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News from Winston-Salem #37

76TH GRAND ASSEMBLY: With 12 members and a Majority Member from Brazil, we made our way to Raleigh on June 23rd for Grand Assembly 2013. It began with a Church and Memorial Service followed by a cookout and dance at the Wake County Shrine Club. Monday consisted of practices, competitions and the informal opening. Tuesday we witnessed the initiation of nine new members and the majority service for two. And in what can only be described as a flash, the Rainbow Session of Teamwork and Leadership was complete, and we were beginning the 77th Session of Faith, Love and Laughter adorned in our *Assembly of the Year* sashes. It was fast, brilliant and exhausting all at once. **Congratulations** to our new Grand Representatives: *Laura Carmona* (Bolivia), *Morgan Frank* (WV), *Jennifer Jaramillo* (MD), *Sarah Stanley* (KY), *Kaitlynne Tuttle* (ME), *Lydia Wonderly* (FL); and our Grand Officer *Emily Williard* (Grand Faith).

HOME RUN FOR LIFE: : Stephanie Vargas was honored as a WFBH Brenner Kid for her extraordinary courage and character on Sunday, July 7, at the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game against the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. In front of her family and IORG sisters, Stephanie ran the bases between innings and completed her Home Run for Life.

FOUNDER'S DAY: A Founder's Day Service was held at our first stated meeting on July 8th to commemorate the birth of Rev. W. Mark Sexson, founder of IORG. After the service, we had cupcakes and lots of goodies in his honor.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: Christmas is a wonderful time of year to spend with family, but it is also a really busy time of year, so the NC Masonic Youth decided to celebrate Christmas in July this year. Family from across the state gathered on July 20-21 in Winston-Salem and decorated the lodge and our Christmas tree. We sang carols and played games. After a delicious turkey dinner, we even had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Eventually (3 a.m.) the "children" were nestled all snug in their beds (or sleeping bags) while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 28:** Amran Shriners Clown Event
- **August 8-11:** NC DeMolay Conclave
- **August 24:** Wake County Shrine Club Luau
- **August 31:** 1st IORG Official Visit

News from the DeMolay

IORG GRAND ASSEMBLY FROM A DEMOLAY'S POINT OF VIEW: DeMolay from Winston-Salem, Raleigh, and Fayetteville served as ushers at this year's IORG Grand Assembly. The gentlemen performed admirably, escorting all of the distinguished female guests to the Grand East. Here's what a few thought of the grand event...



IAN'S PERSPECTIVE: I really enjoyed myself at Grand. Meeting new people and making new friends is something that I have always enjoyed doing. Thanks for the wonderful opportunity for me to converse with new people and to meet all of those fine young women.



KENDALL'S PERSPECTIVE: My favorite part was meeting the other DeMolay guys who were there. The worst part was that the introductions were really, really long.



ANDREW'S PERSPECTIVE: I really love going to Grand because we get to hang out with our Masonic family from across the state, like a big family reunion.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: At the invitation of the Greensboro Masonic Youth, the Triad Masonic Youth and the Raleigh IORG Assembly traveled to Greensboro early on the morning of Thursday, July 4, to participate in the 2013 Fun Fourth Festival Independence Day Parade, which began at 9:30 am. Some rode on the 23rd Masonic District float while others walked beside it and handed out candy. It was a lovely day to celebrate our independence!

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR PICTURES ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP PAGES. OUR GROUPS ARE WSIORG AND WSDMOLAY. JUST ASK TO JOIN THE GROUP.



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