

OF

## THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOLAY ALUMNI

## FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Held at

Scottish Rite Temple

15th and Troost Ave.,

Kansas City, Missouri.

March 17, 1928.

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The conference was called to order by International President, Louis G. Lower and invocation was pronounced by J. W. Sallee, Jr., of the Mother Chapter. After singing one verse of "America" and of "God Save the King", the conference was welcomed to the city by the Presidents of the two entertaining Chapters; Brother Harry C. Clark of the Mother Chapter and Brother John Halterman of the Huron Chapter.

President Lower gave the opening address of the conference in which he outlined the needs and purposes of the organization and quoted the Grand Scribe's Bulletin of July the 8th, 1927 as his authority for calling the meeting. He then called upon Brother Frank S. Land and Brother Alexander G. Cochran, who, in addressing the group, expressed their views relative to the growth and possibilities of the Alumni.

President Lower requested the International Secretary, A. C. Tatlock, to submit his report and same was presented to the conference as follows:

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR FISCAL  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927.

It is with pleasure that your secretary submits his report of the International DeMolay Alumni for the first fiscal year of the organization's history. Due to the fact that the Alumni was not organized until June, and that Letters of Dispensation for the first Chapter, the Mother Chapter, were issued July 16th, your secretary feels that the growth of the organization has been quite satisfactory. From July 16th to January 1, 1928, there were forty-seven chapters established in twenty-three states. California led with the establishment of six chapters. Four were established in Missouri, in Oklahoma and in Kansas. Massachusetts and Pennsylvania each had three chapters. New Jersey, Washington, Kentucky, Connecticut, Montana and New York each had two, and a single chapter had been established in Texas, West Virginia, Michigan, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Delaware, Virginia, Minnesota, Indiana and Florida.

It is encouraging to note that since January the 1st of this year, chapters have also been established in Maine, Tennessee, Canada and Washington, D. C. , and one additional chapter has been established in Oklahoma, Texas, California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Indiana, while Kansas and New York each have added three.

The following is a list of all chapters which have been established to date:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of Chapter</u>
1.	Kansas City, Mo.	Mother Chapter
2.	Sapulpa, Okla.	Sapulpa
3.	East Orange, N. J.	Fidelity
4.	El Paso, Texas	Ameth
5.	Spokane, Wash.	Spokane
6.	Kansas City, Kansas	Huron
7.	Medford, Mass.	Medford
8.	Louisville, Ky.	Daniel Boone
9.	Hutchinson, Kansas	Hutchinson
10.	St. Joseph, Mo.	Saint Joseph
11.	Huntington, W. Va.	Huntington
12.	Camden, N. J.	Excelsior
13.	Bartlesville, Okla.	Bartlesville
14.	San Mateo, Calif.	Wm. Thos. Keville
15.	San Francisco, Calif.	California
16.	Hartford, Conn.	Charter Oaks
17.	St. Louis, Mo.	Spirit of St. Louis
18.	Beverly, Mass.	Fidelity
19.	Kalamazoo, Mich.	Kalamazoo
20.	Salinas, Calif.	Salinas
21.	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	Coeur d'Alene
22.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Cheyenne
23.	Denver, Colo.	Denver

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of Chapter</u>
24.	Wilmington, Del.	Delaware
25.	Norfolk, Va.	Norfolk
26.	Billings, Mont.	Billings
27.	Joplin, Mo.	Baldwin
28.	Vacaville, Calif.	Northern Solano
29.	Bridgeport, Conn.	Bridgeport
30.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Minneapolis
31.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh, #1.
32.	Lexington, Ky.	Lexington
33.	Hempstead, N. Y.	Hempstead
34.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Bridge City
35.	Topeka, Kansas	Round Table
36.	Junction City, Kansas	Central
37.	Oklmulgee, Okla.	Auvergne
38.	Livingston, Mont.	Yellowstone Park
39.	Tarentum, Pa.	Valley
40.	Downey, Calif.	Downey
41.	New Albany, Ind.	New Albany
42.	Springfield, Mass.	Massasoit
43.	Tampa, Fla.	The Tampa
44.	Hollywood, Calif.	Hollywood
45.	Turtle Creek, Pa.	McKinley
46.	Seattle, Wash.	Northwest
47.	Muskogee, Okla.	Muskogee
48.	Dover-Foxcroft, Me.	Maine
49.	Watsonville, Calif.	Fremont
50.	Ada, Okla.	Ada
51.	Memphis, Tenn.	Tennessee #1.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of Chapter</u>
	Elmhurst, L. I. N. Y.	Nathan Hale
	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Brooklyn
	San Antonio, Texas	Albert Pike
	Erie, Pa.	Presque Isle
56.	LaFayette, Ind.	Tippecance
	Winnipeg, Man. Canada.	Winnipeg
58.	Arkansas City, Kansas	Arkansas City
59.	Washington, D. C.	Robert Le Bruce
60.	El Dorado, Kansas	El Dorado
	Parsons, Kansas	Parsons
	New York, N. Y.	New York
	Detroit, Mich.	DeMolay Alumni Asso. of Detroit.

Plans are well under way in St. Paul, Peoria and Wichita for establishment of chapters, and inquiries are coming in constantly for information relative to the organization.

Your secretary wishes to call to your attention the situation relative to annual reports. Of the forty-seven chapters from whom reports were asked (being only those established previous to January 1, 1918), only fifteen have reported. This one condition of course has been somewhat of a disappointment, but your secretary is of the opinion that this has been due principally to the fact that we do not have the name and address of the secretary of the chapter, as no word has been received since letters of dispensation have been sent. These letters have been in all cases forwarded to the member or deputy of the Grand Council for delivery to the chapter. The fact that so few of the chapters have reported makes any quotation of membership figures very unfair to the organization and for that reason will not be done. Your secretary is happy to report memberships of two hundred in Pittsburgh #1 chapter, and of about one hundred and eighty in the Mother chapter, as outstanding.

Your secretary requests your consideration of the emblem situation. In some localities there has been expressed some dissatisfaction with the Lupul button which was announced as the official badge of the fraternity. Some definite action is recommended.

Your secretary would also appreciate your action in regard to the initiation ceremony. It is felt by most of our chapters now established, that a mere series of tests is an insufficient ceremony. Practically all concur in the value of a "fun degree" as the basis for this initiation, however, Your secretary begs to recommend that the group consider the establishment of a definite ritual to be adopted and used universally.

Your secretary recommends for your consideration, the establishment of some means of inter-chapter intercourse, such as a news bulletin or publication by which we may realize a closer bond of brotherhood and a more closely allied fraternity. It may be that the present Grand Council publication, the Demolay News, would serve this purpose, although since it goes to Demolays as well as to Alumni members, it would hardly be a feasible medium for initiation ideas or other business which should not fall into the hands of the profane.

Your secretary wishes to thank you for the many kindnesses shown him during the past year and for the many warm friendships which have been the outgrowth of the co-operation he has received from all who have been connected with the organization. May this spirit of brotherhood and harmony continue for the advancement of our organization and the Demolay Movement. Fraternally submitted,  
A. C. Tatlock, International Secretary.

The following committees were next appointed by the President:

#### COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Brother Russell L. Wiginton, Chairman  
Brother Wm. J. Mignery  
Brother John E. Krieger

#### PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Brother Milnor A. Becker, Chairman  
Brother E. Hall Adams  
Brother Robert J. Blitz

#### COMMITTEE ON EMBLEMS AND COSTUMES

Brother Harold J. Fraser, Chairman  
Brother Lyle T. Widup  
Brother Donald L. Cannon

#### COMMITTEE ON GENERAL POLICY AND PURPOSES

Brother Burris G. Jackson, Chairman  
Brother Richard G. Miting  
Brother Hebron W. Hixson

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Brother Hugh P. Buchanan, Chairman  
 Brother John Pooley Wright  
 Brother Clifford Byrne

## COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS

Brother John Rademaker, Jr., Chairman  
 Brother Tom R. Hunter  
 Brother Matthew L. Hogarth

## COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIALS

Brother Lester E. Pennington, Chairman  
 Brother John H. Halterman  
 Brother G. T. Paddock

## COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

Brother C. Russell Mattson, Chairman  
 Brother Herman G. Handmaker  
 Brother Louis S. Block

## COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Brother Fred C. Rotzall, Chairman  
 Brother Richard T. Fadely  
 Brother Keith Scott

President Lower then made announcements relative to the luncheon and the committee meetings whereupon the meeting was adjourned until 3:00 P. M.

The convention was reconvened by President Lower at 3:00 P. M., and he immediately called for committee reports. Brother Buchanan reporting for the Nominations Committee, recommended that all of the International Officers then serving, be elected for the current term with the following exceptions:

That the Vice-President of the 13th District, namely; Gordon C. Hazelwood, had not as yet affiliated with a Chapter of the DeMolay Alumni and that their recommendation be that Brother Winthrop C. Brewer of Fidelity Chapter, Beverly, Mass., be elected in his stead.

That Brother T. Bartow Ford of Atlanta, Ga., having expressed his desire to be relieved of his duties, Brother Lyle Vernier of Tampa, Fla., be elected in his stead.

The Committee also submitted the following names as nominees for the International Advisory Board of the DeMolay Alumni:

Melvin M. Johnson, Mass.	Warren S. Seipp, Md.
Jesse M. Whited, Calif.	Fred W. Hardwick, Ky.
F. S. King, Wyo.	Ernest S. Reed, N. J.
Hubert Utterback, Iowa	Tinley L. Combs, Nebr.

The report of the committee was duly approved and adopted.

The attention of the conference was then called to the fact that no Vice-President had been appointed to govern the 8th District comprised of the state of Missouri and Arkansas and the chair entertained nominations from the floor for this office. Brother Stanley Hansen of St. Joseph, Harry Clark of Kansas City and Louis Block of St. Louis were nominated. Brother Hansen was elected, by unanimous ballot.

The conference next proceeded to the election of International Sergeant-at-Arms, nominations being made from the floor. Brothers Hugh R. Buchanan, Geo. Joliff, John Krieger and Matthew L. Hogarth were nominated. Brother Hugh R. Buchanan was elected and by the action of the conference the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in his favor.

Brother Frank S. Land now presented to the conference, the proposition of billboard advertising for the Order of DeMolay and submitted to them in detail, the plan whereby it was proposed to carry out the campaign. He also placed before them for their consideration, the Order of Chivalry and urged that the Alumni get behind the movement and foster it to the best of their ability. President Lower appointed Brothers Hansen, Block and Joliff as a committee to consider the suggestions and bring them before the body in the form of a resolution.

Brother Hotzoll reported as Chairman of the Committee on Program and Activities of Subordinate Chapters, as follows: "Your Committee has considered the subject assigned to it, and we wish to point out that no suggested program of activity can be placed before this conference for consideration which would suit the needs of each Alumni jurisdiction, but we do believe the suggestions given will prove of value in the larger portion of the DeMolay world.

We consider it an inherent duty of each Alumni Chapter to work with and assist each DeMolay Chapter with a view toward increasing it's efficiency and treating goodfellowship and toward the furtherance of that end we recommend that each Chapter create a permanent DeMolay Affairs Committee which shall be placed at the disposal of the DeMolay Chapter Advisory Council and whose duty it shall be to create understanding between the DeMolay and the Alumni.

We desire to point out that the Alumni is a social organization, created to espouse goodfellowship and social understanding and we recommend that the meetings of the subordinate Chapters be enlivened by social activities, such as smokers, luncheons, picnics, dances and the like. We suggest as other activities, card parties, dinner meetings, summer camps in conjunction with the DeMolay, and the hearing of prominent business men on suggestions of the commercial world."

The report of the committee was duly adopted.

Brother Jackson reported for the committee on General Policy and Purposes as follows: "Your committee has considered those suggestions of the Grand Scribe's Bulletin of July 8, 1927, relating to the Policy and Purposes of the Alumni and we desire to report that these statements express the real purposes and policies on which this association should be founded. This committee fully realizes that the great possibilities and responsibilities which we may be able to create and which will fall upon our shoulders, and we submit the following purposes, aims and policies as follows:

1. That inasmuch as the association of the Alumni is just in the process of organization in its true international sense, it shall be our main aim to perfect a working organization by getting as many Alumni Chapters organized as possible.

2. The fundamental purpose of the association shall be to advance the Order of DeMolay, assisting the Grand Council, Advisory Council and the subordinate Chapters.

3. A Member of Alumni Chapters should attend every meeting possible of the local Chapter and meet and advise with Advisory Councils.

4. We shall be ever ready and assist in the institution of New DeMolay Chapters.

5. We shall strive to carry into our daily lives, the teachings that were taught us and are being taught by the ritual of the Order of DeMolay.

6. It shall be the policy of this association to refrain from any part in Chapter disputes, election of officers, and only confine our activity in so far as DeMolay Chapters are concerned, to those things that are beneficial and will advance the Chapter and the Order in general.

7. As this is to be a permanent organization consisting of past DeMolays, and we shall of course grow older, we should take on an atmosphere of an association of men. We should renew and maintain a friendship and understandings made at the DeMolay Altar through the Alumni.

8. As an organization of men, we should take part in the worthwhile civic movements in our respective communities, build programs of our own in this direction and develop a reputation as a progressive organization."

The report was adopted.

Brother Lester E. Pennington reported for the Committee on Rituals and Ceremonials, the committee recommending that a universal Ritual be adopted by all Alumni Chapters and that this Ritual be divided into sections, the first to be of a serious nature, the second section to be devoted exclusively to a spirit of levity (each Chapter to work this out to meet its own ideas and needs) and the third section to be also serious. The committee also recommended that the International President appoint a committee for the purpose of drawing up a ritual to be submitted to Brother Land for his approval. That if approved, it should then become the official ritual of the International DeMolay Alumni to serve until the next conference of the Alumni association at which time it should be adopted or amended as the Conference may see fit.

The report of the committee was adopted.



Brother John Rademaker, Jr., reported for the Committee on Charters recommending that the following charters be granted upon application in proper form and payment of charter fee.

Mother Chapter	Kansas City, Missouri
Sapulpa	Sapulpa, Okla.
Fidelity	East Orange, N.J.
Ameth	El Paso, Texas
Medford	Medford, Mass.
St. Joseph	St. Joseph, Mo.
Excelsior	Camden, N.J.
Bartlesville	Bartlesville, Okla.
William Thomas Keville	San Mateo, Calif.
California	San Francisco, Calif.
Charter Oaks	Hartford, Conn.
Spirit of St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.
Cheyenne	Cheyenne, Wyo.
Denver	Denver, Colo.
Tidewater	Norfolk, Va.
Three "C"	Billings, Mont.
Northern Solano	Vacaville, Calif.
Pittsburgh #1	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Lexington	Lexington, Ky.
Yellowstone Park	Livingston, Mont.
New Albany	New Albany, Ind.
Massasoit	Springfield, Mass.

The committee also recommended that the following Chapters be issued charters, provided their annual reports be submitted, and all indebtedness paid on or before July 1, 1928.

Spokane Chapter	Spokane, Wash.
Huron	Kansas City, Kansas

Daniel Boone	Louisville, Ky.
Hutchinson	Hutchinson, Kansas
Huntington	Huntington, W. Va.
Fidelity	Beverly, Mass.
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Salinas	Salinas, Calif.
Coeur d'Alene	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Delaware	Wilmington, Del.
Baldwin	Joplin, Mo.
Bridgeport	Bridgeport, Conn.
Minneapolis	Minneapolis, Minn.
Hempstead,	Hempstead, N. Y.
Bridge City	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Round Table	Topeka, Kansas
Central	Junction City, Kansas
Auvergne	Okmulgee, Okla.
Valley	Tarentum, Pa.
Downey	Downey, Calif.
Tampa	Tampa, Fla.
Hollywood	Hollywood, Calif.
McKinley	Turtle Creek, Pa.
Northwest	Seattle, Wash.
Muskogee	Muskogee, Okla.

Brother Fraser reported for the Committee on Emblems and Costumes as follows: "That the emblem now in use authorized by "Dad" Land and manufactured by the Stange Jewelry Company, remain the recognized emblem of the International DeMolay Alumni."

That the emblem for past presidents of subordinate Chapters be the recognized emblem of the organization with a scroll effect at the bottom of the emblem bearing the imprint "Past President." This emblem not to cost more than \$10.00. That the past president emblem be obtainable only by the Secretary of the Chapter direct from the manufacturer.

We leave to the judgment of the Committee on Ritual the selection of costumes to be used for initiation or ceremonial work, but we do recommend that costumes selected be very inexpensive and that Chapters remain independent of Masonic wardrobes as well as equipment of active DeMolay Chapters. After discussion, the report was adopted.

Brother Becker reported for the Publication Committee. The committee report recommended that general news and Chapter items of the International Alumni be published in the DeMolay News and that all Chapters and members of Chapters, wherever possible, subscribe to said DeMolay News. That any communication that the International Secretary deems of importance to merit special attention, be published in bulletin form and be sent the secretaries of the subordinate Chapters. The report of the committee was duly adopted.

Brother Wiginton reported on the committee of Time and Place of the next meeting. The committee recommended that the next regular conference of the International DeMolay Alumni be held in March 1929 on such days as might be designated by the International President in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., The report of the committee was duly adopted.

Brother Lower then made several pertinent announcements and adjourned the meeting at 6:15 P. M., to be reconvened later during the evening.

Immediately following the banquet, the group assembled in the Cathedral and a short entertainment was given, followed by a presentation of the type of initiation used by the Mother Chapter. The following brethren were initiated.

Gorman A. Mc Bride	Mother Chapter
Richard G. Whiting	Robert Le Bruce Chapter
Walter C. Ploeser	Mother Chapter

The convention reconvened at 10:15 o'clock and was presented with the report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee by Brother Handmaker, which was adopted subject to revision and approval of the International Officers and the Grand Scribe.

Brother Russell Wiginton of Winnipeg, Canada was recognized and presented to the conference the Canadian situation with reference to DeMolay and the Alumni. A motion was made and passed that the Alumni Conference give approval of anything that may be reasonably done for the benefit or the advancement of the growth of the Order in Canada.

The report of the Committee on General Resolutions was read by Brother Ploeser. The report was adopted subject to the approval of the International President and the Grand Scribe.

The benediction was asked by Brother Bundy of Denver, Colorado, and at 12:00 o'clock midnight, Saturday March 17, 1928, the International DeMolay Alumni Conference was adjourned.