

**2020 Proceedings of “Conclave at Home”**  
of the  
**Florida Jurisdictional Chapter**



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## Preface

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the Center for Disease Control mandates, we were forced to have our annual Summer Conclave virtually. It was streamed live on July 18, 2020, on three different platforms: YouTube live, Facebook live, and Zoom. It was streamed from three different locations for safety and keep with "social distancing" guidelines.

Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 in Tampa, the home of Paul Revere Chapter, served as the broadcast center. The production team was lead Dad Bob Clements, assisted by Mr. Felix Torres and Bro. Jonathan Clements. The following were present at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25: Dad Robert "Jody" Meguiar, Executive Officer; Mom Athena Mock, Director of Conclave; Dad Rusty Glendinning, Active Member of ISC; Dad Michael Blankinship, Deputy Member of ISC and Assistant Executive Officer; Dad Anthony Pickren, State Chapter Advisor and Assistant Executive Officer; Dad Andrew Gluchov, Personal Representative in District Five; and Bro. Christian Meguiar, who served as State Chaplain for the event. The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, streamed from his home in Orlando. The Deputy State Master Councilor, Bro. Brendon Jackson, and the incoming Deputy State Master Councilor, Bro. Brian "Wade" Speigner, streamed from Brendon Jackson's home in Tallahassee. The State Sweetheart, Miss. Natasha Klienbach, The Grand Master of DeMolay International, Dad Marc Bohn, and The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Florida, M.:W.: Thomas L. Turlington, Jr., all submitted pre-recorded videos of their remarks.

Due to the fact that were unable to have a quorum of Delegates due to CDC mandates, no Delegate Sessions took place, nor were there any Sports or Ritual Competitions for Summer Conclave 2020.



# Minutes from “Conclave at Home” “Separate, but Together”

Saturday, July 18, 2020

The Florida Jurisdictional Chapter was called to order at 2:00 pm by the State Chapter Advisor, Dad Anthony L. Pickren, PSMC.

Welcome to Florida DeMolay's “Conclave at Home.” We are coming to you live from Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 in Tampa, home of Paul Revere Chapter, which was the first DeMolay Chapter in Florida. We thought this was a fitting location for such an unprecedented time. It is now my honor to introduce to you the State Master Councilor of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter, Brother Somosa Ramdeen.

At 2:02 pm, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bro. Christian Meguiar lead the Opening prayer.

At 2:05 pm, the State Master Councilor declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter open for the purpose of conducting business.

At 2:06 pm, the State Master Councilor gave his opening comments:

Brothers and guests, welcome to “Conclave at Home 2020.” This year has been a doozy and has really tested us as DeMolays. Covid-19 has been a terrible blemish on us, but we are stronger than that. We have been forced to break tradition but still have found ways to stay active and keep the Chapters moving forward via virtual meetings.

The purpose of this virtual Conclave is to be able to keep with tradition while finding ways to adapt to our current situation. Safety for our youth is our #1 priority and by live streaming to you guys we are able to provide a safe and comfortable environment for our Annual Summer Conclave. I want to give a special thanks to Dad Clements for making this possible. He allowed us to use his company's equipment to bring you Summer Conclave to you virtually and for that we are grateful.

At this time, we would normally welcome any distinguished guests from the varying Masonic Organizations to give us any messages or comments that they have prepared for us.

Unfortunately, we are unable to do that. But they have prepared virtual messages for us and they will be included in the next Meridian Sun set to come out this Monday. So be on the lookout for that. I now send it over to Dad Jody Meguiar, our Executive Officer.

At 2:08 pm, the State Master Councilor introduced the Executive Officer of the Jurisdiction of Florida, Dad Robert J. Meguiar, for his opening comments.

As Somosa said, COVID has impacted every aspect of our lives throughout our society. Fraternally, as we watched many organizations throughout the Masonic fraternity and throughout the world, they've all succumbed to the virus and a lot of them have cancelled their proceedings. I am very proud to say that DeMolay is one of those organizations which has preceded through

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operations even despite the risk. I am very proud of our DeMolay Chapters, our Squire Manors, our Advisory Councils, those that persevered even through virtual means.

Just to give you a brief recap of what would've happened at our annual session in Phoenix, Arizona. All of this was done by direction of the Grand Master. The new ISC officers are: Grand Master, Dad Marc Bohn from Georgia. The Grand Senior Councilor is Dad Vince D'Aguanno from Michigan. The Grand Junior Councilor is Dad John Sellars from Colorado. Our Grand Treasurer is Dad Greg Chiles from Indiana, and our Grand Secretary is Dad Greg Kimberling from Idaho. The international Master Councilor is Brother Brett Grimm from Nevada, and the International Congress Secretary is brother Seaghan Ennis from Colorado. DeMolay honors, which were nominated by Florida, were approved and have already been announced on our Facebook page and social media, but they will also be included in our live stream later for proper recognition.

I'm very proud to be serving not only as the Grand Sentinel for Dad Bohn, but also as the new Region Three representative to the DeMolay Board of Directors. As such, some of my goals are to increase the communication within the Jurisdictions of Region Three and to work toward the reestablishment of the Old South Ritual Tournament. For this I've already had some conversations with my fellow EO's in support of Florida DeMolay's operations and everything that's going on. It is my pleasure to now play a pre-prepared video from our Grand Master, Dad Marc Bohn.

At 2:11 pm, a prerecorded message from the Grand Master of DeMolay International, Dad Marc Bohn, was played:

Hey to all of our members of the DeMolay International family in the Jurisdiction of Florida. I'm sorry that you are not able to have your Conclave in person but I commend Dad Jody Meguiar and his team on putting together this virtual meeting. I'm sure this will be a fun and interesting way to conduct the business of the Jurisdiction.

I want to talk a moment about the logo and theme for this year for DeMolay international. You see beside me the logo with the words "Live DeMolay." This is to serve as a reminder to each of you that you should strive to live by the lessons and morals that are part of our organization which is a strong foundation on which to build your lives. Are you living up to the values represented by the Bible? The flag? The school books? The morals of the 7 Cardinal virtues? Love of Parents Reverence of Sacred things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, and Patriotism. Also by the ideals of faith and toleration? Remember the final ammunition of the Master Councilor in the Fourth Section in DeMolay Degree which reads "[o]ur order is based on service and not mere empty forms. Your merit will be measured by the extent to which you carry these lessons into your daily lives and translate those lessons and examples in the service to the world."

As you see me throughout the year, I may ask you "are you living DeMolay?" The correct response is "every day in every way." shortly I, and the International Congress Officers, will have a small gift for you when you respond to this question correctly. The decisions you make every day, while they may seem small and insignificant, have an impact on the type of individual that you will be in the future. The decision to do your homework, or not to go to a DeMolay meeting, or not or further your education in a college or trade school, all help to contribute to the

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type of person you are going to be: A success that you'll enjoy. So make sure that the decisions you make support who you want to be and what you want to do.

I'm sure you're concerned, as I am, with the unrest in our nation is facing. This is due in large part to lack of respect and courtesy. Isn't it appropriate that one of our Cardinal Virtues is Courtesy? Courtesy that is natural and not assumed is born of respect. We have ideally included respect for one another in our Cardinal Virtues through our third candle. This should point out to you quite vividly. DeMolay is as relevant today as it was in 1919.

Finally, I want you, the young man of DeMolay and Florida, to know how proud I am of you. I have been following the fantastic things you were doing in Florida. Continue to be the shining example to the world of what her youth could, and should be. The way that you live DeMolay makes me proud every day in every way. Thank you and god bless each one of you.

A prerecorded message from the State Sweetheart, Miss. Natasha Klienbach, was then played:

Florida DeMolay, what a strange few months we've been through. Since we all parted ways at Mini, the world has shifted and changed with events no one could have predicted. Growing up, the only people that wore masks were doctors and kids on Halloween. Now it's become the new normal and even if that means we can't have our normal Conclave, it's worth it to protect our DeMolay, friends, and family.

I know this isn't the ideal year; we were all excited for events like cotillion, spring fest, and Conclave. Many plans and ideas were scrapped with our new rules and guidelines mandated for our health and safety. But this shouldn't discourage us. Instead, this should push us to make the next Statewide function the best it can be. We cannot dwell on the past events and opportunities missed, so why don't we focus on tomorrow, on the future of Florida DeMolay. Together we can make a massive comeback after this Pandemic passes and imagine how great it will be to laugh, grow, and plan and build together—bettering Ourselves, our organization, and everyone in it.

Thank you for Electing me as your State Sweetheart. Sadly, my dreams for this term couldn't happen. There was so much I had planned for Conclave, but I won't dwell on it. Instead, I'll remember all the fun times we had at Mini. The Game Night I arranged was a hit, and seeing so many young men from different Jurisdictions and Chapters bond and become friends truly warmed my heart. I know all my DeMolays will go above and beyond in whatever they do in life, and I can't wait to see you all in person once this Pandemic passes. I wish I could do more. But, with my term being cut short, many ideas, projects, and dreams were scheduled, but hopefully, someone like Jada could set them in motion, without a pandemic!

Thank you for all the love, support, and friendship I have received. Many of my closest friends have come from this organization, and I have no clue how I'd manage without them.

Thank you to all the incredible young men of Florida DeMolay, you gentlemen are the leaders of tomorrow, and I know each one of you will lead rich, full lives with the same character you carry with you in DeMolay. It has been an honor being your State Sweetheart. Thank you to the advisors that care more about their boys than they do themselves. You give your time, efforts, and heart, and I thank you for that. Thank you to Samosa for being my partner in crime. I know you'll do great things in life and wish only the best. I know this year wasn't according to plan, but we still did it! I'm glad to have served with a brother and a friend. Thank you to my home chapter, where my brother was a charter member, and where four square is an indoor game, Lake

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Sumter Chapter. You guys have indeed been the coolest big brothers to grow up with, and I'm so proud of all of you, you guys are family. Ever since I asked you Gents to be escorts for my first installation as Worthy Advisor, you have been there for me every step of the way. A special thanks to Dad Lynn, you never hesitate to offer a word of advice, kindness, or trust. You have the wisdom of an owl and the heart of Lion. Thank you for always remembering my birthday and for everything you do. Happy birthday too! Most of all, thank you to my Dad for always being my chafer and my biggest cheerleader. I know you thought your time with DeMolay ended when Barron aged out, but then I roped you into helping Lake Sumter all those years ago. Thank you for giving yourself to service and never thinking twice about it. Look at me now; I'm only State Sweetheart because you pushed me to follow my dreams. I thank you for that.

I do not know what is next to come, but I know that whatever it may be Florida DeMolay will rise and conquer all obstacles in its way. Do what you want, stand up for what you believe in, and don't let anybody tell you can't do what you put your mind to.

Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people.

Thank you, Florida DeMolay.

This is Natasha Klienbach, State Sweetheart 2019-2020, signing off.

The State Master Councilor then announced the following Awards that were earned in the past year:

**Representative DeMolay (RD's)**

- Dylan Baumgartner - Anclote Chapter
- Anthony McIntosh - Anclote Chapter
- Gabriel Negron - South Seminole Chapter
- Commodore Mathew "Stone" Perry - First Coast Chapter
- Carter Uribe - Bahia Chapter

**Leadership Correspondence Course (LCC's)**

- Austin Abernathy - C. Allen Pattison Chapter
- Zachery Berger - Manatee County Chapter
- Elijah Jason - C. Allen Pattison Chapter
- James Jenkins - South Seminole Chapter
- Liam Negron - South Seminole Chapter
- Aidan O'Brien - South Seminole Chapter
- Liam O'Brien - South Seminole Chapter
- Commodore Mathew "Stone" Perry - First Coast Chapter
- Erik Ronald - C. Allen Pattison Chapter
- Carter Uribe - Bahia Chapter
- Ethan Van De Wiele - South Seminole Chapter



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**Membership Awards since January 1st, 2020**

**#1 Pin (First Line Signers)**

- Joel Chancey - Westside Chapter
- Sean Davis - Hurlbert Chapter
- Daniel DeJesus - Anclote Chapter
- John Elis - Dale Chapman Chapter
- Henry Gunter - First Coast Chapter
- James Jenkins - South Seminole Chapter
- Bret Jolly - First Coast Chapter
- Andrew Tingler - Dale Chapman Chapter
- Jonathan Van Gundy - C. Allen Pattison Chapter

**Blue Honor Key**

- Shawn Lopez II - Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter

**International Membership Awards**

**Grand Master's Lapel Pin**

- Austin Abernathy - C. Allen Pattison Chapter
- Shawn Lopez II - Jupiter Tequesta Chapter
- Commodore Mathew "Stone" Perry - First Coast Chapter
- Christian Meguiar - Paul Revere Chapter

**Florida Membership Awards**

**Defender of Florida DeMolay**

- Austin Abernathy - C. Allen Pattison Chapter
- Shawn Lopez II - Jupiter Tequesta Chapter
- Commodore Mathew "Stone" Perry - First Coast Chapter
- Christian Meguiar - Paul Revere Chapter
- Nicholas Ramdeen - Bahia Chapter

The State Master Councilor announced the "Quarantine" Awards. (Awards to recognize the dedicated Chapters, Advisors, Brothers, and Squires that have made the most and thrived during this pandemic)

**Squire of the Quarantine** - This Squire went to the store and purchased essential items and handed out bags with the items everyone needed and gave these bags to his neighbors. The winner is **Mason Williams** from King Arthur Manor.

**Advisor of the Quarantine** - This advisor was very busy during this quarantine in leading our JBU's. The winner is **Dad John Hillyer**.

**Virtual Fun Event of the Quarantine** - This Chapter met each week and always had a fun game to play. The winner is **Bahia Chapter**.

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**Chapter Event of the Quarantine** - This Chapter held their Parent's Day Observance and invited the International Master Councilor to perform the Flower Talk. The winner is **Paul Revere Chapter**.

**Chapter of the Quarantine** - This Chapter was very busy and active. They made ear guards for the face masks to protect the ears of our first responders and so many more. They donated to Shriners Hospital in Tampa, Shriners International, Florida, as well as DeMolay International. This Chapter also had fun with game nights too, with Star Wars trivia on May the 4th be with you. The winner is **C. Allen Pattison Chapter**.

**Manor of the Quarantine** - This Squires Manor was very busy with donating funds to various First Responders in their area. They had business meetings, earned their awards for their Squire pins and had a pool party where they even snagged a prospect. The winner is **South Seminole Squires Manor**.

The State Master Councilor announced the "Chapter of the Year"

It is now time to reveal our Chapter of the Year. This Chapter earned points by having meetings, Initiations, fun events, and attending many functions. They earned a total of 16,400 points. The winner is **First Coast Chapter**.

The Executive Officer then announced the DeMolay International Honors for 2020:

**Chevalier**

- P. Ross Bednar - Lake Sumter Chapter
- Terry C. Bibbins - Manatee County Chapter
- James A. Cole - Dale Chapman Chapter
- Connor W. Guimond - Dale Chapman Chapter
- Sion W. King - Dale Chapman Chapter
- Michael D. Kruger - Lake Sumter Chapter
- Nicholas C. McIntosh - Anclote Chapter
- Thomas C. Newton - Paul Revere Chapter and Owen A. Colie Chapter
- Brian Wade Speigner Jr. - Edward K. Walker Chapter

**Cross of Honor**

- Luther "Chop" Bodiford III – Edward K. Walker Chapter
- Hillary Cowart Jr. - John Wayne Chapter
- Virginia "Ginny" Cowart - John Wayne Chapter
- Keith A. Hartless - George Ulee Lord Chapter
- Randy C. Klaus - Greater Titusville Chapter
- Nathan R. Wilson - South Seminole Chapter
- Andrew P. Wormington, Sr. - C. Allen Pattison Chapter
- Bill W. Yarbrough Jr. – Anclote Chapter

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**Active Legion of Honor**

- Richard L. Berger - Manatee County Chapter
- Robert D. Davidson - Jurisdiction of Florida
- Ronald E. Dowdy - Jurisdiction of Florida
- Barry E. Dupre - Jurisdiction of Florida
- Edward J. Mayfield, Jr. - Lake Sumter Chapter
- James L. Pelham - First Coast Chapter
- Gary Schweinshaupt - Manatee County Chapter

**Honorary Legion of Honor**

- Taleb "Tali" Atala - Jurisdiction of Florida

The State Master Councilor gave his final remarks:

My Brothers, this year has truly been an honor for me. The experiences I've had, the friends I've made, the memories I've created, they all will hold a special place in my heart from this day on. Being a State Master Councilor is not a job that is easily explained. It's an experience that one has to go through in order to truly understand what it means to lead this order, and that wouldn't have been possible for me if it wasn't for everyone here today. I'm proud to call myself a DeMolay and I would do anything for this Order to strive.

DeMolay was there for me when I needed it most. It helped me through tough times, gave me a purpose when I thought I had none. This Order was always there for me when I needed it and it will always be here for when you need it. I'm confident that together, with all my Brothers, we can help DeMolay last in for next hundred years.

These past few months have been tough on all of us. This virus has kept us locked away from our brothers, but if there's one thing DeMolay proved, it's that not even a pandemic can stop us. We will always and find a way to keep this Order from being run into the ground. It's kind of like a drill. We evolve past the person we were a minute before, little by little we're always advancing forward, and so is DeMolay. As we evolve further into tomorrow, this Order advances with us. It adapts and becomes stronger in its environment and together this Order will never fall.

If there's a wall in our way, then we smash it down. If there isn't a path then we carve one ourselves. The magma of our souls burns with a mighty flame, and as the Ceremony of Light states, it's our purpose as DeMolays to reach into the innermost depths of another's soul and light his flame.

I want to acknowledge a few people before I go. Firstly, I want to thank my parents for everything they've done for me. All they've given me since gaining this opportunity, is unconditional love and support and I couldn't have done it without them. I also want to thank Bahia Chapter. No matter how high you move up in life you never forget your roots. In 2015 I was initiated to Bahia and to this day that is the place I call home. They are my family and I can't thank them enough for all the support and guidance my Brothers and Advisors of the Chapter have given me. On Top of that, I want to thank Dad Jody and the Executive Staff. This team was always there for me whenever I was lost and confused and felt like I couldn't keep on going. Being behind the scenes on the Executive Staff, they don't get the recognition they deserve, and trust me, they deserve it. They dragged me to the finish line and gave me everything I needed in

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order to help you guys push this Order in the right direction. They were my backbone through all of this and I can't thank them enough.

Brendon and Wade. You guys have been given an extraordinary opportunity that only comes once in a lifetime, and I have nothing but the utmost confidence in you two. I know together you guys will do great things and as I step down, I'm leaving this Order in perfect hands. A bit of advice for you two, don't stop. No matter how hard it gets you got to believe in yourself. When I first ran for SMC, I said if you can't believe in yourself, believe in the me that believes in you. While that is true, it only gets you so far. You have to be able to believe in yourself. Not in the you who believes in me. Not the me who believes in you. Believe in the you who believes in yourself. While that may seem confusing now, as time goes on in this position, it will become clearer. Also write your articles. It's not that difficult. I'm proud of you guys and proud to call you my brothers.

With that being said, it's about time my watch ends. Thank you all for the opportunities you have given me by electing me for your State Master Councilor for the past term. Now all that's left for me is to return to the ranks where I can enjoy and cherish my last year as an active DeMolay.

Dad Anthony Pickren, serving as Installing Officer, began the Installation of State Officers.

At 2:42 pm, Brendon K. Jackson was installed as State Master Councilor of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter.

At 2:45 pm, Brian "Wade" Speigner, Jr., was installed as Deputy State Master Councilor of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter.

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Brendon Jackson, gave his remarks:

To my Brothers, Advisors, and guests, it's an honor to serve you and DeMolay Florida. I am so excited to be the Centennial State Master Councilor. This year has had its challenges, they are something that we as DeMolays WILL overcome. We need to focus on FELLOWSHIP. I know it is hard to get together with one another in person right now, but having meetings over Zoom is a viable option until we can all practice that fellowship in person again. If you need help setting up Zoom, please contact me, I am more than happy to help a Brother in need.

One of my goals for this Centennial Year is to initiate 100 new brothers into our Order. With this being the Centennial Year in Florida, each new brother will receive a Centennial Pin along with a signed certificate from the State Line Officers. We need to keep these new Brothers as involved in the Chapter activities as much as we can, giving them roles of importance and instilling in them what it means to be a BROTHER in this Order. This means encouragement and praise when they do good, and help whenever they need it. The State Line will develop a "Buddy System" to link up a new brother with an established brother to be his mentor and to be a source of guidance and knowledge.

It is also a goal of mine to encourage travel, when able, amongst Districts to help support Chapter and District level events. Be it fun events, fundraisers, Initiations, Installations, and even ritual and sport competitions between Chapters. I personally will do my best to travel to as many of these functions as possible. We will be encouraging members to participate in the Ritual Excellence Program, which will improve your public speaking and ritual ability in your Chapter, District, State and life beyond. This will be starting at the top with us, as State Line officers,

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doing our best to provide a standard to follow for all ritual performance and competitions at the State, District, and Chapter level.

You can anticipate information to be dispersed via the District Master Councilors and provided by them to each Chapter in their respective District. The DMCs are responsible for getting with each Chapter to answer any questions that the Chapter may have or any assistance they may need. I encourage each Chapter to provide an updated calendar to their DMCs so that planning can be made by other Chapters to coordinate to be in attendance for supporting and or helping during the events. If for any reason you do not receive any information, or have difficulty contacting you DMC, please bring this to MY attention so this can be addressed and resolved in a timely fashion.

The State will be offering THREE Obligatory Days so that those wishing to travel for participation and fellowship can plan accordingly to be in attendance. Our Devotional Day will be on Saturday March 20th, 2021, and we will be traveling to the Masonic Home located in St. Petersburg Florida, and I'm asking each Chapter to make cards that we can give out to the residents of the home.

We have planned the My Government Day observance that will begin Friday June 25th, 2021 and will conclude on Saturday June 26th, 2021. This will include a guided tour of our State Capitol building on the 25th, followed by a lock-in that night at Jackson Lodge No. 1 here in Tallahassee, Florida. Fun events and dinner will be held at the lodge following the conclusion of the tour. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, and have a LARGE number of DeMolays present at our State Capitol!!! Education Day will fall into the My Government Day event in Tallahassee, as this will be an educational and enriching experience for ALL!!!

I have chosen my charity to be Shriners Hospital for children. I personally believe that they provide life changing care to a child in need. This charity helps provide aid for children facing orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injury, and cleft-lip pallet. They help children reach their potential and lead more fulfilling lives.

The theme for this DeMolay Florida Centennial Year is "100 Years and Counting". We must look to those who came before us and their accomplishments in the past 100 years, and we must build on their success for our NEXT 100 years.

In closing, I hope this message finds you my Brothers, and your families, are doing well during these difficult times that we find ourselves in. My wish is for you and your families to continue to stay safe. My Brothers, I look forward to seeing you and your families soon. If myself, or any member of my State Line, can be of ANY assistance to you, please don't hesitate to reach out. Remember, we are all in this TOGETHER. Let us work TOGETHER to SHARE DeMolay and initiate 100 NEW MEMBERS, and take DeMolay Florida forward for the next 100 years. Let us believe in our theme "100 Years and Counting" and take inspiration from the words of our brother Walt Disney:

"When you believe in a thing, believe in it all the way, implicitly and unquestionable."

God Bless us, and the Order of DeMolay!"

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The Executive Officer then presented the following awards:

**DeMolay Medal of Appreciation** - for all their hard work to make "Conclave at Home" possible and successful:

- Dad Robert Clements
- Mr. Felix Torres
- Dad Michael Blankinship
- Mom April Blankinship

**DeMolay of the year** - Bro. Gabriel Negron of South Seminole Chapter

**Advisor of the Year** – Dad Louis Govreau of First Coast Chapter

The Executive Officer announced the following changes to the State Staff:

- Personal Representative for District Five - Dad Andrew Gluchov.
- Personal Representative for the newly implemented Jacksonville District/District Seven- Dad Lou Govreau
- District Master Councilor for District Seven- Bro. Riley Hohman.
- Director of Ancillary Programs (Sweethearts, Squires, and Parents Club) - Mom April Blankinship
- Assistant Executive Officer for Membership- Dad Michael Blankinship
- Assistant Executive Officer for Field Operations- Dad Anthony Pickren

At 3:03 pm, a prerecorded video from the M.:W.: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, M.:W.: Thomas L. Turlington, Jr., was played:

Good evening my Brothers of DeMolay, DeMolay board of advisors, and all Mom and Dad Advisors of the State of Florida. I bring you greetings from our Grand Line and the 36,000 Masons in Florida.

We wish you a successful Conclave this year. I know as well as you know that this year has been an extreme year of flexibility, and will continue to be throughout the year. Your virtual Conclave is evidence that you are adapting to change and I congratulate you for thinking out of the box and making it work. Our fraternity this year has already seen changes and we are going to see more changes to come, but I know working together, communicating, and being accountable with what we need to do we are going to make it work.

To the 400 DeMolays of the state of Florida, I encourage you to reach out to other young men that you think will make you a good member and increase your membership. That's what we are doing as Masons as well. Membership is very important to us. But with membership we want them to be the right men, just as you want them to be the right young men to join your organization.

This year is all about Communicating with the Craft, Accountability, and Unity for our fraternity and it pretty well is the same thing you need to do. Continue communicating with one another, making sure they are ok. Be accountable for your actions, and be united in unity. Remember, "one for all and all for one" is indeed teamwork. Teamwork is what it is all about. Working together and making our and your fraternity better and making it a stronger one. Again, on behalf

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of myself, the Grand Line, and the 36,00 Masons of Florida, we congratulate you for your virtual DeMolay Conclave.

To the Past State Master Councilor, you have done an exceptional job. To the new State Master Councilor, I wish you all the luck in the world. Remember be flexible and it will work. We will get through this together.

In closing my brothers, may God bless our Fraternity and your Organization and may God bless the United States of America. Thank you.

Bro. Christian Meguiar lead the Closing Prayer.

There being no further business, The State Master Councilor, Bro. Brendon Jackson, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter closed at 3:07 pm.

# Minutes of the Saturday Banquet at Mini Conclave

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, called the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter to order at 7:13 pm, and introduced the following State Officers:

Representing the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter:

- Bro. Zachary Hardgrove, Deputy State Master Councilor
- Bro. Jose Lopez, State Scribe/Treasurer
- Bro. Connor Guimond, Illustrious Knight Commander
- Miss Natasha Klienbach, State Sweetheart

The following District Master Councilors were introduced:

- Bro. Wade Speigner, District One
- Bro. Jackson Cowart, District Two
- Bro. Connor Guimond, District Three
- Bro. Dylan Baumgartner, District Four
- Bro. Austin Abernathy, District Five
- Bro. Shawn Lopez II, District Six

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

Active Members:

- Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar, Executive Officer in Florida
- Russell B. Glendinning
- Allan J. Graulich
- S. Kyle Moline
- David F. Puzzo

Emeritus Members:

- Jerome M. Meguiar

Deputy Members:

- John J. Hillyer IV
- Michael K. Blankinship

Honorary Members:

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



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Representing the Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star:

- Heather Earnhardt - Worthy Grand Matron
- Lance Kleinsmith - Worthy Grand Patron

The State Master Councilor called on the State Sweetheart, Miss Natasha Klienbach, for her comments:

Hi Everyone! I hope that you are having a great dinner. I just wanted to let you guys know I have some great game ideas in mind for you guys, for whenever the "Mancave" starts. Please come down and join us, that way you can participate, and have fun with your fellow Brothers and Advisors. If you have any board games you can bring, I know I have some and some other Chapters do as well, so feel free to bring them and have some fun with us, and Thank You.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Athletics, Dad Jason Sinnott, for announcements.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Ritual, Dad Shawn Lopez, for announcements.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Conclave, Mom Athena Mock, for announcements:

The State Master Councilor called gave his closing remarks:

Have a great Conclave guys! Stay safe. I encourage you guys to be active with your Brothers, don't be locked up in your rooms. This is the time you take the bond with your DeMolay Brothers. Use the opportunity that you guys have.

There being no further business, The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, put the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 7:19 pm.

## Minutes of the Statewide Initiation at Mini Conclave

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess for the purpose of Initiation at 8:07 pm.

The Following Brothers received both Degrees of the Order:

- Alex Alonso - Dale Chapman Chapter
- Josyah Chancy - Westside Chapter
- Lndon Friend - Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter
- Dylan Krumlein - First Coast
- Mitchell Rodriguez - Dale Chapman Chapter

There being no further business, the State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter in a state of recess at 9:14 pm.

## Minutes of the Squires Induction at Mini Conclave

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Master Squire, Bro. Evan Meguiar, called the Florida DeMolay Squires to order for the purpose of Induction at 4:15 pm.

The following performed parts for the Induction Ceremony:

- Evan Meguiar - Master Squire
- Ryder Yarbrough - Senior Squire
- Aaron Johnson - Junior Squire
- Lucas Zeigler - Marshal

The Master Squire, Bro. Evan Meguiar, declared the Florida DeMolay Squires closed at 4:45 pm.

# Minutes of the Sunday Banquet at Mini Conclave

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess at 6:28 pm.

The following Active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, was introduced:

- Dad Richard E. Lynn, PGM, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida

The State Master Councilor Called on Dad Drew Wormington for presentations:

Today during the JBU's, we were trying to do some stuff that is kind of different. Today, we actually had drone race with bridge building. During those times we had during the drills between bridge building, we were watching how some of the different people in the JBU's were participating, I will like to recognize one of the people who did the drone racing for their skill of what they were doing. Nate Aurchambeault from Anclote Chapter. During the bridge building, we had two squires who brought all the DeMolay Teams together: Ryan King from Dale Chapman, and Kaleb Mason from Marion. I want to thank everyone who participated in the JBU's this afternoon, and I look forward to work with everyone here in the future, Thank you.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Conclave, Mom Athena Mock, for announcements.

The State Master Councilor called on the State Sweetheart, Miss Natasha Klienbach, for her comments:

Hey guys! So far we are having a lot of people that are having a lot of fun with a lot of amazing games. I have met with people that have met more people, that they have never thought they were going to be friends with. We have different Chapters, Squires, and Advisors having fun, everything went well. We are already having a blast. If you ask anyone that was participating in games last night, they will tell you that it was amazing. I encourage everyone to be there at the "Mancave" section starting at 9:30 pm. Once again, let's keep things great and fun, and we will see everyone there tonight. Thank you!

The State Master Councilor announced that the following Chapters have won a pizza party for reaching positive growth in 2019:

- Lake Sumter Chapter
- Edward K. Walker Chapter
- George Ulee Lord Chapter

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The State Master Councilor introduced the following guests from the Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star:

- Lance Kleinsmith - Worthy Grand Patron
- Debra Kleinsmith - Grand Chaplain
- Suzie Ruskosky - Grand Esther
- Gale Ruskosky - Grand Representative of Wisconsin in Florida

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

# Minutes of the Awards Breakfast at Mini Conclave

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

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter out of recess at 8:31 am.

The State Master Councilor introduced the following State Officers:

- Bro. Zachary Hardgrove - Deputy State Master Councilor
- Bro. Jose Lopez - State Scribe/Treasurer
- Miss Natasha Klienbach - State Sweetheart

The State Master Councilor called on the District Master Councilor-Elect for District Two, Bro. Ross Bednar, for the presentation of the Ritual competition medals. See Appendix E.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Athletics, Dad Jason Sinnott, for the presentation of the Athletics competition medals. See Appendix E.

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of Membership, Dad Kyle Moline, for the presentation of Membership Awards. The following Membership Awards were presented:

**Defender of Florida DeMolay Award (2 members in a calendar year)**

- Bro. Zachary Berger - Manatee Chapter
- Bro. Christian Meguiar - Paul Revere Chapter
- Bro. Maxwell Mispel - Edward K. Walker Chapter

The State Master Councilor announced that the following members earned their Membership Awards in 2019:

Name	Members Recruited	Award	Chapter:
Ross P. Bednar	10	2nd Merit Bar Award (Red), 3rd Merit Bar (Blue), Blue Honor Key	Lake Sumter
Cameron A. Thomas	9	Defender of Florida DeMolay, Founders Membership Award, 2nd Merit Bar Award (Red), 3rd Merit Bar Award (Blue)	First Coast
Erik J. Hendrickson	6	Founder's Membership Award, 2nd Merit Bar (Red)	Anclote
Sion W. King	6	Founder's Membership Award, 1st Merit Bar (White)	Dale Chapman

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Austin Abernathy	5	Founder's Membership Award	C. Allen Pattison
Logan Anderson	3	1st Merit Bar Award (White)	Lake Sumter
Maxwell N. Mispel	3	1st Merit Bar (White), Defender of Florida DeMolay	Edward K. Walker
Tally S. Brown	2	Defender of Florida DeMolay	Edward K. Walker
Dustin Ellenberg	2	Number 1 Pin, Defender of Florida DeMolay	George Ulee Lord
Christian P. Meguiar	2	Number 1 Pin, Defender of Florida DeMolay	Paul Revere
Mason D. William	2	Defender of Florida DeMolay	Marion
Zachary R. Windsor	2	Defender of Florida DeMolay (Star), 1st Merit Bar (White)	Edward K. Walker
John E. Cluxton	1	Number 1 Pin	George Ulee Lord
Evan S. Gates	1	Number 1 Pin	Escambia
Ryan Gates	1	Number 1 Pin	Escambia
Mathew Hartless	1	Number 1 Pin	George Ulee Lord
Jeremiah Haynes	1	Number 1 Pin	South Seminole
Ian R. Kenisha	1	Number 1 Pin	Anclote

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Byra-Bradley Lott	1	Number 1 Pin	Lake Sumter
Kaleb L. Mason	1	Number 1 Pin	Marion
Jack Mispel	1	Number 1 Pin	Edward K. Walker
Michael D. Robinson	1	Number 1 Pin	Paul Revere
Eduardo C. Roveda	1	Number 1 Pin	Paul Revere
Dillon R. Southerland	1	Number 1 Pin	Escambia

The State Master Councilor called on the Director of ISC Awards, Dad Dale Dietzman, for presentations.

Dad Dale Dietzman, presented the following Awards:

**Dad Dietzman's Gold Star**

- Bro. Henry Gunter - First Coast Chapter
- Bro. Austin Altman - C. Allen Pattison Chapter

**Representative DeMolay (RD)**

- Bro. Cater Uribe - Bahia Chapter
- Bro. Nick Ramdeen - Bahia Chapter
- Miss Rebecca Pereira - Bahia Chapter

The State Master Councilor announced the winners for the Selfie Scavenger Hunt:

- Bro. Cater Uribe - Bahia Chapter
- Bro. Nick Ramdeen - Bahia Chapter
- Miss Rebecca Pereira - Bahia Chapter

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The Master Councilor called on the State Marshal to escort the District Master Councilor-Elects to the Altar for Installation. The following brothers were installed as District Master Councilor of their respective Districts at 9:06 am:

- Bro. Dustin Ellenberg - District One
- Bro. Ross Bednar - District Two
- Bro. Gabriel Negron - District Three
- Bro. Collin Pierce - District Four
- Bro. Zachary Berger - District Five
- Bro. Aidyn Lopez - District Six

The State Master Councilor called on the State Chapter Advisor, Dad Anthony Pickren, for an announcement regarding the Office of State Scribe/Treasurer:

Good morning, everyone. First, I would like to congratulate Brother Jose Lopez on faithfully serving Florida DeMolay as our State Scribe. Now, in reference to his successor as State Scribe/Treasurer. The Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations, which were approved by this Delegation last Mini Conclave, and amended at Summer Conclave, reads, “[t]he State Scribe/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Staff at each annual Mini Conclave.” Section 2.11 states, “[q]ualified 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.” We have received no such letters. My Brothers, these offices are meant to be taken seriously.

Pursuant to the Bylaws, Rules & Regulations of the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter, “[i]f 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.”

The Executive Staff has appointed Dad Brendon Blankinship, Past State Scribe, as Acting State Scribe/Treasurer, to perform the duties and responsibilities of State Scribe, and to make sure the Conclave proceedings are done in a proper manner. Thank you, Brother State Master Councilor.

The State Master Councilor called on the State Sweetheart, Miss Natasha Klienbach, for her comments:

I would like to say that I had a great Mini Conclave with you guys. I was at the “Mancave” and I saw so many brothers becoming friends. All the games, the communications, and the connections that I saw with different Brothers during this Mini Conclave, for me, it was awesome and great to watch, and experience. It was truly great to be here and to have and share these experiences with you, Thank you.



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The State Master Councilor called on the State Scribe/Treasurer, Bro. Jose Lopez, for his final remarks:

Thank you, Bro. State Master Councilor. I will like to say that this year as State Scribe of Florida DeMolay, has been the best experience I ever had as an Active DeMolay. Being bestowed with the most demanding job in Florida DeMolay, it's been quite a ride, and I truly want to thank my Advisors for all that they have done for me. Most personally I want to thank my Chapter Advisors, the State Staff, the Executive Staff, and my State Scribe Advisors, who have helped me progress through the ranks in DeMolay.

One of the things that I have learned over the year is how Florida DeMolay has progressed with the new state programs that has helped, and will continue to help Florida DeMolay grow into the next Century.

During this year I've been representing through the Meridian Sun, a new educational way to teach new and current Chapter Scribes. In short paragraphs, on how to do things, or how to take the Scribe position serious and hopefully implement the ideas that I have been publishing. Implementing the A.R.D.S which stands for Accurate, Responsible, Dependable, and Self-Starter, which hopefully future Scribes or State Scribes can take knowledge on.

And for one final time as an Active DeMolay, and as your State Scribe/Treasurer, I will present me final letter.

*Jose Lopez-Estrada and DeMolay*

*There are many events that has happened in my life to change my actions, thoughts, opinions, and the way I express my feelings. But, DeMolay has made a lasting impact and positively reinforced my self-worth as a teenager and as an adult. It caused me to be proactive towards my future. They have instilled in me the value of living a clean and moral life by following the Seven Cardinal Virtues. Filial Love; This type of love has been provided to me by my devoted parents since the day I was born. I have Reverence for Sacred Things. This love that I have Is visible in my relationship with God and the people and Brothers that I Interact with. It makes me conscious and provokes me to extend Courtesy to all God's creations, especially my Brethren of DeMolay. In being conscious, I am more in tune with my positive thoughts and I work wholeheartedly to reject the negative ones.*

*As my love for God Is reflected in my relationship with his creation, I seek to do those things and without guidance that are held as right and not wrong. I am patriotic and this is shown in the pride I have for my City, State, and Nation. I seek to be a mirror of the virtues bestowed upon me. With these virtues, I am growing into a responsible young adult with exemplary qualities fit for the leader that I am.*

*In my love and adoration for DeMolay, I am grateful and eternally thankful for all of you who have poured into my life and hope you are proud of your Investment. I am sincerely grateful for this amazing nostalgia experience, Thank You.*

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

Thank you, Bro. State Master Councilor. Good morning, everybody. I sat back and saw the “Mancave,” the Squire Induction, the JBUs, the fun that was going on, the interactions. All the new relationships and friendships. This is what I’m talking about. Yesterday at the Squire Induction, the Squires Inducted six new Squires into the program. This was the first time that the Squires Manor Induction has been done at a Conclave or Mini Conclave, done exclusively by and for the Squires. I want to congratulate the new Squires, and the Squire Officers that did their part on the Induction. We will have more and more Squire Inductions at Conclaves. As more Squire groups start popping up in Florida, encourage them to come to Conclave. They are also part of our Family. Thank you, guys.

For all of our new State Officers, like Somosa said, we are going to spend the next six months really battling down and getting stuff done. We have some great opportunities. He is going to announce sometime in the near future the plans for our 5K, which was planned and voted by our Delegation last year. What happened was Somosa said in a conversation that last time when we did the 5K, we raised \$3,600 for Charity, which was great and you guys did a great job on that. This time, it will be a “5K for 5K.” His goal will be for \$5,000. We want each of you to get involved. We want each of you to get sponsors, we want each of you to do your best. I understand that at Springfest we will have an opportunity to do the 5K. We will let you know more information as it comes.

All of the members that received the Membership awards that have went out today, I want to thank you for doing what you were supposed to do, for putting your all in to DeMolay, for working for DeMolay. We are doing all of this because we also believe in DeMolay, and we believe in you and that’s what all of this is about. I actually had an Advisor come to me once and he said “Dad Jody, what do I have to do to get a paying job like you in DeMolay.” The ongoing joke is that that’s why I get paid the big bucks. Everybody: the DeMolays, the Squires, the Advisors, each and every one of us in this Jurisdiction, is a volunteer. We are doing the best we can. We are in a new venue. To be able to go to a new venue with the confidence that we have in the roughly 160 people who have never said foot in this Hotel before. To tell the Hotel staff with confidence that they are not going to be having any behavior issues. Guess what, I wouldn’t do this for any other youth group. I would only do this for my DeMolays. That is who you are. That is how you act, and that's what you will be, because that is part of your Obligation, that is part of who you are.

Mom Athena and I talked for countless hours, talking about how we can improve this program. We are always trying to improve. This is not a perfect program, we know that. We took the schedule for Mini-Conclave to ground zero, and we starting building it in conversations that we had with our State Line, saying “what do you guys want? What do you think we need?” Mom Athena kept saying “last year we did this, last year we did that.” I told her to forget about last year, we are moving forward, and we are going upward. Some of the things that we do might change. This year we tried the 3v3 streetball. Did it work? I didn’t hear anything wrong from it, it was great. We literally walked through the whole Hotel, and planned our stuff out, and when everyone came to Conclave, we actually had the chance to see how the Hotel works.

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I want to thank everyone that came to Conclave, and for doing a great job. This has always been a life changing program, always has been, always should be. We should not stagnate, we should always be looking forward. We have to change, implementing programs, and working with the Bylaws, Rules, Regulations. For everything that we have set before us, the Executive Staff works very hard, and I'm not part of the Executive Staff. I'm the Executive Officer.

There is a difference. When the Executive Staff has some decisions to make, that may or may not be easy, that may or may not be pleasant. When they make a recommendation for me for a final approval, it is for the God of the Order. What we have in our obligation is the virtue and the statement that we will give our Brothers the benefit of the doubt. There has been issues lately were we haven't been seeing the benefit of the doubt given to us, but yet we keep on giving the benefit of the doubt to each of you.

In my opinion, it's time that we rally together. It's time that we move forward, and it's time to work for progress. Next year is our Centennial year here in Florida. Think about that, one hundred years this Organization has been alive; Internationally last year, in Florida next year. Think about that. We have our eyes set on our future. That's why this in year's theme it says "2020 Vision for our Next Century." We are not looking only at our Centennial year, we are looking way beyond that. We are setting the scene, we are setting the team, we are recognizing and rewarding the wins that we have.

To all of the Chapters, I challenge you to look at your membership goals, to look at your progressions, to look at what is actually going on with your Chapters. That is where the magic happens in DeMolay. That is where the magic continues to happen. I just had a conversation with Zach a few minutes ago. The Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of DeMolay International specifies Manors, Chapters, and Pories. It does not say Jurisdictional Officers. It does not say District Officers. What we are trying to do with the Bylaws approved by the Delegation, is set the scene through Jurisdictional, through Districts, trying to help the Chapters, the Manors, and the Priory. That Is what our focus will be. That's where our focus needs to be, and that's where we are going.

Everybody, I thank you for being here. I thank you for your dedicated service to our Organization, and for the dedicated service for, with, and by the young men of DeMolay, Thank you all. I couldn't do it without you, have great day, and a great trip home.

The State Master Councilor, Bro. Somosa Ramdeen, declared the Florida Jurisdictional Chapter closed at 9:50 am.

## Appendix A: Jurisdictional Officers 2020-2021

### **Elected Officers**

*State Master Councilor:* Brendon Keith Jackson

*Deputy State Master Councilor:* Brian Wade Speigner, Jr.

*State Scribe/Treasurer:* Dad Brendon M. Blankinship, PSScr. (Acting)

*State Sweetheart:* Vacant

### **District Master Councilors**

*District One:* Tracy Hobbs

*District Two:* Ross Bednar

*District Three:* Gabriel Negron

*District Four:* Collin Pierce

*District Five:* Zachary Berger

*District Six:* Aidyn Lopez

*District Seven:* Riley Hohman

### **State Committee Chairmen**

*Athletics:* Max Mispel

*Centennial:* Wade Speigner

*Communication:* Henry Gunter

*Continuity:* Somosa Ramdeen, PSMC

*Fundraising:* Wade Speigner and Zach Berger

*Honors, Awards, and COTY:* Tracy Hobbs and Aaron King

*JBU:* Jared Hobbs and Henry Gunter

*Legislative Revisions:* Gabriel Negron and Nathan Archambeault

*Membership:* Riley Hohman and Christian Meguiar

*Ritual:* Gabriel Negron and Stone Perry

*Social Media and Public Relations:* Dylan Sutherland and Sebastian Rosario

### **State Chapter Advisor**

Dad Michael K. Blankinship, PSMC

## Appendix B: Jurisdictional Staff 2020-2021

### Executive Staff

*Executive Officer:* Dad Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar

*Deputy Executive Officer:* Dad Allan J. Graulich

*Assistant Executive Officer for Membership:* Dad Michael K Blankinship, PSMC

*Assistant Executive Officer for Education:* Dad John J. Hillyer IV

*Assistant Executive Officer for Field Ops:* Dad Anthony L. Pickren, PSMC

Dad Russell B. Glendinning, Ex-Officio

Dad Richard E. Lynn, PGM, Ex-Officio

Dad Jerome M. Meguiar, Ex-Officio

### Staff of Jurisdictional Directors

*Ancillary Programs:* Mom April Blankinship, PSS

*Athletics:* Dad E. Jason Sinnott

*Awards:* Dad W. Dale Dietzman

*Conclave:* Mom Athena Mock

*Knighthood:* Dad Allan J. Graulich

*Ritual:* Dad Shawn R. Lopez

### Staff of Jurisdictional Program Coordinators

*Florida Educational Foundation:* Dad Bill Cobb

*John Bates University:* Dad John J. Hillyer IV

*Parents Club:* Mom Theresa Nelson

*Sweethearts:* Mom Denise Mills, PSS

*Webmaster:* Dad Michael K. Blankinship, PSMC

### Personal Representatives

*District One:* Dad Scott D. Holland, PSMC

*District Two:* Dad S. Kyle Moline

*District Three:* Dad Michael K. Blankinship, PSMC

*District Four:* Cliff Cooper

*District Five:* Dad Andrew Gluchov

*District Six:* Dad Shawn Lopez

*District Seven:* Dad Lou Govreau

# 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/ Allan J. Graulich  
Deputy Executive Officer

/s/ Michael K. Blankinship  
Assistant Executive Officer

/s/ John J. Hillyer IV  
Assistant Executive Officer

/s/ Hunter J. Hancock  
State Master Councilor

/s/ Shawn R. Lopez II  
State Senior Councilor

/s/ Somosa Ramdeen  
State Junior Councilor

/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.

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.

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**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.

**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

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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.

**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.

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**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.

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: Ritual and Athletics Competition Champions

### *2020 Mini Conclave Ritual and Athletics Competition Champions*

#### *Ritual*

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Examination Queries</b>	Henry Gunter	First Coast	772.5
<b>Examination Queries(Champ)</b>	Nick Sinnott	First Coast	925.5
<b>Second Preceptor</b>	B. Wade Speigner	E. K. Walker	972.5
<b>Third Preceptor</b>	Daniel DeJesus	Anclote	955
<b>Fourth Preceptor</b>	Jordan King	E. K. Walker	992.5
<b>Sixth Preceptor</b>	Dillon Southerland	Escambia	957.5
<b>Ceremony of Light</b>	Gabriel Negron	South Seminole	972.5
<b>Father Talk</b>	Somosa Ramdeen	Bahia	900
<b>Senior Inquisitor</b>	Somosa Ramdeen	Bahia	952.5
<b>Geoffrey De Charney</b>	Henry Gunter	First Coast	900
<b>Orator</b>	Stone Perry	First Coast	947.5

#### *Athletics*

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
<b>Chess</b>	John Caldwell	Walter Fishback
<b>Basketball</b>		Anclote
<b>Flag Football</b>	*Competition Not Held*	
<b>8-Ball Doubles</b>	Brady Schol & Nate Archambeault	Anclote
<b>Sportsmanship</b>	John Caldwell	Walter Fishback

## Appendix F: 2020 DeMolay International Honors

### *Legion of Honor*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Type</b>
Richard L. Berger	Manatee County	Active
Robert D. Davidson	Jurisdiction of Florida	Active
Ronald E. Dowdy	Jurisdiction of Florida	Active
Barry E. Dupre	Jurisdiction of Florida	Active
Edward J. Mayfield, Jr.	Lake Sumter	Active
James L. Pelham	First Coast	Active
Gary Schweinshaupt	Manatee County	Active
Taleb “Tali” Atala	Jurisdiction of Florida	Honorary

### *Cross of Honor*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Luther “Chop” Bodiford III	Edward K. Walker
Hillary Cowart, Jr.	John Wayne
Virginia “Ginny” Coward	John Wayne
Keith A. Hartless	George Ulee Lord
Randy C. Klaus	Greater Titusville
Nathan R. Wilson	South Seminole
Andrew P. Wormington, Sr.	C. Allen Pattison
Bill W. Yarbrough, Jr.	Anclote

### *Chevalier*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
P. Ross Bednar	Lake Sumter
Terry C. Bibbins	Manatee County
James A. Cole	Dale Chapman
Connor W. Guimond	Dale Chapman
Sion W. King	Dale Chapman
Michael D. Krueger	Lake Sumter
Elias Martinez, Jr.	Lake Sumter
Nicholas C. McIntosh	Anclote
Thomas C. Newton	Paul Revere & Owen A. Coile
Brian Wade Speigner, Jr.	Edward K. Walker



## Appendix G: 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 A. 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 A. 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 A. 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 A. 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
1963-1964	Ernest Leroy Higbee, Jr.	Acacia

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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
2001-2002	Jacob William Meister	Crawford

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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
2019-2020	Somosa Harold Jose Ramdeen	Bahia



***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
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	Paul Revere

*Past State Sweethearts*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
1953-1954	Dot Hughes	Paul Revere
1954-1955	Ellen Katheryn O'Donnell	Greater Miami
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	Bob Arrington
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
2019-2020	Natasha Klienbach	Lake Sumter

*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 County
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
2020	Louis George Govreau	First Coast



***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
2020	Gabriel Eric Negron	South Seminole

***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

G Lawrence Hunt, PGM of ISC  
Oct 31, 1971 - 1994

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William Albert Marti  
1994 - 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. From 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 at ISC Session in Orlando, FL. 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 Supreme Council Members in Florida***

***Active Members***

Robert Jordan “Jody” Meguiar, Executive Officer  
Stephen M. Berry  
Russell B. Glendinning  
Allan J. Graulich  
Richard E. Lynn, PGM  
S. Kyle Moline  
David F. Puzzo

***Deputy Members***

Ian F. Berry, PSMC  
Michael K. Blankinship, PSMC  
John J. Hillyer IV  
Jeffrey J. Hoffman, PSMC

***Emeritus Members***

Beverly T. McKay  
Jerome M. Meguiar  
Jimmy E. Stuart  
W. Gordon Wardell, PSMC  
William R. Wilson

***Honorary Members***

Michael C. Andrews	Joe A. Fleites, PGM
David A. Aponte	Marvin W. Gerhard
Gary J. Bergenske	Dale I. Goehrig, PGM
Zeb E. Blanton, Jr	Richard G. Hoover, PGM
Steven P. Boring, PGM	Roger R. Mosser
Robert E. Burlson	Michael A. Padron, Jr., PGM
William C. Cobb	Anthony L. Pickren, PSMC
Clifford Cooper	John O. Wallace
Charles G. Cumpstone	Robert N. Wallace
W. Dale Dietzman	Ronald J. Webb
David L. Douglas	Lawrence A. Williamson

***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, PGM**  
**Elmer O. McBride**  
**Gene Muir**  
**M.:W.: Michael A. Padron, Jr., PGM**  
**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>