

# THE INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL ORDER OF DEMOLAY

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To the Members of the International Supreme Council, Active DeMolays, Advisors, Families and Friends:

Earlier today, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the meeting of the International Supreme Council which was to be held June 18-20, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. While this is an unfortunate situation, the health and safety of those who would be traveling to attend the event must be our priority. Information about refunds will be forthcoming from the Service & Leadership Center soon.

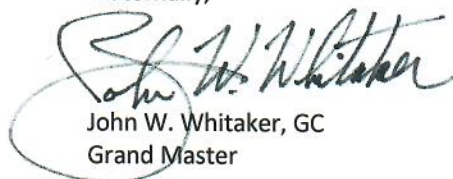
Our governing documents provide for the continuity of leadership of the International Supreme Council, DeMolay International, and the International DeMolay Congress when an annual meeting is not possible. The current officers of the Supreme Council, the International Congress Officers, and the members of the Board of Directors of DeMolay International will remain in office until midnight on June 29<sup>th</sup>, which is one year from when we were installed. The statutes provide that, in this case, on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Grand Senior Councilor and Grand Junior Councilor automatically advance to become Grand Master and Grand Senior Councilor respectively. The remaining offices and positions on the Board of Directors that would have been elected at the annual meeting will become vacant. The new Grand Master then has the responsibility to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors by appointment for the ensuing year.

While it is not possible for us to hold a meeting of the ISC virtually, it is possible for the International DeMolay Congress to do so and plans are being put in place for that to happen. I want to thank the Congress Officers, Congress Advisor, Congress Committee, and Jurisprudence Committee for working together to provide a way for the delegates to meet and elect the 54<sup>th</sup> International Congress Officer team. Detailed information will be provided to Executive Officers as soon as possible.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Grand Master. I wish Marc & Vince the best as they assume the leadership of this Fraternity. I look forward to devoting time as full-time Executive Officer in Tennessee. Remember to "*Carry The Flame*" of DeMolay!

Finally, I would like to thank the Convention Planning Committee and the team in Kansas City for their work preparing for what would have been the 100<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Supreme Council. Claudia and I, along with the Grand Line and Congress Officers, were excited to host you in Phoenix in June. We look forward to seeing you at events once it is safe to do so and will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Supreme Council with you in Dallas in June 2021!

Fraternally,



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Grand Master