



Convention Chatter 2007 - Friday



Welcome to Convention 2007!

It's all about food, fun and fellowship!



Maine DeMolay & Advisors
"We're here, now What?"

On the field, the marksmen had begun their quest for Glory!



Dad Jim Hanley
Professes to once
Having worked with
Robin Hood.

Dad Lloyd Smith
Demonstrates
Proper bow
Techniques.

Sports Began



Jason had the form at free
throw B-Ball, but rumor has
it that they just weren't
falling.



Markspeople Continued!



Maine EO Gordon Kimball smoked the targets at paintball.



Mom Havu tried her hand, but was reported to have hit more bushes than targets.

Target shooting continues on Saturday, and is joined by every other sporting event.

The Pool



Those who made it to the pool were well advised by Dads Nichols & Palmer.



Then, Time for supper.





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Dining Continued:



Happy I guess, we can even have seconds!



Happy I guess, look at the people I'm with!

The Opening



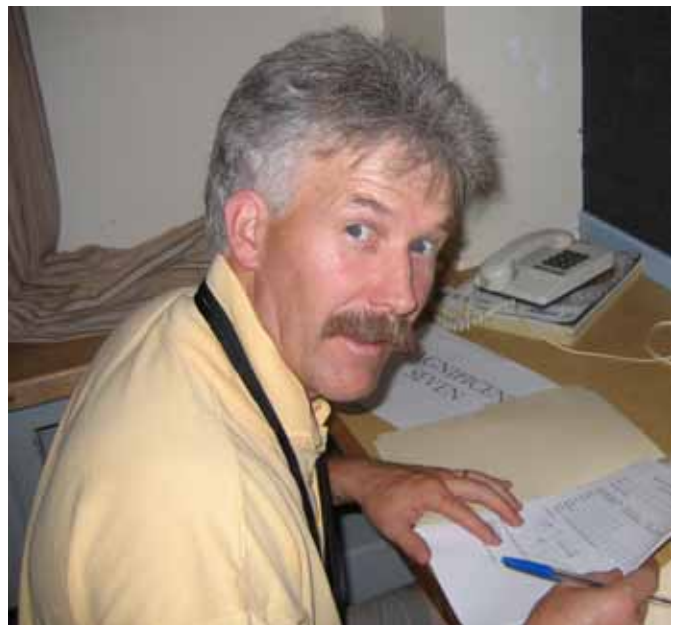
Jurisdictional MC Alex Millett opened Convention, with remarks from EO Bill Millett & Maine EO Gordon Kimball.

Ritual:

After the convention was called to recess, the Demolays left for last minute cramming, while the advisors got their judging assignments.



Adam Cooper performs The Ceremony of Lights.



Dad George Cooper compiles the ritual results. Dad Cooper was commended by the EO for being organized THIS year.

Later That Evening:



Friends from Connecticut arrived:

EO Harry Needham III, and Dad Carl Eck, eo's staff and long time Region 1 TLC instructor arrived with a contingent including the state MC.

(more about them in tomorrow's edition)



More Food Arrived! PIZZA!!

The advisors, who were mostly full from supper, assisted the Demolays so that none had to sleep on an empty stomach.

Pie Happened!



Dessert is always popular and when it's your favorite, just like Mom makes, who can resist?



The winner and all participants were ecstatic. The winners name was not available at press time, But will be reported in tomorrow's edition.

Pie Eater Revealed

Greg Goto of Connecticut was the winner pictured in the Pie Eating Contest of yesterday's issue.

Sports Aplenty

Tug of war, 4 on 4 B-ball, Dodge ball and Volleyball led the charge into a full day of sports. Check out the website demolay.nbmf.org. for pictures of these events as captured by intrepid cub photographers.



The Golf Putting was on carpet this year. This proved to be a smoother process than the pavement used as the putting surface last year.

Surprisingly, the intrepid competitors' scored about the same regardless of the conditions.



Ping pong, along with cribbage and chess were contested at Aiken house.



A **wacky relay race** requiring an advisor as part of the team was a new event this year. Fortunately no advisor casualties were



reported, although it is reported that the Convention will need to buy additional health insurance if the event is to repeat next year.

As evidenced, making a fashion statement and swapping these items with your relay partners was part of the fun.

Banquet: Dad George Cooper helped sooth everyone's appetite by piping in the Head Table Guests.

Special Guests:



Alex Millett, Jurisdictional MC and MC for the evening introduced the **guests**.

Head Table:

- Darrell Munn, Potentate, Luxor Shiners',
- Mrs. Susan Munn
- Brother Robert King, Order of Eastern Star
- Mrs. Mickie King, Order of Eastern Star
- Dad Maurice Linkletter, Past EO, Atlantic
- Mrs. Nancy Linkletter
- Dad Bill Millett, EO, Atlantic Canada DeMolay
- Mom Shelley Millett,
- Alex Millett, Jurisdictional MC
- Alex's guest, Miss Sarah Ronalds
- Ben Weisner, State Master Councilor, Maine
- Ben's guest, Miss Caitlin Walton
- Chris Werner, State M C, Connecticut
- Dad Harry Needham III, E O, Connecticut
- Dad Gordon Kimball, E O, Maine DeMolay
- Bill Boone, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

Other Guests:

- Miss Jessica Mitchell, WA Assembly #25, IORG
- Miles Graham, Deputy Grand Master NB
- Mrs. Paula Graham
- Dad Dana Ryder, Honorary Dad – Phil Drader
- Mrs. Nancy Ryder, DeMolay Booster
- Mrs. Linda England, DeMolay Booster
- Dad Wayne Bannister – Past EO – Atlantic
- Dad William H. Balsler Junior, Legion of Honor



A delicious roast pork buffet was enjoyed by all.

Strawberry shortcake is a popular and delicious dessert choice this time of year. Dad Dana Ryder shows his appreciation.

Installation

PMC Dave Evans led the installation team of Dad George Cooper, Dad Jim Hanley and Dad Clifford Jackson. Alex Millett was installed Master Councilor and Adam Cooper Senior Councilor for 2007 -2008.



Dad George Cooper and Adam Cooper look pleased with the proceedings after his installation.

Do any of the readers think that Dad Cooper is starting to look a lot like Dad Gordon Kimball or, is it just the imagination of the editorial staff?

Recognition and surprise!



Brandon LeBlanc receives a Hats Off award from Dad Bill Millett. The Hats Off award was presented to Phil Drader chapter's three councilors, Matt Jones, Brandon LeBlanc and Brett Smith for their Teamwork and co-operative leadership style.

Father's Talk



Alex Millett expressed the Fathers' Talk for his dad Bill Millett.

Cross of Honor:

The Cross of Honor was conferred on Dad Wilf Richter by DeMolay: Aaron Richter, Alex Millett, and Adam Cooper.



EO Bill Millett presents Dad George Cooper the Atlantic Advisor of the year award.



This award is for meritorious service to and for DeMolay.

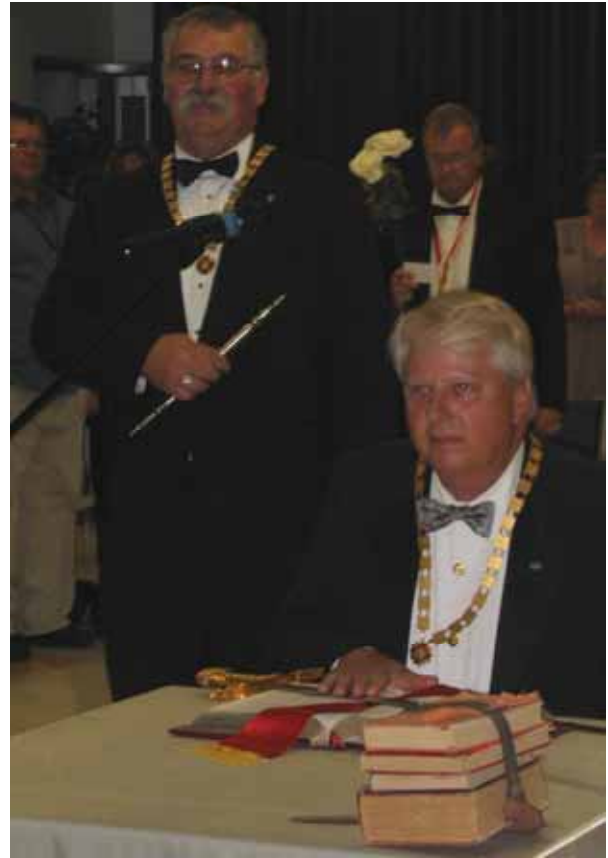
Chevalier Degree Investiture:

Installing Officer Dad Dana "Duke" Ryder, assisted by Dad Gil Meredith, Dad Carl Ek, Dad Gordon Kimball and PMC Dave Evans invested Brother Alex Millett with his Chevalier Medallion.



MWB Bill Boone, Dad Moe Linkletter, and Dad Millett assist Installing Officer Dad Ryder in applying the Chevalier chord and medallion.

Cross of Honor Investiture:



Dad Moe Linkletter takes his obligation.



Our banners were glorious!

Special thanks to Mom Linda England for taking all the great photos.



Steve Nichols led a team of George Cooper, Gil Meredith, Gordon Kimball, Harry Needham, Bill Millett, Bill Balsler, Duke Ryder, Wayne Bannister, Dana Ryder, Paul Deschambault, Jim Greenwood and Carl Ek in conferring Demolay's highest award for public service.