Councilor and assist with the execution of his duties.

***Section 2.04.*** The State Scribe/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Staff at each annual Mini Conclave; he shall not be eligible to run for elected office at Conclave while serving as State Scribe/Treasurer.

The State Scribe/Treasurer shall work with an Advisor who is satisfactory to the Executive Staff.

***Section 2.05.*** No candidate shall be elected to Deputy State Master Councilor who would reach the age of twenty-one (21) prior to his ascension to the Office of State Master Councilor. No

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State Officer may attend an out of state school or reside outside the State of Florida during his term of office.

Any violation of the provisions outlined in this Section shall automatically create a vacancy in the office.

**Section 2.06.** In the event of death, resignation or removal of the State Master Councilor, the Deputy State Master Councilor shall advance, with the recommendation of the Executive Staff and the approval of the Executive Officer. In this instance, or if a vacancy should ever occur in the office of Deputy State Master Councilor, the State Master Councilor shall consult with the District Master Councilors and nominate to the Executive Officer a candidate to fill the office.

The State Chapter Advisor, subject to the approval of the Executive Officer, may declare a vacancy in an elected State Office.

The State Master Councilor, subject to the approval of the Executive Officer, may declare a vacancy in the State Scribe/Treasurer position. In this instance, the State Master Councilor shall nominate to the Executive Staff a candidate to fill the office.

**Section 2.07.** Any qualified DeMolay who desires to run for elected State Office shall send a Letter of Intent to the Deputy Executive Officer by July 1<sup>st</sup> for State Master Councilor and Deputy State Master Councilor, or by January 1<sup>st</sup> for District Master Councilor. The Deputy Executive Officer shall only ensure that the Letters of Intent are complete and in proper form. He will then inform the Executive Staff that he is in possession of a complete Letter of Intent and secure their approval for the Candidacy, which he will then communicate to the Candidate.

Letters of Intent may be in the form of email, and the date stamp at the time of its submission shall serve as its postmark. There will be no extensions of the deadline, unless the delay is beyond the control of the potential candidate or caused by Jurisdictional Staff; the Executive Staff will consider these on a case-by-case basis.

**Section 2.08.** All candidates for elected State Office must be residents of the State of Florida for at least six months prior to the election and must be members in good standing of a member Chapter of this Jurisdiction. Any prospective candidates for elected State Office from the Florida-at-Large Chapter shall require the prior consideration and approval of the Executive Staff.

At the time of filing their Letter of Intent, all prospective candidates for elected State Office must be a Past District Master Councilor or currently be serving in such capacity, having no less than nine (9) months of service in this particular station.

Prospective candidates for State Master Councilor and Deputy State Master Councilor shall demonstrate, to the approval of the Director of Ritual or panel of evaluators designated by the Director of Ritual, his proficiency in the Master Councilor's portion of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Initiatory and DeMolay Degree in the current edition of the Ritual of Secret Work. The criteria for the approval of said evaluation shall be determined by the Director of Ritual.

All candidates for the office of State Master Councilor must be a high school graduate or its equivalent, licensed and insured to drive, and have been a DeMolay for at least two (2) years prior to his Installation.

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A prospective candidate's Letter of Intent must include the following statement: "I have read and am familiar with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of DeMolay International, and the Charter, Rules and Regulations of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter."

As part of the Letter of Intent package, a letter must be received from:

- The parent/guardian of a prospective candidate stating that he has their approval to serve; and
- The prospective candidate's Advisory Council stating that he has their approval to serve, that they feel he is qualified to be a state officer and that his potential for absence from the Chapter while serving as an elected State Officer is not anticipated to cause detriment to the progress or overall operation of the Chapter.

The Executive Staff will provide final guidance on a prospective candidate's suitability for office, and refer their recommendation to the voting delegation.

***Section 2.09.*** A prospective candidate shall not cause any distribution of materials, written or oral, pertaining to his candidacy before he has received confirmation of approval of his candidacy based on the postmark of the notification he receives from the Deputy Executive Officer. He will be authorized to distribute business size calling cards only. These cards will contain no information other than the candidate's name, address, phone number, and emblem of the Order of DeMolay, titles and/or honors, and the title of the office being sought by the candidate. This card will be the only authorized material which may be distributed on his behalf at any time.

***Section 2.10.*** Any qualified candidate, who is not elected to the office for which he has submitted a Letter of Intent, may be nominated for a lower office from the floor during elections.

The State Master Councilor shall, prior to his installation, select an Advisor from the list of certified Florida Advisors to serve as the State Chapter Advisor. The State Chapter Advisor shall assist and advise the State Master Councilor in such matters as may be deemed necessary by the State Master Councilor and Executive Staff.

***Section 2.11.*** All nominees for the office of State Scribe/Treasurer must meet the qualifications for an elected State Office as outlined in Section 2.08.

Qualified prospective candidates for the office of State Scribe/Treasurer shall submit a letter of intent to the Deputy Executive Officer, for distribution to the Executive Staff, no later than 20 days prior to the opening of Mini Conclave.

Pursuant to the Bylaws, Rules & Regulations of DeMolay International, if no qualified DeMolay expresses his interest in serving as State Scribe/Treasurer, an Advisor may be appointed to complete the duties of this position. Should this option be employed, the Advisor chosen to serve shall serve only to complete the Proceedings and shall not be considered part of the State Line; in no manner should this Advisor be granted any privileges or benefits afforded an Active DeMolay, nor shall the collar of this position be worn at any time.

### ***Chapter 3:*** State Elections

***Section 3.01.*** An election shall be defined as having two (2) or more approved candidates running for one office. In the event that there are less than two (2) approved candidates running for an office, the position shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Staff, with the

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approval of the Executive Officer; the sole named candidate shall not automatically be appointed. Should an officer be appointed according to these provisions, the Delegation may opt to elect the appointed Officer by acclamation.

***Section 3.02.*** The election of Officers for this State Chapter shall take place at the discretion of the State Master Councilor during a regular business session at the respective Conclave. The election of Officers shall be in order of rank, the highest being first, by secret (written) ballot of those entitled to vote or by acclamation. A simple majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for a candidate to be elected.

The ballots for the election of Officers shall be prepared by the State Scribe. Blank ballots, ineligible ballots and those otherwise deviating from the proper form described at the time of election shall be tabulated as abstentions, lowering the simple majority required for legal election.

***Section 3.03.*** Each Chartered Chapter within the Jurisdiction of Florida shall be entitled to three (3) votes and be represented by up to three (3) voting Delegates. Chapters under Letters Temporary shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate vote, until all of their requirements are met and they receive approval for chartering from the Executive Officer.

In order to serve as a Delegate, a DeMolay must have not yet reached his majority, must be proficient in both Degrees and be able to produce a white obligation card. He must also be a member of the Chapter he represents as a Delegate. Each selected Delegate shall vote in all matters brought on the floor of Conclave. In the event that less than three (3) DeMolays qualified to serve as Delegates from a Chartered Chapter are in attendance at Conclave, any or all of the absent delegate votes may be designated to a remaining Delegate from that Chapter.

Each Chapter shall designate a Senior Delegate before the opening of Conclave, who shall announce the vote of the Chapter Delegation with the exception of a secret (written) ballot.

In all matters concerning this Jurisdiction, proxy votes are prohibited.

***Section 3.04.*** Every Past Elected State Officer, who has not yet reached the age of majority before the opening of Conclave, and who is properly registered with the Director of Conclave, will be entitled to one (1) delegate vote on all business matters of the delegation. His eligibility to this vote shall be waived if the Past Elected State Officer is selected to serve as a delegate representing his Chapter.

The Deputy State Master Councilor and State Scribe/Treasurer will be entitled to one (1) delegate vote on all matters of the delegation. The State Master Councilor will be given one (1) delegate vote only to be used in a tie breaker circumstance.

#### **Chapter 4: State Officer Responsibilities**

***Section 4.01.*** The State Master Councilor shall report in writing to the State Chapter at each Annual State Conclave his entire official acts, whether performed in person or by his official representative or District Master Councilor. Additionally, at a time convenient to the delegation, the State Master Councilor shall deliver a “State of the Order” address consistent with the current progress made by the Jurisdictional Chapter with regard to the Jurisdictional Management Plan.



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It is the duty of the State Master Councilor to ensure that each Chapter in this Jurisdiction receives at least one official visitation during his term of office, either by an elected state officer, a District Master Councilor, or both.

The State Master Councilor shall also be responsible for the actions and progress made by the corps of District Master Councilors.

***Section 4.02.*** The Deputy State Master Councilor shall represent the State Master Councilor when directed to do so, and assist the State Master Councilor in every way possible in the discharge of his duties.

The Deputy State Master Councilor shall also be responsible for the progress and direction of the State Committees through their appointed Chairman.

***Section 4.03.*** The State Scribe/Treasurer shall record the minutes of the business sessions of the Annual State Conclave and any official Jurisdictional meetings. He shall then, within sixty (60) days, have the aforementioned minutes, together with the Charter, Rules and Regulations of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in their latest revision, compiled, published, and distributed as follows:

- One copy to the Executive Officer and one copy to each member of the International Supreme Council residing in the Jurisdiction of Florida;
- One copy to the State Master Councilor and Deputy State Master Councilor;
- One copy to each member Chapter, either chartered or under Letters Temporary within the Jurisdiction of Florida;
- One copy to each of the Executive Officer's Personal Representatives, the State Chapter Advisor and State Scribe/Treasurer Advisor;
- One copy to each District Master Councilor and State Committee Chairman; and
- One copy to the Jurisdictional Webmaster.

This distribution may be made electronically, and confirmation of completion shall be forwarded to the Executive Officer, State Master Councilor and State Scribe/Treasurer Advisor.

The State Scribe, with the approval of the State Scribe/Treasurer Advisor, shall have the authority to correct any grammatical and typographical errors in the minutes, Rules and Regulations of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter as he deems necessary and appropriate.

The State Scribe/Treasurer shall maintain a true copy of the Charter, Rules and Regulations of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter which will be made available to any active DeMolay or Advisor within Florida upon request.

## **Chapter 5:** State Appointed Officers & Committees

***Section 5.01.*** The State Master Councilor reserves the authority to appoint a corps of State Officers for the function of the State Chapter, who shall assist the State Master Councilor in his work.

***Section 5.02.*** The State Master Councilor shall appoint the State Committee Chairmen serving this State Chapter.

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***Section 5.03.*** The State Master Councilor-elect shall announce the names of his appointed State Officers and appointed Committee Chairmen at the last business session of the State Conclave. The names of these officers shall be published in the proceedings of this State Chapter.

When a vacancy in any appointed State Officer position or Committee chairmanship occurs, it is the duty of the State Master Councilor to appoint a new chairman.

***Section 5.04.*** The standing Committees for this Jurisdictional Chapter shall be: Legislative Revisions - Membership - Public Relations and Social Media - Ritual - Sports - Fundraising - Continuity.

These Committees shall be assisted by Jurisdictional Staff Members.

The Continuity Committee shall serve as a long-term planning committee. The committee will consist of the State Master Councilor, the Deputy State Master Councilor, and the Junior Past State Master Councilor. Each year, the incoming Deputy State Master Councilor will select one Brother to serve on the committee for two years. For the first year of this committee, the incoming State Master Councilor will appoint one Brother to serve on the committee for one year.

The first draft of a Committee's report shall be submitted to the State Scribe/Treasurer before June 1st in preparation for Conclave. The State Scribe/Treasurer shall work with the State Master Councilor, Legislative Revisions Committee and Executive Staff to determine physical and fiscal feasibility of any action items presented. The Legislative Revisions Committee Report must be submitted by June 15th. By July 1st or January 1st, for Conclave or Mini Conclave, respectively, proposed legislative changes shall be distributed electronically to the Master Councilor and Advisory Council Chairman of every member Chapters within this Jurisdiction and published on the Jurisdictional Website. The Master Councilors and Advisory Council Chairmen will be responsible for distributing proposed legislative changes to the chapter members.

***Section 5.05.*** The State Master Councilor shall have power over the establishment of any special committees he deems necessary. These special committees may be abolished by the State Master Councilor with the approval of the Executive Officer.

***Section 5.06.*** In consultation with each appointed Committee Chairman, the State Master Councilor shall appoint the committee members from among the members of this State Chapter.

## **Chapter 6:** District Master Councilors

***Section 6.01.*** Each year at Mini Conclave, one (1) active DeMolay from each district shall be elected by the Delegates from that district to serve as the District Master Councilor (DMC). The DMC shall be the State Master Councilor's representative within the district. DMCs shall be at least 16 years of age and a Past Master Councilor of a Chapter within the Jurisdiction. DMCs shall not be a sitting Chapter Master Councilor.

***Section 6.02.*** All DMCs shall be required to make an official visit to each chapter in their district prior to July 1st of the year of their election, and again prior to January 1st before his term expires. A report on this visit shall be submitted to the State Master Councilor no later than July 1st for inclusion in the State Master Councilor's official report at Conclave, and January 1st as a status update prior to Mini Conclave.

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**Section 6.03.** It shall be the task of the DMC to relay specifics relating to the SMC's program in monthly communications to the Chapters within his District, and at each of his official visits.

**Section 6.04.** The State Master Councilor may remove a District Master Councilor who has not completed his duties. In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Master Councilor, the State Master Councilor shall fill the vacancy with a qualified Brother in the district. All removals and appointments must be approved by the Executive Officer.

### Chapter 7: Conclave and Mini Conclave

**Section 7.01.** There shall be an Annual State Conclave, held in or about the month of July at a specific time and place to be determined by the Director of Conclave, State Master Councilor and Executive Officer.

There shall be an Annual State Mini Conclave, held in or about the month of January at a specific time and place to be determined by the Director of Conclave, State Master Councilor and Executive Officer.

**Section 7.02.** At the annual State Conclave and Mini Conclave, time shall be allotted for any business deemed appropriate at the discretion of the State Master Councilor and Executive Staff, to include but not be limited to Ritual Competition, Sports Competition, Election and Appointment of State Officers

**Section 7.03.** The Director of Conclave shall work closely with the Jurisdictional Executive Staff to make decisions concerning the registration of chapters.

### Chapter 8: Legislative Process

**Section 8.01.** The Rules and Regulations of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter may be changed by vote of the Delegates at any State Chapter meeting with the approval of the Executive Staff and the Executive Officer.

**Section 8.02.** Recommendations for legislative call items shall be submitted to the State Scribe/Treasurer no later than June 1st or December 1st for Conclave or Mini Conclave, respectively. He shall forward any legislative items to the State Master Councilor, the Legislative Revisions Committee Chairman, the Deputy Executive Officer (for distribution to the Executive Staff) and the Executive Officer upon receipt.

**Section 8.03.** In emergent situations, it shall be understood that the Executive Staff may make changes determinate upon the good of the order at any time. Such changes shall be communicated by the Executive Officer to the Member Chapters of this Jurisdiction, State Line Officers, Personal Representatives and District Master Councilors upon effect.

### Chapter 9: Miscellaneous Regulations

**Section 9.01.** Chapters within the Jurisdiction of Florida may institute any programs sanctioned by and in accordance with the DeMolay International Bylaws Rules & Regulations.

**Section 9.02.** The official "flagship" charity of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter shall be the Masonic Home of Florida. Additionally, the State Master Councilor may select a personal charity.

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Jurisdictional fundraising efforts shall be put in motion, along with service projects being implemented, to benefit these charities.

***Section 9.03.*** An appendix to these Rules & Regulations shall be maintained by the Executive Staff and may be amended through the same legislative process as defined in Chapter 8.

**Chapter 10:** Disciplinary Authority

***Section 10.01.*** The Florida Jurisdictional Chapter shall establish an Honor Court consisting of 2 advisors and 1 DeMolay. Those individuals serving on the Honor Court shall be appointed in agreement by the State Master Councilor and the Executive Officer. The Honor Court shall be called as needed and have jurisdiction over all disciplinary actions taking place at Conclave and Mini Conclave. The Executive Officer shall use his discretion to approve or disapprove all rulings by the Honor Court.

***Section 10.02.*** Disciplinary action at all other Jurisdictional events shall be referred to the Chapter, Manor or Priory responsible for the member, to be handled pursuant to subsection 314.12 of the DeMolay International Rules & Regulations.

## Appendix E: State Committee Reports

The following are the State Committee reports that were submitted at the 2019 Summer Conclave in their entirety:

### **State Ritual Committee Report**

Brethren, the following is the report of the Ritual Committee for 2019. Lack of ritual proficiency and understanding were two of the issues that needed to be addressed. By having District competitions and only having winners of the District competitions at the State level, ritual proficiency and understanding thereof are incentivized.

At Mini-Conclave 2019, 6 brothers competed in individual DeMolay Degree parts. 2 competed in Examination Queries. 2 competed in the Flower Talk, and 3 competed in the Ceremony of Light. 2 competed in the Father's Talk. There were 11 competitions in Individual Preceptor parts. One chapter competed in 9 O'clock Interpolation.

At Conclave 2018, 11 brothers competed in individual DeMolay Degree parts. 3 competed in the Shield Talk. 2 competed in the Knight of Rose. There were 13 competitions in Preceptor parts, and 4 in the Mag Seven. One brother competed in Examination Queries. Two chapters competed in the Cross of Honor, and one competed in Chapter Proficiency.

The committee proposes the following action items:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Ritual Committee Chairman as:

"Be attentive to the perceived and actual state of ritual proficiency within the Jurisdiction, review District and State Ritual competition results and participation of both competitors and evaluators, identify areas for improvement concerning ritual performance, proficiency, participation, and competitions, and recommend solutions to the Delegation for action."

2. Establish Ritual Competition at the District level following the same rules and regulations as state competitions which are based on the DeMolay Old South Tournament. These District competitions should occur at District functions arranged by the District Master Councilor. District Master Councilors should contact the Ritual Director to ensure competitions at the District level reflect upcoming ritual competition to be held at the upcoming Conclave or Mini-Conclave. District evaluation must be evaluated by certified evaluators. All evaluation forms may be provided by the Ritual Director. Only winners of district competition will be allowed to compete at the State competitions at the Conclave immediately succeeding the District ritual competition. If there aren't any certified evaluators in a district, the District Master Councilor along with the Personal Representative should arrange for evaluator training with the Ritual Director.

3. "Make Your Own Ritual Competition" announced at the Conclave or Mini-Conclave before. DeMolays will be asked to write their own ritual in accordance with standards and teachings currently displayed within our own rules, regulations, teachings, and ritual. They will be required to submit their ritual direction sheets to

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the ritual director 60 days prior to the opening of Conclave or Mini-Conclave. Author of the submitted ritual will be responsible for arranging for the individual or team performance of the submitted work to be evaluated by a state ritual evaluation panel.

These items will assure proficiency in ritual and inspire many DeMolays that are passionate about ritual to have their lasting impression of what DeMolay means to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Shawn Lopez  
Ritual Committee Chairman

## **State Sports Committee Report**

Brethren, the following is the report of the Sports Committee for 2019.

This year, the committee was tasked with reviewing the current schedule of sports at Conclave to review whether any changes needed to be made. After thorough review of the schedule with the State Sports Advisor, we determined that no change was to be made at this time.

At Mini-Conclave 2019, a total of 4 chapters competed in Basketball. Those same 4 chapters also competed in Football. 16 individuals from 6 chapters competed in chess. In total, around 35 Active DeMolays competed in a sporting event.

At Conclave 2018, 3 teams competed in soccer, 6 teams competed in Ultimate Frisbee, 5 teams competed in 6-man volleyball, and 11 teams competed in 2-man volleyball. 34 individuals competed in 8-ball, and 20 individuals competed in track and field events. An estimated 50 Active DeMolays competed in a sporting event.

In the past, there has been an issue with proposed changes to sporting schedules and activities proposed and voted on the floor without consideration by the State Sports Advisor to determine if changes are even feasible. We hope to address this so that in the future, any changes to the sports schedule can be made properly and with due consideration.

The committee proposes the following action items:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Sports Committee Chairman to be:  
“Assist the State Sports Advisor with the planning and execution of sporting events at Conclave and Mini-Conclave, propose necessary changes to sporting events to reflect the opinions of participants.”
2. Require immediate consideration by the State Sports Advisor for any motion presented on the floor which would add, remove, or in any way change the structure of sporting competitions at Conclave.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Stone Perry  
Sports Committee Chairman

## **State Centennial Committee Report**

Brethren, the following is the report of the Centennial Committee for 2019. The members of the committee included: Brother Tally Brown, Brother Brendon Jackson, Brother Maxwell Mispel, Brother Zackary Windsor, and Brother Stephen Sharp. The Advisor overseeing this committee was Dad Al Graulich.

The 100th anniversary of Florida DeMolay is the term of 2020-21. This committee was tasked with finding ways to observe this monumental achievement in our jurisdiction. Over the next year, this committee will work with the brother elected Deputy State Master Councilor so that the approved ideas may be incorporated into his State Master Councilor term plan. Any additional ideas to contribute to our observance should be submitted to this committee so that they may be considered.

The committee proposes the following action items:

1. Design a Centennial logo for Florida DeMolay. This logo would be used throughout the Centennial term in full capacity.
2. Dedicate the entire year's membership to somebody of importance to Florida DeMolay.
3. Issue a special patent to new members initiated during the Centennial Term.
4. Hold a state-wide initiation on the Saturday of DeMolay Week of 2021 at Paul Revere Chapter, the first DeMolay Chapter in Florida. This event would be followed by a Centennial Ball, held at Hillsborough Lodge.
5. Hold a state-wide fun weekend at Walt Disney World to recognize the legacy of DeMolay in Florida, and the legacy of Senior DeMolay Bro. Walt Disney.
6. Have each chapter perform a public service project in their communities in recognition of the 100th year of Florida DeMolay.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Wade Speigner  
Centennial Committee Chairman



## **State Public Relations and Social Media Committee Report**

Brethren, the following is the report of the Public Relations and Social Media Committee for 2019. The members of the committee included Sion King of Dale Chapman Chapter, Bobby Morrison of Anclote Chapter, and the committee advisor, Dad Michael Blankinship.

Currently, all publications for Florida DeMolay are handled by the State Communications Director, Dad Michael Blankinship. In addition to the Meridian Sun, posts are made on Facebook and Instagram. We have a Snapchat account that is largely unused.

After being assigned to the Public Relations and Social Media Committee in April during Springfest, I was directed to figure out a new general goal and direction for the committee. It is our goal for the youth to assume the role of maintaining the social media pages. By delivering high quality relevant content on these platforms, we believe that we can make our public image more appealing to prospective members and the general public. The goal of this committee is to assume this role fully by Mini-Conclave, so that while we focus on Social Media, Dad Blankinship can focus on our internal newsletter.

An example of the type of content we want to deliver is included with this report.

The committee proposes the following action items:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Social Media and Public Relations Committee Chairman as:

“Oversee the Social Media and Public Relations Committee, assure that the active members of the committee are consistently staying productive in the committee throughout the whole term, work with the committee members on improving and maintaining the Florida DeMolay social media accounts, and exploring all methods to improve public relations through marketing and advertising.”

2. For this committee to be able to create quality content for our social media accounts consistently, we will need a graphic design software so that we can have the ability to create original posts or put finishing touches on photos taken. We move to purchase an Adobe Creative Cloud License for the purpose of creating digital content. The committee chairman and State Master Councilor will work with the executive staff to choose a plan that satisfies our requirements without financial burden.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Zach Hardgrove  
Social Media and Public Relations Committee Chairman

## **State Membership Committee Report**

Brethren, the following is the report of the Membership Committee for 2019. The members of the committee included Bro. Zach Hardgrove of Anclote Chapter, and Bro. JP Greene of Walter Fishback Chapter. The state membership advisor is Dad Kyle Moline. My committee focused on making sure that Florida DeMolay is in the position to retain membership and grow.

There are 452 members in Florida as of July 14th. One year ago, there were 485. With the four candidates we anticipate to initiate at Conclave, we will miss positive growth for this term by 29 members. 58 members total will have been initiated during this term. Brother Cameron Thomas of First Coast Chapter had the most first-line-signs this term with 4. A total of 10 brothers had at least 2 first-line-signs.

The committee is working with the State Master Councilor and State Chapter Dad in compiling a list of Active DeMolays who are close to earning their Founder's Membership Award (5 first line signs) or their Blue Honor Key (10). The committee and the State Master Councilor will be approaching these members at this Conclave and subsequent state events after this to encourage their progress, and determine if they can help in any way. Because these members have already succeeded in recruitment, they are more likely to be successful in recruiting again. Additionally, the committee plans to offer incentives to members who can earn these awards.

The committee proposes the following action items:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Membership Committee Chairman as:  
"Oversee the Jurisdictional membership program and activities. assure that the active members of the committee are consistently staying productive in the committee throughout the whole term, work with the committee members on improving and maintaining the membership program, coordinate with the state membership advisor to ensure the implementation of the Jurisdictional membership initiatives."
2. Recommend to the FSDA the allotment for a \$60 prize for each recipient of the Founder's Membership Award, or a \$120 prize for each recipient of the Blue Honor Key, after July 20th, 2019.
3. To hold a Paintball Game at the 2020 Mini-Conclave, open to all Active DeMolays who have first lined signed at least one Initiate after Conclave 2019, before January 1st 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Robert Morrison  
Membership Committee Chairman

## **State Fundraising Committee Report**

Brethren, the following is the report of the Fundraising Committee for 2019. The members of the committee included Bro. Shawn Lopez from Jupiter Tequesta Chapter.

The Fundraising Committee kicked off this term with a great charitable event, The Virtual 5K. This was a charitable fundraiser made by the Fundraising Committee, of which the proceeds were split 50/50 between the Shriners Hospital for Children and the Masonic Home. All participants received a Virtual 5K Shirt and Medal. A total of 98 participants registered. Net expenses for this event totaled to \$1,947, and a total of \$3,626 has been deposited, leaving a profit of \$1,679, with some outstanding proceeds still remaining. We believe this event could become an annual event for years to come!

This committee also worked with the State Sweetheart to sell DeMolay Centennial water bottles. This began at the beginning of the term for the purpose of raising funds for the Shriners Hospital. In total, \$936 has been spent for this project, and \$795 has been collected. An additional \$1,150 in profits is owed to the state from the chapters. The projected total profit for this fundraiser is \$1,009.

At Conclave, we hope to make a final fundraising effort with a raffle. We are planning on selling raffle tickets, available to all in attendance. Additionally, we had the idea to sell roses at Conclave, in an event called "Buy a Rose, Give a Rose" where the committee sells roses in a stand at Conclave!

The committee proposes the following action items:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Fundraising Committee Chairman as:  
"To organize youth fundraising efforts for the purpose of charitable donations and other expenditures not covered by the FSDA."
2. Declare the Virtual 5K Run to become an Annual Event.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Jose Lopez  
Fundraising Committee Chairman

## **State Legislative Revisions Committee Report**

Brethren, the following is the report of the Legislative Revisions Committee.

This committee was tasked with reviewing the legislation submitted by committee chairmen with the State Master Councilor in order to prepare for the delegate sessions at Conclave. Many changes were submitted this year, and it was the duty of this committee to ensure all proposals were proper and free of errors. This committee was not tasked with deciding what was to pass and what was to fail, but to recommend minor changes which would clear confusion.

In addition to these duties, along with the State Master Councilor, this committee was tasked with proposing any necessary changes to our Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations. All proposed amendments to the bylaws at this time are minor and none should change the course or direction of the program as a whole. The primary goals in these action items were to simplify and standardize all due dates, to fix small errors, grammatical and otherwise, and to more clearly establish the general committee process.

The committee proposes the following action items:

1. Define the duties and responsibilities of the Legislative Revisions Committee Chairman to be:

“Review incoming legislation before Conclave with the State Master Councilor and analyze potential consequences, review Jurisdictional Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations and submit legislation to correct any errors, aid any Delegate who wishes to propose legislation.”

2. In Rules and Regulations Section 2.01, change the following:

“The Elected Officers of this State Chapter shall be the State Master Councilor, and the Deputy State Master Councilor, **and one District Master Councilor for each district.**”

3. In Rules and Regulations Section 2.05, change the following:

“No candidate shall be elected to a State Office **Deputy State Master Councilor** who would reach the age of twenty-one (21) prior to his installation **ascension to the office of State Master Councilor.**”

4. In Rules and Regulations Section 2.07, change the following:

“Any qualified DeMolay who desires to run for elected State Office shall send a Letter of Intent to the Deputy Executive Officer no less than 20 days prior to the opening of Conclave. **by July 1st for State Master Councilor and Deputy State Master Councilor, or by January 1st for District Master Councilor.**”

5. In Rules and Regulations Section 4.03, change the following:

“-One copy to each District Deputy State Master Councilor and State Committee Chairman; and”

6. In Rules and Regulations Section 5.04, change the following:

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“The standing Committees for this Jurisdictional Chapter shall be:

- Centennial
- Honors and Awards
- Legislative Revisions
- Membership
- Public Relations and Social Media
- Ritual
- Sports
- State Charity **Fundraising**
- **Continuity**

The Continuity Committee shall serve as a long-term planning committee. The committee will consist of the State Master Councilor, the Deputy State Master Councilor, and the Junior Past State Master Councilor. Each year, the incoming Deputy State Master Councilor will select one brother to serve on the committee for two years. For the first year of this committee, the incoming State Master Councilor will appoint one brother to serve on the committee for one year.

The first draft of a Committee’s report shall be submitted to the State Scribe/Treasurer before April 1st **June 1st** in preparation for Conclave. The State Scribe/Treasurer shall work with the State Master Councilor, Legislative Revisions Committee and Executive Staff to determine physical and fiscal feasibility of any action items presented. **The Legislative Revisions Committee Report must be submitted by June 15th.** Sixty (60) days prior to Conclave or by May 15th whichever is greater **By July 1st or January 1st, for Conclave or Mini Conclave, respectively,** proposed legislative changes shall be mailed in hard copy **distributed electronically** to the Master Councilor and Advisory Council Chairman of every member Chapters within this Jurisdiction and published on the Jurisdictional Website. **The Master Councilors and Advisory Council Chairmen will be responsible for distributing proposed legislative changes to the chapter members.”**

7. In Rules and Regulations Section 6.01, change the following:

“Each year at Mini Conclave, one (1) active DeMolay from each district shall be elected by the Delegates from that district to serve as the District Master Councilor (DMC). The DMC shall be the State Master Councilor’s representative within the district. DMCs shall be at least 16 years of age and a Past Master Councilor **of a Chapter within the jurisdiction.** DMCs shall not be a sitting Chapter Master Councilor.”

8. In Rules and Regulations Section 6.02, change the following:

“All DMCs shall be required to make an official visit to each chapter in their district prior to July 1st of the year of their election, and again prior to January 1st before his term expires. A report on this visit shall be submitted to the State Master Councilor no later than July 10th **1st** for inclusion in the State Master

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Councilor's official report at Conclave, and January 10th 1st as a status update prior to Mini Conclave."

9. Add to Rules and Regulations Chapter

"Section 6.04. The State Master Councilor may remove a District Master Councilor who has not completed his duties. In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Master Councilor, the State Master Councilor shall fill the vacancy with a qualified brother in the district. All removals and appointments must be approved by the Executive Officer."

10. and Regulations Section 8.02, change the following:

"Recommendations for legislative call items shall be submitted to the State Scribe/Treasurer no later than 45 days prior to the opening of Conclave or Mini Conclave where they are to be considered. June 1st or December 1st for Conclave or Mini Conclave, respectively. He shall forward any legislative items to the State Master Councilor, the Legislative Revisions Committee Chairman, the Deputy Executive Officer (for distribution to the Executive Staff) and the Executive Officer upon receipt."

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Sion King  
Legislative Revisions Committee Chairman

## Appendix F: District Master Councilor Reports

The following are the District Master Councilor reports that were submitted at the 2019 Summer Conclave in their entirety:

### **District One**

Brethren,

The following is the midterm report of District One.

District 1 consists of three active Chapters: Edward K. Walker Chapter in Tallahassee, Escambia Chapter in Pensacola, and George Ulee Lord Chapter in Panama City.

I made an official visit to a stated meeting of each Chapter: Edward K, Walker Chapter on June 7<sup>th</sup>, Escambia Chapter on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and George Ulee Lord Chapter on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, I helped George Ulee Lord do community service after their stated meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

We currently have a District event planned called “Redneck Conclave” that we have made a yearly event that is used to celebrate Dad Land Day in December. I am in the process of planning a fun day in Pensacola as we speak.

I communicate with the members of my District via a GroupMe chat and a Facebook Messenger group chat.

During the first part of my term as the Master Councilor of District One, I have spread awareness of how George Ulee Lord Chapter was devastated by the hurricane. I was shocked to find out how many people didn’t know. All the Masonic Lodges in Panama City were destroyed during Hurricane Michael. When I visited George Ulee Lord Chapter I stopped by Acme Lodge, (the lodge where they used to meet before the hurricane), and it is still in ruins. All the windows were blown out due to the massive winds. To make matters worse after the hurricane had passed, looters preyed upon the Lodge. But George Ulee did not let this discourage them. They’ve been holding their meetings at the Scottish Right in Panama City. They have not stopped bringing in new members and are constantly working to help Panama City recover from Hurricane Michael.

I am looking forward to the second half of my term, and have even more events with my brothers In District 1 and ensuring our success.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Wade Speigner  
District Master Councilor, District One

### **District Two**

No report was received from District Two

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**District Three**

Brethren,

The following is the midterm report of District Three.

The chapters in this district include Dale Chapman, Bahia, Lake Sumpter, Sanford, South Seminole, Greater Titusville.

For this term I visited four of the six chapters in my District. All where stated meetings.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> I made my first visit to Dale Chapman Chapter. The meeting started with introductions and then moved into opening. The older members have a good grasp on Ritual while the newer members are still struggling with memorizing their part at the time of the visit. Business was conducted in an orderly fashion. The Chapter has gained three new members and is showing promise to continue to grow in the following term.

April 14<sup>th</sup>, I made my visit to Bahia chapter. The meeting started with introductions, and then moved into a short form opening. Business was conducted in an orderly fashion. The Chapter were looking at two new brothers potentially in the future.

April 25<sup>th</sup>, I made my visit to Lake Sumpter. There was an informal meeting so no Ritual was performed. There were introductions and business was conducted. Business was conducted smoothly. The brothers need to learn methods of recruitment and retention to rebuild their member base.

July 1<sup>st</sup>, I visited South Seminole Chapter. The members of South Seminole need to familiarize themselves with the way business is conducted and review some Robert's rules of order. Also, the members need to work on communication between other chapters to properly plan events. The Chapter needs to focus a bit more on ritual because of the number of newer members in the Chapter.

I held a District Conclave which was "well" attended. This event included a friendly game competition as well as a kick ball competition. Due to the event being attended by mostly older members I decided to hold a District meeting over a school of instruction. This meeting was attended by myself, the State Master Councilor Bro. Hunter Hancock, the Executive Officer Dad. Jody Meguiar, and the brothers attending. Discussion on the status of the Chapter and ideas for membership and fundraising were discussed.

The communication method I used with my District was GroupMe app as well as direct contact with the current sitting Master Councilors (text phone, calls, ETC).

Currently I am working on a program to bring back inactive members and a joint District, invent to teach and hopefully inspire future leaders.

There are great achievements in the district with Dale Chapman bringing in three new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Connor Guimond  
District Master Councilor, District Three



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**District Four**

Brethren,

The following is the midterm report of District Four.

Within the Fourth Florida DeMolay District are five Chapters total, three of which have regular activity. Those Chapters which are active include Anclote (Charter, Tarpon Springs), Paul Revere (Charter, Tampa), and Hollis (LT, Lakeland). The two inactive Chapters are Walter Fishback (Charter, Riverview) and Leadership (LT, Brooksville). I am actively working with the advisory councils of Walter Fishback and Leadership Chapters to resume normal activity, but this report will mainly discuss the health of the three active chapters within District 4.

Since the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2019, I have visited each Chapter within District 4 (sans Leadership Chapter, which consists of an Advisory Council with no members) at least three times. As such, it will be more beneficial to deliver to the Delegation a holistic evaluation of each chapter, rather than the shallow observances garnered by four Official visitations. For the official record, attached are the dates of each visitation.

Anclote Chapter is by far the strongest in both youth and adult leadership within the District. A combination of excellent youth leadership (under Bro. Baumgartner, this tradition continues full steam ahead) and Advisors who aren't afraid to let the young men try (and sometimes fail) create an energetic environment where strong leadership and clear direction thrives. This is not to say that Anclote is without its faults, however. In terms of Ritual and "formal" conduct during meetings, there is room for improvement. The ever-lurking shadow of "aging out" is also hanging over Anclote, since there has not been a full replacement of members who have already reached majority. If this issue is not focused upon and resolved within the next few terms, Anclote may lose its position of the strongest within District 4.

Hollis Chapter saw its first class of four Initiated in January, shortly after being issued Letters Temporary for the creation of a Chapter in Lakeland. Through the dedicated support of a surprisingly youthful advisory council and their patient sponsoring body, Lakeland Lodge No. 91, Hollis Chapter is well on its way to becoming one of the best in Florida. The main flaws within this Chapter stem from low membership and lack of direction, two issues which occur in every Chapter within District Four. Once these are resolved, the youth have the structure necessary to succeed in any way they wish.

**Date Chapter** 1/27 Walter Fishback Meeting, 1/28 Paul Revere **Event** Meeting, Meeting Walter Fishback and Paul Revere Chapters are currently experiencing many of the same issues. Both have suffered from a recent (2016-7) exodus of members who have reached majority without providing experienced replacements. The Advisory Councils of both Chapters are hard at work in attempting to patch the holes created by these departures, though there is not enough manpower in either to establish a full calendar of events without youth support. Both situations are stable, though stagnation is little better than loss.

2/16 Anclote Installation, 2/18 Paul Revere Ritual Practice, 2/25 Hollis Open House, 3/5 Paul Revere Meeting/ Elections, 3/11 Paul Revere Installation, 3/12 Hollis Meeting, 3/25 Paul Revere Meeting, 3/26 Hollis Meeting, 4/1 Paul Revere Meeting, 4/2 Hollis Meeting, 4/8 Paul Revere Meeting, 4/9 Hollis Meeting, 4/15 Paul Revere Meeting, 4/22 Paul Revere Meeting, no major growth occurred in any of the Chapters within District Four since January. Each of the active

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Chapters either initiated or obligated a few new members, with Anclote providing the majority of these. One member each from Hollis and Paul Revere Chapters became proficient in both degrees, earning two white cards within the District.

4/26 Walter Fishback Meeting, 5/6 Anclote Meeting (Official Visit), 5/7 Hollis Meeting, 5/10 Walter Fishback Meeting, 5/13 Paul Revere Meeting, 5/14 Hollis Meeting, 5/18 Hollis Sports Day (D4 Event), 5/18 Anclote Lock-In, 6/3 Paul Revere Meeting, 7/8 Paul Revere Meeting. No large-scale events have yet occurred In the Fourth District, though invitations have been successfully exchanged between Chapters in the District when one wishes to extend invitations to the rest (think a sports day or lock-In). This occurs via email or text.

The two goals I have had in mind while serving as District Master Councilor have been to: 1. Revitalize and encourage youth leadership on the Chapter level 2. Encourage advisors to focus on Issues that they alone can resolve.

On the first, I believe I have been relatively successful. Bro. Mike Molitor emerged within Paul Revere Chapter as an unlikely but talented leader. If circumstances had allowed him to continue his term as Master Councilor, I believe Paul Revere Chapter would be in a much stronger position than it currently occupies. Encouraging leadership within Hollis has seen much of the same results, though with younger members (<16 years) the task carries different obstacles. Encouraging youth leadership within these Chapters, especially from older members, is key to restoring the spirit of DeMolay to District Four. Part of the reason why Anclote Chapter is so successful is because it had older members (Bros. Nick McIntosh, Bobby Morrison, Zach Hardgrove, and Nick Gorall) to mentor and inspire the younger members as they rose through the line. In my own experience, the mentorship of Bros. Cooper McKinlay, Zack Idell, and Dylan Renfro were invaluable in planning and executing a term of office. If this can be replicated across the state, Chapters will be in a much stronger position five years from now.

On the second point there will always be pushback, though there have been moderate successes across the District. See my report in six months for a progress Update.

In summary, there is much work to be done within District Four, but I believe there is much more to be expected from both the youth and adult leadership in the coming months. Once a course is set with a determined leader at the helm, growth and prosperity are certain.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. JP Greene  
District Master Councilor, District Four

**District Five**

No report was received from District Five

**District Six**

No report was received from District Six

## Appendix G: Ritual and Athletics Competition Champions

### *2019 Summer Conclave Ritual and Athletics Competition Winners*

#### *Ritual*

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Examination Queries</b>	Nick Sinnott	First Coast	867.5
<b>Examination Queries (Champ)</b>	Hunter Hancock	First Coast	965
<b>First Preceptor (Champ)</b>	Zachary Burger	Manatee	970
<b>Second Preceptor</b>	Wade Speigner	Edward K. Walker	993
<b>Third Preceptor</b>	Austin Abernathy	C. Allen Pattison	955
<b>Fourth Preceptor</b>	Michael Mayreis	Escambia	950
<b>Junior Inquisitor</b>	Stone Perry	First Coast	977.5
<b>Senior Inquisitor</b>	James Jenkins	South Seminole	942.5
<b>Senior Inquisitor (Champ)</b>	Hunter Hancock	First Coast	980
<b>Jacques DeMolay</b>	Gabriel Negron	South Seminole	970
<b>Geoffrey de Charney</b>	Aidan O'Brien	South Seminole	930
<b>Geoffrey de Charney (Champ)</b>	Aidyn Lopez	Jupiter-Tequesta	997.5
<b>Chapter Proficiency</b>		First Coast	755
<b>Cross of Honor</b>		Bahia	845

***Athletics***

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
<b>Junior Shot Put</b>	Eric Hendrickson	Anclote
<b>Junior Discus</b>	Eric Hendrickson	Anclote
<b>Junior 100-yard</b>	Ian Campbell	C. Allen Pattison
<b>Junior 220-yard</b>	Ian Campbell	C. Allen Pattison
<b>Junior 440-yard</b>	Ian Campbell	C. Allen Pattison
<b>Junior 880-yard</b>	Ian Campbell	C. Allen Pattison
<b>Junior 440 Relay</b>		Lake Sumter
<b>Junior 1 mile</b>	Stone Perry	First Coast
<b>Senior Shot Put</b>	Mike Mayreis	Escambia
<b>Senior Discus</b>	Mike Mayreis	Escambia
<b>Senior 100-yard</b>	Bradley Lott	Lake Sumter
<b>Senior 220-yard</b>	Bradley Lott	Lake Sumter
<b>Senior 440-yard</b>	Corey Cupples	Lake Sumter
<b>Senior 880-yard</b>	Corey Cupples	Lake Sumter
<b>Senior One Mile</b>	Corey Cupples	Lake Sumter
<b>One Mile Relay</b>		Edward K. Walker
<b>8 Ball Singles</b>	Aiden Black	John Wayne
<b>Two-man Volleyball</b>	Aaron Price & DJ Curran	First Coast
<b>Six-man Volleyball</b>		Lake Sumter
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>		George Ulee Lord
<b>Flag Football</b>		First Coast
<b>Sportsmanship Award</b>		C. Allen Pattison

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***Ritual***

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Third Preceptor (Champ)</b>	Jackson Cowart	John Wayne	925
<b>Fourth Preceptor</b>	Austin Abernathy	C. Allan Pattison	975
<b>Fifth Preceptor (Champ)</b>	Dylan Baumgartner	Anclote	972.5
<b>Flower Talk</b>	Dylan Baumgartner	Anclote	970
<b>Ceremony of Light</b>	Hunter Hancock	First Coast	945
<b>Senior Inquisitor</b>	Nicholas Ramdeen	Bahia	970

***Athletics***

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
<b>Chess</b>	Maximilian Ortiz	Dale Chapman
<b>Basketball</b>		First Coast
<b>Flag Football</b>	To be Awarded at Summer Conclave	N/A
<b>8-Ball Doubles</b>	Competition not held	N/A
<b>Sportsmanship</b>	Ryan Holland	Escambia
<b>Texas Hold'em</b>	John Caldwell	Walter Fishback

## Appendix H: 2019 DeMolay International Honors

### *Legion of Honor*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Type</b>
Allen Keith Wellman	Lake Sumter	Active
Roderick Stephen Berger	Manatee	Active
Adam Eugene Kobler	South Seminole	Active
Jeffrey Scott Foster	Jurisdiction of Florida	Honorary
Eric W. Klienbach	Lake Sumter	Honorary
Andrew Steven Gluchov	Sarasota	Honorary

### *Cross of Honor*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Patrick Marshall Uppole	Bahia
Louis H. Ortt	C. Allen Pattison
Shawn Ray Lopez	Jupiter-Tequesta
Lori Anne Finn	Lake Sumter
Terri Anne Gluchov	Sarasota
Roman Alexandre Maciag Jr.	Westside

### *Chevalier*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Zachary Hardgrove	Anclote
Robert Morrison	Anclote
Somosa Ramdeen	Bahia
Gary Paxinos	Hollywood
Bailey Moody	Hurlbert
Elisha Cowart	John Wayne
Cyrus Bouniady	Lake Sumter
Zackary Piersall	Lake Sumter

### *International Supreme Council Members*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Type</b>
David Francis Puzzo	Walter Fishback	Class 1-Active
Anthony Lee Pickren	Bahia	Class 4-Honorary

## Appendix I: Full Roll Call and Credential Lists

### *Roll Call from Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

<i>Chapters</i>	<i># Number Of Delegates</i>	<i># Number Of Votes</i>
Anclote	3	3
Bahia	2	3
C. Allen Pattison (LT)	1	1
Dale Chapman	3	3
Edward K. Walker	3	3
Escambia	3	3
First Coast	3	3
George Ulee Lord	Not Present at Session	0
Greater Titusville	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Gulf Coast	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Hulbert (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
John Wayne	3	3
Jupiter-Tequesta	2	3
Lake Sumter	3	3
L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Manatee	Not Present at Session	0
Marion	2	3
M.:W.: William M. Hollis (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Oleeta West Dade	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Paul Revere	3	3
Sanford (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A

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South Miami	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
South Seminole	3	3
Walter Fishback	2	3
Westside	3	3
State Scribe/Treasurer	Zachary Hardgrove Anclote Chapter	1
State Junior Councilor	Somosa Ramdeen Bahia Chapter	1
State Senior Councilor	Shawn Lopez II Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter	1
State Master Councilor	Hunter Hancock First Coast Chapter	In case of a tie* gets 1 (One Vote)
<b><i>Total Delegates Present</i></b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>

The Credentials recorded a total of 17 Chapters register at the Annual Mini-Conclave, with a total of 8 Chapters who did not attend Mini-Conclave. 3 State Officer votes and 46 Delegate votes which constituted a quorum. 24 is simple Majority, 31 is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of votes.



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***Roll Call from Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019***

<b><i>Chapters</i></b>	<b><i># Number Of Delegates</i></b>	<b><i># Number Of Votes</i></b>
Anclote	3	3
Bahia	2	3
C. Allen Pattison (LT)	1	1
Dale Chapman	3	3
Edward K. Walker	3	3
Escambia	3	3
First Coast	3	3
George Ulee Lord	3	3
Greater Titusville	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Gulf Coast	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Hulbert (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
John Wayne	3	3
Jupiter-Tequesta	1	3
Lake Sumter	2	3
L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Manatee	1	3
Marion	1	3
M.:W.: William M. Hollis (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Oleeta West Dade	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Paul Revere	2	3
Sanford (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
South Miami	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
South Seminole	3	3

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Walter Fishback	1	3
Westside	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
State Scribe/Treasurer	Jose Lopez South Seminole Chapter	1
State Junior Councilor	Somosa Ramdeen Bahia Chapter	1
State Senior Councilor	Shawn Lopez II Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter	1
State Master Councilor	Hunter Hancock First Coast Chapter	In case of a tie* gets 1 (One Vote)
Past Elected State Officer	Zack Hardgrove Anclote Chapter Past State Scribe	1
Past Elected State Officer	Alex Siew Bahia Chapter Past State Master Councilor	1
Past Elected State Officer	Dylan Myers George Ulee Lord Chapter Past State Senior Councilor	1
<b><i>Total Delegates Present</i></b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>

The Credentials recorded a total of 16 Chapters register at the Annual Summer Conclave, with a total of 9 Chapters who did not attend Summer Conclave. 3 State Officer votes, 3 Past Elected State Officer Votes, and 52 Delegate votes which constituted a quorum. 27 is simple Majority, 35 is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of votes.

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***Roll Call from Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019***

<b><i>Chapters</i></b>	<b><i># Number Of Delegates</i></b>	<b><i># Number Of Votes</i></b>
Anclote	3	3
Bahia	2	3
C. Allen Pattison	1	1
Dale Chapman	3	3
Edward K. Walker	3	3
Escambia	3	3
First Coast	3	3
George Ulee Lord	3	3
Greater Titusville	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Gulf Coast	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Hulbert (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
John Wayne	3	3
Jupiter-Tequesta	1	3
Lake Sumter	2	3
L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Manatee	1	3
Marion	1	3
M.:W.: William M. Hollis (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Oleeta West Dade	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
Paul Revere	2	3
Sanford (LT)	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
South Miami	Did not attend Conclave	N/A
South Seminole	3	3

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Walter Fishback	1	3
Westside	N/A	Did not attend conclave
State Scribe/Treasurer	Jose Lopez South Seminole Chapter	1
State Junior Councilor	Somosa Ramdeen Bahia Chapter	1
State Senior Councilor	Shawn Lopez II Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter	1
State Master Councilor	Hunter Hancock First Coast Chapter	In case of a tie* gets 1 (One Vote)
Past Elected State Officer	Zack Hardgrove Anclote Chapter Past State Scribe	1
Past Elected State Officer	Alex Siew Bahia Chapter Past State Master Councilor	1
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## Appendix J: Historical Information

### *Past State Master Councilors*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
12/1922-05/1923	William McChesney	Pensacola
05/1923-12/1923	Fernando Ellis Camus	Robert J. Perry
12/23-5/24	Hayford Octavius Enwall	Florida
1930-1931	John Ransomme White	American Crusaders
1931-1932	William Thomas Howard	Okaloa
1932-1933	Allen Barwick Moreland	American Crusaders
1933-1934	Peter Michael Everett	John M. Cheney
1934-1935	Boyd Johnson Outman	St. Petersburg
1935-1936	John Higgins Ek, Jr	American Crusaders
1936-1937	Calvin Robert Campbell	Thomas Edison
1937 (1 Day)	Daniel Gilemore McCormick	St. Petersburg
1937-1938	John Thomas Andrews, Jr.	St. Petersburg
1938-1939	Lloyd Horace Gillet, Jr.	Paul Revere
1939-1940	Rufus Mitchell Bishop	Thomas Edison
1940-1941	Albert Hamilton St. John. Jr.	American Crusaders
1941-1942	Albert Max Brewer	John M. Cheney
<b>1942-1945</b>	<b>*State Association Suspended*</b>	<b>World War II</b>
1946-1947	Samuel David Wilson	Paul Revere
1947-1948	James Hoyt Kirby, Jr.	Thomas Edison
1948-1949	James Albert Kelk, Jr.	John M. Cheney
1949-1950	William Harold Dixon	Greater Miami
1950-1951	Robert Floyd DuPree	Duval
1951-1952	Richard Ray Shrove	Tropical
1952-1953	Judge Richard Bryan Burk	Greater Miami
1953-1954	Herman Otto Jones, Jr.	Duval
1954-1955	Robert Bruce Garwood, Jr.	Thomas Edison
1955-1956	Rev. William George Katibah, Jr.	Riverside
1956-1957	Virgil Miller Newton III	Paul Revere
1957-1958	Dr. John Bradley Adams	Sarasota
1958-1959	Dr. Eugene William Katibah	Riverside
1959-1960	Robert Jesse Norton	Nor-Mi
1960-1961	Ivan Fain McMullen	Riverside
1961-1962	William B. Barnett	Hollywood
1962-1963	Charles Thomas Money	Sunshine

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1963-1964	Ernest Leroy Higbee, Jr.	Acacia
1964-1965	Michael Roger Wetherbee	Duval
1965-1966	Preston Thomas Hatch	Woodstock Park
1966-1967	Rev. William Herman Stemper, Jr.	Seminole
1967-1968	Leonard Alexander McCook, Jr.	Duval
1968-1969	James David Sewell	Riverside
1969-1970	James Washington Kress	St. Petersburg
1970	Gary Lee Malphus	Hollywood
1970-1971	Woodrow John Latvala, Jr.	Fidelity
1971-1972	Harold Curtis Buchanan, Jr.	Winter Park
1972-1973	Keith McVey Hart	Pinellas Park
1973-1974	Wallace James Moneyhun	Village
1974-1975	Walter Hobbs Ricks	John M. Cheney
1975-1976	Warren Bartow Peck	Riverside
1976-1977	John Daniel Deese	Sem-I-No
1977-1978	William Gordon Wardell	Jacques DeMolay
1978-1979	Steven Daniel Losner	Royal Vista
1979-1980	James Rick Lyle, PICS	Amelia
1980-1981	Rick Clemence Renn	St. Petersburg
1981-1982	Roger Clemence Renn	St. Petersburg
1982-1983	Ronald Duane Thompson	Westside
1983-1984	John Andrew Csellak	Sem-I-No
1984-1985	Kevin Frank Barker	Orange Park
1985-1986	Harvey Legrande Ward, Jr.	Gainesville
1986-1987	Mihael David Sims	Orange Park
1987-1988	Hamilton Edgar Reed	J. Edwin Larson
1988-1989	James Wesley Hyde	Royal Vista
1989-1990	William Henry Fleming, Jr.	Wesconnet
1990-1991	David Lee Tervin	Manatee County
1991	Kevin David Gailfoil	Jupiter-Tequesta
1991-1992	Leland Michael Crane	Wesconnet
1992-1993	Samual Ashby Miller	Jupiter-Tequesta
1993-1994	Scott Douglas Holland	Hadji
1994-1995	Jason Scott Turner	Winter Park
1995-1996	Clarke Leonard Jeffris	South Miami
1996-1997	Mark David Griffis	Brandon
1997-1998	Joseph Cecil Earnhardt, Jr.	George Ulee Lord
1998-1999	Christopher John Cook	St. Petersburg
1999-2000	Corey Alan Allshouse	Crawford/J. Edwin Larson
2000-2001	Herbert John Rodgers III	Jupiter-Tequesta

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2001-2002	Jacob William Meister	Crawford
2002-2003	Patrick Frederick Bailey	South Miami
2003-2004	Kristopher Clinton Mock	Bahia
2004-2005	David Todd Agster	Paul Revere
2005-2006	Ryan William Jones	Paul Revere
2006-2007	Ian Forbes Berry	J. Edwin Larson
2007-2008	Travis John Parker	Lake Sumter
2008-2009	Anthony Lee Pickren	Bahia
2009	Brian Dwayne Ferdon, Jr.	Lake Sumter
2010	Lonnie Julian Cox	Oleeta-West Dade
2010-2012	Gregor Mcalphin Berry	J. Edwin Larson
2012-2013	Harrison Christopher Sherwin	South Seminole
2013-2014	Martin Alexander Cox	Oleeta-West Dade
2014-2015	Brian Mitchell Catalano	Dale Chapman
2015-2016	McLean Thompson Haughey	Paul Revere
2016-2017	Killian McPherson Hoffman	Paul Revere
2017-2018	Stephen Alex Siew	Bahia
2018-2019	Hunter James Hancock	First Coast



***Past State Master Councilors - Honorary***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
1963	Ellis Emeen Neder, Jr.	Riverside
1966	Jeffery Kenneth Butcher	Manatee County
1986	Steven Bryan Turner	Arlington
1997	John R. Gailfoil, Jr.	Jupiter-Tequesta
1998	M::W:: Jacques Allen Couture, PGM	Bahia Chapter
2000	Allan Michael Steed	Thomas A. Edison
2002	Russell Baldwin Glendinning	Sarasota
2009	M::W:: Richard Edward Lynn, PGM	Jurisdiction of Florida
2016	Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar	Jurisdiction of Florida



*Past State Sweethearts*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
1953-1954	Dot Hughes	Paul Revere
1954-1955	Ellen Katheryn O'Donnell	
1956-1957	Becky Robinson	Manatee County
1957-1958	Lucy Peacock	Riverside
1958-1959	Christmas Carol Clark	Manatee County
1959-1960	Sally Anderson	John. M Cheney
1960-1961	Sheila McLinden	Owen A. Coile
1961-1962	Martha Crowder	Acacia
1962-1963	Cynthia Clarkson	Okaloa
1963-1964	Cheryl Armand	St. Petersburg
1964-1965	Connie Garner	Duval Chapter
1965-1966	Dede Wittstruck	Sarasota
1966-1967	Penny Azeredo	Thomas A. Edison
1967-1968	Pat Thopson	Wesconnett
1968-1969	Susan Seigler Bob	BobArrington
1969-1970	Patty Potter	Opa-Locka
1970-1971	Christi Underwood	Ocala
1971-1972	Gail Stansil	Okaloa
1972-1973	Carol Brenda Brann	Sarasota
1973-1974	Corrie Bedell	Royal Vista
1974-1975	Holly Giroir	Coral Reef
1975-1976	Lauria Stone	Orange Park
1976-1977	Kim Roth	Jacques DeMolay
1977-1978	Debbie Pilcher	Melbourne
1978-1979	Debbie McCain	Wesconnett
1979-1980	Mary Godwin	Hadji
1980-1981	Avis Mills	Sunrise
1981-1982	Lisa Thornton	Brandon
1982-1983	Susan Najorka	Bahia
1983-1984	Locklyn Boykin	J. Edwin Larson
1984-1985	Dea Ann Kraft	Hurlbert
1985-1986	Lisa Ivey	Ralph Buck
1986-1987	Rolanda Patterson	Hadji
1987-1988	Wendy Nelson	J. Edwin Larson
1988-1989	Vicki Seitchko	Highland
1989-1990	Lori Leann Bremer	Wesconnett
1990-1991	Tanya Christine Reading	Winter Park

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1991-1992	Candice Marie Young	John M. Cheney
1992-1993	Kelle Sue Boyles	South Seminole
1993-1994	Heather Renee Painter	Albert J. Russell
1994-1995	Ronda Livingston	Sons of Liberty
1995-1996	Karree Boyles	Winter Park
1996-1997	Kelly Ann Brooks	Arlington
1997-1998	Danielle Lynn Higginbotham	Westside
1998-1999	Kelly Lynn Hill	Crawford
1999-2000	Stephanie Michelle Bowen	American Crusaders
2000-2001	Kristyrae Larson	Arlington
2001-2002	Holly Stadius	Arlington
2002-2003	Morgan McEachin	Arlington
2003-2004	Kristen Hill	Crawford
2004-2005	Denise Jeanette Mock	Bahia
2005-2006	Ashley Marie Allen	Lake Sumter
2006-2007	Renee Stoodt	South Miami
2007-2008	Kristin Paige Markle	Bahia
2008-2009	Alexcia Jackson	Lake Sumter
2009-2010	Christina Page Allen	Lake Sumter
2010-2011	Heather McShane	South Seminole
2011-2012	Alysha Monington	Bahia
2012-2013	Sydney Threadgill	Paul Revere
2013-2014	Jessica Ann Sevilla	Michael A. Padron, Sr.
2014-2015	Brooke Blackburn	Lake Sumter
2015-2016	Sarah Nelson	Paul Revere
2016-2017	Mary "Maggie" Meguiar	Paul Revere
2017-2018	Allie Price	First Coast
2018-2019	Brooklyn Johnson	Escambia

*Past State Sweethearts - Honorary*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
2017	Athena Grable Mock	Bahia



***Recipients of the “Guild of the Leather Apron”***

<b>Year(Jur.)</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
1961 (E)	Lionel Voyle Brashares	E.A. Finn
1961 (W)	Ellis Emeen Neder, Sr.	Riverside
1962 (W)	Robert Harry Hackett	Bob Arrington
1963 (E)	Franklin Burr Davis	Village
1963 (W)	Elmer Earl Willy	St. Petersburg
1964 (W)	Samuel Pranius Watkins III	Okaloa
1965 (W)	John T. Culp, Jr.	Cocoa
1966	Veron W. Knox	Orange Park
1967	Edmund Spencer Burns	St. Lucie
1968	Frank Thomas Hayes	J. Edwin Larson
1969	Walter Marnon Hammond	Albert J. Russell
1970	Benjamin R. Bell, Jr.	DeSoto
1972	Julian Grady Kicklighter, Jr.	Sarasota
1973	Edmund Paul Birchmeier	Winter Park
1974	Robert O. Johns	Riverside
1976	John Welch Bates	Angus Hinson
1977	Christian Bernard Kalb	Acacia
1978	Ernest Peace Quarterman	J. Edwin Larson
1979	Edward George Hauter	Bahia
1980	James Erle Bridges, Sr.	Royal Vista
1981	Frank Lawrence Stevens	Village
1982	Harry Andrew Rosenthal, Jr.	Arthur H. Carter
1983	Dennis L. Kendrick	Frank S. Land
1984	Jacques Allen Couture	Bahia
1985	Stanley Alan Liss	Highlander
1986	Wilfred Everett Froehlich	Thomas A. Edison
1987	Dr. Edward Kirkland Walker	J. Edwin Larson
1988	William Mansfield Hendrickson	Virgil I. “Gus” Grissom
1989	Walter Eugene Muir	Highland
1991	William Earley Eubanks	Palatka & Orange Park
1992	Donald Walter Crowley	Jupiter-Tequesta
1994	Jesse Lee Williamson	Bahia
1995	Richard William Goode	George Ulee Lord
1998	Franklin Hancock Mountcastle	St. Petersburg
2002	Jerome Madison Meguiar	Paul Revere
2003	Robert Norman Wallace	Greater Titusville
2004	Allan James Graulich	Greater Titusville

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2005	Charles Max Levan	Manatee
2006	Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar	Paul Revere
2007	Jo Ann Parker	Lake Sumter
2008	Lawrence Alan Williamson	Bahia
2009	William Clifford Cobb	Paul Revere
2012	Phillip Wyatt Paul	Lake Sumter
2014	Antonio Joseph Pereira	Bahia
2015	Athena Grable Mock	Bahia
2016	Russell Baldwin Glendinning	Sarasota
2017	M.:W.: Richard Edward Lynn, PGM	Jurisdiction of Florida
2018	John Jasper Hillyer IV	Paul Revere
2019	Scott Douglas Holland	Escambia



***Recipients of the “DeMolay of the Year”***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
1993	Shane Carlson Hartman	Seminole
1994	Michael Judson Greer	George Ulee Lord
1995	Samual Ashby Miller	Jupiter-Tequesta
1996	Scott Thomas Meadows	Albert J. Russell
1997	Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar	Paul Revere
1998	Joseph Cecil Earnhardt, Jr.	George Ulee Lord
1999	Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar	Paul Revere
2000	Corey Alan Allshouse	Crawford/J. Edwin Larson
2002	Jacob William Meister	Crawford
2004	Kristopher Clinton Mock	Bahia
2005	Ian Forbes Berry	J. Edwin Larson
2006	Ryan William Jones	Paul Revere/J. Edwin Larson
2007	Ian Forbes Berry	J. Edwin Larson
2008	Lonnie Julian Cox	Biscayne Bay
2009	Jesse James Knafla	Paul Revere
2011	Gregor Mcalphin Berry	J. Edwin Larson
2012	McLean Thompson Haughey	Paul Revere
2014	Brian Mitchell Catalano	Dale Chapman
2015	Alexander Gaspare Ghiglieri	South Seminole
2016	Hunter James Hancock	First Coast
2017	Nicholas Michael Gorall	Anclote
2018	Stephen Alex Siew	Bahia
2019	Brian Wade Speigner, Jr.	Edward K. Walker

## *Recipients of the “Distinguished Service Award”*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
1959-1960	Charles Perry Chancey	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brandon
1959-1960	Rickey Owens Nations	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gulf Beach
1960-1961	Terrill Lee Morris	1 <sup>st</sup> (E)	John M Cheney
1960-1961	Philip Haner Chestnut, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup> (E)	Pearl of the West
1960-1961	Charles Stanley Stopford	2 <sup>nd</sup> (E)	John M. Cheney
1960-1961	John W. Carbin	2 <sup>nd</sup> (W)	Jacques DeMolay
1960-1961	David Benjamin Jacob Adams	3 <sup>rd</sup> (E)	Fernando E. Camus
1960-1961	Charles Thomas Money	3 <sup>rd</sup> (W)	Sunshine
1961-1962	William “Bill” Barnett	1 <sup>st</sup> (E)	Hollywood
1961-1962	Claude Tal Bray, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup> (W)	Owen A. Coile
1961-1962	Peter Vistile	2 <sup>nd</sup> (E)	Arthur H. Carter
1961-1962	Zaruk Mohammed Takali	2 <sup>nd</sup> (W)	George Ulee Lord
1961-1962	Robert Lowery Hamilton	3 <sup>rd</sup> (E)	John M. Cheney
1961-1962	Jan Reid Gorman	3 <sup>rd</sup> (W)	Wesconnett
1962-1963	William James Tucker	1 <sup>st</sup> (E)	Melbourne
1962-1963	Kenneth Wiggins	2 <sup>nd</sup> (W)	Pensacola
1962-1963	Hartwell Louis Livingston	3 <sup>rd</sup> (E)	John M. Cheney
1962-1963	James William Jackson	3 <sup>rd</sup> (W)	Okaloa
1963-1964	William Henry Ostermeyer	2 <sup>nd</sup> (E)	John M. Cheney
1963-1964	Edwin Neal James	2 <sup>nd</sup> (W)	Howard Freeze
1963-1964	Kenneth Floyd Moore	3 <sup>rd</sup> (E)	Acacia
1963-1964	David Lee Gordon	3 <sup>rd</sup> (W)	Howard Freeze
1964-1965	Preston Thomas Hatch	1 <sup>st</sup>	Woodstock Park
1964-1965	Alanzo Everett Lane III	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Howard Freeze
1964-1965	Jeffrey Kenneth Butcher	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Manatee County
1965-1966	David Earl Taylor	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scotty Hutton
1966-1967	William Edward “Bill” Thompson	1 <sup>st</sup>	Arlington
1966-1967	David Carr Parkhurst, Jr.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greater Miami
1967-1968	Harry Lee Abrams	1 <sup>st</sup>	Winter Park
1967-1968	Donald James Watson, Jr.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melbourne
1969	Steven Stein	1 <sup>st</sup>	Seminole
1969	James David Sewell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Riverside
1970	Paul Raymond Fell	1 <sup>st</sup>	Okaloa
1970	Larry Edward Rambach, Sr.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arlington
1971	Woodrow John “Jack” Latvala, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fidelity
1972	Thomas Edison Jordan, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	John M. Cheney
1972	Harold Curtis “Bucky” Buchanan	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Park

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1973	Daniel Mark Taylor	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arthur H. Carter
1974	Walter Hobbs Ricks	2 <sup>nd</sup>	John M. Cheney
1975	John Douglas Boone	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wesconnett
1975	Larry Rodger Gilespe	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brandon
1976	Terry Michael Moore	1 <sup>st</sup>	Arthur H. Carter
1976	Jeffrey Raymond Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Park
1977	Durward E. Harrell, Jr.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Village
1978	John Daniel Deese	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sem-I-No
1979	Rick Clemence Renn	1 <sup>st</sup>	St. Petersburg
1980	William Gordon Wardell	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jacques DeMolay
1080	Steven Daniel Losner	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Royal Vista
1981	Richard Raleigh Whidden, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fernando E. Camus
1981	Roger Clemence Renn ***	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Petersburg
1982	Ronald Duane Thompson	1 <sup>st</sup>	Westside
1982	William Hal Reed, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	J. Edwin Larson
1983	Andrew Paul Dewhirst	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brandon
1983	John Edward Baker	2 <sup>nd</sup>	South Seminole
1984	Dale Bradley Steward***	1 <sup>st</sup>	J. Edwin Larson
1984	Alfredo Stiffel, Jr.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bahia
1985	John Andrew Csellak	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sem-I-No
1986	Paul Andrew Mock	1 <sup>st</sup>	Seminole
1990	William Henry Fleming, Jr. ***	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wesconnett
1993	Michael Judson Greer	1 <sup>st</sup>	George Ulee Lord
1994	Scot Thomas Meadows	1 <sup>st</sup>	Albert J. Russell
1994	Samual Ashby Miller	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jupiter-Tequesta
1995	William Matthew Maudlin	1 <sup>st</sup>	George Ulee Lord
1997	Zach Henry Enos	1 <sup>st</sup>	George Ulee Lord
1997	Christopher John Cook	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Petersburg
1998	Joseph Cecil Earnhardt, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	George Ulee Lord
1999	Robert Jordan "Jody" Meguiar	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Revere
2004	Travis John Parker	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lake Sumter
2005	Dean Lindsay "Guy" Sutton	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lake Sumter
2006	Ryan William Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Revere
2007	Anthony Lee Pickren	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bahia
2008	Martin Alexander Cox	1 <sup>st</sup>	Oleeta-West Dade
2008	Andrew Santorelli	2 <sup>nd</sup>	South Seminole
2009	Jesse James Knafla	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Revere
2010	Lonnie Julian Cox	1 <sup>st</sup>	Oleeta-West Dade
2011	Jeffrey William Meister, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Escambia
2011	Brendon Michael Blankinship	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greater Titusville



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2012	Harrison Christopher Sherwin	1 <sup>st</sup>	South Seminole
2013	McLean Thompson Haughey	1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Revere
2014	Brian Mitchell Catalano	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dale Chapman
2015	Tyler James Sallee	1 <sup>st</sup>	Greater Titusville
2015	Alexander Gaspare Ghiglieri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	South Seminole
2016	Hunter James Hancock	1 <sup>st</sup>	First Coast
2017	Dylan Geoffrey Myers	1 <sup>st</sup>	George Ulee Lord
2017	Ryan Kurt Holland	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Escambia
2019	Matthew Ross Govreau	1 <sup>st</sup>	First Coast
2019	Shawn Ray Lopez II	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jupiter-Tequesta

\*\*\* International DSA Recipient



***Past Presidents of the State Mother's/Parent's Club***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sponsoring City/Area</b>
1965-1966	Edna Tutwiler	Melbourne/Province 3
1966-1967	Betty Thompson	Jacksonville/Province 2
1967-1968	Jessie Farrell	New Port Ritchey/Province 4
1968-1969	Genevieve Brown	West Palm Beach/Province 6
1969-1979	Nancy Kittrell Lynn	Haven/Province 1
1970-1971	Hope Schneider	Clearwater/Province 4
1971-1972	Caryll Brann	Manatee County/Province 5
1972-1973	Ollie Buchanan	Winter Park/Province 3
1973-1974	Jean Glendinning	Sarasota/Province 5
1974-1975	Frances James	Cocoa/Province 8
1975-1976	Joann Hess	Ft. Lauderdale/Province 9
1976-1977	Nancy Richmond	Jacksonville/Zone B
1977-1978	Jean Young	Titusville/Zone 5
1978-1979	Donna Foster	Largo/Zone C
1979-1980	Jane Pohlman	Hollywood/Zone G
1980-1981	Barbara McLaughlin	Manatee County/Zone F
1981-1982	Janice Renn	St. Petersburg/Zone J
1982-1983	Martha Truelock	Tampa/Zone C
1983-1984	Joanne Shaffer	Brandon/Zone C
1984-1985	Sharon Baker	Orange Park/Zone B
1985-1986	Wilma Reed	Tallahassee/Zone A
1986-1987	Mary Sallee	Jacksonville/Zone B
1987-1988	Joan Jenkins	Orlando/Zone D
1988-1989	Sandra Giles	Winter park/ Zone D
1989-1990	Irene Lucontro	Jacksonville/Zone B
1990-1991	Sandra Giles	Winter Park/Zone D
1991-1992	Roberta Tervin	Manatee County/Zone F
1992-1993	Barbara Sarner	Tampa/Zone C
1993-1994	Barbara Sarner	Tampa/Zone C
1994-1995	Elaine Meadows	Jacksonville/Zone B
1995-1996	Pamela Meguiar	Tampa/Area 5
1996-1997	Pamela Meguiar	Tampa/Area 5
1997-1998	Wadena Ferenchick	Jacksonville/Area 6
1998-1999	Diana Reeder	Lake Worth/Area 1
1999-2000	Beverly Richards	Tampa/Area 5
2000-2001	Beverly Richards	Tampa/Area 5
2001-2002	Ellen Higginbotham	Cooper City/Area 1
2002-2003	Judy Meister	Crawfordville/Area 8

***Past Executive Officers of the State of Florida***

George Elmer Wilbur  
1922 - Oct, 1928

M.:W.: John Leroy Brandon, PGM  
1929

Judge Albert Peter Wiese  
1930 - 1946

**Jurisdiction of North Florida**

Frank Lynn Rogers  
1946 - 1959(?)

**Jurisdiction of South Florida**

Judge Henry Ludwig Oppenborn Sr. 1946  
- 195?

**Jurisdiction of Southwest Florida**

Henry Leon Cooper  
195? - 1959(?)

**Jurisdiction of Southeast Florida**

Joseph George Roberts  
195? - 1959(?)

**Jurisdiction of Florida**

M.:W.: Roy Theodore Lord, PGM  
1959(?)

**Jurisdiction of West Florida**

Steven Beach Diamond  
1959 (?) - 1964(?)

**Jurisdiction of East Florida**

Joseph George Roberts  
1959 (?) - 1964(?)

M.:W.: John Edwin Larson, PGM  
1964 (?)

**Jurisdiction of Florida**

Edward Hornsby (acting)  
1964

Duncan Laidlaw Gray, D.D.  
1964 - 1966

Glenn Benjamin Wittstruck  
1966 - Aug, 1971

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G Lawrence Hunt  
Oct 31, 1971 - 1995

William Albert Marti  
1995 - 2004

M.:W.: Richard Edward Lynn, PGM  
2004 - 2009

Stephen Merrell Berry  
2009 - 2015

Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar  
2015 - Present

**George Elmer Wilbur.** From Jacksonville, Florida, an Advisor at American Crusaders Chapter. He was Duval County Superintendent of Schools. His unexpected death in office in Oct, 1928 left Florida DeMolay leaderless. During the early part of his tenure, State Conclaves were held twice annually and SMCs were elected for six-month terms. This seems to have ceased around 1927. One of his last official acts was to approve a “Central Florida Conclave” in early 1928, at the joint request and sponsorship of John M. Cheney and Seminole Chapters.

**M.: W.: John Leroy Brandon, PGM,** Junior PGM of the Grand Lodge of Florida at the time, he was apparently appointed by Grand Council, but he never seems to have assumed the duties of “EO”. If this was due to a “failure to communicate”, it would not be the last time. Dad Roy T. Lord resigned his brief tenure later over similar circumstances. Among other things, Mr. Brandon was Mayor of Clearwater, FL.

**Judge Albert Peter Wiese** of Tampa, Florida. A Charter Advisor of Paul Revere Chapter in Tampa. After months of confusion in Florida DeMolay he called a State Conclave, on his own motion, in 1930. Conclave Petitioned Grand Council for a “Deputy for Florida” and Judge Wiese was appointed. He was the Juvenile Court Judge in Tampa. He remained in charge until World War II again disrupted DeMolay and the State Association ceased meeting.

**Post WW II the State was divided into multiple Jurisdictions.** The State DeMolay Association however, remained unified throughout this period. The Board of Administration, jointly appointed by the EOs provided the unified oversight needed.

**Frank Lynn Rogers** was **Deputy for North Florida.** From Jacksonville. 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

**Judge Henry Ludwig Oppenborn Sr.** was **Deputy for South Florida**. Bro. Oppenborn was a Justice of the Peace and was involved in at least one very notable legal case. When Judge Oppenborn resigned, the South Florida Jurisdiction was divided in two, making three Jurisdictions in Florida.

**Joseph G. Roberts** was EO for Southeastern Florida. A member and officer of Allaphata Lodge in Miami. Worked in Dade County's civic administration.

**Henry Leon Cooper** was EO for Southwestern Florida. 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

The State was briefly united under **M.: W.: Roy Theodore Lord, PGM**, in 1959(?), the first Senior DeMolay to become EO. A Senior DeMolay of American Crusaders Chapter, he resigned when it became clear ISC wanted him to take charge of the entire State. He had only agreed to take North Florida. George Ulee Lord Chapter is named after his father. An Electrical Engineer, he worked for the Seaboard Airline Railroad and was also an Officer of Barnett Bank. His condensed Grand Lodge biography runs to four pages.

The south end of the State was then renamed "East Florida". The North End of the State was then renamed "West Florida" (The dividing line was roughly where Interstate 4 now lies.)

**Joseph G. Roberts** resumed leadership of "East Florida".

**Stephen Beach Diamond** became EO of "West" Florida. Past Grand Commander of Grand Commandry, KT of Florida. Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, R & S M.

**M.: W.: John Edwin Larson, PGM**, of Tallahassee was briefly EO. He had agreed to take over the entire State but died in office before the Jurisdictions were re-united.

**Bro. Edward Hornsby**, Director of Administration for Bro. Larson, was briefly "Acting EO", without ISC appointment. The State was unified again.

**(Rev.) Duncan Laidlaw Gray** of Tampa was appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council and EO. The former Chapter Dad of Owen A. Coile Chapter in Tampa, Dad Gray dealt with the problems of reuniting the State which had been divided for so many years. He replaced the Board of Administration with a State Advisory Council and took other actions to unify the State under his administration. He resigned as EO and Deputy of ISC to enter the ministry of the United Methodist Church. His Post-EO Ministerial Career: He earned his Doctor of Divinity degree. He held five assignments in the United Methodist Church of Florida, and served on several church related Boards of Directors. He raised millions of dollars to

renovate the Florida United Methodist Home and oversaw the renovations. He also served as Chaplain to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital in Tampa. He is currently retired and living in Tampa. Inducted into the Hillsborough High School Alumni Hall of Fame, May, 2007. His many Honorary Degrees include Florida Southern College.

**Glenn Benjamin Wittstruck** of Sarasota became EO in 1967. A longtime Advisor at Sarasota Chapter, and State Director of Administration before appointment as EO. (His daughter, Dee Dee, was State Sweetheart in 1965. She later married Rodrick Coy, First International Master Councilor.) Dad Wittstruck served as EO until the closing of Conclave in 1971, after which he and his wife, Dixie, moved to Colorado.

**G Lawrence Hunt** of Hollywood became EO in 1971. State Director of Administration prior to his elevation. He is a Senior DeMolay of Rochester Chapter, Rochester, NY. Appointed on Halloween, 1971, he served until 1994. He served as Grand Master of ISC in 1983-84. By profession he was a Pharmaceutical salesman.

**William Albert Marti** became EO in 1994. Living in Hollywood, Florida. A Senior DeMolay and an Insurance Salesman by profession.

**M.:W.: Richard Edward Lynn, PGM**, became EO in 2004. Served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida in 1992. The retired owner of Lynn Catering of Miami, Florida. Past Potentate and Recorder of Mahi Shrine in Miami. Currently Serving as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

**Stephen Merrell Berry** became EO in 2009. An Advisor from J. Edwin Larson Chapter.

**Robert Jordan "Jody" Meguiar** became EO in June of 2015. A Senior DeMolay from Paul Revere Chapter. Recipient of the Guild of the Leather Apron, and DeMolay of the Year twice. A Past State Scribe, Past State Junior Councilor, and Honorary Past State Master Councilor. Served Florida DeMolay as Director of Administration prior to becoming EO. Employed by Shriners International.

***International DeMolay Congress Officers from Florida***

James Rick Lyle, International Congress Secretary, 1980 - 1981  
William Henry Fleming Jr., Region III Representative, 1990 - 1991  
Ryan William Jones, Region III Representative, 2005-2006

***International DeMolay Contest Winners from Florida***

Paul G. Schneider, Gulf Beach Chapter  
International Oratorical Contest 1971

***International Supreme Council Grand Masters from Florida***

Frank H. Thompson, February, 1955 - March, 1956  
John L. Crofts, Sr., April 1974 - April, 1975  
G Lawrence Hunt, May, 1983 - May, 1984



## ***Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame***

The Florida DeMolay Hall of Fame was founded in 1994. Since its institution the following members have been inducted in to our DeMolay Hall of Fame. They are listed in order of election.

**Gov. Reubin O'Donovan Askew**  
**Hon. David Gray Ross**  
**Marvin Gerhard**  
**Dr. William F. Glynn**  
**G Lawrence Hunt, P.G.M.**  
**Dr. Dennis L. Jones**  
**Julian Grady Kicklighter, Jr.**  
**James Hoyt Kirby, Jr., PSMC (FL)**  
**Hon. Lawson L. Lamar**  
**Sen. Woodrow John Latvala, PSMC (FL)**  
**M.:W.: Roy Theodore Lord**  
**Elmer O. McBride**  
**Gene Muir**  
**M.:W.: Michael A. Padron, Jr.**  
**Rev. George A. Price**  
**Owen E. Reuterwall, Jr.**  
**Harry Andrew Rosenthal, Jr.**  
**Sen. Jerry Thomas**  
**Sen. Pat Thomas**  
**Dr. Edward K. Walker**  
**Russell Baldwin Glendinning**  
**Jerome Madison Meguiar**  
**William Gordon Wardell, PSMC (FL)**  
**Wilbur Dale Dietzman**  
**Allan James Graulich**

## ***International DeMolay Hall of Fame Members from Florida***

Since its institution, the following Senior DeMolays, from Florida Chapters, have been inducted in to our International DeMolay Hall of Fame:

<b>Gov. Reubin O'Donovan Askew</b>	<b>Pensacola Chapter, Pensacola</b>
<b>Walter Lanier "Red" Barber</b>	<b>Seminole Chapter, Sanford</b>
<b>Christian Rudolph "Buddy" Ebsen</b>	<b>John M. Cheney Chapter, Orlando</b>