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THEME FOR 2015-2016:

UBI CONCORDIA, IBI VICTORIA.

(Where there is unity, there is victory.)

SALVETE, OMNES!

Can you smell it? The glorious aroma of State Convention is filling the air! As you could imagine, there is a lot of prep not only on the state board and officers, but on you guys as well! Cheers, publicity, roll call, procession, tests, Olympika: there's so much to prepare for and with the clock winding down, this the BEST time for you and your delegation to start preparing prepared in advance. If you're worried about anything relating to Convention, don't be; the purpose of this *Torch: LA* is to help you!

For all new Conventioneers: this experience is like nothing, and I repeat, **NOTHING**, like you've ever done at any other convention. Imagine a place where you'll meet lifelong friends, wear a toga while screaming your lungs out, test your knowledge of the classics, compete in athletic events, and see a talent show on a state level! If this catches you attention in the slightest, these things are only a mere FRACTION of what the LJCL Convention experience has to offer. Long story short, March 4th-6th, 2016 will be one of the most memorable parts of this year!

AUCTION FOR STATE OFFICERS

This is an event held a Convention where each officer is auctioned off to one person or a group of friends. The rules are quite simple: whoever bets the most gets the officer. The winner will have 15 minutes with the officer, either in karaoke or at the dance. So, who’s your pick?

Name: Aastha Gupta (*President*)

School: BRMHS

Grade: 12th

Interesting Fact: I’m (*attempting*) to teach myself Korean



Name: Natalie Bush (*1st VP*)

School: St. Joseph’s Academy

Grade: 12th

Interesting Fact: Because Louisiana rarely sees snow, I started collecting snow globes as a little girl. That way I could make snow whenever I wanted it to.



Name: Rachael Edmonson (*2nd VP*)

School: BRMHS

Grade: 12th

Interesting Fact: I know almost all the Disney, Imagine Dragons, and Queen songs



Name: Krystyna Gotberg (*Secretary*)

School: C.E. Byrd

Grade: 12th

Interesting Fact: My favorite movie is the Breakfast Club



Name: Thiru Vinayagam (*Parliamentarian*)

School: BRMHS

Grade: 12th

Interesting Fact: I’d be a part of the Ravenclaw house



Name: Alicia Briones (*Historian*)

School: Hahnville High School

Grade: 12th

Interesting Fact: My favorite hobbies are anything that involves art



Name: Jacob Summerville (*Editor*)

School: Catholic High School

Grade: 11th

Interesting Fact: If you listen to Muse, Royal Blood, Morning Parade, The Chevin, Green Day OR Blue Stahli, we could have a good conversation.



Name: Joseph Sotile (*Technology Coordinator*)

School: Catholic High School

Grade: 12th

Interesting Fact: I’d be an earth-bender, because who doesn’t want the nickname “Earth-Shaker”?



RULES FOR ROLL CALL

At the FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, there will be a roll call of chapters. Representative(s) from each chapter should present a creative response lasting no longer than 90 seconds.

Here are the rules:

- Roll calls must last no longer than 90 seconds
- Must include the number of delegates, chaperons, and sponsors, and the name of the school
- A written version must be turned into the LJCL 2nd Vice President after roll call
- No student running for state office may participate in roll call
- State officers, SCLers, sponsors, and chaperons may not participate in roll call

Scoring Criteria

Creativity/Originality: **20 points**

Included Information: **10 points**

Utility: **10 points**

Overall: **10 points**

'TEENS FOR JEANS' DRIVE

This drive is aimed towards collecting lightly used jeans and donating them to Aeropostale and to earn points for sweepstakes at Convention. Here is how you can get your delegation involved:

1. Go to www.dosomething.org to make one account for your **ENTIRE DELEGATION**
2. Collect lightly used jeans
3. Get your sponsor to fill out the form online
4. Donate the jeans to your local Aeropostale

(If you don't live near an Aeropostale, please bring all jeans to Convention.)

INDIVIDUAL/LOCAL PUBLICATIONS CONTEST

Individual Publications are due by February 5th, and are to be sent to ljcleditor@gmail.com. Guidelines can be found in the last edition of the Torch: LA or on our website (*link info under 'Guidelines' on page 8*).

Submissions for the Local Publications contest are due at the Graphic Arts table the Friday of Convention. Only one copy of one **Torch** can be submitted, and this submission requires a cover page. More info can be found on our website (*link info under 'Guidelines' on page 8*). Points earned from this event will impact the Overall Sweepstakes Award.

TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION:

1. Loose change is always good to carry around
2. Meeting people from other delegations and making new friends is a huge reason why Convention is loved by so many
3. Bring safety pens to hold your toga together during procession; inevitably, one plebeian's toga will fall apart, and you will be scorned
4. Always keep your hands above your head during cheers, Rachael will appreciate it
5. Let Krystyna read the minutes
6. Get a mosh pit going at the dances
7. Learn how to line dance
8. Participate in every event you can find time for, both pre-Convention and at Convention
9. Don't be afraid to try something new
10. Check your hotel room 50 times before turning in your room key at the end of Convention

EXPECT TO SEE THESE THINGS AT CONVENTION:



Cheers



Togas



Roll Call



Procession



Karaoke!



Olympika



Pictures provided by Dennis Webb

DANCE/SPIRIT/PROCESSION THEMES

Friday

Spirit: *Purple and Gold Day!*

Dance: *Bleed PURPLE and GOLD on the Dance floor!*

Saturday

Spirit: ***School Originality Day!***

Dance: *Blast from the Past!*

Procession: *Oh the Places you'll go with JCL!*

IN CASE YOU GUYS HAVEN'T SEEN THE THEME ON THE FIRST PAGE YET, IT IS

“UBI CONCORDIA, IBI VICTORIA.”

(Where there is unity, there is victory.)

THIS THEME IS TO BE USED AS THE CORNERSTONE FOR YOUR T-SHIRT DESIGN
AND SCHOOL BANNER

Latin Oratory

This contest requires student to memorize the Latin portion for the following passages before State Convention. Points earned in this competition will be added to the Individual Creative Arts Sweepstakes.

Level ½ and 1: Cicero Questions Clodia

Mulier, quid tibi cum Caeliō, quid cum homine adulēscēntulō, quid cum aliēnō? Cūr aut tam familiāris huic fuistī ... aut tam inimīca ...? Nōn patrem tuum vīderās, nōn patruum, nōn avum, nōn proavum, nōn abavum, nōn atavum audierās cōsulēs fuisse; nōn dēnique modo tē Q. Metellī mātrimōnium tenuisse sciēbās, clārissimī ac fortissimī virī patriaeque amantissimī...? Sī ex amplissimō genere in familiam clārissimam nūpsistī, cūr tibi Caelius tam coniūctus fuit? **Cicero, Prō Caeliō XIV.34 (abridged and adapted)**

Translation:

Woman, what business do you have with Caelius, what business do you have with so young a gentleman, what business do you have with a stranger? Why have you been either so friendly to him -- or so hostile? Had you not seen that your father was a consul? Had you not heard that your uncle, your grandfather, your great-grandfather, your great-great-grandfather, and your great-great-great-grandfather had been consuls? As if that were not enough, didn't you know that you just married Quintus Metellus (Celer), a very famous and very brave man who is most patriotic? If you married from the most noble family into the most illustrious family, why was Caelius so closely connected with/to you?

Level 2: Julius Caesar to his Troops

Nōs sumus milītēs meliōrēs quam Helvētiī, sed Helvētiī eōsdem Germānōs saepe superāvērunt nōn solum in fīnibus suīs, sed etiam in fīnibus ipsīs Germānōrum. Milītēs Rōmānī quī dīcunt sē hostēs nōn timēre, sed angustias itineris et magnitudinem silvārum, sunt ignāvissimī. Haec est cūra ducis, nōn milītum. Multae gentēs Galliae frūmentum nōbīs dabunt; vōs ipsī brevī tempore dē periculīs itineris iūdicābitis. Quārtā vigiliā castra movēbimus. Legiō decima nōn timet -- ego cum decimā legiōne sōlā contrā Ariovistum ībō; ea legiō mihi erit praetōria cohors. **Using Latin I (1954), p. 337 (abridged)**

Translation:

We are better soldiers than the Helvetians, but the Helvetians have often overcome the same Germans, not only in their own boundaries, but also in the very boundaries of the Germans. Roman soldiers who say that they don't fear the enemy but (rather) the narrow passageways of the march and the great size of the forests are cowardly. This is the concern of a leader, not of the soldiers. Many tribes of Gaul will give us grain; you yourselves will soon pass judgment on the dangers of our journey. We will break camp during the fourth watch. The tenth legion is not afraid -- I will go against Ariovistus with the 10th legion alone; that legion will be my praetorian cohort.

Level 3+: Roman consul to his soldiers before fighting Hannibal

Atque utinam prō decore tantum hoc vōbīs et nōn prō salūte esset certāmen: nōn dē possessiōne Siciliae ac Sardiniae, dē quibus quondam agēbātur, sed prō Italiā vōbīs est pugnandum. Nec est alius ab tergō exercitus quī, nisi nōs vincimus, hostī obsistat, nec Alpēs aliae sunt, quās dum superant, comparārī nova possint praesidia; hīc est obstandum, mīlitēs, velut sī ante Rōmāna moenia pugnēmus. Ūnus quisque sē non corpus suum, sed coniugem ac līberōs parvōs, armīs prōtegere putet; nec domesticās sōlum agitet cūrās sed identidem hōc animō reputet nostrās nunc intuērī manūs senātum populumque Rōmānum: quālis nostra vīs virtūsque fuerit, tālem deinde fortūnam illiūs urbis ac Rōmānī imperiī fore. **Livy, Ab Urbe Conditā XXI**

Translation:

I wish that this struggle were only for your glory and not for your existence. You must fight not for the possession of Sicily and Sardinia, about which it was formerly disputed, but for Italy. There is no other army at our backs to block the enemy if we do not prevail; nor are there any other Alps, which they are now conquering, [to stop them] while new defenses may be prepared. Here, soldiers, we must make our stand, just as if we should fight in front of the walls of Rome. Let each and every one think that he is protecting with his weapons not only his own body, but his wife and little children; let him not stir up concerns of his home alone [however], but let him repeatedly consider with this [same] mindset that the senate and the people of Rome are looking upon our hands: and, as great as our strength and valor has been, such then will be the fortune of that distinguished city and the Roman world.

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**A laugh costs too much
when at the expense of
virtue.** *Quintillian*

**The fall of dropping
water wears away the
stone.** *Lucretius*

SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED AT EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

If you want to give a 2-3 minute speech at a GA during Convention about your time in JCL over the years or describing your first State Convention for newer students, please email Aastha Gupta at ljclpresident@gmail.com by February 1st. These speeches are meant to be personal and reflective on your JCL experience; no matter how long you've been a part of JCL, if you're a semi-confident speaker, you should try this out! Submissions after February 1st will be considered, but the sooner you turn it in, the more likely you'll be assured a spot.

PRE-FILING FOR STATE OFFICE!

The forms can be found on pages 9 and 10 in the LJCL Convention Forms at www.louisianajcl.com under the “Forms and Links” tab. Keep in mind that any pre-filed candidate cannot participate in Roll Call, give introductory remarks at any GA, or promote their campaign before the 2nd GA. Also, any candidate running for president must have attended one National Convention before elections. Mail your forms to LJCL PO BOX 15394, BATON ROUGE, LA 70895.

BAZAAR INFO

The Bazaar is an area in the hotel lobby at State Convention where delegations come to sell JCL merchandise that they’ve made. If you want to show off your school’s creative side and make some money for your club at the same time, this is the perfect opportunity. Some ideas include cups, t-shirts, banners, Frisbees, mugs, license plate borders, hats, key chains, etc.

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Let us never know what old age is. Let us know the happiness time brings, not count the years. *Ausonius*

They hate whom they fear. *Quintus Ennius*

Afflicted by love’s madness all are blind. *Sextus Properitus*

Link to the Academic Text Book List:

1. Go to www.louisianajcl.com
2. Look under “*LJCL Main Events*” tab
3. Then, look under the subtab “*LJCL Convention*”, then sub-subtab “*Academic Contest*”, then sub-sub-subtab “*Test Information and Sources*”

Guidelines to other events:

1. Go to www.louisianajcl.com
2. Look under “*Links and Forms*” tab, then click on *LJCL Competition Handbook 2015-2016*

GUIDELINES FOR RUNNING FOR STATE OFFICE

The **first step** towards becoming a state officer is to be nominated at the Nominations Committee. Any current state officer **cannot** nominate your spot.

Second, you and a buddy (*not a current state officer OR someone else who's running for state office*) will each give a speech: the *amicus* of your choice will introduce you before you give your speech. Their speech must be under 1 minute while the candidate's speech must be under 2 minutes.

Third, you can start to campaign after the second General Assembly. Any campaigning, such as posters, nametags, etc., before the second GA will disqualify you from running for office. There is also a \$40 spending limit on promotional items. If you plan on hanging poster, only put them in the spaces marked by the parliamentarian. Also, you can only use **MASKING TAPE** to hang posters.

Lastly, please campaign **FOR YOUR** position, **NOT AGAINST** anyone else's; it's a simple matter of respect to the other candidates and all chapters.

NOTA BENE:

- Don't be nervous, everyone is hoping you do the best to your ability!
- Be nice to others and answer any questions they might have for you!
- Get out there and socialize with delegations other than your own!
- Good luck!

If you have any questions about if something is acceptable or not for campaigning, email Thiru Vinayagam at ljclparliamentarian@gmail.com.

CLOSING REMARKS

To all the JCLers, SCLers, and sponsors who are trying to make this convention a success: thank you. My term as president would have been infinitely more difficult without your hard work and support. Thank you to my fellow officers for making this experience an enjoyable one. Most importantly, thank you all for keeping the spirit of JCL alive. Without your enthusiasm and excitement, the LJCL would not continue to thrive. I know that you will be the ones to help our torch grow brighter in the years to come, and for that, I cannot express enough thanks to you. Ave atque vale et gratias tibi ago. ~Aastha Gupta

JCL has given so much to me, so I want to acknowledge every member, teacher, and SCLer that has been a part of such a positive organization. State Convention showcases incredibly talented students' achievements and, more importantly, the continued efforts to keep the classics alive. Latin and Greek have a voice because people like you refuse to let it stay in the past and embrace its rich history and all the things modern culture can learn from it. Serving as a state officer has proved to me that a few dedicated people with a purpose and a passion can represent something so much bigger than ourselves. ~Natalie Bush

LJCL Convention is always the highlight of my year! It's a time to let loose, make new friends, try new things, and just have some plain old fun! Being your second VP this year has been such an amazing experience, and I am so grateful to every JCLer, SCLer, sponsor, teacher, and chaperone that makes convention happen every year! I hope y'all have a phenomenal time at convention this year and continue to keep the JCL spirit alive! ~Rachael Edmonson

LJCL Convention is the best part of the year for me and also the best convention I have attended. I have gone to Model United Nations, Youth Legislature, Beta Convention, and Mu Convention but JCL is miles above any of them. Being Parliamentarian has been a roller coaster of work and play but is one of my rewarding offices held over my high school career. I honestly know that JCL has been a big impact on me, from bringing me to my chapter family to meeting other JCLers from around the nation who share our love of the classics. I hope to continue my involvement in JCL in college and know I will never forget all the #JCLove! Thanks for reading and see y'all at convention! ~Thiru Vinayagam

To say that JCL has changed my life would be an understatement; I have met my closest friends, experienced the most unforgettable moments, and had the honor of working with some of the best people as a state officer. Although I have another year, this current year has been the most impactful on my character. My dedication to the classics will be a lifelong commitment, and I'll try to share all the love I've received over the past 4 years at State Convention. Thank you to all of my friends in JCL, and I hope to meet more of y'all at Convention! Valete Amici! ~Jacob Summerville

LJCL Convention is the most wonderful time of the year despite what Andy Williams has to say about it. From karaoke to (*my personal favorite*) impromptu art, Convention is a fantastic opportunity to meet eccentric people who are just as fun-filled and energetic as you are. I have loved my time at LJCL, especially at Convention, and I encourage all of you to attend Convention to have the same awesome experiences. Thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your LJCL Technology Coordinator. I have learned so much in this position and I hope that, in some way, I have been able to impact and help you. ~Joseph Sotile

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT US ON TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM @LOUISIANAJCL AND LOUISIANA JCL ON FACEBOOK. STATE CONVENTION IS ONLY 37 DAYS AWAY; SEE Y'ALL THERE!

VALETE OMNES!

