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DEMOLAY
INTERNATIONAL

**A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE
107TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER OF DEMOLAY**

WHEREAS, the Order of DeMolay was chartered on April 1, 1919 and is a character building organization of young men from twelve to twenty-one years of age; and

WHEREAS, under the mentorship of adults, these young men are taught to prepare themselves to become better citizens and better leaders for tomorrow through the use of a variety of self-directed, real world applications and activities; and

WHEREAS, the philosophies of DeMolay are centered on the seven cardinal virtues of filial love, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, DeMolay helps develop young men of character into good men of all ages and by teaching leadership skills, civic awareness, responsibility, and character development; and

WHEREAS, the organization has carried out the aforementioned goals for one hundred seven years through programs of athletic competition, social activity, civic service, and charitable projects; and

WHEREAS, DeMolay International is currently celebrating its 107th celebration, and will use this opportunity to advise citizens of their many activities and to recognize the millions of active and senior DeMolay members throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Order of DeMolay has grown to 11,345 members in over 1,000 Chapters worldwide and locally, Swordsmen Chapter No. 14029 of the Order of DeMolay will observe 2026 as its 52nd Anniversary from the original Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raymond R. Soliman, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of The City of Crest Hill, do hereby proclaim the month of **March, 2026** as **DeMolay Month** in the City of Crest Hill in celebration of their 107th Anniversary and urge all citizens to join me in saluting the young men of the Order of DeMolay and in expressing appreciation for the fine example set by them in contributing to the welfare of our community.

Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of the City of Crest Hill this 2nd day of March, 2026.



Raymond R. Soliman
Mayor City of Crest Hill