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Grand Master

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TO: GRAND LINE OFFICERS, JURISDICTIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS; ADVISORY COUNCILS, DEMOLAY CHAPTERS AND KNIGHTHOOD PRIORIES; NATIONAL DEMOLAY CONGRESS AND DEMOLAY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

**FROM: THE GRAND MASTER
SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DEMOLAY**

DATE: MAY 31, 2017

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL STATED MEETINGS AND EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES OF DEMOLAY CHAPTERS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF MINDANAO AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER PRECAUTIONARY AND SECURITY RELATED MEASURES.

In view of the recent volatile peace and order situation and in relation to the safety and security risks encountered in certain parts of Mindanao, the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay is urgently issuing the following operational guidelines for all Advisory Councils and DeMolay Chapters to strictly adhere to:

1. All stated meetings and external activities (outside of the Chapter Room) of DeMolay Chapters located within or near the conflict areas, particularly in the Cities of Marawi, Iligan and Cagayan de Oro, are temporarily suspended.
2. All external projects and activities of DeMolay Chapters in all parts of Mindanao, including the Zamboanga Peninsula and Sulu Archipelago, are also temporarily suspended. However, those Chapters outside of the conflict areas may continue to conduct and hold their stated meetings in close supervision by their respective Advisory Councils.
3. All official and scheduled travels of DeMolay members as previously scheduled and approved by the Advisory Councils and DeMolay Chapter are likewise temporarily cancelled; unless said out of town trips are family related or school sanctioned. Unless critically important or urgent, it is advisable for DeMolay members to refrain from traveling to other parts of the province or region in Mindanao until the local peace and order situation improves and stabilizes.
4. The Sponsoring Bodies and Advisory Councils of DeMolay Chapters should fully ensure that none of our DeMolay boys will be placed at any sort of risks under any DeMolay sanctioned activity.

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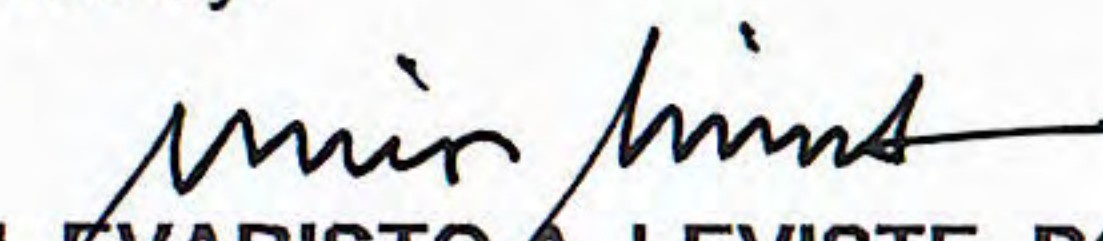
5. The DeMolay Alumni Association of the Philippines (DAAP) may issue its own operational guidelines in relation to DeMolay Alumni Chapters that will conduct its own relief operations to directly assist any of the Brethren affected by the conflict or in need of any assistance related to the adverse situation in Marawi and Iligan Cities and other identified areas.
6. All DeMolay members, even if you are in Luzon or in the Visayas, are enjoined to be vigilant and alert on their surroundings and to strongly reconsider any travels to the identified conflict areas in Mindanao.
7. All Executive Officers are directed to give a situational report on each of the DeMolay Chapters in their region or jurisdiction to the Grand Master, specifying receipt and adherence to this Circular, as soon as possible.

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. Further, the Jurisdictional Deputy Grand Masters and Executive Officers including their respective Deputy Executive Officers, shall relay this information to those DeMolay Chapters that may have no access to email or other forms of communications. Likewise, the officers of the DeMolay National Congress and DAAP shall disseminate this information accordingly.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.


HON. EDISON ABELLA
Grand Master

Attested by:


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