



# Convention Chatter 2004 Native Son Returns

**EO's as pleased as they look!**



**Gord Kimball and Moe Linkletter take a break from the action during the first day of Convention – Atlantic 2004.**

### Maine DeMolay Tours New Brunswick

In honor of Atlantic Canada's first DeMolay convention this century, some Mainers on the way to the convention traveled New Brunswick's back roads, admiring the evergreen forests. Evidently they don't get to see enough forests in Maine

Besides both having large forests, Maine & New Brunswick share the best lobster and blueberries in the world. Just ask them.

### DeMolays kneel on Left Knee

The method that DeMolays use for kneeling was modeled after George Washington's devotional style.

### UNB Hosts

Michelle McNeil and JP were made honorary DeMolays for the convention weekend by EO Moe Linkletter for all their help on campus. They're now sporting convention golf shirts.



**New Brunswicker, Dad Dana Ryder returned to NB for the convention with his two favorite ladies.**



**Mom Linda England Mom Nancy Ryder**

**Dad Ryder and Dad Tom England along with NB's Norm Keirstead and Wayne Bannister wouldn't take no for an answer and got Phil Drader – Coronation chapter started in 1991.**

**The rest is history and there's been a friendly rivalry between Maine and New Brunswick ever since.**



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## Sports a plenty! Volleyball



Ben Walton of Bangor Chapter cranks a serve so hard it backed up to his elbow. For results, stay tuned for Sunday awards.

## The Pool

The pool was so cool; we're looking forward to the free swim again Saturday.

## The Food



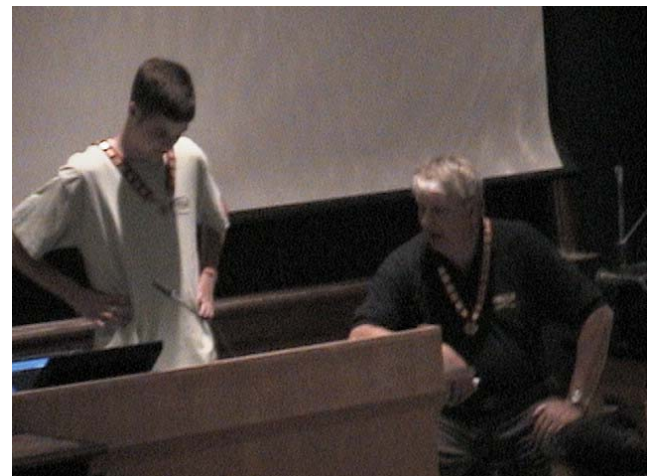
The food is close. No long energy burning walks between my room and the eating hall. But the many activities are crowding my eating time; after all, we're just growing boys.

## The Rope



From this picture, it's hard to say whether they're pushing or pulling. But there was definitely a lot of effort being generated.

## Opening ceremonies



An attentive crowd listened as MC Reid Allen and EO Moe Linkletter officially opened the convention. The ritual competition started soon after, with a BBQ outside the dining hall at 11:00.





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## Through the perilous night!



And in the morning they were here. Dad Palmer spent some anxious hours waiting for Mom June and Frankie to arrive. They landed around 4 a.m. Saturday morning.

Evidently, we need to lobby our politicians for more direct routes from Maine to the capital.

The above picture shows the reunited family around noon.

**Cross Country:** The day began with a refreshing cross campus jaunt.

**And then, Rumor has it,  
That it rained!**

The field house hosted 4 on 4 basketball and soccer obstacle, and at Kidd hall.

## PING PONG



Dad George Cooper tried to sneak into the singles play. And although with reflexes like a teenager, was recognized as too grey to be accepted.

He **blustered** that an advisor category was needed.



Reid Allen proved that keeping your eye on the ball will pay off as he won the senior's category.



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## Meanwhile.....

St John Ambulance worker Monica appears to be having difficulty screwing Dad Mike Farrel's head on straight.



Dad Ferrell claims to be better for the exchange.

I 'm not sure what this is, but we had it for lunch.



Evidently, it was heavily laced with serotonin (turkey sleeping stuff).



## Chess

This is more fun than watching paint dry!







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## More Chess

Don't bug me, can't you see I'm thinking 6 moves ahead.



James Snelgrove: chess player with attitude.

In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight.



Man, the lounge furniture is so..... Comfortable.

Driving through the night is so tiring.

## The pool



1) This gravity defying feat brought to you by digital photography.

2) I can't figure out whether this clock is on Canadian or American time.





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**3) Dude! Has anyone seen the other tires from my car?**



**3) Can you figure out which DeMolay swam the extra length?**



**This proves that not only your body needs to be buffed when you're hanging out at the pool.**

**Banquet** Dad George Cooper helped sooth everyone's appetite by piping in the dignitaries.

## Dignitaries:

Dad Don Roberts, the convention Director and MC for the evening introduced the Head table.

Mrs. Pat Roberts; Reid Allen - Atlantic Provinces Master Councilor; Jennifer Millet – Past Worthy Advisor Codiac Assembly #25 Rainbow for Girls; Frankie Palmer - State Master Councilor, Maine DeMolay; Mr. Gordon Rattray - Most Worshipful Grand Master Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; Mrs. Nancy Linkletter - E.O. 's Wife; Dad Maurice Linkletter - Executive Officer, Atlantic Provinces DeMolay, Deputy Member ISC; Dad Gordon Kimball Jr. - Executive Officer Maine DeMolay, Active Member ISC; Mrs. Joanne Ryder; Dad Ernie Ryder, - Active Member Inter. Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay; Mom Linda England - Maine DeMolay.

At sub-table 1: Bill Millett DeMolay Assistant EO, Shelley Millett Mother Advisor - Rainbow, Gerald Chaulk – Scottish Rite, Fran Chaulk Gerald's wife, Bob Johnston – McLeod Moore Conclave - York Rite; J.P.Harmon – UNB Liaison.

At sub-table 2: Bob King DeMolay / Rainbow Advisor, Luella Palmer - Past Worthy Advisor National Rainbow, Donna Allen - Worthy Grand Matron, Collin Allen – Grand Chaplain, John Murray - Worthy Grand Patron, Anne Murray – Grand Ruth (OES).

At sub-table 3: Bill Allen - DeMolay Advisory Board chairman, Leslie Allen – convention coordinator, Dana Ryder – Mr. DeMolay, Nancy Ryder – DeMolay friend, Clyde Ferris - Member Inter. Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay; Joy Ewing - Clyde's Lady friend.

At sub-table 4: Gil Meredith DeMolay Advisor, Peter Devlin –York Rite, Kandie Devlin – Peter's wife, Carr Graham – Past Grand Master – NB Masons and Canadian Supreme Council – DeMolay, Nettie Graham – Carr's wife, Misty Leet – Joe Kidd hall liaison.





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## Recognitions:

Mom Linda England was recognized for long time support of NB DeMolay. Her gracious response was she does it because she loves the way the young man mature through DeMolay.

Dad Bob King was recognized for his constant involvement without expected acknowledgement.

Damyn Killam was recognized for his continuous enthusiasm since his involvement with DeMolay



Damyn receives his plaque from Dad Moe.

## Installation:

After a sumptuous meal, and greetings, all retired to Marshall D'Avray theatre.

## Squire Manor initiated.



Five new members were initiated, beginning a new history in NB DeMolay. There are 4 additional members waiting to join. This group of 10 – 12 year olds will run their own show, with a close association with the local DeMolay chapter.

Damyn Killam is the new Master Squire. Dad Bill Allen will be the Manor Advisor.



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DeMolays three favorite talks were then exemplified. Dave Evans performed the Ceremony of Lights. Reid Allen gave the Father's Talk to his father Dad Bill Allen. Luke Cooper exemplified the Flower Talk.

### The suite:

Reid Allen	MC
Dave Evans	SC
Caleb Blake	JC
Brendan Chase	Chaplain
Adam Cooper	Marshall

### Atlantic Provinces Suite



MC Reid Allen stands with his Maine counterpart Frankie Palmer.

Reid thanked all the attendees and organizers for making the convention a success.

### Then! Oh, how they danced!



### And! Oh, how they watched!







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