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**GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION  
MARCH 2024 IS YOUTH ORDERS MONTH**  
*Shining the Light of Freemasonry*

**Whereas** California Masons seek to shine the light of Freemasonry for the wider world around us; and

**Whereas** the young men and women who participate in DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls represent the next generation of California Masonry and embody the Masonic values that support our fraternity; and

**Whereas** members of the Masonic youth orders serve as a beacon to their own communities through a commitment to the Masonic ideals of respect, integrity, and compassion; and

**Whereas** Masons are uniquely positioned to offer positive mentorship, guidance, and support;

**As grand master, I therefore proclaim March 2024 to be Youth Orders Month in California.**

The Masonic youth orders are one of the most important parts of our fraternal family; they represent the future of our organization, and their members often graduate into serving as leaders not only of Freemasonry but of our wider communities. Over the past several years, each of the three orders has celebrated its centennial, a truly amazing milestone and evidence of the historic nature of these groups. Every Bethel, chapter, and assembly benefits when Masons give back, whether as volunteers, donors, or as an audience.

The benefits run both ways: What Masons give back to the youth orders, these impressive young people give back to us in energy and inspiration. This month, show our youth that Masons live by the values we instill in them. I encourage all California Masons to engage with the Masonic youth orders in their area and to remind them that the Masons of California stand proudly behind them. Visit [Masons4Youth.org](http://Masons4Youth.org) for information on ways you can help today—and for a growing library of resources related to the Youth Orders that lodges can share with their members through trestleboards, emails, or social media.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Attest:

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