

GREETINGS FROM ABROAD,

Brothers and Friends, isn't it amazing how fast a year flies by. It seems like the last time we corresponded was during a vicious game of red rover and barreling down the shoot just to get engulfed with the water of the rushing wave rider. Conclave was a blast. Held in Great Falls MT, the 2008 Conclave was a new start for many members as we hosted a state wide initiation where we initiated 3 new members. Also a new start for 3 members as they received the high and distinguished rank of Chevalier, congrats Jake and Trever, I couldn't think of two more deserving brothers to receive the award with. The coveted Theodore Williams Ritual Award was awarded to Ross C. Jensen Chapter in Bozeman, and the Traveling Gavel was taken once again by Treasure State Chapter in Sidney. Thank you brothers for a very productive and inspir-

ing conclave. Also, thanks once more to the Great Falls bodies of Scottish Rite for letting us use the facilities.

This year has started out rather smoothly, starting in beautiful Camp Child outside of Eliston MT. At State Officer Retreat, we discussed many opportunities and activities we plan on putting into effect. After many leadership building activities, we settled down for a steak dinner with Camp Child favorite boiled crowdads. After dinner, all the state officers and advisors set into planning for this years activities including today's 6th annual Sweet Retreat.

This years Sweet Retreat is expected to be our biggest yet! With the decreased participation of our sister organizations this year we decided to run our Sweetheart Program today. As I have hoped we have many girls who desire to



be active with this program and our goal is to turn it into a program that helps all organizations for the better. Please help support this program so that it has the opportunity for success.

I hope you are all having a wonderful time here at Fairmont please take time to thank the various staff members who make this event happen. Thank you for attending and please mark your calendars for July 23rd - 26th for our summer Conclave in Billings Montana.
God Bless
J.D. Olsen
State Activities Director

HELLO EVERYONE!

It's your state deputy master councilor Ryan. First off I would like to welcome you all to Sweet Retreat 2009. We are having an ok year again this year, but its looking better and better everyday. We have conclave all planned out in Billings.

We're looking forward to visiting our brothers in the east very soon, up in Glendive and Sydney. We are raffling off ipod nanos this year and don't hesitate to

buy a ticket. I look forward to seeing you all at all of our events this year, and hope you all go to conclave.

Brotherly love and respect.
Ryan Parker
State Deputy Master Councilor



WELCOME

to sweet retreat at beautiful Fairmont hot springs resort, this is the 6th year we have held this event at Fairmont and they are



still excited to have us here. I hope after this wonderful weekend you will go home to your chapters, Assemblies and Bethels and tell everyone that didn't attend what a wonderful event they have missed. We as youth groups need to work together to make our groups grow it is hard to do it alone so if we work together maybe we can grow together. To the advisors of all youth thank you

for taking time out of your busy schedules to make this a wonderful experience for your youth it will be remembered for years to come. I hope to talk to each and everyone this weekend have fun and enjoy the hot springs.

Sam Whitehead
Executive Officer of
Montana DeMolay

HEY EVERYONE,

its your State Ritual Director, Drew Burkhart Here just to say, what's up? what's Happening? Well all is going well on my front, We had our State Wide Initiation in December in Bozeman where we preformed both degrees for two new brothers. They were both done very well and would like to thank everyone involved. After the degrees we had a lockin which was a blast, which reminds me anyone up for a game of Meow later? With our reimagining of the Sweet Heart Program we hope to see more participation in the program upon which we

can build a better relationship between us and our sister organizations. Quite frankly we don't do enough together and we would like to see that change in the years to come which is why this change has come. Now lets look ahead, in the coming months we hope to head out east to see our brothers in Glendive and Sidney which I personally look forward to as I have only ever been as far east as Billings. Awe Billings, Which brings me to my next subject. Billings is where this years Conclave is and we hope to have a large and hardy crowd. Well I hope

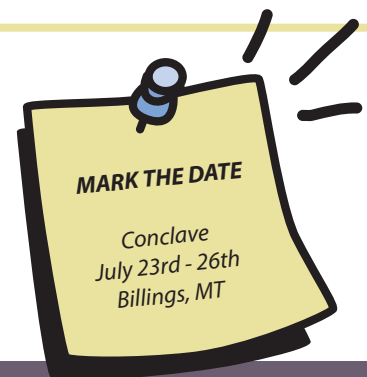
everyone is having Great time at Sweet Retreat, till next time good-bye, farewell, peace, SeeMe!!!!!!

Drew Burkhart
State Ritual Director
P.S. Where Are My Capers!???



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There is no article form the The State Master Councilor, Western District Representative, and State Sweetheart at this time.



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