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**Fun.
Lots of
"firsts."**

Sports. Fun. Ritual. Girls. Awards.

Did we say fun?



State Master Councilor and Distinguished Guests in the Grand East at the Opening of the State Chapter

Another State

Conclave is in the history books, but the terrific memories live on. In addition to the business of the State Chapter (see below) and the competitions (also, see below), there were plenty of side activities at this year's annual gathering of DeMolays from across Florida.

Firsts

- The whole group went to a **professional baseball game -- the Jacksonville Suns.**
- For the first time in many years, the **Grand Master of DeMolay, Dad William M. Sardone**, visited the Florida DeMolay Conclave.
- The **Legacy Award**, given to sons whose fathers, grandfathers or anyone in the family tree are DeMolays, was given out by Florida DeMolay.
- The **Puzzle Piece Award**, given for recognition as being an important piece of the overall DeMolay puzzle.

- The DeMolays of Florida picked the **name of their Newsletter -- The Meridian Sun** (see above and below).

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See the pictures at the end of the *Meridian Sun*.



DeMolay Grand Master William M. Sardone (3rd from Right) with DeMolays and Sweethearts

DeMolay Grand Master Visits Florida

Dad Bill Sardone, elected **Grand Master of DeMolay International** just a month before Conclave, was our honored guest in Florida.

As has always been his practice, Dad Sardone spent most of his time with "the kids." He enjoys saying hello to the everyday DeMolay and asking him about his Chapter, his interests and thoughts about our Order. Of course, some of the young men are speechless by having the Grand Master talk to them, but Dad Sardone has a way about him to get them speaking. Usually.

The Grand Master brought a first to Florida: dubbing Chevalier recipients. He initiated this during his term, and it is being received very well. He has also offered to dub (knight) the Legionnaires, and he did so with grace and dignity.

In his remarks, the Grand Masters observed the great turnout we had at the Conclave and the terrific spirit of the DeMolays and young ladies in attendance. He also brought with him DeMolay Grand Senior Deacon, Dad Bob Schvey. It was a long trip, since our own Dad Schvey lives in Jacksonville. Also Dad Jody Meguiar, Grand 2nd Preceptor, who was at Conclave as Executive Officer.

Dad Sardone had such a good time that he promised to try to get back to Florida before his term ends. That's going to be hard, since he covers the whole world and was talking about his travel plans to Brazil DeMolay.

When you're ready, Dad Sardone, you're always welcome.





New State Officers

Here are your DeMolay Leaders for 2016-2017:

State Master Councilor - Killian Hoffman (SMC@fldemolay.com)

State Senior Councilor - Hunter Hancock (SSC@fldemolay.com)

State Junior Councilor - Casey Ryan (SJC@fldemolay.com)

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What District are you in? Click here for the [District Map](#).



Cross of Honor and Chevalier Recipients with State Master Councilor and DeMolay Grand Master Sardone

Awards

Some very special awards were presented in Jacksonville. These are some of them:

Distinguished Service Award for 2015
Alex Ghiglieri and Hunter Hancock

2016 DeMolay of the Year
Hunter Hancock

**2016 Advisor of the Year(Guild of the Leather Apron)
Dad Rusty Glendinning**

**Honorary PSMC
Dad R. Jody Meguiar**

**Puzzle Piece Award (see first article)
Dad Richard Lynn
Bro. Dylan Myers of George Ulee Lord Chapter
for the work he did at the Grand Lodge Communication**

Florida State Membership Awards

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
<u>Defenders of Florida DeMolay:</u>	
Nicholas M. Goral	Anclote Chapter
Erik J. Hendrickson	Anclote Chapter
Ryan Holland	Escambia Chapter
Alexander G Ghiglieri	South Seminole Chapter
Matthew R. Cremer	John Wayne Chapter
Alex Sinew	Bahia Chapter
Chris Bennet of Bahia Chapter	Bahia Chapter
<u>Commander of Florida DeMolay:</u>	
Jared C. Randolph	Escambia Chapter
<u>Champion of Florida DeMolay Summer 2016:</u>	
Nicholas M. Goral	Anclote Chapter

Red Cross of Jerusalem

Jackson Cowart

**Conferral of the
Legion of Honor
Degree of Chevalier
Cross of Honor
(as listed in a previous issue)**



LOH Recipients



Chevaliers Being Dubbed



A Night In The Suns

Florida DeMolay did what some may think impossible: They spent a night in

the Suns. That's the **Jacksonville Suns** baseball team.

The Grand Master of Masons in Florida, M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, threw out the first pitch.

We even had fun during the rain delay.

A trip to a professional baseball game -- another first for Florida DeMolay!





Competitions

Ritual Winners

Ritual Event	Winner	Chapter	Score
Magnificent 7 Champions	Josh Virata and Maximilliam Ortiz	Bahia Dale Chapman	945
Chapter Proficiency	Dale Chapman	Dale Chapman	717.5
Cross of Honor	Bahia	Bahia	866
Geoffrey de Charney	Zachary Piersall	Lake Sumter	965
Geoffrey de Charney	Bailey Curtis	Sarasota	975
Senior Inquisitor	Zachary Piersall	Lake Sumter	980
Junior Inquisitor	Zachary Piersall	Lake Sumter	907.5

Sports Winners

Sport Event	Winner	Chapter
Junior Shot Put	Josh Maciag	Oleeta West Dade
Junior Discus	Russel Oro	Oleeta West Dade
Junior 100 yd	Aaron Price	First Coast
Junior 220 yd	Aaron Price	First Coast
Junior 440 yd	Eric Ellenburg	George Ulee Lord
Junior 880 yd	Javier Malone	George Ulee Lord
Junior mile	Eric Ellenburg	George Ulee Lord
Senior Shot Put	Ryan Holland	Escambia
Senior Discus	Ryan Holland	Escambia
Senior 100 yd	Bailey Curtis	Sarasota
Senior 220 yd	Tyler Pernal	First Coast
Senior 440 yd	Tyler Pernal	First Coast
Senior 880 yd	Bryce Jolly	First Coast
Senior mile	CJ Bass	First Coast
8 Ball	Ryan Holland	Escambia
Two-man Volleyball	Ryan Holland and Devin Holland	Escambia
Six-man Volleyball	First Coast	First Coast
Ultimate Frisbee	First Coast	First Coast
Soccer	First Coast	First Coast
Sportsmanship Award	CJ Bass	First Coast





New Name Picked for Newsletter

As you've probably noticed, a new name has been chosen for the Florida State Newsletter: It's now *The Meridian Sun*.

After an extensive contest, a judging panel of the three elected State Councilors, three State Advisors and the Executive Officer reviewed 26 names that were presented. Voting was done in secret, with none of the judges except the Editor knowing who submitted the entries.

Remarkably, *The Meridian Sun* was picked as first or second choice by all by one of the judges!

Casey Ryan, who was elected as our new State Junior Councilor, was the DeMolay who had his finger on the pulse of our taste. In addition to the recognition, he received an autographed copy of "Rules for a Knight" by Ethan

Hawke.

MORE Conclave Pics



Dubbing of Bro. Cowart



Dignitaries Being Presented



Ahh, Dessert Bar



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