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PROCLAMATION
YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California is dedicated to the support of the young men and women of our Masonic youth orders: DeMolay International, the International Order of Job's Daughters, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

My commitment to Masonry began with DeMolay, and it has grown each day since. I know that many of our members feel the same way. Many have already taken up the cause of revitalizing our youth orders. We must continue to champion that cause.

I implore each of you: Become involved with our youth orders today. Attend their meetings and events. Make them partners in lodge activities. Offer to assist with leadership training, or serve on their advisory teams.

Above all, take time to talk with them about their hopes, dreams, and challenges. Give them your time and earnest attention. Really listen to what type of support they need from their Masonic family. Ask how your lodge can help.

Many have heard the adage, "We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds our future." The future is in *their* hands – all of its challenges and triumphs. It's a future I'm excited to see. Our Masonic youth are extraordinary and inspiring young people, and I know they will be extraordinary leaders.

They should never go it alone. Let's make sure they know that we're standing by, ready to lend support and encouragement. It's our obligation. But much more than that, it's our privilege.

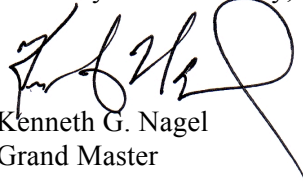
I therefore PROCLAIM the month of MAY 2010 to be **YOUTH ORDERS MONTH**

and I direct that this Proclamation be read by the master at the May stated meeting and included in the lodge Trestleboard.


Most importantly, I urge every lodge in this jurisdiction to plan a special meeting or program that includes one or more youth orders as a way to demonstrate our enduring support. They are our future.

Dated this 23 day of April, 2010.

Sincerely and fraternally,


Kenneth G. Nagel
Grand Master

Attest:


Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary