

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JURISDICTION

ORDER OF DEMOLAY

CONGRESS BY-LAWS



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Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Congress. It shall be governed by the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of DeMolay International and the Policies and Directives of this Jurisdiction and the Executive Officer.

Article II. Objective

The objective of the Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Congress shall be to make recommendations to the Executive Officer of the Jurisdiction of Southern California for the good of the Order and to elect the Jurisdiction Officers, Sweetheart, and Princess for the prescribed term of office.

Article III. Delegates

Section 1. Delegates.

The Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Congress shall be composed of the five (5) delegates from each active DeMolay Chapter or club in Southern California, each of whom must be and remain an active DeMolay in good standing. An active Chapter will be defined by the Executive Officer.

In addition to the Chapter and club delegates, each League President, the Jurisdiction Deputy Master Councilor and Congress Secretary shall serve as a delegate to the Congress.

In the event of a tie, the Jurisdiction Master Councilor serves as the deciding vote. During elections, this vote shall be given in the form of a subsequent secret ballot.

Section 2. Delegate Election

Three of the five chapter delegates to the DeMolay Congress shall be the Master, Senior and Junior Councilors; the two other delegates at large shall be elected from the chapter's or club's active membership.

Section 3. Delegate Appointment

The Chapter Dad of a DeMolay Chapter or club may at any time appoint an alternate to replace one or more of the duly accredited delegates from that chapter or club to the Congress. Any such appointment(s) during the Congress sessions must be reported, in writing, to the presiding officer of the Congress, the Congress Credentials Committee, and the Jurisdiction Dad.

If one of the League Presidents is unable to fulfill his duties as a delegate, the League Dad may appoint the League Vice-President to serve in the President's behalf. Any such appointment(s), during the Congress sessions, must be reported, in writing, to the presiding officer of the Congress, the Congress Credentials Committee, and the Jurisdiction Dad.
(1989)

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Definition of Officers

The Officers of the Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Congress shall consist of the Jurisdiction Master Councilor, and Jurisdiction Deputy Master Councilor and other appointed officers, which the Jurisdiction Master Councilor deems necessary and who are approved by the Executive Officer.

Section 2. Creation of Candidates

Any DeMolay in good standing, who is a Past Master Councilor, holds his Lamp of Knowledge (completed Leadership Correspondence Course Lessons 1 through 5), a Representative DeMolay, and who shall not reach his twenty-second (22nd) birthday prior to the conclusion of his term as a Jurisdiction Officer, may submit a request for permission to run as a candidate for any Jurisdiction office. This request along with supporting letters of recommendation and information are to be sent to the Executive Officer for his approval to run. All requests must be postmarked prior to June 1st for Conclaves held on the Labor Day Holiday weekend. An earlier due date may be established if the Annual Conclave date is changed. (1992, 1993)

- b) The Executive Officer shall be the sole judge of said qualifications and the approval of the Executive Officer shall be required prior to the candidate being officially declared a candidate for any Jurisdiction office. No candidate may run for Jurisdiction Office if he would turn 22 years old during his term as a Jurisdiction Officer. (2005)

Section 3. Election of Officers

The Jurisdiction Master Councilor, Deputy Master Councilor and Congress Secretary shall be elected by a separate, secret written ballot from those candidates nominated and approved to run for each separate office.

The number of votes required to elect shall be a simple majority of the total number of delegates to the DeMolay Congress present and voting at the time of election, provided there is a quorum present. If quorum is not present, the Executive Officer will appoint the Officers.

In the event that three (3) or more candidates are seeking the same office, the following rules apply. If a simple majority is not achieved upon completion of the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be removed from the ballot and a second ballot will be cast. This procedure will be repeated until a candidate receives a simple majority. After which that candidate will be deemed elected.

Section 4. Duties of Officers

The duties of the Jurisdiction Officers are determined and defined by the Jurisdiction Executive Officer, or elsewhere in these By-laws.

Section 5. Removal of Officers

Any Jurisdiction officer may be removed from office for nonfeasance or malfeasance in office, for conduct not becoming a representative of the Order of DeMolay or upon conviction of any felony involving any act or acts of moral turpitude.

Charges against any Jurisdiction Master Councilor, Deputy Master Councilor or Congress Secretary shall be brought as follows:

Charges may be presented to the Executive Committee by any of the following persons:

Any two or more sitting League Presidents

Any ten or more Master Councilors or Past Master Councilors who are active members of the Order of DeMolay within Southern California Jurisdiction.

Any two or more Advisors.

By any member of the Order of DeMolay or by any Advisor in matters involving the conviction of a felony or actions involving moral turpitude.

All charges presented to the Executive Committee shall be presented in writing. All such charges shall identify with particularity the acts or omissions alleged, and including documentation of each claim. All charges shall be signed by each person presenting them, and shall contain the following statement: "I have personal knowledge of each of the charges made in this document, and I declare upon my honor that these charges are true and correct."

It shall be the function of the Executive Committee under the chairmanship of the Executive Officer to review the charges and specifications, hear the evidence, both from the alleging parties and the accused party, review the evidence presented and in a secret ballot in which the Executive Officer shall not participate, determine the guilt or innocence of the accused officer. Upon a vote of 2/3 of the Jurisdiction Executive Committee then present voting, in favor of conviction and the removal, a Petition for Removal and the finding of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Executive Officer for his determination.

The Executive Officer shall be the sole judge, after consultation with the Jurisdiction Executive Committee, as he shall determine, whether the accused officer shall be removed. The Executive Officer shall render a decision within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Petition and file from the Executive Committee and shall render such decision in writing with Notice to the accused, the accusers, and the Jurisdiction Executive Committee.

Article V. Meetings of Southern California Jurisdiction

Section 1. Meetings

The Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Congress shall meet annually at the Jurisdiction Conclave, or in a special session as provided for in this Article.

Section 2. Master Councilor Calls for Special Sessions

The Jurisdiction Master Councilor may call a special session of the DeMolay Congress, with the approval of the Jurisdiction Dad and the Executive Officer. Business may be transacted only with the prior notification of all delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the special session.

Section 3. Delegates Request for Special Session

The Jurisdiction Master Councilor shall call a special session whenever requested, in writing, by the minimum number of delegates to form a quorum and with the approval of the Jurisdiction Dad and the Executive Officer. Such a request, in writing, must state the purpose for the special session.

Section 4. Quorum

A quorum of the DeMolay Congress for the transaction of business shall consist of a simple majority of the accredited delegates to the Congress, not to exceed five (5) delegates per active Chapter/Club. The Executive Officer will determine the number of active Chapters/Clubs. For business conducted at the annual Conclave, delegates must be registered full time at Conclave.

Section 5. Voting

Each duly accredited delegate or appointed delegate shall be entitled to one vote at all sessions of the DeMolay Congress. There shall be no vote by proxy.

Section 6. Elections at Special Meetings

The Jurisdiction Master Councilor, Deputy Master Councilor and Congress Secretary may be elected at a Special meeting of the Congress held in August of each year prior to the scheduled Conclave or during the Annual Conclave. The Executive Officer will determine when elections are held.

Article VI. Resolutions

Section 1.

All resolutions to be submitted must be done so by a simple majority of the total number of delegates of one of the several Leagues in the Jurisdiction of Southern California.

Section 2.

The President of a League submitting a resolution must sign his name and date to the bottom of the resolution attesting that the action of the resolution was properly taken. He shall also send with the resolution, the resulting number of affirmative votes, negative votes, and abstentions from the vote taken on that resolution.

Section 3.

All resolutions to be submitted must be sent to the Jurisdiction Master Councilor ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the annual session of the DeMolay Congress. (Resolutions to change Uniform League By-laws are exempt from this requirement). All resolutions must be reviewed by the Jurisdiction Legal Counsel for proper phrasing and placement in the By-laws or Jurisdiction Policy.

A copy of all accepted resolutions for the DeMolay Congress shall be provided to each League President, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the annual session of the DeMolay Congress. (1989)

Section 4.

The resolutions to pass must attain a simple majority of those delegates present and voting and provided there is a quorum present.

Section 5.

Resolutions do not become effective until final approval of the Executive Officer.

Article VII. Committees

Section 1.

All standing and special committees shall be appointed by the Jurisdiction Master Councilor and serve at his pleasure. These committees must have the approval of the Jurisdiction Dad and the Executive Officer.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's' Rules of Order shall govern the DeMolay Congress in all to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws, and any special rules of the Order of DeMolay; the Jurisdiction of Southern California Policy; the directives of the Executive Officer; or any other customs of the DeMolay Congress.

Article IX. Amendments

Section 1.

These By-laws may be amended at the annual meeting of the Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Congress by a simple majority vote of the delegates to the Congress and the approval

of the Executive Officer, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing, as prescribed in Article VI Resolutions, and also provided there is a quorum present.

Article X. Miscellaneous

Section 1.

The outgoing Master Councilor, within fourteen (14) days of the close of the Annual DeMolay Congress, shall deliver, in person, the resolutions, recommendations and proceedings of the Congress to the Executive Officer of the Jurisdiction for his consideration and action.

Section 2.

The Executive Officer will render a decision on the resolutions presented and approved at the last Congress and communicate his decision on each resolution from the DeMolay Congress to the members of DeMolay within thirty (30) days of after the close of the annual DeMolay Congress. (1995)

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ARTICLE V MEETINGS, SECTION 4 amended by 1995 DeMolay Congress to read, "A quorum of the DeMolay Congress for the transaction of business shall consist of a simple majority of the accredited delegates registered full time at the annual Conclave, not to exceed five delegates per chapter/club."

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS, SECTION 2 added by 1995 DeMolay Congress to read, "The Executive Officer will render a decision on the resolutions presented and approved at the last closed Congress and communicate his decision on each resolution from the DeMolay Congress to the members of DeMolay within thirty (30) days after the close of the annual DeMolay congress."

All references to International Supreme Council, ISC, or Statues were updated to DeMolay International or DeMolay International By-laws, Rules and Regulations. (1999)

Updated to conform to Districts instead of Leagues and for electing Jurisdiction Officers in August prior to Conclave. (2000)

Several conflicting versions of ratified bylaws were in existence at the beginning of the administration of Dad Richard Jeanson, Executive Officer. As there was some confusion as to the current by-laws by which the Jurisdiction was being governed, the Executive Officer approved and submitted for acceptance by Congress, a standardized set of by-laws accurately reflecting the Executive Officer's philosophy of governance and tradition. These bylaws were presented to and accepted by the 2004 DeMolay Congress. (2004)

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5, part (b) added by 2004 DeMolay Congress pertaining to the procedures and process of bringing charges against a jurisdiction officer to the attention of the Executive Committee and the Executive Officer. (2004)

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5, part (c) amended by 2004 DeMolay Congress so that any document presented indicating charges be brought before the Executive Committee and the Executive Officer shall include the following language, "I have personal knowledge of each of the charges made in this document, and I declare upon my honor that these charges are true and correct." (2004)

ARTIVLE IV, SECTION 2, part (a) and (b) amended by Executive Order allowing candidates to be eligible for Jurisdiction Office as long as they do not attain the age of 22 years during their term of office. (2005)

Updated to conform to Leagues instead of Districts and added office of Congress Secretary. (2009)

2016 changed EO name and formatting adjustments