



# Triad Masonic Youth

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## News from Winston-Salem Assembly #37

## News from the DeMolay

**NC MASONIC YOUTH VISIT WHITESTONE:** The North Carolina DeMolay hosted a family reunion at WhiteStone to cap off the Thanksgiving weekend and prime us for the Advent season. A little more than 45 DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, parents and advisors descended on the campus on Sunday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, for an afternoon with our extended family. A Sunday service in the Chapel was conducted by Andrew Williard, Master Councilor of the Winston-Salem DeMolay chapter, during which he enumerated the things for which he is thankful, culminating with his membership in the greater Masonic family. Following the message, Mrs. Ernestine Beal, WhiteStone resident and mother of three Senior DeMolays, accompanied the group on piano as Christmas carols were sung. The event concluded with refreshments, which were brought by the NC Rainbow Girls, and a whole lot of fellowship in the Activity Room. It was a glorious afternoon spent with family and the perfect way to begin the holiday season.

**MEBANE CHRISTMAS PARADE:** The North Carolina Masonic Youth met in Mebane on Friday night, December 7<sup>th</sup>, to take part in the town's annual Christmas parade. Most members rode on a float of white and blue wintriness while others carried an 8 foot garland-outlined banner that displayed the IORG and DeMolay logos and websites. After the parade, the group enjoyed pizza and fellowship at the local bowling alley, and although the night had been cold and rainy, the warmth of being with friends mixed with holiday cheer was all that was needed for the event to be a success.

**CHRISTMAS TEA AND INITIATION:** Bahama Assembly initiated three new members on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Members from Raleigh, Spring Lake, and Winston-Salem attended the initiation. Afterwards, tea and cocoa were served in a variety of beautiful Christmas cups along with an assortment of delicious cookies and sweets.

**WELCOME:** We're so excited to welcome *Stephanie Vargas* and *Laura Carmona* into our sisterhood. We look forward to many, many fun times together.

**INITIATION IN GREENSBORO:** On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, DeMolay brothers from Greensboro, Raleigh, Asheboro, and Winston-Salem met at the downtown temple in Greensboro to initiate 2 new brothers into the Raleigh Chapter, 2 into Asheboro, and 2 into Winston-Salem. A reception and fellowship followed the degrees.

**WELCOME:** We welcome *Tyler Brown* into the Winston-Salem Chapter, and congratulate *Nathan Noah* on receiving his DeMolay degree.

**TANGLEWOOD FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** The Triad Masonic Youth enjoyed a recognized "Top 20 Event in the Southeast" on Monday night, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Amassed in the backs of two trucks, the group of 16 made the 4 mile trek through Tanglewood Park enjoying the 180 holiday displays and over one million lights while listening to Christmas carols. Although rain threatened, it was a beautiful starry night, and we even stopped for hot chocolate at the bon fire.

**PEPPERMINT BALL:** The Winston-Salem Chapter of DeMolay hosted a Peppermint Ball on Saturday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, with a lock-in following. Just over 60 Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and advisors from as far away as Jacksonville did the Wobble, the Electric Slide, the Cupid Shuffle and many other dances to music provided by First Class DJs. All told, ten DeMolay Chapters and IORG Assemblies were represented. In addition to a great cardio workout, everyone enjoyed the time together cutting loose (footloose) and raising money for the American Cancer Society, and although the attire was formal, within an hour and a half it became apparent that everyone was there to have some serious fun.



### TRIAD MASONIC YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **Jan 12:** IORG Ice Skating & Sleepover
- ♦ **Jan 12:** DeMolay Ski Trip
- ♦ **Jan 28:** DeMolay Election of Officers

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