

30 September 2019

### **2019 Chairman's / Supreme Grand Master's Report**

Members of DeMolay Australia, I welcome you to this the Second Annual General Meeting of DeMolay Australia Ltd (DAL).

I am pleased to submit this report for receipt and adoption.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> year as DAL and our operations arm, The Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, has seen many significant events.

#### Hunter Valley NSW Chapter

We closed Hunter Valley Chapter after almost 2years. I see the reasons for this being a lack of commitment from the members, which was probably due being allowed to dedicate with less than 15 members numbers and no fun activities outside the Chapter meetings.

#### 100yr Anniversary Celebrations

While I personally was bit reluctant commit our limited resources to undertaking any large-scale celebrations, I was very grateful to those that put their hand up did so in great style and effect. All that attended across Australia were indeed grateful that the event was organised and their attendance again reinforced the benefit DeMolay has on Young men's lives.

I acknowledge and thank:

- in Qld, Bob Jenkinson and Peter Donald;
- in NSW Charlie Cosoleto and the Phoenix Blacktown Formation Committee; and and
- n WA, Zaldy Geonzon and the Western Australia DeMolay Formation Committee

for their HUGE efforts organising their Celebrations.



### Phoenix Blacktown NSW Chapter

The Dedication of Phoenix Blacktown Chapter was a fantastic event no one in attendance will ever forget. The attendance by MW Bro Derek Robson as well as the heads and representatives of many other Orders, shows the support and belief in the good that the Order of DeMolay does for our communities.

From an operations point of view, with respect to the Phoenix Blacktown Formation Committee, we saw the first Chapter start wholly under the new Chapter Start-up criteria. The manner in which the Formation Committee complied with our process was gratifying to witness. They tested and helped us improve the start-up process and I again acknowledge, congratulate and thank them for their commitment to the Order of DeMolay.

### Masonic Relations

Recognition of DeMolay in Australia by all Masonic Grand Lodges has been a task that I have personally undertaken over the last few years. I'm pleased to announce that UGL Victoria has accepted a proposal by the Victorian DeMolay Formation Committee to start a DeMolay Chapter. I acknowledge and thank MW Bro Keith Murray for his presentation to the board. The Formation committee is very active and well underway to start a Victorian Chapter in 2020.

As we already have written agreements with Qld and NSW and have had a Chapter in SA, that only leaves Grand Lodge of Western Australia. During a recent WA Holiday I was able to meet with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of WA. I was able to broaden their knowledge of DeMolay Australia operations and gain their individual support. I was also able to meet with RW Bro David Gannon who will be making a "pros and cons" presentation about DeMolay to the Board of Freemasons WA. The WA DeMolay Formation Committee is well under way and will start a Chapter in 2020 with or without GLWA support.

### ISC Centenary Sessions

I would like to thank Ian Milne, Andrew Childs and Bob Jenkinson for accompanying me to the ISC sessions in Kansas City, MO. The session was an eye opener for me, and it was great to see the calibre of young men in action at the "Congress Sessions". At the final ISC session, I was called to the ISC stage to sign a "Commercial Services" agreement for our access to the "ISC e-Scribe training". This was the first such agreement

ever struck by ISC. I was given the opportunity to address the ISC assembly (approx. 250 delegates) where I was able to thank everyone for their friendship and support received by all us Aussies. To meet and talk to the active members from USA and around the world and the other Supreme Grand Masters was absolutely wonderful.

The events organised to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were memorable particularly the tour of Dad Lands office and the Leadership centre.

### Website

The creation of the DeMolay Australia website has been the culminating point in the rebirthing of DeMolay in Australia. To have every form, document, policy, ceremony, Honours and Awards, etc accessible to members and advisors is an incredible asset for our organisation going forward. To have such a professional resource so easy to access is invaluable in todays 'now' society.

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to our Executive Director, Bob Jenkinson, who has single-handedly spent hundreds and hundreds of hours creating new forms, new policies, new documents, new application forms, new reporting forms, our training program with online quiz and the list goes on. We could not afford to have had this done by a web designer and the organisation will always be thankful.

In closing I thank all members of the Supreme Council for their work on behalf of all DeMolay in Australia, past, present, and future and I thank you for your friendship.



**Trevor Green**  
**Chairman /**  
**Supreme Grand Master**