

# DE WITT CLINTON CHAPTER ORDER OF DE MOLAY

The 9th Stated Communication of DE WITT CLINTON CHAPTER, ORDER OF DE-MOLAY will be held on Thursday Evening, October 6th at 8 P-M, in the Chapter Room, St. Peter's Church, 54th St. & Lexington Avenue, New York City. The business of this Meeting will be the PUBLIC INSTALLATION of the newly elected Officers, followed by a Social Evening, Refreshments and Entertainment. It is urged that every Member of the Chapter attend this Meeting to pay honor to the new Master Councillor, ALF. VINJE, and his staff of Officers. Members of your Family, (Mothers, Fathers, Sisters and Brothers) your Sweethearts and Boy Friends are all invited to witness this ceremony. Boy friends in particular since an interested and enthused Boy Friend makes a new Member tomorrow. The Installation Ceremonies will be conducted by the Installing Team of NATHAN HALE CHAPTER, and all will remember the most excellent and impressive work that these boys portray. It will be an evening long to be remembered by your Family. So that we will have some idea as to how many people we can expect and to provide for, won't you please 'phone Bob Ashworth at Ravenswood 6-4505 some time on or before October 1st and tell him how many friends or members of your family will attend.

The 10th Stated Communication of DE WITT CLINTON CHAPTER, will be held on October 20th, 1949 at 8 P-M in the Chapter Room, St. Peter's Church, 54th St. & Lexington Avenue, New York City, to transact such business as may be brought before the Chapter followed by a Social Evening. Your presence is cordially requested, together with that of your DeMolay friends (members of the Order) so that the new Administration can get off to a splendid start, and a good DeMolay year for De Witt Clinton assured. Progress should be our password, and this requires the cooperation and continuous hard work of every member of the Chapter.

## FROM THE "RETIRING" MASTER COUNCILOR

"As this is my last message to you as Master Councilor, I take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of being your first M.C. and for the cooperation you gave me.

"I am especially indebted to the Officers and Advisory Council who served with me.

"I hope you will give the same help and cooperation to the new Master Councilor and the many more to follow.

"I will always do all I can in anyway possible to help the Chapter.

"I am sure we are headed for a very successful term and for the years ahead"

Fraternally,  
"BOB" Ashworth.

## THE MASTER COUNCILOR ELECT SPEAKS---

#I deeply appreciate my election as your next Master Councilor. It will be my privilege to serve you as faithfully as Brother Ashworth did the past 4 months

"Before our Chapter was organized, we all had our hardships to overcome, but by the Grace of God and the redundant work of our Advisors, we are now a Chapter in very good standing. It was a tedious task for everyone connected with the Chapter. The big step now is for all of us to put our shoulder to the wheel and work toward a Chapter greater and better as we progress along. If there is no cooperation, we shall soon find out that the way down is easier than the way up, though I have a deep and firm conviction in my heart that the brethren of our Chapter as the leaders of the America of tomorrow, will not fail our Chapter. The best is yet to come.

"Once again, I thank the brethren of the Chapter, the Advisory Board and the Members of the Third Manhattan Masonic District for investing themselves, their time and their talent in an Organization that I know will pay just dividends in the future.

Fraternally yours,  
ALF. F. VINJE JR.  
Master Councilor Elect.

GET THAT NEW MEMBER

As we begin to pull away from our trial period with renewed vigor and optimism for our future, an exigency confronts us which compels your earnest attention and cooperation. That is the subject of our MEMBERSHIP. If we are to build up program interest which is necessary to maintain a successful Chapter, we must have the Members to fit into that program, and while at this time, our present Membership constitutes the nucleus of a very fine organization, the need for additional Members is considerably acute. YOU must have a friend, an acquaintance, Members of your Church or School or other companion organization who is excellent material and needs DE MOLAY. Talk it up to him or the m and let's adopt an immediate slogan--DOUBLE THE MEMBERSHIP BY NEW YEAR. We have only two active months to do it. Let each and every Member take it upon himself to introduce at least ONE prospective new member, and the task will be easy. And don't forget the honors that will accrue to every Member who brings in a new Member. Make this a super-human effort and a MUST - What you do to it is your Chapter - Make the most of this opportunity ---

THE DEGREE OF HONOR

At the last session of the GRAND COUNCIL of DE MOLAY, the Popular and Affable DAD McMILLAN of Nathan Hale Chapter, was awarded this distinguished honor, few of whom can wear it with the pride, distinction and honor with which Dad McMillan is privileged. The presentation of this, the highest honor in DE MOLAY, will be made to "Mac" at the Portchester, N.Y. Masonic Temple on Saturday Evening, October 8th. It is hoped we can arrange for a good delegation from DE WITT CLINTON CHAPTER to pay signal honor and respect to this fine DE MOLAY worker and inspiration on that Evening, who so willingly both for himself and Nathan Hale, gave of his time & effort to start DE WITT CLINTON on the right foot. We appreciate his work for us. LET US SHOW HIM we mean it. It will be an evening well spent.

"SHEKELS FOR SCHINKEL"

By this we do not mean that "Dad" Schinkel, the Chairman of our Advisory Board has been de-valued - quite the contrary. For his outstanding work and endeavours in connection with his Masonic Lodge, the Third Manhattan District (our sponsors) and Maschry in general, the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York has seen fit to appoint "Dad" Schinkel ~~was~~ Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island near the Grand Lodge of New York. We rejoice with "Dad" in this new honor and responsibility which the Grand Master has bestowed upon him with our sincere hopes for increased happiness and longevity and may further honors come his way in the days to come.

DE WITT CLINTON DANCE

Master Councillor "Bob" Ashworth at the last Meeting appointed an active Committee to look into and make preliminary arrangements for our first DANCE sometime in late October or early November. Further details will be released by the Committee just as soon as they are available. Be prepared however to get back of the Committee and support this your first social venture with all the enthusiasm at your command.

BASKETBALL TEAM

Another Committee is also investigating the formation of a Chapter Basketball Team. We believe we have outstanding material for such a team and if formed, we would be eligible for the DE MOLAY league. You athletes, get back of this Committee and come out for the Team. Let's spread the activities and prowess of DE WITT CLINTON all over the District and the hinterlands. BOWLING has also been suggested. Provided we have the interest in the Membership, your Advisory Council will do all possible to promote any worthwhile activity that we feel will benefit the Chapter as a whole. If you have further suggestions, let us have them - don't keep them to yourself - An active Chapter is a healthy Chapter - provided you dig in and do your share.

DE WITT CLINTON is to be congratulated in that among its charter class of Members, it could come up with "BOB" Ashworth as its first Master Councillor. For a Chapter in its early teens, still in its infancy of organization and with many problems yet before it, the duties of Master Councillor were more arduous, onerous and strenuous than they normally would have been. It is the unanimous feeling of all the Chapter that "BOB" came through as we all expected with flying colors and with great dignity and considerable distinction. He now goes back to the ranks feeling no doubt richer in mind and conviction for his experiences in DEMOLAY and as your first Master Councillor, with the hope no doubt of all of us, that he will continue to serve the Chapter as never before and to continue to do his part in furthering the progress and growth of DE WITT CLINTON. Our heartfelt thanks "BOB" from all of us with our very best wishes for your future health, and looking forward to the benefit of your continued activity and assistance in the program of the Chapter.

"DEAN" DRAKE GOES TO COLLEGE

As we go to press, we have just learned that "Dad" Drake, or "Louis, drop that missile" has been admitted into that sacred Hall of Fame identified with N.Y.U. Or to put it mildly and on the line, has gone into retreat for a little while to do a little post-mortem or post-graduate work to pick up a point or two here and there where it will do him the "mostest of the bestest". "Dad" Lou did outstanding and meritorious work in the initial phases of organizing our Chapter and is a tower of strength as one of its initial Advisors. We sincerely hope these extra-curricular College activities he is now undertaking will not deprive DE WITT CLINTON Chapter of one minute of the time he has and is devoting to it. We need his counsel, DEMOLAY experience and his wisdom to help us carry on to success. Good luck in your studies Lou and trusting that you will be with us for a long time to come in this crusade. With "Dad" Schinkel having "R.W"fore of his name and "Dad" Drake "M.A.Ph.D.L.L.B.C.O.D."aft, this should be a "Council of Letters".

What is your choice??? A Chapter Bulletin monthly something like this or a plain postal card notice announcing your Meetings. The Council believes you like this type of notice, and consequently has taken it upon itself to get out this, the second such notice. If your choice is this kind of Bulletin, then the Chapter Members should get out all succeeding Bulletins. We know lots of you have the ability and capability of either writing, managing, or contributing in some worth while way to a Bulletin of this sort. You are now being challenged. Won't some ambitious Member or Members come forward and volunteer to either edit, subscribe to or work in some way on the production of a worth while Bulletin for the Chapter of which you all will be proud. The Council will see to it that the necessary provisions for printing or mimeographing are made available to the Editorial Board, but the material should and will have to be representative of the Members of the Chapter and not of the Board, except when solicited, when it will always be cheerfully made ready and available. See one of the "Dads" at the next Meeting and volunteer for your part in preserving your Chapter Bulletin.

"DUES \* DUZ EVERYTHING"

They do everything to maintain your Chapter in good, sound, financial condition and strength and should be paid promptly so as <sup>not</sup> to injure or reflect upon the regular budgetary expenses of running the Chapter. The DEMOLAY year starts October 1st, and all dues should be paid within 30 days from that date. This year the dues will be pro-rated since you paid a full year's due upon initiation, yet enjoyed only a half year's Membership, or approximately two thirds. See the Scribe as soon as possible and collect your new due card, which he will cheerfully give you upon presentation of your not too greatly de-valued currency. Yes boys, DUES - DUZ EVERYTHING to keep you in good standing and your Chapter in good, sound health. And with that "A very happy NEW YEAR of DEMOLAY, for DEMOLAY and every DEMOLAY for the new fiscal year starting October 1st -----"