# Atlantic News

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### **EO's Welcome**

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Welcome to Atlantic News' inaugural issue. This publication intends: to initiate some into the world of DeMolay; inform others on DeMolay's day to day activities; and provide general interest stuff to share with many.

Anyone receiving this journal has the opportunity to express him or herself about a topic or interest

In DeMolay, as in all pursuits, there will be opportunities and challenges. That's what life is all about.

Come share your knowledge, experience and energy with us as we travel on a journey of self-discovery that will result in developing better leaders for a better tomorrow.

**Dad Bill Millett - Executive Officer** 

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What's in a Name?

The initial (temporary) name reflects the geographic coverage for items related to Masonic Sponsored youth groups.

CONTEST # 1: You can put your stamp on this Publication by

- 1] Proposing a new Name
- 2] Submitting an article (Movie or book review, sports commentary)



- 1] All who submit a suggested new name for our publication will be entered into a draw for a large pizza (their choice) from a pizzeria in their home town.
- 2] All who submit an article for the publication will be entered into a draw for a large pizza (their choice). This is a different pizza from Contest 1.

Send your answers to demolay@demolayatlantic.org

The world's most plentiful bird is the Red Billed Quelea. Flocks can number in the millions and take over 2 hours to fly by. They have no natural enemies and are like locusts in their ability to strip fields bare of grain & grasses.





### Rendezvous 2009

Have you heard about Rendezvous 2009?

It's a totally awesome time happening in Moncton New Brunswick, July 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2009

Things of interest an importance:

Rumor has it that Rainbow girls will be entering teams to compete in the events.

Cost is \$120.00 Canadian \$100.00 US

Sleeping accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Moncton.

Bedding is provided so no sleeping bags required, however I need to have the rooms reserved, so you need to book your space ASAP.

Boys will be issued a t-shirt which must be worn Saturday daytime, and a polo shirt to be worn Saturday evening.

Friday starts at Supper at the Moncton Masonic hall.

There will be activities planned for those who arrive for supper, and as the rest of the travelers arrive and finish eating, we will proceed into Surprise activity one.

Then there will be food again.

Then another activity including the infamous pie eating contest.

Then we will all head to the hotel for check in and sleep.

In the morning everyone cleans up and heads to the breakfast bar for the breakfast supplied, which includes hot items.

We will assemble in our meeting room, and then travel to Centennial Park via bus.

First event for everyone will be the Treego course. They do a training session, check your safety gear and demonstrate the course while making you try the test course 2 feet off the ground. They have certified instructors watching everyone as they progress through the course. If necessary they can rescue you from any spot on the course.

Next will be canoe races and canoe obstacle course. The other day events at the park include tug of war, Frisbee softball throw, and many others, all done as teams.

A lunch will be served.

You will have a pass to the pool for a swim as you desire.

Then a special event.

Then we head to the hotel, clean up, and go to the Moncton Masonic hall for supper, where we will be joined by representatives from various concordant bodies. Dress code for this is DeMolay Dress Casual, which means you are required to wear the polo shirt we give you, and neat and clean and pressed dress pants, black socks, and shoes.

After the supper, we will head to the lodge room and confer the initiatory degree and DeMolay degree on all available candidates.

The Girls will be off to their own event at that time.

Then there will be another special event. Then back to the Hotel for cleanup and lights out.

Sunday Morning, breakfast as before, then to the meeting room, where prizes and awards will be handed out, and every one departs for home by 10:30 am

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A Chapter is a group of DeMolays in a community that meet together to share common interests. There are 1000 chapters around the world.

**An Advisor** is an adult volunteer of a DeMolay Chapter. An Advisor could be your parents, a Freemason, or any trusted adult in the community.

How Chapters Work: Officers for each chapter are elected from among the membership. Those officers are responsible for running the chapter meetings and coordinating the planning of events. The decisions of the chapter are discussed (every member can express their opinion) at chapter meetings and voted on by all members. Different activities give each member the opportunity to lead.

As a DeMolay you and the other members decide, plan and enjoy the events and activities that you do. The Advisors are there to do just that. Advise.

### **Greetings from Phil Drader Chapter:**

I'm the Master Councilor (President) for Phil Drader, Coronation Chapter in Riverview (greater Moncton). This is going to be our first Jurisdictional newsletter, and I'm pleased to write a little blurb. First off I'd like to say to all the other DeMolay in the Atlantic Provinces have fun with DeMolay. To those who aren't members yet, get off the sidelines and into the game. You'll be glad you did. To the advisors, thanks for putting up with all the stuff we put you through and giving us reasonable guidelines. It looks to be a busy summer for DeMolay, and I look forward to meeting new friends from multiple jurisdictions Yours in Food, Fun, and Fellowship. **Brett Smith** 

### **Phil Drader Chapter Dad's Update:**

I'm Sean Simpson, the chapter Dad for Phil Drader, Coronation chapter. The chapter Dad is the advisor responsible for interacting with the chapter members during their regular and other planned activities.

New members have two parts to the joining process called degrees. The Initiatory Degree explains the virtues by which a DeMolay should guide his life. The **DeMolay Degree** introduces members to the historical Jacques DeMolay and demonstrates his valor and faithfulness to ideals.

May 27 Congratulations to our three recipients of the DeMolay Degree. Thanks to the members and Masons who took parts. The food was gourmet sundaes, and boy oh boy I could tell the guys enjoyed that.

June 9 at our regular business meeting we planned for Parent Appreciation, Buddy Night and Maine Conclave. We had snacks.

June 19 at 6:00, we had our annual Parents' Appreciation dinner. The parents seemed to enjoy customizing their pizzas as much as their sons.

Wednesday, June 24th, we're had a Buddy Night! This was a great opportunity to show other young men what DeMolay is all about.

Maine Conclave: As you read this we may be at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Once again this year, we are leaving at the hardly sane time of 5:50am Friday morning.

Clear your calendar for the weekend of July 17th, 18th, and 19th, because we've been invited to DeMolay Atlantic **Rendezvous 2009**. DeMolay from all over the Maritimes (and beyond!) have been invited, and I hear we have some exciting sports and other activities in store for us! The weekend will be casual dress, so leave that suit at home, and the hotel rooms have air conditioning!

Dad Sean Simpson

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### CRUSADER CHAPTER

From Roy Lively
Past Grand Master GLNS and
Advisory Board Chairperson
Crusader Chapter

After quite a few years, and the efforts of a number of people, Crusader Chapter is reopening in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A lot of work was done behind the scenes to get sponsors and people interested in training to become adult leaders. Through the assistance of established chapters and their leaders, Crusader Chapter has held several information sessions and a training session for leaders. The young boys who have attended these sessions, along with their parents, are really receptive to this chapter. At this point in time we have several prospective adult leaders ready for training and about ten boys.

At the meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>, the boys first of several outings were discussed and planned. The future looks good for Crusader Chapter.

Dear Atlantic Provinces DeMolay, I am very excited to write to you on behalf of Codiac Assembly in Moncton, and Canadian Rainbow.

Codiac has been keeping busy the last few months with things like Grandy Camp in Ontario. It's a weekend that includes leadership sessions, games, seeing old friends and ritual competitions! Our newest Rainbow, Serena Simpson, participated in her first ritual competition and we are very proud of her!!

Some of us made a trip to Bangor, Maine for Mara Davis' "Dare to Dream" Grand Sessions. We loved seeing the girls we had met on the joint Rainbow/DeMolay trips to Massachusetts.

In May we had our official visit from our Grand Worthy Advisor, Danielle Mills. She, Angela Mackey, and Melissa Cooper also took in Magnetic Hill and the Zoo.

We were happy to attend Phil Drader's May 2 Officer Installation. The advisors did a great job as the Installing Suite and we wish Brett and his officers all of the best.

Codiac Assembly's Installation is June 25. Jessica Worsley will be our Worthy Advisor. We're looking forward to a fun-filled term.

I was very excited to hear that members of DeMolay in NB might be able to attend the Banquet and Installation for Canadian Rainbow this August. The mutual support we show each other is so important for both groups. We really appreciate your encouragement.

I look forward to working with you at the Atlantic Nationals Car Show again this year and wish everyone a food-filled and fun summer of fellowship!!!

In Rainbow Love and Service, Daphne Cooper GWAA – Canada

Note: Rainbow is a girl's youth group that plans and runs some events and fundraisers jointly with DeMolay.

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#### By Alex Millett

Past Atlantic Provinces' Master Councilor

All right guys, you know we have a lot of fun in DeMolay, but we need to share this fun with others. Here are reasons why membership is important! Without your buddies around,

#### Who is there?

To compete against in all the sports and fun activities we do?

**To** share bragging rights with your parents, friends, teachers, about all the good times you had, all the trophies you won, and all the food, fun, and fellowship you had at a convention? **To** experience the satisfaction of running your own fundraisers and other activities? To plan and enjoy social activities with the Young Ladies from Rainbow?

No one is there to do those things if you don't promote the organization to all your buddies. Bring them out to the many fun activities the chapter will have this summer.

Advisors, I trust you're having just as much fun as the boys, because the 3 F's in DeMolay 1.Food, 2.Fun, & 3.Fellowship apply equally to the boys and the advisors.

To all the new members and advisors, give **DeMolay** 6 months, 1 road trip and 1 convention. You'll be glad you did!

Speaking of conventions, Rendezvous **2009** is coming up on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> here in Moncton. I heard there will be lots of food, events like TreeGo at Centennial Park, other physical challenges, and more fellowship than any DeMolay can handle. There are several other things I can't tell you about yet, you'll have to come out to Rendezvous to experience them.

What does it cost to join DeMolay? Each chapter has a low **life membership** fee. This entitles you to take part in the meetings and events. Some other chapter activities are paid for by the chapter's fund-raising activities. Other times, members must pay their own way. But don't forget...you're going to get a lot more out of each activity than you put in and you're doing stuff you want to do.

Who runs the show? (You run the show.) As a DeMolay you and the other members decide, plan and enjoy the events and activities that you do. The Advisors are there to do just that, Advise.

Officers for each chapter are elected from among the membership. Those officers are responsible for running the chapter meetings and coordinating the event planning. The Chapter's decisions are discussed and voted on by all members.

Adult advisors can give input, but they won't interfere unless it's absolutely necessary. The overall direction and operation of the chapter is up to the members themselves.

"DeMolay is a great organization. I've been involved with DeMolay for 12 years and It's helped me live the best years of my life."

Boys, go tell all your friends, "Hey I'm involved in this group called DeMolay, I think you should come out and see what it's all about, I can almost guarantee you'll have fun, I do."

Advisors, though the boys' membership is important, without dedicated advisors there is no DeMolay.

There is a membership drive going on right now, check out Pg 8 for the details on cash prizes & reduced registration to Rendezvous 2009.

As always, if you're having more fun then normal, eating all the food you can, and making new friends, it must be DeMolay.

Regards. **Alex Millett Past Jurisdictional Master Councilor DeMolay Atlantic Canada** 

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Make the MOSL
of Your Summer

By Adam Cooper
Atlantic Provinces' Master Councilor

Hey guys what's shakin'?

It's been a little while since I've seen many of you, but this little section should keep you up to date on things going on with me and with our jurisdiction in the coming months.

Summer is always a busy time and that is true for DeMolay with our numerous fun events and fundraisers.

June has arrived and we all know what that means Maine Conclave, always a blast. We DeMolay, north of the boarder, do well in ritual events, sports, the pie-eating contest and meet some new friends

Throughout the rest of the summer we have the car show weekend, July 11 & 12, our very



own Atlantic Provinces Rendezvous, July 17 - 19, and LTC leadership training in August, all of which are a wicked good time (Maine expression).

One thing I have learned while in DeMolay is that it isn't always what you're doing that makes things fun, but it's the people you do it with.

So remember to invite a few buddies out to share the good times.

I can say, as all our senior guys do, that DeMolay has had a positive effect on their life. Such a great organization offers a lot to its members without asking for much.

Come out and participate in as much as you can and you'll find many surprising benefits. Don't forget to thank he advisors and parents for their attendance and support. By the way, personal experience tells me Advisors are great people to use for **references**.

So, have a right on good time this summer, win some awards, learn a little something and eat a lot of food. Until next time keep your stick on the ice.

Adam Cooper JMC

By Reid Allen
Past Atlantic Provinces' Master Councilor

What DeMolay means to me is pretty much summed up in one word, brotherhood!

I have never been associated with any other organization where the feelings of friendship and comradeship have felt so natural.

The lifelong friendships that I have developed with the people of my home chapter, both the boys and advisors, or other people from other chapters in surrounding regions, is something I will never forget.

The lessons you come away with are seldom thought of through the process of membership.

They seem to be recognized and applied once you have taken a step back from DeMolay or have become a senior DeMolay. At least that's how it was for me.

I realize how fundamental DeMolay was in the overall growth of my personality and character as I grew into an adult.

When people say DeMolay is unlike any other organization, they're right. Who would have thought the learning process could be so much fun.

The leadership skills, the public speaking skills and the pride you have by helping others in your community are all virtues that you attain as a DeMolay.

DeMolay has definitely changed my perspective of the world, and has positively affected my life. Reid Allen PJMC



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Hey how's it going? My name is Brandon and I am writing to you about DeMolay and some things that we're doing soon. We're going to Maine Conclave at the end of June.

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Then, we'll be planning Rendezvous 2009 in Moncton with attendees stretched from Connecticut to Halifax. We'll do some fun things like the TreeGo course and of course eat our weights in food.

We have a lot of fun in DeMolay, and I put the road trips at the top of the fun list. We love road trips. In April 2008, we traveled with local Rainbow girls and joined a group of Maine Rainbow / DeMolay to visit the Scottish Rite National Heritage Museum in Lexington Massachusetts. As well as visiting this cool museum, we also witnessed the re-enactment of the April 18, 1775 Battle at Lexington. It was the first battle in the American War of Independence reenacted before our eyes with the canons exploding and the rifles firing. The Scottish Rite Masons of Maine covered the food and buses for the trip. And did I mention that the Rainbow girls were on the trip?

Another trip in October 2008 was also a joint DeMolay / Rainbow venture. We visited the Shriners Hospital in Springfield Mass., where we saw first hand how kids, who need to

get an artificial limb, live there and learn to adapt to their new limb. It was a very emotional and heart warming experience.

We also went to the Six Flags Amusement park the next day, where we screamed and yelled with all of the fun we had. It was definitely a fulfilling weekend. And don't forget, yes, there were girls there once again.

Brandon LeBlanc - J Chaplain

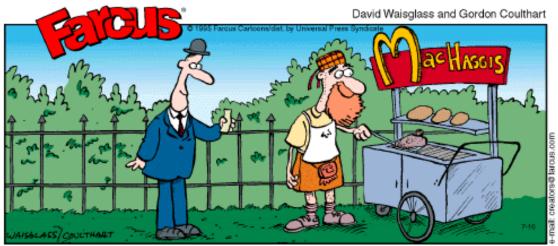
### A Friend

It is said that: A friend is someone who is there for you when they'd rather be somewhere else.

Certainly this holds true for the Mason's that were kind enough to take time out of their busy schedule to help put on the DeMolay Degree for the 3 new guys of Phil Drader Coronation Chapter.
Brandon, Brett and Nathan along with Chapter Dad Sean Simpson, EO Dad Bill Millett, Ted White DDGM, Worshipful Master of Acacia Lodge Joel LeBlanc, Scottish Rite Member Don Roberts, (friend of Sean's from work, and others who's names I can't remember!) Did a great job of depicting the degree.

The degree was well represented. This showed leadership, great speaking, and acting skills! We give a hearty thank you to the Mason's and a job well done to all!

Mom Page Valiquette - Mom Advisor- Phil Drader



In the early years ... before Ronald knew what the public wanted.

# Membership Promotion Program Summer – Fall 2009

For every new member you bring in between now and October 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 (No maximum)

## YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR CHOICE

- a \$20.00 rebate off your Rendezvous 2009, to a maximum of free registration,
- OR a day pass to Magic Mountain,
- OR a day pass to Crystal Palace
- OR a \$20.00 gift certificate at the food place of your choice

## AND if that member goes to Convention 2010, you get

- a \$20.00 rebate off your Convention 2010, to a maximum of free registration,
- OR a day pass to Magic Mountain,
- OR a day pass to Crystal Palace
- OR a \$20.00 gift certificate at the food place of your choice.

They must attend and, in my opinion, compete in Ritual and sports to be eligible.

Other conditions will apply, such as they must be initiated on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> 2009, and I must receive the proper paperwork and registration fees in the standard time lines required.

And this year there will be a special grand prize for the top first line signer.

Yours truly,
Dad Bill Millett
Executive Officer
DeMolay Atlantic Canada

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Since its formation, millions of young men have been members of DeMolay.



### DeMolay Alumni have:

Walked on the moon (Edgar Mitchell). Frank Borman and Vance Brand were also astronauts

Won a Super Bowl (Brett Favre),

Been the U. S. President (Bill Clinton),

Won 48 Oscars (Walt Disney),

Been the youngest person to win an Olympic Track and Field Gold Medal (Bob Mathias)

Acted (John Wayne),

Reported the news (Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather, David Goodnow)

Wrestled (The Undertaker)

Played Baseball (Pete Rose)

Been Inducted: Basketball Hall Of Fame (Bill Bradley)

And distinguished themselves as statesmen, business leaders, professional athletes and entertainers.

### Who Says?

### Be A Leader:

"Leaders are made, they are not born; and they are made just like anything else has ever been made - by hard work. And that's the price that we all have to pay to achieve that goal or any other goal." Vince Lombardi (football coach)

#### Ouch:

" If you could kick the person responsible for most of your troubles you would not be able to sit down for a week."- Anon

### **Again - Begin the Task:**

"Whatever you can do or dream, you can. Begin it. Boldness has genius, power, And magic in it." - Goethe

### **Get Started:**

"The way to get started is to guit talking and begin doing." -Walt Disney

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. -Lao Tzu

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life. - Confucius

The Dixie Chopper Lawn Mower Company has a lawn mower model that can mow a football field in 3 minutes.

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### Walt Disney & Mickey Mouse



Interestingly enough, both Walt and Mickey were DeMolays.

Walt Disney - an icon for generations, a man with a vision, a self-made success who built an empire with his drawings - was first a DeMolay.

"I feel a great sense of obligation and gratitude toward the Order of DeMolay for the important part it played in my life. Its precepts have been invaluable in making decisions, facing dilemmas and crises. DeMolay stands for all that is good for the family and for our country. I feel privileged to have enjoyed membership in DeMolay."

Try to imagine a world without Walt Disney, a world without his magic, whimsy, and optimism. Walt Disney transformed the entertainment industry, into what we know today. He pioneered the fields of animation, and found new ways to teach, and educate.

### LIFE RULES

By Sherry Carter Scott

- 1. You get only one body.
- 2. You will learn lessons. There are no friends or enemies. only teachers; by example / positive or negative.
- 3. There are ultimately no mistakes, only lessons.
- 4. A lesson is repeated until learned.
- 5. If you don't learn easy lessons, they get harder.
- 6. You'll know you've learned the lesson when your actions change. Only action turns knowledge into wisdom.
- 7. There is no better than here. When your there becomes a here; you'll again look for another there.
- 8. There is no right or wrong, only consequences. It gives opportunities to balance & learn.
- 9. Life is up to you. You have to live and die. The rest you make up.
- 10. The answers are within. Look, Listen & Trust.

### **DeMolay Leadership Training Conference**

August 16-22, **New Durham, New Hampshire Registration Forms must be** in the EO's hands by July 15. Check out the web site for more information. www.demolayatlantic.org and click on "Activities" **Becoming a Leader** Couldn't Be More Fun!

### Contest # 2

Each issue will have

- 1.] Random questions and
- 2.] Specific questions from articles in the newsletter. Send your answers to demolay@demolayatlantic.org

You must specify your name and chapter and what issue of the news letter you are reading And get your share of the Prizes. More pizza?

- 1. What Queen said, "Let them eat Cake?
- 2. What year was DeMolay founded?
- 3.What is the World's most abundant bird species?
- 4. Who is the United Nations Secretary-General and what country is he / she from?
- 5. What is the driest place on earth?
- 6.How many DeMolay Alumni were astronauts?
- 7. What does the Chinese' proverb about a Journey say and mean?
- 8. What DeMolay was a cartoonist?
- 9. What South American country is named after an Italian City?
- 10.What is the Earth's largest mammal?





# **Upcoming Events**

June 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>
Maine DeMolay Conclave

July 1<sup>st</sup>
Canada Day Celebrations

July 4<sup>th</sup> USA Memorial Day

July 9<sup>th</sup>
Eastern Star NB Grand
Chapter

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
Phil Drader Car Show
Fundraiser

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
Connecticut Conclave

July 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous 2009 Moncton, NB

August 8<sup>th</sup>
Maine DeMolay
85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
Massachusetts Conclave

August 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
Canadian Rainbow
Grand Assembly Sessions

August 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
Leadership Training
Conference

"Thoughts from the EO – Summer 2009"

Hello my Brethren in DeMolay,

I have already said welcome to our inaugural issue of DeMolay Atlantic Canada News. It is chocked full of interesting articles, reports, information. and generally speaking all around great reading. Something for everyone. П invite your comments about what you read here. There are several new additions to our web site coming to help with communications and they will be announced in our next news letter. It is my hope to increase communications amongst the members of DeMolay in Atlantic Canada.

Please take advantage of the contests. All the names will be entered into a draw for the prizes. You can enter as often as you wish for the "Name the Newsletter" contest. The "Submit an Article" contest every issue. runs and selections are made from all of the article entries to determine a winner.

As I type this letter, we are actually on the road returning from a completely awesome time visiting as guests of Maine DeMolay at their annual Conclave. All of the brethren and advisors have a great time, and the event was tremendous success. The weather forecast was for Rain all weekend, but EO Dad Gordon Kimball placed a call to

some un-named source and had the order changed to sun shine the whole time. Of course the new wiper motor we had put in the van for the trip was not wasted, because it rained most of our trip home.

There were many great activities and events to participate in and those who didn't get arranged to attend missed a great time. Actually the drive home is great for all of the advisors too as the silence if deafening, all except for the occasional loud snoring from the back seat.

The three F's were out in full force again, the Food was great, the Fun was awesome, and the Fellowship spectacular. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to the advisors and brethren of Maine DeMolay who make us feel like part of the family every time we visit.

As Alex says in his section on membership, you need to have fun, and they did, and you need to share the DeMolay story with people you know. Don't keep this fun all to yourselves, tell your friends and bring them out to an event. You both will be glad you did.

This is a pivotal turning point for DeMolay in **Atlantic** Canada, with new members and chapters springing everywhere. Crusader Chapter in Halifax is getting underway with several new members and

advisors. Border Chapter has a couple of new prospective members, Phil Drader has candidates. there and interest in DeMolay chapters is several other places including Edward Island Prince Newfoundland. The future is so Bright I got to wear shades!

Speaking of the future, Rendezvous 2009. What an event this is shaping up to be. There already is a write up in this issue about it. Take a look as I am confident you'll be just as excited about the planned events as I am.

I trust you have enjoyed your reading time in this new letter. Many people have contributed to the content. And the editorial process has been under the direction of Dad Gil Merideth. To everyone who contributed to the making this publication possible my sincere thanks, and p.s. start on your next articles. Our next issue will be out in a couple of weeks.

Check out the calendar of events listing and keep it handy. If you have any thoughts of attending any of them, call me or send me an email. I'll get you hooked up with the proper information.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Dad Bill Millett **Executive Officer** DeMolay Atlantic Canada eo@demolayatlantic.org