



March 12, 2020

Members, Advisors, Parent and Friends of Pennsylvania DeMolay,

As everyone is aware the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting many schools, businesses and organizations. The PA DeMolay Leadership Team has been monitoring developments closely over the last several days. We have been coordinating with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F.&A.M., the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation and other Masonic youth groups.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation has released this statement:

“Due to on-going concerns surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19), all activities and events sponsored by Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation (PMYF) at the Masonic Conference Center and Masonic Villages are canceled until further notice. Additionally, the PMYF recommends state and local Masonic Youth Groups suspend activity. While we are not aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 connected to our Masonic Youth Family, the Masonic Conference Center or the Masonic Villages, we take these measures out of an abundance of caution in order to safeguard the well-being of our youth, families, volunteers, visitors and staff.”

Based upon the current, ongoing and developing recommendations from the CDC and PMYF, I am directing all DeMolay activities in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania to cease, effective immediately and until further notice.

This includes **ALL** activities for:

- PA DeMolay Jurisdiction (Rose Croix Induction)
- PA DeMolay Regions
- PA DeMolay Chapters
- PA Squire Manors
- PA Legion of Honor Preceptories
- PA Chevalier Courts

By the end of the weekend we will have more details out to the Chapters on how we will be handling the DeMolay Month Competition; Devotional Day Observances; and other ongoing programs and competitions that will be affected by this suspension of activities.

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My decision is not an easy one, but you must know that it was made to protect our youth members and adults. The health and safety of our stakeholders must always be our first and most important priority.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at rboyce@pademolay.net or 724-244-5285, Dad Dave Berry at dwberry@pademolay.net or 717-367-1536 x4. You can also contact the PMYF at PMYF@PAGrandLodge.org or 800-266-8424.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney E. Boyce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Dad Rodney E. Boyce
Executive Officer