COVID-19 UPDATE - March 22, 2020

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Dear [Name],

We are in trying times; times like none of us have ever seen before, and potentially will never see again. You have proven that all of us, all of us, and that we are more connected to one another than many of our communities are on mandated or voluntary lockdown.

We, among Florida Demolay, have a directed cessation from in-person gatherings through (at least) May 15, 2020, due to the potential loss of a graduation ceremony as a rite of passage. While we, among Florida Demolay, have no power over the decisions of our individual school boards with how they proceed, we can pay tribute to our Seniors, letting them know that we are extremely proud of them and wish them well in all their endeavors.

It shall be adequate for meetings this particular week (only). Notice for these meetings shall be distributed at least one week prior. Should you have a stated meeting the week of March 23, you may send notice ASAP upon receiving this correspondence. That summary is returned to Dad Dietzman.

1) Chapters, Manor and Advisory Councils will still be required to submit minutes to our Executive Officer by the last day of each month. As standard, minutes should be taken and stored/maintained in a virtual format.

2) Virtual meetings are now acceptable for Chapters, Manors and Advisory Councils until May 15, 2020. This date may be amended as prudent and necessary.

3) We are working with Dad Dale Dietzman, Director of Demolay Awards in Florida, on temporary modifications to our administrative regulations regarding the PMC-MSA for Master Councilors (or MS-MSA for Master Squires) whose terms will be impacted. However, it is recommended that Master Councilors (Squires) work with their chosen Fellow Chapter Manor officers and Advisory Councils to consider alternative (outside-the-box) events this spring break.

4) Understanding that individual school systems may extend the spring break, and may make alternative arrangements for grading and testing, etc., we may also be an alternative for your Demolay members to complete some of their benchmarks to further their Demolay experience. The Florida DeMolay Administration utilizes Zoom for its video meetings during these next few cycles, so that they will not be forgotten in the tumult and so that we are able to always offer Zoom activities without a lack of their own.

5) Chapters should send photos (Senior photos) and names of their graduating Seniors, along with the name of their High School, for a special recognition on the Florida Demolay website (send to Dad R. Jordan "Jody" Meguiar). As standard, minutes should be taken and stored/maintained in a virtual format. And, individual ritual enrichment may be tasked to those members who have demonstrated a sense of normalcy while we endure.

- For the edict of Demolay Grand Master Dad John Whitaker, no virtual initiatives may be held – dedicated our others. It is therefore encouraged to include your proactive members in these virtual meetings during these next few cycles, so that they will not be forgotten in the tumult and so that we are able to always offer Zoom activities without a lack of their own.

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I truly appreciate all of the support and patience you all have shown during this time of transition. My family was out of town when this all started, and we were trying our best to monitor local news updates. We have since returned, and are working around the clock with the Executive Staff and fellow Chapter Manor officers to monitor local regulations and make changes to our program accordingly.

Please know that you are appreciated, and together we will get through this trying time. DeMolay is truly a Brotherhood Beyond Borders, and together we will prove that our fellowship will span even a pandemic.

Truly yours,

Dad R. Jordan "Jody" Meguiar
Chapter Manor President/Executive Officer
Florida DeMolay

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