

October 8, 1993

Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay of Australia  
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Dear Brother Kirk:

This correspondence is being sent as a follow up from the June 1993 International Supreme Council Session held in Washington, DC.

Due to input received from Brothers Stephen P. Gardner and Wayne S. Greenwood at that Session, the International Supreme Council Fraternal Relations Committee made a recommendation to the International Supreme Council and the following was adopted:

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Covenant adopted by the International Supreme Council in 1991 and submitted to Australia be amended, on page 2, item 1, line 3 to read as follows: *"A DeMolay chapter must be sponsored by a generally recognized Masonic body, Masonic bodies, or Advisory Council."*

Therefore, we have amended our Covenant to reflect this adopted recommendation and we are submitting to the Supreme Council of Australia for consideration. It is our hope that your Supreme Council will find this revised language acceptable and that the covenant can be signed and returned to the DeMolay International Service and Leadership Center as soon as possible.

To better assist you with understanding what this revision means exactly, I am enclosing selected pages from the 1992 *International Supreme Council Statutes* and have highlighted specific areas relating to this action.

As you can clearly see, The Sacred Landmarks of the Order of DeMolay states that a DeMolay chapter must be sponsored by a generally recognized Masonic body or Masonic bodies.

As stated in Article 16 ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTERS, Section 316.4 Application to Establish Chapter (a), only an organization composed exclusively of Masons or an Advisory Council may sponsor or apply to establish a chapter. When reading Section 316.4 alone, it could be inferred that an Advisory Council is different than "an organization composed exclusively of Masons".


However, when you refer to Article 19 ADVISORY COUNCIL, Section 319.1 Advisory Council Required (a), the definition of an Advisory Council is made very clear, "a chapter's Advisory Council must have at least three members who are Masons in good standing and are recommended by the sponsoring organization". As mentioned above, that sponsoring body must be a Masonic body or bodies.

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I hope that this explanation will help you to understand and answer any questions as to the action taken by the International Supreme Council to insure that all DeMolay chapters continue to have Masonic sponsorship.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Executive Director Robert W. Murphy.

Sincerely and fraternally,

  
Joe R. Manning  
Grand Secretary

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Enclosures

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## **The Sacred Landmarks of the Order of DeMolay**

A DeMolay Chapter must be sponsored by a generally recognized Masonic Body or Masonic Bodies. Membership in a DeMolay Chapter shall be limited to boys:

1. Who are not yet twenty-one years of age.
2. Who profess a belief in God and Reverence for His Holy Name.
3. Who affirm their loyalty to their country and respect for its flag.
4. Who adhere to the practice of personal morality.
5. Who pledge themselves to uphold the high ideals typified by the seven cardinal virtues in the Crown of Youth.
6. Who accept the philosophy of the Universal Brotherhood of Man and the nobility of character typified by the life and death of Jacques DeMolay.

## PART III PROVISIONS RELATING TO CHAPTERS

### ARTICLE 16 ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTERS

**316.1 Recognition.** Only Chapters chartered or working under Letters Temporary are part of the Order of DeMolay.  
(1990)

**316.2 Name.** A Chapter may not be named for a living person. The name of a Chapter must be approved by the Supreme Council. The city and state or province in which the Chapter is located are added to its name.  
(1990)

**316.3 Territory.**  
(a) The territory of a Chapter coincides with the boundaries of the Jurisdiction in which it is located unless the Chapter's territory has been set by the Executive Officer.  
(b) The territory of a Chapter may be altered by the Supreme Council.  
(1990)

**316.4 Application to Establish Chapter.**  
(a) Only an organization composed exclusively of Masons or an Advisory Council may sponsor or apply to establish a Chapter.  
(b) The sponsoring organization must adopt a resolution of sponsorship, pledging itself to supervise, guide and assist the chapter.  
(c) The application is made to the Executive Officer, or if there is none, to the Grand Secretary.  
(d) The Executive Officer or Grand Secretary will provide the forms of application and sponsorship.  
(e) If, after investigation, the officer receiving the application is satisfied that the sponsoring organization will supervise, guide and assist the Chapter, he shall submit the application to the Grand Master with his recommendation.  
(1990) (*See 101.3 - Definition of Mason*)

**316.5 Application by Executive Officer.** An Executive Officer may apply to establish a Chapter in his Jurisdiction without a sponsoring organization.  
(1990)

**316.6 Selection of Advisory Council.** The Executive Officer selects an Advisory Council for any Chapter for which an application to establish a Chapter is made.  
(1990)

### **316.7 Letters Temporary.**

(a) Upon receipt of a proper application, and payment of the fee for Letters Temporary, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, shall issue Letters Temporary for the proposed Chapter.

(b) The Letters Temporary are sent to the Executive Officer.

(c) Upon receiving the Letters Temporary, the Executive Officer shall in writing authorize the Advisory Council to select and obligate the original members of the Chapter.

(d) Under the supervision of the Advisory Council, members of the Chapter are selected, and the fees for candidates are fixed.  
(1990)

### **316.8 Institution of Chapter under Letters Temporary.**

(a) The minimum number of members for delivery of Letters Temporary to a Chapter is fifteen.

(b) Unless the Chapter is instituted or the time is extended by the Grand Master, Letters Temporary expire eight months after issuance.

(c) A Chapter must be instituted, in the manner set by the Supreme Council, Grand Master or Executive Officer. The instituting officer shall report the institution to the Grand Secretary.  
(1989, 1990)

### **316.9 Bylaws.**

(a) Each Chapter shall adopt bylaws consistent with these statutes, in the form following the statutes.

(b) For the purpose of governing local conditions additional bylaws may be adopted or the bylaws may be amended by a Chapter by two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting called with thirty days notice. Additional bylaws become effective on approval of the Executive Officer.

(c) Any action of the Supreme Council which affects the bylaws of a Chapter amends the bylaws of the Chapter.  
(1990)

### ARTICLE 17 ISSUANCE OF CHARTERS

**317.1 Recommendations.** On the recommendation of the Executive Officer, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary may issue a charter.  
(1990)

## ARTICLE 19 ADVISORY COUNCIL

### 319.1 Advisory Council Required.

(a) A Chapter must have an Advisory Council of at least three members, who are Masons in good standing, and are recommended by the sponsoring organization.

(b) Senior DeMolays who are not Masons but are recommended by the sponsoring organization may serve as members of an Advisory Council in any capacity except chairman.

(c) Men who are not Masons or Senior DeMolays, and who have been recommended by a sponsoring organization and who have been interviewed by an Executive Officer or his representative and who have successfully completed a DeMolay training program may be appointed as members of an Advisory Council by an Executive Officer. Such advisors may not act in the capacity of chairman or chapter advisor. Such advisors shall take an oath of secrecy prescribed by the Supreme Council. Such advisors may visit tiled Chapter meetings and attend functions only within the Jurisdictions of Executive Officers permitting such advisors.

(d) Every member of an Advisory Council must annually sign and file with the Executive Officer a completed adult worker profile, a certificate of change, or a certificate of no change.

(1988, 1990, 1991) (See 101.3 - Definition of Mason)

**319.2 Appointment.** The members of the Advisory Council are appointed by the Executive Officer. The Executive Officer may only appoint a person as a member of an Advisory Council or adult DeMolay worker after reviewing the person's completed DeMolay adult worker profile. Effective with the 1993 advisory council registration, the person must have successfully completed the DeMolay adult worker training program to be eligible for reappointment.

(1990, 1991)

**319.3 Vows.** Each member of an Advisory Council shall take a vow of allegiance to the Supreme Council and the Executive Officer, and be duly installed.

(1990)

**319.4 Term.** The term of office of Advisory Council members is one year.

(1990)

**319.5 Vacancies.** Vacancies are filled by the Executive Officer.

(1990)

**319.6 Removal.** The Executive Officer may

remove any Advisory Council member who does not or will not perform his duties in accordance with these statutes, or as directed by the Executive Officer.

(1990) (See 206.5 - Executive Officer Authority)

### 319.7 Duties.

(a) The Advisory Council has duties assigned to it by these statutes, the Supreme Council, the Grand Master and the Executive Officer.

(b) The Advisory Council governs the activities of a Chapter consistent with these statutes and as directed by the Executive Officer.

(c) An Advisory Council must organize and select a chairman and a chapter advisor. At the recommendation of the sponsoring body, the Executive Officer may permit a member who is a Senior DeMolay who is not a Mason to be selected as chapter advisor.

(d) The Advisory Council shall meet at least monthly and a full record of each meeting shall be made. Each member of the Council has a vote.

(e) At least one member of the Advisory Council, who is a Mason, must be present at all meetings of the Chapter.

(1984, 1988, 1990) (See 212.5 - Mothers' Clubs, 212.6 - Parents' Clubs, 323.8 - Exclude Objectionable Persons from Chapter Functions)

**319.8 Chairman.** The chairman of the Advisory Council presides at its meetings, and performs the other duties required of him by his office or the Advisory Council.

(1990)

**319.9 Chapter Advisor.** The chapter advisor:

(a) Is the liaison between the Advisory Council and Chapter members.

(b) Sees that the Chapter is conducted in accordance with these statutes, the directives of the Grand Master and Executive Officer, and the Chapter bylaws.

(c) Sees that the directions of the Advisory Council are observed.

(d) Performs other duties the Advisory Council assigns to him.

(1990)

**319.10 Financial Responsibility.** The Advisory Council is responsible for the Chapter budget, and shall review the monthly financial reports of the Chapter, and revise the Chapter budget if necessary.

(1990)

**319.11 Election or Rejection by Declaration.** The Advisory Council with the approval of the Executive Officer may declare a petitioner elected or rejected if, in their opinion, the best interests of the Order will be served.

(1990)