



DEMOLAY

FLORIDA

From your Executive Officer

Dear Florida DeMolays, Advisors and supporters:

I wanted to offer a brief statement regarding the effect of the Corona Virus on our continued operations.

The Executive Staff continues to review briefings and intelligence released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), and shall provide regular updates as they come available specifically regarding any impact – either made or potentially made – to DeMolay operations within the Jurisdiction of Florida.

While our age demographic for active members (9 to 20) is in the lowest-risk category, some of our Advisors and Senior DeMolays remain at risk. With our youth protection policies as they are, requiring at least two Advisors for every DeMolay activity – elevated appropriately with a higher attendance by youth members and guests – I ask all of our DeMolay Chapters and Squire Manors to consider all of the risks when finalizing plans for upcoming events.

The supervision, guidance and protection of our youth is of top priority, and it is my hope that others will assist – even temporarily – our registered Advisors at elevated risk, by either age or compromised immune systems, who serve in leadership positions on the Advisory Council while this threat is controlled.

On the Jurisdictional level, we continue to plan for the upcoming Alumni Weekend (May) and Summer Conclave (July), and will report changes as dictated by regulatory agencies and/or the event venues themselves.

At this point, and until further notice, our plan is to promote normal Chapter and Manor operations – with an added caution to be mindful of situations that may lead to heightened threat of illness or exposure.

Additionally, I ask that our entire Florida DeMolay team use common sense and usual hygiene measures during all their interactions. Consistent with the CDC recommendations:

- Clean your hands often with soap and water, or hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home if you are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or use the inside of your elbow
- Wear a facemask if you are sick and must be around other people
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (at least) daily

It is our intention to be proactive instead of reactive with our organizational response. I ask that you please heed these instructions and continue to work through the panic of those who may not be taking these precautions.

Thank you for your continued devotion to our Order and its mission to be the premier organization for young men across the world.

Fraternally yours,



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