

Faces on the Wall

We have all seen photos of “Dad” Land’s office, and some of us have been privileged to visit the recreated office that originally came from the doctor’s home on Armour Boulevard, and rebuilt into the new office building at that same location, and ultimately moved to the Service and Leadership Center where it is now located. At one time, two walls were covered with photos—36 pictures to the right of “Dad” Land’s desk, and 24 pictures to the left. At the Service and Leadership Center, the fourth wall was not installed, to leave it open for display. What can be visited now is smaller than the original office, and only 27 of the silver-framed photos are on the wall now.




In 1980, C. C. “Buddy” Faulkner, from Indiana, then Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay, took the time to provide Staff Member Tom Labagh, then Director of Membership and Public Relations, with personal notes describing each of the people he could identify from their photos. Faulkner had worked at the

The Division of Activities

ACTIVITIES are the life-blood of any organization and DeMolay is no exception. Especial stress and emphasis is placed on all-out activity in DeMolay chapters by C. C. Faulkner, Jr., 32°, a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, who heads the Division of Activities at Supreme Council headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. A native of Charleston, S. C., Brother Faulkner became advisor of his Chapter in that city and the Camp Buddy project of that chapter was named for him.

His career as a radio station engineer was interrupted by military service and he was engaged in the merchandising field when he joined the DeMolay headquarters staff. Brother Faulkner is in charge of DeMolay chapter activities headed by the Inter-chapter Efficiency Contest, and is active in promotion of the School of Instruction program.



C. C. FAULKNER, JR., 32°



International Supreme Council, for “Dad” Land, and he had personal knowledge of “Dad” Land’s friendship with a number of these men.

None of the photos are labeled—they just have signatures and personal messages to “Dad” Land written on them. Here is a list made when all the photos were on

the wall. There is no significance to the order listed here... it doesn't relate to prominence or to position on the wall, then, or now.

1. **Herbert Hoover**— President of the US, a friend of “Dad” Land, not a Freemason, however, was invested with the Honorary Legion of Honor in the Oval Office.
2. **J. Lindsay Almond, Jr.**—Governor of Virginia, 1958-1962
3. **George Nigh**—Oklahoma House of Representatives, 1951-1959; Lt. Governor of OK 1959-1963
4. **Tommy Clement Douglas**—Premier of Saskatchewan, Canada from 1944-1961 (father-in-law to actor Donald Sutherland and grandfather to actor Kiefer Sutherland, but “Dad” Land would not have known that!)
5. **William Knowland**—US Senator from California, HLOH
6. **Henry M. “Scoop” Jackson**—ALOH, US Senator from the state of Washington. “One of “Dad”'s favorites!”
7. **Sumner Blossom**—A renowned journalist, editor of the Saturday Evening Post magazine, Active Member of the International Supreme Council; . A life-long friend of “Dad” Land’s who was Best Man at “Dad”'s Wedding to Nell.
8. **Harry S Truman**—President of the US, Past Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, long-time Active Member of the DeMolay Supreme Council and the Executive Committee. Nominated “Dad” Land for Imperial Outer Guard of the Imperial Shrine of North America, while serving as President of the United States.
9. **Dr. Charles W. Mayo**—surgeon who co-founded the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Mayo was a Freemason, and treated “Dad” Land through his final illness. He was presented with the Founder’s Cross by “Dad” Land for personal loyalty.
10. **Earl Warren**—Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, (the last Supreme Court Justice to have held a public elected office) Past Grand Master of Masons of California, 1935-1936, later headed the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President Kennedy.

11. **J. Edgar Hoover**—Legendary head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a personal friend of “Dad” Land, Active Member of the DeMolay Supreme Council, HLOH
12. **J. Caleb Boggs**—Former Governor of Delaware, 1953-1960, later a US Senator, lost election to a third term to Joe Biden.
13. **Sam Rayburn**—Member of the US House of Representatives, 1913-1961, Speaker of the House from 1955-1961, his protégé, Lyndon B. Johnson, became Majority Leader through his efforts. A friend of “Dad” Land.
14. **Mark Wayne Clark**—4-star General of the Army, served in WWI, WWII and the Korean Conflict; General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower was one of his greatest admirers. Member of Mystic Tie Lodge 398, Indianapolis, IN. A close friend of “Dad” Land.
15. **Goodwin Knight**—Governor of California, 1953-1959 A well-known speaker at testimonials around the country, he toasted “Dad” Land at the “Citizen Extraordinary” Banquet honoring “Dad” Land in 1957 in Kansas City.
16. **George Docking**—Governor of Kansas, (later followed by his son) an Active LOH and personal friend of “Dad” Land.
17. **Carl Albert**—US House of Representatives from Oklahoma, 1947-1977; later Speaker of the House, A member of the DeMolay Hall of Fame
18. **Arnold Burton**—no definitive information on him
19. **Ted Mack**—star of television and radio, famous for hosting the Ted Mack Amateur Hour. He was not a Mason or a Senior DeMolay, but knew “Dad” Land from his work with the Shriners. He held a benefit televised from the Municipal Auditorium to pay off the mortgage on Mother Chapter’s own building at 43rd and Prospect in Kansas City. “Dad” Land and Harry Truman appeared on the broadcast.
20. **Richard M. Nixon**—Vice President of the United States. “Dad” Land visited with him several times while attending Masonic Week in Washington, DC. Nixon spoke at one of the Frank S. Land Breakfasts, held by Land to honor the assembled Grand Masters of Masons.
21. **Stuart Symington**—Senator from Missouri, Active Member of the Supreme Council, HLOH, former Secretary of the Air Force. A good friend of “Dad” Land.

22. **Dwight D. Eisenhower**—President of the United States and former General of the Army. Spoke at Frank S. Land Breakfast held by Land to honor the assembled Grand Masters of Masons as Masonic Week in Washington, DC.
23. **Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale**—**Author** of “The Power of Positive Thinking” and a great friend to “Dad” Land. A Mason. HLOH. Active Member of the DeMolay Supreme Council.
24. **Walter E. Disney**—beloved movie and cartoon entertainer and founder of the Disneyland/DisneyWorld franchise. He was one of the earliest members of Mother Chapter, joining in 1920, he maintained contact with “Dad” Land throughout his life. Invited “Dad” Land to premieres of his movies. Made his first public speech at the 1st Founders Conference hosted by “Dad” Land in Kansas City.
25. **Harold Lloyd**—A great silent movie comedian who became Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, and later a good friend of “Dad” Land.
26. **Robert B. Anderson**—Secretary of the Treasurer of the United States under President Eisenhower, and a Senior DeMolay, LOH.
27. **Wilbur Brucker**—Governor of Michigan, Secretary of the Army under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. A Mason, HLOH, later Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA
28. **William E. Steckler**—Active Member of the DeMolay Supreme Council and former EO in Central Indiana, later a Chief Judge of the US Federal Court of Southern Indiana
29. **Donald Hamott**—no information available
29. **Forrest Smith**—Governor of Missouri, 1949-1953
30. **James T. Blair, Jr.**—Governor of Missouri, 1957-1961, civil rights activist
31. **Hal Kemp**—Jazz and Dance/Swing Band Leader of the 1920’s and 30’s. Composer and arranger, played clarinet and saxophone. Killed in a car accident at age 36 at the height of his career. A Senior DeMolay of Charlotte, NC, Chapter, joining in 1922. Received the Legion of Honor in 1935.
32. **Arthur V. Olson**—Chairman of the Board of Phillips Petroleum Co., Oklahoma, HLOH, Active Member of the DeMolay Supreme Council

33. **Charles E. Wilson**—Secretary of Defense for President Eisenhower, HLOH from Indiana
34. **Walter C. Ploeser**— US Ambassador to Paraguay 1957-1959, and to Costa Rica, 1970-1972, Past Grand Master of DeMolay, Past State Master Councilor of Missouri, former Executive Officer for Eastern Missouri, former insurance business partner with Louis Lower.
35. **Luther A. Smith**—Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, Active Member of DeMolay Supreme Council, HLOH, from Mississippi
36. **Claude F. Young**—Grand Secretary of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, S.G.I.G. in Kansas, an Active Member and served many years as the Chairman of the Executive Committee for the DeMolay Supreme Council.
37. **Henry J. Talge**—President of the Rival Manufacturing Co. in Kansas City, an Active Member of the International Supreme Council and a close personal friend of “Dad” Land. HLOH. Until his death he sent flowers to decorate “Dad” Land’s grave at Mount Moriah Cemetery on November 8th.
38. **J. Donald Murphy**—no information available.
39. **Alexander G. Cochran**—the legendary First Grand Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay who helped Dad Land spread DeMolay across Missouri and to other states through his position as S.G.I.G. in Missouri.
40. **Harry Harding**—Active Member of the International Supreme Council. Bio can probably be found in a Necrology report in the Proceedings of the Supreme Council, but death date unknown at this time.
41. **Floyd Wergeland**— Major General, US Army Medical Corps, LOH
42. **George E. Bushnell**—Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, 1934-1955, former Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, Active Member of the International Supreme Council,
43. **Sherman Adams**—Chief of Staff for President Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953-1958, Governor of New Hampshire, 1949-1953

44. **William A. Hensley**—Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Executive Officer in Oklahoma, Executive with Phillips Petroleum Co., served as Grand Master of DeMolay. 1967-1968
45. **Walter Cronkite**—world renowned newscaster for CBS News, known as “the most trusted man in America” was a member of Mother Chapter, and is buried in the same cemetery as Dad Land.
46. **Mr. Justice Tom C. Clark**—Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1949-1967, appointed by Harry Truman, Clark was a good friend of Dad Land. Clark resigned from the Supreme Court in 1967 when his son, Ramsey Clark, became US Attorney General for Lyndon Johnson. He was replaced on the Court by Thurgood Marshall.
47. **Wesley Powell**—Governor of New Hampshire, 1959-1962, LOH
48. **Lionel C. McGarr**—Lt. General of the US Army, Commanding General of the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. ALOH conferred on him by Dad Land in Mother Preceptory.
49. **Vaughn Monroe**—Famous Big Band leader and vocalist during the 1940’s and 1950’s. A Senior DeMolay, he was made an LOH at sight by Dad Land at his office in Kansas City in 1959.
50. **Mauro Baradi**—Active Member of the International Supreme Council, from the Philippines.
51. **Edward F. Arn**—Governor of Kansas 1951-1955, LOH, close friend of Dad Land
52. **Frank Carlson**—US Senator from Kansas, HLOH, friend of “Dad” Land
53. **Winston Churchill**—Former Prime Minister of England, “Dad” Land was a big admirer of Churchill. President Truman asked Churchill for a signed picture on behalf of “Dad” Land.
54. **Roland H. Harrison**—Brigadier General, U. S. Army, LOH
55. **William Hall**—Lt. General, US Air Force, LOH, Commander of the Continental Air Command

56. **Melvin B. Tice**—National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, from Kansas City, received LOH in Mother Preceptory from “Dad” Land

57. **William B. Massey**—SGIG for the Scottish Rite in Missouri, HLOH, he presented “Dad” Land with the Scottish Rite Grand Cross in Kansas City in May of 1956.

Plus 3 photos with no name identification at all. A total of 60 photographs.

1. This is a unique collection of photos, all personally inscribed with messages for “Dad” Land. What do they collectively tell you about “Dad” Land?
2. Some of the political leaders then, like now, had one or another scandals surrounding them. Yet, their pictures remained on “Dad” Land’s wall. What does that tell you about “Dad” Land?
3. Some of the more famous Senior DeMolays of the time are NOT included in this collection. (John Wayne, Fred McMurray, Robert Taylor, Bob Matthias, Burl Ives and others) Why do you think that is?
4. Why do you think “Dad” Land displayed these photos on the wall in his office?