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TO: ALL SCOD MEMBERS; GRAND LINE OFFICERS, JURISDICTIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS; ADVISORY COUNCILS, DEMOLAY CHAPTERS AND KNIGHTHOOD PRIORIES; AND NATIONAL DEMOLAY CONGRESS; ADMINISTRATORS OF VARIOUS ORDER OF DEMOLAY CHAPTER (ACTIVE AND ALUMNI) WEBSITE, FACEBOOK AND TWITTER ACCOUNTS.

FROM: THE GRAND MASTER
SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DEMOLAY

DATE: MAY 25, 2017

SUBJECT: PROPER CONDUCT AND DECORUM IN POSTING AND CHATTING IN DEMOLAY SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS AND PLATFORMS

1. The various social media networks and platforms (website, facebook, twitter, viber, etal. accounts) opened and administered by members and/or groups under the general coverage of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay (SCOD) is an electronic discussion group of the active and alumni members of the Order of DeMolay. The primary purpose of these various discussion groups is for news or announcements of Chapter projects and activities, inquiries and clarifications on certain policy pronouncements and operational directives of the SCOD, and/or simply "kumustahan" among the Brethren. The discussion is basically un-moderated and the members of these groups are mature enough to be solely responsible for his posts and messages. Thus, all members are advised to practice "self-censorship" when posting and chatting.
2. However, the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, in the recent past, had noticed and observed that numerous posts and messages that were sent by DeMolay members to the said groups were violent personal attacks on the individual and photos and videos of indecent and lewd acts.
3. Thus, in order to effectively promote a true spirit of interaction among its members across the various Order of DeMolay social media networks and platforms, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated on the proper conduct and decorum in posting and chatting under the various social media groups administered by the members or groups under the Order of DeMolay:

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a. On Posting and Chatting:

- i. Personal attacks, unfounded criticisms, inappropriate comments and use of foul language, and/or derogatory words shall not be allowed.
- ii. As a sign of respect and courtesy to each other, it is encouraged that members use "Brother" or "Brethren" before proceeding with the message.
- iii. For posts or messages directed to one Brethren, please address the recipient with "Brother" followed by his complete name.
- iv. Whenever applicable, avoid using local dialects in open groups (multi-chapter membership) and shortened words and phrases such as those used in text messages. If you wish to use your local dialect, please send a personal message directly to the concerned member(s).
- v. Whenever possible, "sign" your posts and messages with your name and chapter (active and/or alumni).

b. On Articles and Topics:

- i. Post only articles and topics relating and relevant to the Order of DeMolay in general and the SCOD/Chapter, in particular. Articles on leadership and excellence; character building and other good virtues are noteworthy to be shared.
- ii. Posting for job vacancies and other career and business opportunities are also encouraged.
- iii. Refrain from posting surveys, votes, trash ads and other similar schemes that are not related to the Order of DeMolay.
- iv. Articles or topics that impact on common decency and inappropriate behavior are strictly prohibited.

c. On Photos and Videos:

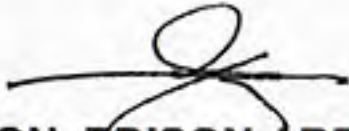
- i. The posting pictures or videos with beer and liquor bottles, even only on the background, including those with inappropriate and indecent (violent/sexual/lewd) actions and materials are strictly prohibited.

d. Other Provisions:

- i. Controversial matters and sensitive issues regarding the affairs of the Order of DeMolay, in general, and Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay/DeMolay Chapter, in particular, should be sent directly and/or separately to the Grand Master of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay or through email address: philippinesupremecouncil@gmail.com.
- ii. The Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay shall immediately act and decide on any reported violation or actual knowledge to any of the above-stated guidelines.

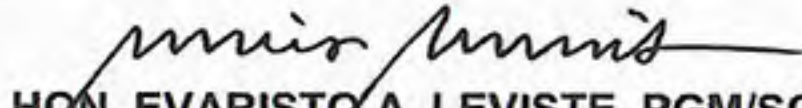
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- iii. The administrators of all of the social medial networks and platforms covered by this Circular shall reserve the right to suspend or delist the DeMolay member's posting privileges and he has the right to close or shutdown this account for reasons that will affect the integrity and operations of its DeMolay group account.
4. Any queries or clarifications on the matter may be forwarded to the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, attention: Ms. Florence Nicolas.
5. The Chapter Advisors and Master Councilors of the DeMolay Chapters shall ensure that this Circular shall be read during its stated meetings following its receipt and shall be posted in the bulletin or news board in the Chapter Rooms and/or Masonic Lodges. Likewise, the officers of the DeMolay National Congress and DAAP shall disseminate this information accordingly.
6. For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.



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Grand Master

Attested by:



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