



# Convention Chatter 2006

Welcome to Convention 2006!  
It's all about food, fun and fellowship  
and not necessarily in that order.  
Enjoy some of the images from day 1.



E. O.'s Bill Millett – Atlantic Provinces &  
Gordon Kimball - Maine and Maine Advisor  
Frank Palmer look forward to a busy  
weekend.



Early arrivals are either enthused or dismayed.



Dad Cooper goes postal on the ritual advisors.



The heart and soul of the convention at work.

Advisors and DeMolay visit the food Hall.  
More on FOOD later.





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## Opening Ceremonies!

The colour guard presents the flags of the United States and Canada



An attentive crowd listened as EO Gordon Kimball explained, "The importance of standing while speaking", to his counterpart Bill Millett, "as it makes you taller so everyone can see you."



Outgoing EO Moe Linkletter seems to be enjoying the sidelines with Dad Jackson, while Dad Dana Ryder checks the convention events schedule



No these guys aren't singing. Thankfully! The Atlantic Suite: Reid Allen; James Snelgrove; Dave Evans; Alex Millett; Jamie Dingwell; and Tom Aznive – State Master Councilor – New Hampshire are leading all assembled in the dreaded **ATTITUDE CHECK.**

The ritual competition started soon after, with a BBQ outside the residence building at 11:00 pm.



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## Sports a plenty! The Hard Court



J. L. C. members were kissing the basketball off the rim while practicing free throws. Team 4 on 4 goes today.

## The Pool



This Organized Confusion was tamed by Dads Allen, Richter and Marcoux.

Pool time on Saturday is 3:00 – 4:00 pm to finish team and individual swims, plus free time for diving and such.

Dive interrupted.



This would be cannon baller is expected to finish this dive on Saturday



“Where do we sign up for the synchronized swim?”



“Yes, I’ll take your order for the cheeseburger, but you can’t eat it in the pool.”





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## The Field

The field activities adjacent to the pool will continue tomorrow.

Here are some events started Friday. Dad Lloyd Smith is seen supervising paint ball, putting and washer toss. Dad Wade Berglund was his able assistant. Other tossing events will be in full force Saturday, along with the completion of these events.



## Washer Toss



## Putting



"Hey, this grass is just like pavement."



**Pool  
Escapee!!**  
from the  
previous  
page.



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## FOOOOOOD!

The food is close. No long energy burning walks between my room and the eating hall. But the many activities are crowding my eating time; after all, we're just growing boys.

### Food Line Up



Food consisted of fish & chips, meat balls, chili, rice, salads, build-your-own-wraps and desserts. In case you don't remember, here are some graphic details.



I almost forgot the BBQ.



We were so fed up at this point, we forgot about the pie eating contest. It's rescheduled for Saturday.



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Images & News from Saturday, July 23

**Cross Country Run:** Seven intrepid runners began the day with a refreshing cross campus jaunt. A fall sidelined Ben Wisener and Alex Millett who tripped on the fallen runner. Both missed some sports events, but were seen at every food opportunity. (Although winning pictures were taken, they were not accepted by the editorial staff as the official photographer was still sleeping.)

Besides, all finishers in all events will be announced at the awards presentation on Sunday morning.

## Team Challenges:

Tug of war and volleyball were left from Friday, plus dodge ball and 4 on 4 BBall.

### TUG OF WAR



Chris Sweeney "If I don't have to stop for a bathroom break, I think we can win this thing."

## Volleyball



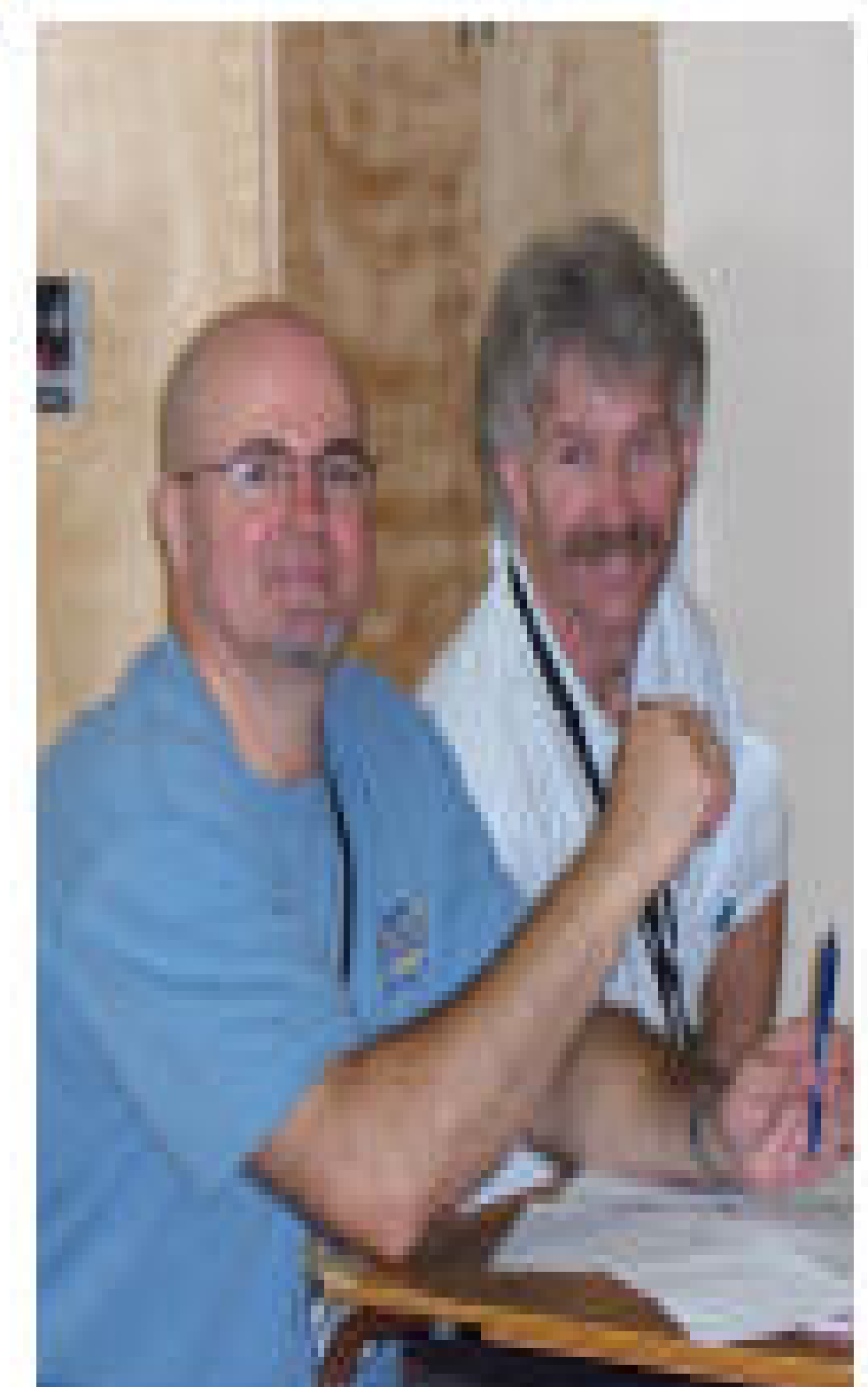
There were many exciting matches with everyone keeping their eyes on the ball.



Alas, poor Yorick, I knew him well.

Reid Allen, appears to quoting a soliloquy from Shakespeare's Hamlet, or he could be violating a 10 second rule.

Dads Allen and Cooper "We've captured the whole convention in the lower gym till the team sports are done, so lets be happy"





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## Dodge Ball

Two teams fight over control of three balls which they throw at the opponents. If the ball hits you, go to jail behind the enemy lines. If all your team is incapacitated (out), before theirs', they win. If your jailed team member can catch a ball thrown by you, they can re-enter the fray. Simple! There were few disputes.



## On the Field

They were tossing Frisbees, softballs, footballs and even the occasional advisor.



Football Throwing Accuracy.

Student services are looking for a missing hula-hoop.

## Boys will be Boys!

Dad Tim Greening and Dad George Cooper both have Scottish ancestry (both own and wear kilts) and were discussing the Highland Games. They had a difference of opinion in the rules on tossing the caber (a big log). Dad Greening was going to demonstrate the way it should happen.

Fortunately, he heard that Dad Cooper was piping at the banquet tonight and put him down.



## B-Ball

All hail the round orb in the sky.

The competition was fierce and everyone was sweating, even the spectators.



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## Chess

These guys have having a blast. The battles are fierce. I expect finishers 1, 2, & 3 are in this picture



Ping Pong and cribbage were also played at Aitkin, but games got under way late.

## Pre- Banquet



Mrs. Pat Roberts who had arrived several hours before the banquet, with her husband Dad Don Roberts, is asking whether any of the DeMolay or Advisors have found any healthy snacks in the residence vending machines?



Young Ladies from the Rainbow Assembly # 25 from Moncton arrived to enjoy the banquet, awards presentations and evening social.



White is in this Banquet season!  
Tom Aznive, State MC - New Hampshire and M. W. Grand Master Wayne H. McKay Masonic Grand Lodge of New Brunswick meet prior to the banquet.



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**Banquet** Dad George Cooper helped sooth everyone's appetite by piping in the dignitaries.

## Dignitaries:

Dave Evans, Jurisdictional MC and MC for the evening introduced the Head Table guests.

Dad Maurice Linkletter, Past EO, Atlantic  
Wayne A. Rideout, Royal Arch Masons NB  
Harold Planetta, Potentate, Luxor Shriners,  
Graham Vincent, Order of Eastern Star  
Donna McEwen, Order of Eastern Star  
Ben Weisner, State Senior Councilor, Maine  
Dave Evans, Atlantic Canada DeMolay  
Dad Bill Millett, EO, Atlantic Canada DeMolay  
Mom Shelley Millett, EO's Wife  
Wayne H. McKay, the Most Worshipful the Grand  
Master, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick  
Karen McKay, Wayne's wife  
Darrell Thurber, Priory of Canada  
Tom Aznive, State MC, New Hampshire  
Miss Melissa Cooper, WA Assembly #25, IORG  
Dad Gordon Kimball, E O, Maine DeMolay  
Don Roberts, Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite  
Pat Roberts, Don's wife  
Bill Boone Deputy Grand Master NB  
Linda Boone, Bill's wife

## The Meal:



This meat and mushroom mix was served over pastry, with vegetables and salads.

## The Dessert:



The Strawberry shortcake was delicious. Dad Dana Ryder was pretending to bring one back for Dad Frank Palmer, who graciously declined. Dana explained that he could handle two because he doesn't eat mushrooms!

Daphne and Dad George Cooper share a moment just before the banquet begins.

Dad Cooper was expressing quite loudly that maybe the ladies and the tables where they were sitting should go to the buffet after the head table. I'm certain no self advancement was intended.



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## Recognition and surprise!



Dads Moe Linkletter, Mike Acker and Gordon Kimball surprised Dad Bill Millett with his new executive collar.



EO Bill Millett presents Brandon LeBlanc an up and coming DeMolay award for his energy and enthusiasm.

Following the banquet, all went to the chapter room for awards presentations.

## Cross of Honor:

The Cross of Honor was conferred on Dad Bob King and Dad Don Roberts by DeMolay: Dave Evans, Alex Millett, Reid Allen, and Jamie Dingwell.



EO Bill Millett presents Dad Wilf Richter the Atlantic Advisor of the year award.



This award is for meritorious service to and for DeMolay.

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## **Chevalier Degree Investiture:**

Installing Officer M.J. Linkletter, assisted by Dad Gil Meredith, Brother Tom Aznive, Dad Maurice Linkletter and Dad Gordon Kimball invested Brothers Reid Allen and Dave Evans with their Chevalier Medallion.



Dave Evans, Installing Officer - M. J. Linkletter and Reid Allen proudly display their new awards. The Chevalier is awarded to a DeMolay for exceptional service to the order.

## **Atlantic Provinces Suite:**

Dad Millett announced that he would be using a team approach, for the Atlantic Suite, with Dave Evans, Reid Allen, Brendan Kirby and Alex Millett performing tasks as they arise.

Dave Evans thanked all the attendees and organizers for making the convention a success.

## **Meritorious Master Councilor**

**Award:** Brother Jamie Dingwell earned this award through planning and hard work. Dad George Cooper and Dad Moe Linkletter presented the award.



After the awards and recess until tomorrow, the group prepared for a social event downstairs in McConnell hall.

## **They found more food!**





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Then! Oh, how they danced!  
The Bird Dance, the Macarena,  
YMCA, and many other  
classics.



Dancing



Spinning Lights



Dancing



Conversation



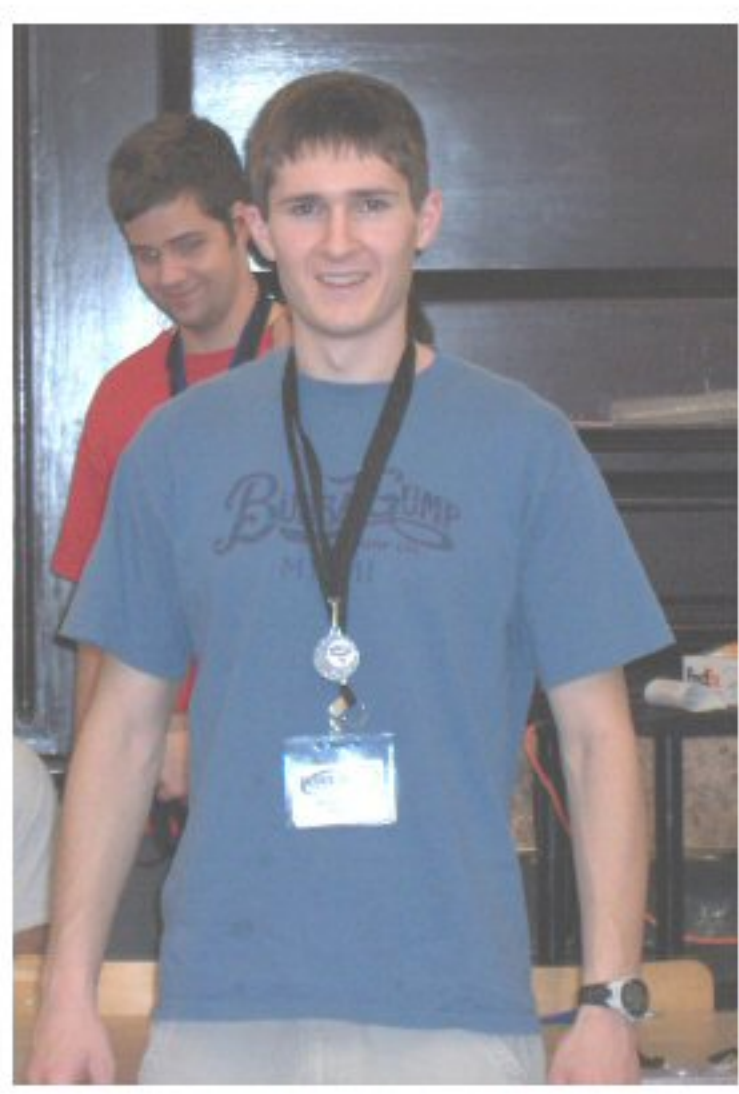
And then, Rumor has it,  
That later it rained!



## Convention Sunday & Summary



There were banners and medals and trophies and plaques. No, this was not a world championship, but the closing events at convention 2006.



Brendan delivered an excellent message while leading the morning's Devotional service.

## Awards



Jurisdictional MC Dave seems to be saying, "Freeze everything, this weekend is ending too soon and we're still having fun"



EO Bill Millett congratulates Anders for capturing a Chapter award for paint ball target shooting for Crusader Chapter.



## Awards Continued

There were many individual awards, but for the most part, our summary will focus on team awards



Members of Phil Drader shared the Best Chapter award. Can teamwork be this much fun?



Capital City members hold their second place banner.

## Convention is Unconventional



Stan B. Cassidy received the Chapter' Best Spirit Award. We'll chalk Dave's expression up as pride.



This team comprised of Anders – Nova Scotia, Tom – New Hampshire and Dad Jason of Maine accepts their sport medals. Dad Tim of New Brunswick missed this photo opportunity.



## Convention Is Unconventional

You saw on the previous page that one sports team, even included an advisor (a younger one, mind you.) To encourage maximum participation, many larger chapter teams were multi-chapter. It worked out super, with more foes becoming friends.

## Traditional Pie Eating Contest - 2005



**Pie 2006:** Chris receives a special award from EO Bill as the DeMolay rumored to have eaten the most pies stored in a fridge when this contest missed the schedule both Friday and Saturday. Pies were coconut cream. Second and third place awards were also presented.



## Advisors



Dads Roberts, Palmer and Kimball “If we could see with these dark glasses on, they probably would have asked us to officiate”.

## DeMolays

“I can’t wait till next year when they come up with other great and challenging events like putting on bumpy pavement.”



**“It was all part of the  
The FOOD,  
The FUN  
The FELLOWSHIP.”**



# Convention Chatter 2006 - Sunday

All Good things must come to a pause  
...until our next DeMolay time together.



Brandon does his best Buzz Lightyear  
impression "To Infinity and Beyond!"  
Or maybe LTC



Or perhaps Brotherhood Weekend



Or a Chapter event  
Or next year's Conclave or Convention.

In the Here and Now...

## There are Thanks A Plenty



Extended to the  
Convention  
Organizers,  
UNB,  
The attending  
DeMolays,  
Advisors and  
Guests.

Our intrepid  
photographer  
Mrs. Leslie Allen  
Our events program  
sponsors.

Some of our many dignitaries



Old friends met, new friends made,  
Until next time, keep on smiling!

