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To: Potentates and Chief Rabbans

Greetings:

First, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Imperial Potentate for the 2015/2016 Shrine year. It is certainly the highest honor any Noble can receive and I look forward to working with each of you for the good of our great fraternity and philanthropy.

When we look around and see those who have occupied leadership positions and currently hold leadership positions in our fraternity it makes us ask the question, where would we be today if many of our members had not been involved in DeMolay as young men? Are we investing in the best resource for our future by being involved with this wonderful youth organization? In my opinion, they are the future of Shriners International.

DeMolay provides a place for young men to learn many valuable lessons that will be a basis for a sound foundation. These young men participate in a variety of activities such as business meetings, social functions, sporting activities, local, regional and International events.

Many of you are aware that Past Imperial Potentate Frank S. Land (1954-55) founded the Order of DeMolay in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri. Ninety-six years later the tradition of DeMolay still continues. One of the best resources we have for our existence is available through DeMolay.

I would like to ask each temple to consider sponsoring a DeMolay Chapter. This could be done at the temple level or at a club level. The Executive Officer for each state/province is the official representative for DeMolay. I have enclosed a list of all Executive Officers and ask that you contact yours to schedule a time to discuss how your temple can be involved with DeMolay. Just opening the doors is not enough. We must make a serious

commitment by investing in the future, with a long term plan. I urge you to contact the Executive Officer in your state or province and determine how you can help. We know many temples are already sponsoring DeMolay Chapters and working with Masonic youth groups in several ways and for that, thank you, for it is very important for us to support all of the Masonic youth groups.

Should you have immediate questions before contacting the Executive Officer, please feel free to call me or Imperial Recorder Jack Jones, who chairs our Imperial DeMolay Committee, at 727-458-5515 or the DeMolay International Headquarters at 1-800-DEMOLAY.

Yours in the Faith,



Jerry G. Gantt  
Imperial Potentate

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Enclosure: List of Executive Officers

cc: Imperial Divan  
Imperial DeMolay Committee  
Steven E. Crane, Grand Master of DeMolay International Supreme Council  
Michael C. Russell, Director of Operations and Programs, DeMolay International  
John C. Piland, Executive Vice President, Shriners International  
Temple Recorders