

Delaware DeMolay

By James Taylor
Executive Officer

We are still growing, but at the same time we are due to lose 11 young men to "Majority" status. Here are 11 new young men who could possibly be added to the roles of Freemasonry. Let us work to interest them in joining a Blue Lodge.

Delaware DeMolay is proud to have added three more young men to the roles of our "Chevalier Court". That picture appears in the news letter and they are from left to right: Jeffrey Cook, Richard Layne and Caleb Penney – all of whom are members of General Torbert Chapter in Milford. They represent what every parent should want a son to achieve and learn.

We will also, under the guidance of Past Master Glenn Davis, be investing Past Master P. Donald Carey with his "Legion of Honor" award on March 17th. Congratulations, Brother Carey and welcome to the Legionnaires!

We had our first Executive Council meeting on February 19th and it was very informative to those in attendance. We officially are a working team now and hope to grow. The representative for the young members was their new State Master Counselor, Master Richard Layne. This young man is to be congratulated on this great undertaking as he is, a busy young man these days. At present he will be traveling all over the state of Delaware and hand picking his own staff. Rich will be my "right arm" with a great amount of responsibilities. Another name to be mentioned is that of Brother George Dutton. He is a PMC, Past State Master Counselor, Advisory Chairman of Newport Chapter and also Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel #11. Brother Dutton has also agreed to become the Deputy Executive Officer for DeMolay in Delaware.

Other members of the Executive Council are Paul Fleming, Denise Avayou, Virginia Taylor, Franklin Townsend, Dave Penny and Ron Shaver. I strongly feel that with the commitment and drive of these folks, Delaware DeMolay is definitely on the way to the top once again. Team work is the key to any good organization and these council members are a strong working team. We also have the honor of having a "Chevalier Court" consisting of George Dutton, Franklin Townsend, Steve Quillen, Doug Aspinwall, Rich Layne and Tim Griesbach. Thank you gentlemen, for taking on this responsibility.

Now for the reason for DeMolay – there are approximately 11 young men going to Maryland's DMC for the weekend of March 4th for some fun, but a lot of learning. We anticipate a fun filled and educational weekend.

We had the opportunity to witness a talk by the Honorable Harry S. Truman (impersonator) at Ionic Lodge in January. We also saw the Wilmington Police K-9 unit in action at Solomon and Ionic Lodges. They were great shows and we salute our law enforcement for their bravery and dedication to the protection of us all.

Delaware DeMolay was invited to Pennsylvania in December for a few of our members to receive their Initiatory and DeMolay degrees. The Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania was in attendance and was very impressed with the degree work. Newport just initiated another young man and has more petitions coming in. General Torbert Chapter gained three more young men who recently moved into the area. The Duncan Beard Chapter needs help with adult volunteers and membership. Kent Chapter also has prospective new members. We still need Masons to assist with Wilmington Chapter. Please brethren, help them if you can. The young men have been bowling and participating in other fun events in spite of the weather limitations this time of the year. The "Jobies" and DeMolay enjoyed a Valentines Day Dance at the Newport Masonic Hall on February 12th and everyone had a great time.

We extend to the lodges and Hall Company of Newport a hardy thank you for all the support and kindness extended to our youth. Our youth are the future of Freemasonry and this country.

Chevalier Court



Front row left to right – Jeffery Cook, Richard Layne and Caleb Penney

New Initiate – Newport Chapter



Front row (white tie) – Derrick Parks

Valentines Day Dance



Jobies and DeMolay enjoying a joint event



Miss Tori Watson – Past Honor Queen

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