

Colorado Springs DeMolay Chapter Newsletter

November 2008

Councilors Corner

V. R., T. B., and V. A.

Hey guys,

This is V. R. just saying that the Leadership Conference was great and there were lots of motivational speakers, but weren't motivational they just told jokes and their life stories which are sad and funny. All in all it was great, the speakers didn't preach to us they talked to us like we were there friends not like we were underage. My favorite speaker was Josh Shipp because his jokes were great and he talked about his life like he didn't care what people thought about him. Also, there was this guy who was born with no legs and acted and was pretty much normal. He said while he was in his wheel chair people used to give him money. Also when he wakes up he sometimes thinks he has legs and falls flat on the floor. Then when all was done we went to a dance and there was good music and of course girls. Also when we were coming back we went to Wendy's and I had an empty NOS bottle and tried to put my Frosty in it because I couldn't take it in the car. It was hard, funny, and it worked! So to any DeMolays reading this you're cool and I suggest you go to this in the next three years!! I'm outta here you'all! V. R.



Did you know?

Over two years ago, Millennium Chapter took the Traveling Gavel from Colorado Springs, and, it hasn't moved since? All it takes is four members and two advisors to go to their meeting and it will be ours again!

Lets get it moving.....

Members Corner

Hey guys, R. N. here. Just wanted to let you guys know that the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference out in Kearney, Nebraska was absolutely fantastic. The trip was with Dad Reiter, Dad Pilato, V. R., T. B. and myself. There were a few hundred youth in attendance, mostly Rainbows and Job's but DeMolay was well represented by us and the Nebraskan Chapters. There were many motivational speakers, including the semi-famous Josh Shipp! Google him, he's funny. Anyway, we had a great time all around, with everyone getting out, meeting new people, and generally representing Colorado DeMolay fabulously. I plan on going in three years time, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible! Later, R. N.

The Not-so-Average Leadership Conference

On October 17, three members and two advisors from Colorado Springs departed for a road trip to Kearny, NE. This included V. R., T. B., R. N., Dad Doug Reiter and myself. We were all headed to the Tri-Annual Masonic Youth Leadership Conference held October 18-19. The conference started on Saturday morning with a kick-off session presented by Aaron Davis. Aaron was a member of the 1994 National Championship Football team at the University of Nebraska. Aaron is known as the "Enthusiator," and helped to get the audience pumped up for the day's events.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Josh Shipp. Josh has hosted a reality TV show and has been called "The Dr. Phil of Teens." One of the focus points of Josh's speech was "Don't be Average." He presented some startling statistics of the average person such as an average person's salary, how many

pounds of fat a person eats a day, and the average amount of time parents spend with their children. This made me consider the average DeMolay. Have you ever thought about the involvement of an average DeMolay? How many new members has the average DeMolay introduced to this organization? What is the number of activities an average member attends in a month? What is the average number of chapter members that have received their RD? How many Master Councilors on average receive their PMC-MSA?

If you were to calculate this information you might come to the conclusion that average is not all it's cracked up to be. Josh's main point was that you should always strive to be above average. Many of the members in Colorado Springs Chapter are already above average, but there is always room to grow. I truly believe that being a member of DeMolay gives you above average opportunities. You just have to be willing to take them. I challenge each of you to endeavor to be better than you were last year, attend more events, introduce more young men to DeMolay, and never strop trying to be above average. -Dad Ben Pilato

Up-Coming Events

November 13- Regular Meeting- Letters of Intent Due

November 15- Trash Bash- Radiant Lodge- 2nd and Acoma in Denver- 6pm

November 20—Advisors Meeting 7 pm- Masonic Center/ GAME NIGHT!!

November 21- Fundraiser- Wal Mart 8th Street - 5pm – 9 pm Need 4 to work

November 22 & 23- Fundraiser- Wal Mart 8th St.- 9 am – 5 pm, Need 4 to work 9am-1pm and 4 to work 1 pm to 5pm Also need 2 advisors each day of fundraiser.

December 6- Winter Ball and Membership Workshop- Park Hill Masonic Temple, Montview Blvd & Dahlia Street, Denver Continued..

December 11- Regular Meeting— Election of officers

December 13 & 14- Fundraiser at Wal Mart- 9am-5pm (Same Needs as Before)

December 18- Advisors Meeting/ **GAME NIGHT!!**

December 21- Winter Dance- Masonic Center- 7 pm to 11 pm, Bring a new toy or food for Christmas dinner for the needy

December 20-22- Help with Mr Biggs Best Christmas Ever

December 23- Mr. Biggs Best Christmas Ever Day Of Comfort

December 24- Fundraiser at Wal Mart 9am to 6pm **Best Day Of The Year for sales**

November Trivia

Question:

This is a two part questions. First, what is the highest DeMolay distinction and has only been awarded to 135 people. Second, who was the first person to receive this distinction, and what year did he receive it?

Hint: It was a personal recognition by Dad Frank Sherman Land and this distinction was officially retired on November 8th, 1959. The source for part 2 of this question is the 50th Anniversary Issue of the DeMolay International Cordon, July, 1969.

3rd Annual Tri-Youth Trash Bash

Hey all you T-Brds and Pink Ladies, JO-RA-DE is hopelessly devoted to you coming to the 3rd Annual Trash Bash at Radiant Lode, 225 Acoma Street, Denver – on November 15th at 6:30 pm.. So grease back your hair gurus and grab your saddle shoes girls because its time to Rock & Roll!

Come dressed in your custom-made trash bag poodle skirts or letterman jackets. Dinner and Dance tickets \$5, tickets for sale at the door.

Colorado Masonic Membership Conference & Winter Ball

Hosted by Colorado DeMolay

December 6, 2008
Park Hill Masonic Temple
Montview Blvd. & Dahlia St. in Denver

Colorado DeMolay will provide ideas, tips, and tools including specific workshops to help build and maintain membership throughout the Colorado Masonic body. Come prepared to work hard and have fun!

Membership meeting 9am to 3:30 pm, lunch provided. Dinner will start at 5:30 pm followed by dancing until 11pm.

Anyone who attends the membership meeting will receive FREE admission to the dinner & dance. Cost for all others is \$10 per person.

Dress code for meeting: Coat and tie for men, dress or shirt & blouse for women

Dress code for dinner/dance: Coat & tie for men, formal or long skirt & blouse for women

Chili Cook-Off, Big Success

Forty-two people attended the Colorado Springs Chapter "Chili Cook-off" on Saturday October 11 at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club. There were 7 different chili entries for the contest. The Judges were N. G., D. B., Brittany Murphy, and J. B.. After tasting all 7 chili concoctions, the votes were tallied and the winners were announced. There were three categories- Red, Green and HOT. The winner in the HOT division was Dad Crask, Broomfield Chapter Advisor. The winner in the Green division was Mom Pilato, Colorado Springs Chapter Advisor. The winner in the Red division was Dad Reiter, Colorado Springs Chapter Advisor. The Judges also picked a Grand Champion Chili over all and that distinction went to Dad Reiter. Mom Nash and Mom Appiano made super cornbread to compliment all the chili dishes. T. B. did a great job

putting together all of the event extra items to help make this a success. Thank you to Dad Nichols for manning the front door and collecting the monies and selling chocolate bars and beef sticks. Thanks to Dad Pilato and Mom Pilato for caring for and bringing the pulled pork BBQ sandwiches and taking care of the Judges. We look forward to the next great event for more social and fraternal fun together. Be sure to mark your calendars for this great event next fall.



Colorado DeMolay Sweethearts Halloween Dance

Seven members of Colorado Springs Chapter attended the Halloween Dance in Golden with 5 advisors. The Costumes were great and the pumpkin carving was exceptional. What a historical visit we had to Golden City Lodge #1. Located across the street from the massive Coors brewing complex. We took a walk along Clear Creek and discovered many large bronze sculptures and commemorations placed there. The mountains and buttes surrounding the city of Golden made for a beautiful sunset. D. B. participated in the DeMolay and was impressed with the ceremony. Dad Reiter

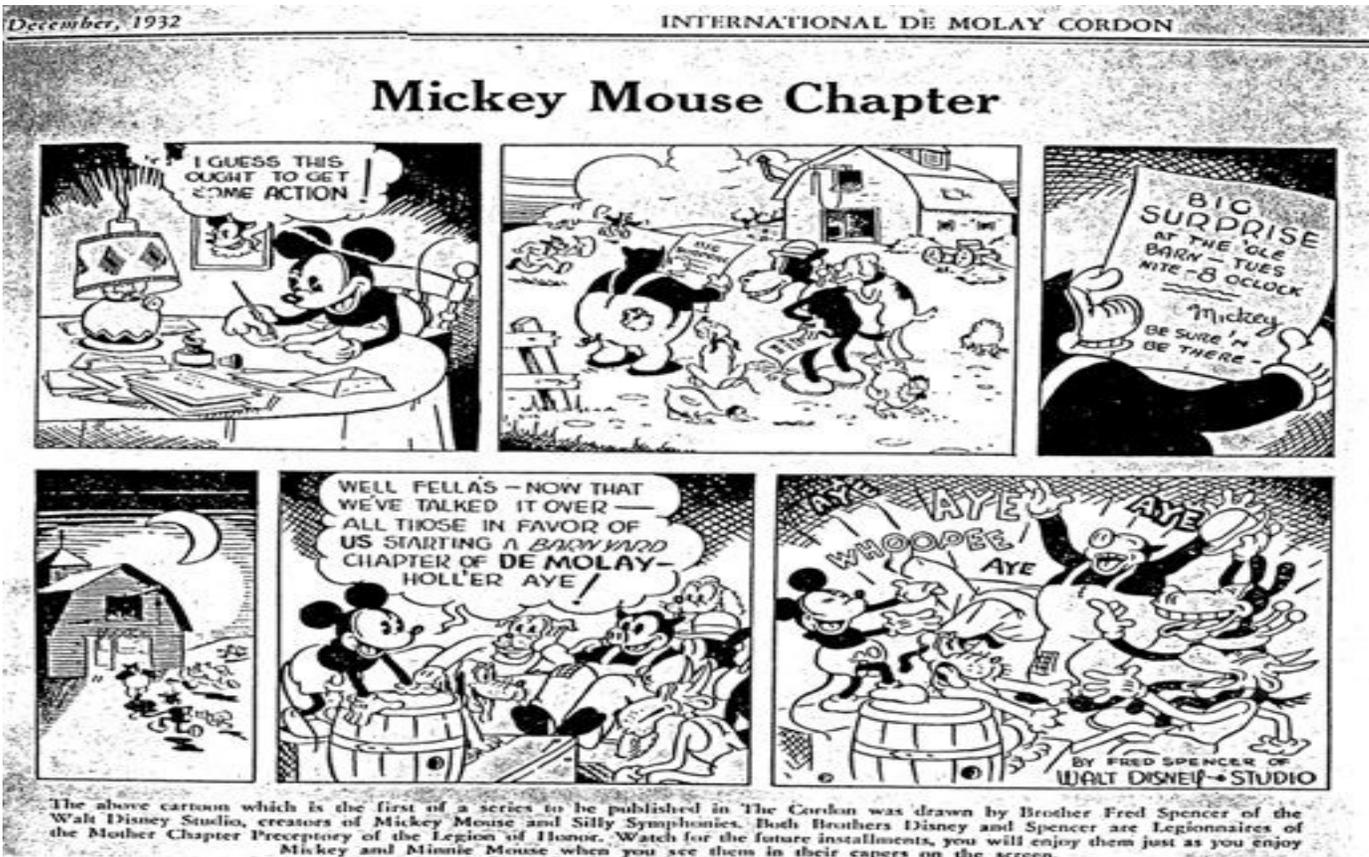
Mrs. Claus Kitchen

Are you ready for Christmas Candy? Here is a wonderful site.
<http://www.northpole.com/Kitchen/ Cookbook/>

October Trivia Question:

What was the name of the DeMolay Chapter created by Mickey Mouse in the December 1932 issue of the International DeMolay Cordon? Who drew the cartoon and what DeMolay chapter was he a member of?

Hint: The members are a lot of Mickey's animal friends.



Congratulations to R. N. for answering last month's trivia questions correctly.

Answer: Barnyard Chapter provided by Fred Spencer of Walt Disney Studios and Senior DeMolay from Mother Chapter. Comic strip included.

Horror

By X. T.

"Billy, Billy, wake up, you know that contest we entered?" "Yeah." We won!" Bobby screamed. As Billy screamed for joy, Bobby went to go call the Lightning Hotel; they said that they could only take one guest per person. So they invited Cin and Hope, but Hope was scared white when she was invited to that specific hotel because she heard that there was never a guest in one month.

As they arrived at the hotel filled with frightening horror, they unloaded their luggage when a grumpy old man said.

"Beware!". The manager was inside anxiously waiting inside for the guests. "Welcome, welcome, this is the Lightning Hotel, the winners get room 603 and the guests get room 604."

When they arrived at their rooms, at exactly 6:05 p.m., they noticed that the janitors office door had not been open, because of the old nasty cobwebs all over the doors surface. As soon as they opened the room door, they saw two bodies hanging and brutally scathed from the ceiling. They ran down as if they were gazelles running from their deadly predator. But, when they got downstairs, the manager was surprisingly gone and the doors locked. The lights went off, then

back on, and there was a strange figure in the light.

Hope saw and ran like she never ran before. As the figure got closer and closer, step by step, he decapitated her head. The lights went off, then back on, but this time Bobby was gone and so was the figure.

Billy and Cin quickly ran into the basement and hid, scared. They heard a loud thump noise coming down the stairs, they saw the masked murderer once more, except he had a rusted hook and Bobby's damaged corpse. When Cin saw, she quickly panicked and accidentally made a loud noise and was found out. They ran like if the wind was pushing them like nothing. But no matter how hard the attempt, they

could not escape the murderers death sentence.

Cin quickly sacrificed herself so that he could make a narrow escape and be free. He ran and ran and ran until he could not run any longer.

At last, he came across the janitorial office; he searched for a deadly weapon. In the janitors cleaning supplies, Billy had found a shotgun. As the figure came closer, Billy shot three fatal shots; to the heart, head, and stomach. The figure fell down to the ground and Billy went to remove his mask as the eyes of the killer opened.

As the eyes of the killer opened, he quickly took a swift jab to Billy's heart. But Billy put the shotgun in the way of the knife. Billy ran as fast as he could down the bloody steps as the murderer arose to claim his last victim's corpse.

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October Events

Colorado Springs chapter had a very busy weekend this past week. On Saturday, T. G., J. B. and Z. S. and 5 advisors were present for the Fall Festival Yard Sale. We rented 14 booth spaces to people to sell their stuff. Sales were brisk and many happy sellers are looking forward to the next one. This yard sale is a very good fund raiser for the chapter. On Friday, V. R., T. B. and R. N. set off with Dad Pilato and Dad Reiter on a journey to Kearney, NE. Attending the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference for the weekend. There were motivational speakers, good messages from presenters, and a super shopping effort by the youth to benefit the Nebraska Food Bank Network covering Central and Western Nebraska. The boys and girls were divided into groups of 4 or 5 and given a shopping list of 16 items and a debit card for \$57.14. They were then taken by bus to the grocery store and told to shop and get as many items as they could for the food bank without going over \$57.14. Each group shopped diligently for non perishable food items and then were taken by bus to deliver the food to the food bank pantry where the advisors were waiting to sort those items. In all they contributed 3700 pounds of food to this food distribution center. What a great day for all of us. Each of us took away something special from this event. Saturday night was the dance. The boys were out numbered by the girls about 8 to 1. T. B., V. R., and R. N. were very busy enjoying the dance. All in all, the weekend was very positive in both locations and two very successful events.

Dad Land Day Celebration

Colorado Springs DeMolay Chapter celebrated its founder's day on Saturday, November 8th at the Woodland Park Masonic Lodge. Awards were handed out to its members in attendance. Dad Moore was honored with a Jacques DeMolay tie from Germany for his long-term commitment to DeMolay by J. R., PSMC and Z. S., PMC.

