

DEMOLAY

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From your Executive Officer

To the Officers, members, advisors & friends of Florida DeMolay:

As you know, the International Supreme Council and International DeMolay Congress met last month in Buffalo, NY. A large contingency from Florida represented the jurisdiction well, and I was very proud of some of the progress made.



For your knowledge, there were several updates to the ISC "collars" representing Florida DeMolay at this Session:

- Dad Kyle Moline was elevated to Class 1 / "Active" Membership;
- Dad Jerry Meguiar requested to be reassigned to Class 2 / "Emeritus" Membership; and
- Dad Cliff Cooper was bestowed with a Class 3 / "Deputy" Membership.

Additionally, this past Monday the Grand Master of DeMolay, Dad Ron Minshall, bestowed upon Imperial Sir (and Florida Advisor) Dad Gary Bergenske a Class 4 / "Honorary" Membership! Dad Minshall was on hand to present Dad Bergenske with his collar at the Imperial Shrine Session in Daytona Beach. Dad Bergenske has since been installed as the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, and will be the first sitting Imperial Potentate ever to attend Florida DeMolay's Conclave. We are most appreciative of Dad Bergenske's continued support to DeMolay and its mission.

The list of Honors has been distributed via several mediums, and the congratulations of all those within the Florida DeMolay family is appropriately extended to our honored designates.

- The Cross of Honor ceremony will be presented at Conclave next week, as part of the Grand Opening.
- The Degree of Chevalier and Legion of Honor Investiture ceremony will be held on Saturday October 14th at the Tampa Scottish Rite. More information will be announced at Conclave.

And, last, several pieces of legislative call were discussed by the members of the International Supreme Council; a recap of the legislation which was adopted is outlined below my signature line in its order within the legislative call packet. These changes are effective immediately, and shall be included in the forthcoming set of Bylaws, Rules & Regulations when released by the DeMolay International Headquarters staff.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at Conclave next week. You continue to make me proud to be your Executive Officer.

Fraternally yours,

Dad R. Jordan "Jody" Meguiar
Executive Officer for the Jurisdiction of Florida
Active Member of the International Supreme Council



The Appendix to the Bylaws, Rules & Regulations has now been amended to reflect current operating practice regarding the Zerubbabel Key.

The Zerubbabel Key may be presented to "any member of DeMolay International" and up to three Keys may be granted for each new or reinstated Chapter.

Members of DeMolay International include those within Classes 1 through 9, as appropriate and approved by the Executive Officer.

Two new Merit Bars were approved for distribution within the DeMolay awards program:

Health & Fitness: for completing one fitness goal, one nutritional goal and for participating in at least one sports or fitness activity within a period of one year. Goals are to be set by each individual with the approval of an advisor.

Patriotism: For completing one year's service in a military or auxiliary organization such as JROTC, ROTC, Civil Air Patrol or regular or reserve armed forces.

This brings the number of approved Merit Bar categories to twenty-two (22).

The Leaders' Resource Guide has officially been renamed as a "handbook" and is no longer required to be mailed by the Service & Leadership Center to all new initiates.

The list of those individuals who may attend a "tiled" meeting of a Squire Manor now includes parents of current Squire members. This was inadvertently omitted when the original legislation was proposed, and per the BRR, only parents of Squire candidates were able to attend meetings.

Those who may attend Squire Manor "tiled" meetings include current Squire members, their parents (fathers/mothers/step-parents/legal guardians), parents of candidates for induction, active members of DeMolay/Knighthood, Masons and those over the age of 21 who are permitted by the Executive Officer to attend (Advisors).

At least seven (7) business days' notice must be given by the Grand Secretary, for all meetings of the DeMolay International Board of Directors.

The requirement of an eight-person quorum at a Chapter meeting is no longer valid.

"The members present are a quorum for the transaction of business."

Advisors are now subject to both a renewal application and continuing education, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

More information shall be forthcoming if this is to be implemented with the 2018 renewal.