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Zach Hilko

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Steven Verovich

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Dan Marshall

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Gordon Shuler

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DeMolay Patriot's Day

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, and 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30." Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

Their shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.



February Events

- 1 Stated Meeting - 7:30pm (Parent's Club 6:30pm)
- 6 Basketball
- 11 Sleepover
- 12 Civic Service – Police Car Wash
- 13 Basketball 3:00pm
- 15 Stated Meeting - 7:30pm Degrees
- 19 State Ritual Comp.
- 20 Basketball
- 26 Installation
- 27 Basketball & CD
- March**
- 1 Stated Meeting - 7:30pm (Parent's Club 6:30pm)
- 5 State 3 on 3 Basketball & Post Colors for Medina Commandery
- 12 Parent's Club Dinner 6:30pm



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Morning News

Brothers, This newsletter is going out late once again. We need some members to volunteer to write articles for the newsletter. The Councilors are already supposed to write an article each month, but there are a lot of other things the rest of the members can write about. You can pick an activity we had and write about it or something from school, just about anything really. If you are interested in writing for the newsletter please let me know.

Thank you to all of you members who helped with our inspection and made it a success.

Fraternally,

Sean Shuler

Advisory Council

It is very important to a chapter's success that it have a strong and active advisory council. The young men of our chapter need your leadership to set examples worthy of their emulation. With the new requirements of budget planning and strong standing committees we will have to continue to work hard for success. We can lessen our work load by finding more active Advisors. Keep your eye out for such leaders in your lodges.

As we begin the new term the Chairman will be re-assigning advisors to cover the necessary areas. Please let the chairman know if there is a particular area that you are interested in.

Fraternally,
Douglas Shuler
Chapter Advisor

Sports

We finished the regular season with 2 wins and 2 losses in 2nd district basketball and we have lost our first playoff game. We still have another chance since it is double elimination, so, we need to regroup and do better.

Medina Chapter

The News at Noon

We did it! On Tuesday, February 15, 2005 we initiated our 6th member of the term. We have all worked hard on finding new prospects, getting them to join, and learning degree work, but it was all worth it to meet our goal of 6 members in each term. The bad news is that the new term starts in a couple weeks and we will have to start all over again, but I know we can do it again!

Sincerely,
Steven Verovich

Evening News

The fruit sale is now over, but I don't have the numbers about how much we made yet. With the new term beginning soon we need to lay out our fundraising activities so that we can meet our budget.

Remember guys we can't keep doing all the fun activities without working hard to make the money to pay for it, so, please participate in the fundraisers. You can earn money toward Conclave and other DeMolay activities by supporting them.

Sincerely,
Zachary Hilko

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