

2010 Virginia DeMolay Humanitarian Award Submission

Cmdr William L. Herndon Chapter

The members of Cdr. William L Herndon Chapter has extended their efforts in the community over the 2009-2010 Conclave year with involvement hi both local and Masonic efforts as well as ... Herndon has taken great pride in achieving the Humanitarian Award in years passed an in an effort to ensure the award stay in Herndon the members participated in at least one event every months.

Provided landscaping for a Masonic Widow, Virginia Russell -

Herndon provided lawn care for the Russell family at their house in Reston. David Russell was the Marshal for Herndon lodge and was suffering from pancreatic cancer and aldehymers. The members of the chapter provided lawn care to Mrs. Virginia Russell on multiple occasions throughout the year. After Brother Russell passed away the Master Councilor or an Advisor would contact Mrs. Russell at least once a month to determine if she needed any assistance. In the winter we contacted Mrs. Russell before any pending snowstorm to make sure she had supplies and offer assistance with the snow removal.

Provided landscaping for elderly Masonic Family June 12

In December when we received 22 inches of snow, Herndon Chapter provided shoveling services to the Jennings (an elderly couple associated with Herndon Lodge.) *We also helped supply them with food and other basic necessities. In addition, throughout the year Herndon has done yard work multiple times and helped them move to a different house.*

Herndon Masonic Homes Tour - December 5th

Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony - December 12th

During the wreath laying ceremony we honored the dead in Arlington Cemetery. Two members and one advisor from Herndon Chapter joined about 10,000 people who each laid a wreath on a grave stone to honor those who gave up their lives in the defense of our county. We stayed for about an hour that day and returned 2 weeks later to help remove the wreaths for the cemetery management crew.

Special Olympics Area 26 Basketball Tournament January 12 postponed to 1/16

Although we were unable to participate in Special Olympics event on 1/16 due to it being rescheduled to the same day as Brotherhood. We were prepared to assist on January 12th and only didn't attend due to the double booking of Hoop Magic which force the cancelation.

Blood Drives 2009-2010 November 7, February 27, June 19th

In both the fall of 2009 and the spring of 2010 several eligible DeMolay members, advisors and friends gave blood to the INOVA blood centers. Members of Herndon Chapter that were eligible to donate blood participated. Those who were ineligible ran the triage assisting the donors with paperwork and provided refreshments after donation to make sure they were ok before they left.

H.I.K.E Weekend March 13-14

Participated in HIKE weekend in Norfolk. Brothers Blake Gillenwater, Marsters, Hamm, Wills, Mendoza, and Hamill attended the fundraiser and the Chapter made a \$50 donation.

Easter Sunrise Service April 3-4

Herndon provided the most active DeMolays (and consecutive hours worked) on both days to assist with the setup, handing out of programs, and breakdown of any Chapter in the Northern Region.

Lodge Clean Up for Grand Master April 17

Member assisted with the clean up efforts to make the grounds and the lodge presentable for the visit of the Grand Master of Mason in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Assistance to Chris Tate May 17th

After Brother Blake Gillenwater explained the hit and run accident which he witnessed involving Chris Tate his neighbor the Chapter voted unanimously to make a donation to his recovery efforts. Blake called 911 and applied pressure to Chris wounds using towels from the house while his father coordinated rescue efforts. Without the efforts of Brother Gillenwater Chris Tate would have surely died from his injuries as confirmed by the EMTs on the scene.

Relay for Life June 12

Cancer has been far too close to home in our chapter in the past, and this year we continued the tradition of participating the local Relay for Life event. We raised just over \$500.00, which was donated to the American Cancer Association. The money was collected through the end of May and into June. We had 11 members and 4 advisors in attendance through the event, and were able to keep at least one member of the team on the track from 2:00 PM until 7:00 AM.

OES Bowl-a-thon July 17

15 Members and 6 advisors to raise money for women's heart disease and a donation was made on behalf of the chapter for \$200.

Park Clean Up Reschedule from July 10 to TBA

Herndon Chapter has adopted a park in town through collaboration with the town planner. The park will have a plaque with the DeMolay logo and Commander William L. Herndon. The event was reschedule due to inclement weather and the town not receiving supplies. It is rescheduled for sometime in August.