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# SPECIAL Mini Conclave ISSUE





















#### **Highlights**

by Bro. Hunter Hancock

State Junior Councilor

Mini Conclave 2016 was a very busy weekend full of competition, friendliness, and overall brotherhood. It

was opened on January 16<sup>th</sup>, and closed on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

We saw many competitions this time around, both new and familiar. There was our usual ritual and sports competitions, with some new additions including individual DeMolay Degree parts, a Champion's Division, and darts competition. The competitiveness and rivalry between the chapters embraces Brotherhood between Chapters.

The members of Florida DeMolay were also able to participate in a Suit Drive, coordinated by **State Sweetheart Sarah Nelson**. Many brothers returned home from Mini Conclave with new or gently worn suits and jackets, donated by various Masonic bodies across the entire state of Florida.

Three young men were newly obligated into the order, and five Active DeMolays were invested into the Colonel James "Nick" Rowe Priory of Knighthood. Other highlights included the installation of a new State Scribe, Brother Ross Govreau from First Coast Chapter, a Majority Service, and a special visit from Most Worshipful Steven Boring, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Mini Conclave 2016 was a great opportunity for the brothers, advisors, sweethearts, family, and friends of Florida DeMolay to come together and embrace the comradeship that we all share as members of the DeMolay Family.

Everyone who attended Mini Conclave had a great time. State Conclave 2016 is going to be a blast!



<u>Football</u>

**First Coast Chapter** 

**Chess** 

Dakari Gray - Dale Chapman Chapter



#### 8-ball Doubles

Ryan Holland & Chesley Goldsby Escambia Chapter

**Basketball** 

**First Coast Chapter** 

**Darts** 

Ryan Holland - Escambia Chapter

**Sportsmanship** 

**Chesley Goldsby - Escambia Chapter** 





**Exam** 

#### **Queries**

Samosa Ramdeen - Bahia Chapter

3rd Preceptor

**Donald Dunlap - South Seminole Chapter** 

4th Preceptor

**Landon Mackey - Bahia Chapter** 

4th Preceptor (Champion Division)

**Alex Ghiglieri - South Seminole Chapter** 

7th Preceptor (Champion Division)

John Caldwell - Walter Fishback Chapter

Magnificent 7

**Tommy Henricks - First Coast Chapter** 

**Senior Inquisitor** 

**Hunter Hancock - First Coast Chapter** 

Geoffrey de Charney

**Bailey Curtis - Sarasota Chapter** 

**Orator** 

**Zachary Piersall - Lake Sumter Chapter** 

**Ceremony of Light** 

Josh Virata - Bahia Chapter

Ceremony of Light (Champion Division)

**Max Ortiz - Dale Chapman Chapter** 

<u>Special Thanks</u> to <u>Dad Chester and Mom Sharlotte Finley</u> from the <u>Old South Tournament</u>. They attended Mini Conclave all the way from <u>Louisiana</u> to train new Ritual Evaluators for future FL competitions and to work with <u>Dad Shawn Lopez</u> on the inner workings of the OST rules and regulations.



#### New State Scribe Ross Govreau

Meet **Bro. Ross Govreau**, PMC, Chev., PMC-MSA, your new State Scribe.

Ross has been Master Councilor of First

Coast Chapter in Jacksonville and is a Senior at Episcopal High School.



### New University Dean

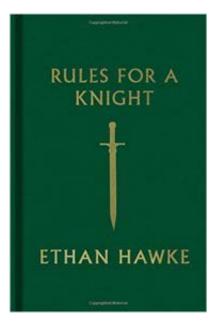
Dad Harrison C. Sherwin has been appointed the new Dean of the "John Bates University," the educational arm of Florida DeMolay. Dad Andrew Gluchov is Vice Dean. Dad Sherwin takes over for Dad John J. Hillyer IV, who has been Dean for several years and will continue to supervise the Deans in his

role as Assistant Executive Officer for Admonistration.

Dad Hillyer has said, in part, "I have other capable and excellent advisors to pass it off to....After chatting with them at Mini, I am excited for what they have planned for the future of Florida DeMolay Education."

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- The contest is **open to Active DeMolays** who are members of Chapters in Florida.
- Entries are due by February 28, 2016
- The current name is the Florida DeMolay Newsletter. Submissions should reflect this information in a more unique/interesting/DeMolay-related way. Graphics are welcomed but not necessary.
- Submit entries to: News@FLDeMolay.com [you can also click this link]



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"A knight, fearing he may not return from battle, writes a letter to his children in an attempt to leave a record of all he knows. He writes of honesty, humility, courage," the elements that make a proper DeMolay.

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