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February 2018 Edition



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## Mini-Conclave 2018 was a HUGE success!

Mini-Conclave was a huge success! It wouldn't have been as successful as it was without everyone who attended and participated! New programs will be released in the upcoming weeks. Congratulations to everyone who won in Sports and Ritual competition! Lets look forward to this years Big Conclave and make it the best it can be!



Alex S. State Master Councilor



Chase G. International Master Councilor

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## Upcoming Chapter Installations

February is Installation Month! Take time to visit your Brothers and support their new Officers!

Check the State Calendar by clicking the button below for the latest installation dates, times and info.



[State Calendar](#)



## The MC Buddy

### Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love My Installation and Term

The MC Buddy is a resource that you cannot put a price on, much like the Ark of the Covenant, the Pink Panther Diamond or that necklace Rose threw into the North Atlantic at the end of Titanic. But, fortunately for you, the MC Buddy is WAY easier to get your mitts on!

What the MC Buddy **CAN'T** do for you:

- Charge your smart phone
- Give you a lifetime supply of Doritos and Mountain Dew
- Clean your room

What the MC Buddy **CAN** do for you:

- Help you win awards, namely the PMC-MSA

- Run the installation with the poise and confidence of a great leader
- Make even your harshest critic say "Man, he's really got it together."

So, if you are an incoming MC and have that "grab life by the horns" drive and determination, you NEED to download the MC Buddy! If you're not an incoming MC, but think it would be pretty cool to help lead your Chapter at some point in the future, or if you just want to see what all the hype is about, DOWNLOAD a copy and start your path to world domination!

Download MC Buddy

(Go ahead, push the button, you know you want to.)



## Plan Now for DeMolay Month

DeMolay Month is the time of year when every chapter is focused on activities that involve the local community. The two main goals of DeMolay Month are **community involvement** and **promotion of DeMolay**.

DeMolay Month is your best public relations opportunity of the year. DeMolay Month activities should be aimed at catching the attention of people outside of DeMolay. Try to plan events that get the chapter out into the public, or that get the public to come to the chapter. Contact your local government officials to try to get a proclamation or resolution. Encourage your chapter's members and advisors to talk about what the chapter is doing and to invite friends to attend events. Send information about your events to the local media. After a successful event, send pictures and a description of the event to your local media and submit an article to The Meridian Sun.

**DeMolay Week** is the week which includes **March 18th**. During DeMolay Week, chapters put forth an even more focused effort. Most of the major DeMolay Month events are scheduled for DeMolay Week. Try to plan something that will keep DeMolay in the minds of your members each day during DeMolay Week. Your chapter doesn't have to hold a full-scale event each day. There are creative ways of promoting DeMolay that don't require a lot of planning or effort.

**March 18** is the anniversary of the date DeMolay was founded in 1919. If at all possible, your chapter should plan an event to be held on March 18th, or visit a chapter that is holding an event.

It's up to you and your chapter to make your community aware of DeMolay. Increased community awareness means increased community support for DeMolay programs and membership.

You can get ideas from the Leaders Resource Guide on the [www.FLDeMolay.org](http://www.FLDeMolay.org) website and can be found **HERE**. You can find DeMolay Month information on page 36 in the Leaders Resource Guide. Our website [www.FLDeMolay.org](http://www.FLDeMolay.org) has great information and brochures to print

and pass out to interested young men. These can be found **HERE**.

Also, at **www.DeMolay.org**, you will find incentives and other DeMolay month activities and ideas **HERE**.

Download a Step-by-Step Guide to planning an eventful DeMolay Month:

DeMolay Month Planning Guide

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## Brothers without Borders

DeMolay, we are brothers without borders. Recently Brs. Alex B. and Andrew B. traveled from Illinois DeMolay to Florida DeMolay for a family vacation. They stopped in and visited Greater Titusville Chapter and attended the installation of Gateway Lodge No. 384! (Hopefully they brought some of the warmth back north!)



Brothers Alex and Andrew B. from Illinois DeMolay visiting Greater Titusville Chapter

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## Supporting our Supporters

State Master Councilor Alex S., along with the members of Bahia Chapter, presented the flag at Pine Castle Lodge No. 368's Installation on Saturday, January 6th, 2018. Dad Patrick Uppole, of Bahia Chapter, was installed as Worshipful Master!



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## Cross of Honor Presentation

On January 5th, Mom Anne Dunlap of South Seminole Chapter was presented with her Cross of Honor in recognition of all her efforts over the past five years in support of the Chapter. Much appreciation for her service as well as that of the Investiture team.



Mom Dunlap and the Investiture Team.

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Shriner's International Headquarters



Shriner's Hospital - Tampa

## Florida Hosts Region 3 Meeting

Florida DeMolay hosted the Region 3 Meeting on Saturday, January 27 at the Shriner's International Headquarters in Tampa.

Our International Master Councilor Chase G. and Grand Master Dad Minshall were in attendance, along with Executive Officers, Advisors, State Line Officers and DeMolays from Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

The day consisted of meetings with the Grand Master, the International Master Councilor, a tour of Shriner's International Headquarters and a visit to the Shriner's Hospital in Tampa.

Region 3 consists of the following Jurisdictions: Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.



DeMolay at work!

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## DeMolay in Lakeland

DeMolay is in the initial stages of formation in Lakeland! A dedicated group of Advisors and Master Masons met over a great meal on January 31 to take the first steps in forming a Chapter in the Lakeland area. Their enthusiasm and drive were clearly evident, and we will be seeing great things in the coming months.



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## March is O.E.S. Installation Month

The Order of Eastern Star is a long-time supporter of Floriday DeMolay at the State and Chapter level. Their installation month is coming in March. Reach out to local O.E.S. Chapters in your area to not only attend, but offer your assistance. Things you can do to help:



- Pull chairs during installation
- Hand out programs
- Provide escorts
- Help clean up after the meal/snacks
- and much more!

Just ask them how your Chapter can be of service and give back to our Masonic Family.

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## Regional Ritual Tournaments



There are several Regional Ritual Tournaments held across the country throughout the year. Below, you will find information on some of them.

Please remember, EO approval is necessary for any DeMolay from Florida traveling to one or more of these competitions since they are outside our Jurisdiction.



# DeMolay

## Old South Tournament

### Atlanta Georgia | March 16-18, 2018

The 2018 Old South Ritual Tournament will be held in College Park, Georgia, close to the Atlanta airport at College Park Lodge #454, 1725 E. Virginia Ave. Also this year we have a host hotel.

Red Lion Hotel Atlanta Airport

1419 Virginia Ave, College Park, GA 30337

Tel: 404-400-5900

They offer shuttle service from the airport and to the lodge! Click the image for their website. We look forward to seeing everyone for a wonderful tournament.

Click the button below to go to the Old South Ritual Tournament page where you can learn more and register. Let's see a great contingent from Florida go and show off our ritual skills!

[Old South Ritual Tournament Web Page](#)



### Chicagoland Area | April 20-22, 2018

Hosted by: Illinois DeMolay

- Championship Level Ritual Tournament
- All Jurisdictions are welcome

- Visit the 3rd Largest City in the United States

SPECIAL EVENT:

Masonic Youth Prom – hosted by IL DeMolay Sorority

This is a formal prom hosted in IL every year for all IL Masonic Youth Groups. The Supreme Bethel HQ and Miss International Job's Daughters are planning on being in attendance! Don't miss this great event as it is included as part of Heartland this year!

Hotel Cost is \$99 per night (can room up to 4) and INCLUDES breakfast.

Chapters must make their own hotel reservations.

Rooms are blocked for the evenings of April 20/21

Holiday Inn Itasca - 860 W. Irving Park Rd. Itasca, IL

866-849-1822 - Give dates needed and code: HRT

For Attendance/Hotel Registration Info please click the button below:

[Heartland Ritual Tournament Information](#)

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## Submit an Event for the State Calendar

Don't forget to add the WHO, WHAT, WHEN and WHERE information.

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