

# **International DeMolay Congress Bylaws 2017**

## **Article 1 – Name**

The name of this body shall be “The International DeMolay Congress”.

## **Article II – Jurisdiction**

The jurisdiction of the International DeMolay Congress shall be the same as that of DeMolay International.

## **Article III – Emblem**

The emblem of the International DeMolay Congress consists of a Maltese cross overlaid by a circle with the words, “International DeMolay Congress, Order of DeMolay”. Overlaying the cross and within the center of the circle is the official DeMolay emblem.

## **Article IV – Composition**

The International DeMolay Congress shall be composed of the following:

- (a) two delegates from each jurisdiction of DeMolay International selected by the Executive Officer or the person representing the Grand Master of DeMolay International in a jurisdiction without an Executive Officer.
- (b) two delegates from each jurisdiction of other regular Supreme Councils to be selected as determined by that Supreme Council.

## **Article V – Officers**

### **Section 1. Generally.**

- (a) The elected officers of the International DeMolay Congress shall be the International Master Councilor, and International Congress Secretary.
- (b) The International Master Councilor may appoint such other officers and cabinet members as are needed to assist in carrying out the objectives of the term. All appointed officers and cabinet members serve at the will and pleasure of the International Master Councilor.
- (c) All officers and cabinet members serve under the supervision of the Grand Master and the Congress Advisor.

### **Section 2. Eligibility.**

- (a) A candidate for International Master Councilor or International Congress Secretary must:
  - (i) be an active DeMolay who has not attained the age of twenty-one years by the date of his election,
  - (ii) be a current Congress delegate or have been a delegate to a previous Congress,
  - (iii) be a past or current Jurisdictional Master Councilor, and
  - (iv) have filed with the Congress Advisor by May 1st written approval to seek such office from his parents or guardians and from his Executive Officer or from the representative of the Grand Master in a jurisdiction without an Executive Officer and a detailed plan to increase membership in DeMolay International.

- (b) Each cabinet member must:
  - (i) be an active DeMolay who has not attained the age of twenty-one years by the date of his election,
  - (ii) be a past or current Jurisdictional officer, and
  - (iii) have the consent of his Executive Officer , the Congress Advisor and the Grand Master to serve.
- (c) Other officers must be an active or Senior DeMolay.

### **Section 3. Election.**

The offices of International Master Councilor and International Congress Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. The vote shall be by secret ballot. During voting the doors to the Congress will be shut and tiled to Congress delegates. Blank ballots and ballots for ineligible candidates will not be counted. If a majority is not achieved on the first ballot the candidate with the fewest votes will be removed from the ballot and a new ballot will be held. This procedure will continue until a majority is attained. The ballot for International Congress Secretary shall take place first followed by the ballot for International Master Councilor.

**Section 4. Term.** All officers serve for one year or until the close of the International DeMolay Congress where their successors are installed.

### **Section 5. Duties.**

- (a) The International Master Councilor shall:
  - (i) preside over and be responsible for the planning and conducting of the annual Congress session;
  - (ii) encourage, assist and participate in training opportunities for jurisdictional officers;
  - (iii) attend and participate in Regional Conferences;
  - (iv) maintain communication with active DeMolays and jurisdictional officers;
  - (v) attend national and international Masonic meetings and functions when invited; and
  - (vi) publish an occasional newsletter for jurisdictional officers and Congress delegates
  - (vii) execute a program during the month of March to increase membership in DeMolay International
- (b) The International Congress Secretary shall;
  - (i) encourage, assist and participate in training opportunities for jurisdictional officers;
  - (ii) attend and participate in Regional Conferences;
  - (iii) maintain communication with active DeMolays and jurisdictional officers;
  - (iv) attend national and international Masonic meetings and functions when invited; and
  - (v) assist in the publication of an occasional newsletter for jurisdictional officers and Congress delegates
  - (vi) assist the International Master Councilor in executing a program during the month of March to increase membership in DeMolay International
- (c) Other officers shall perform such duties as are appropriate to their stations and may be assigned to them by the International Master Councilor, the International Congress Secretary or the Congress.

## **Section 6. Vacancies.**

- (a) If the office of International Master Councilor becomes vacant the International Congress Secretary will succeed to the office. With the advice and consent of the Grand Master and the Congress Advisor he shall appoint a new International Congress Secretary in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out in these bylaws.
- (b) If the office of International Congress Secretary becomes vacant, the International Master Councilor, with the advice and consent of the Grand Master and the Congress Advisor, shall appoint a new International Congress Secretary in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out in these bylaws.

## **Article VI – Committees**

The International Master Councilor may appoint such committees from among the delegates to the Congress as are necessary to carry out the objectives of the term.

## **Article VII – Amendments**

**Section 1. Submission.** Amendments to these bylaws must be submitted to the International Congress Secretary by a delegate at least sixty days prior to the Congress.

**Section 2. Adoption.** A proposed amendment must be adopted only upon the affirmative vote of not fewer than two-thirds of the Congress delegates present and voting.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** Amendments to these bylaws become effective upon approval by the Board of Directors of DeMolay International.