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“EDICT”

To: Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren. All belonging to the Jurisdiction of the MWPHGL F. & A.M. of Washington and Jurisdiction

Subject: **EDICT: HAZING DURING THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Greetings:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (F. & A.M.) of Washington and Jurisdiction does not condone the over-zealous behavior of some Master Masons when it comes to the conferring of the symbolic degrees to candidates. Physical and/or any actions by a Master Mason that can be determined to be abuse will not be tolerated. Said actions are considered Un-Masonic Conduct and will be judged accordingly.

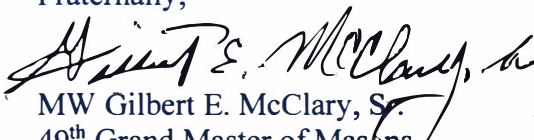
Worshipful Masters are to ensure that their degree team(s) are aware of any special or prohibiting medical conditions that a candidate may have is not aggravated during the conferring of degrees. The degree team must take the appropriate precautions. The physical and/or mental health of a candidate is of the utmost importance. There are alternative methods of ensuring that the integrity and meaning of each degree is communicated without the physical or mental abuse of a candidate. The risk of liability to your lodge and the Grand Lodge is of great concern.

Therefore, I, MWGM Gilbert E. McClary, Sr. is hereby directing each Worshipful Master or Master Mason presiding over the conferring of degrees shall read, or cause to be read this Hazing Edict prior to the performance of all degree work. Worshipful Masters and/or presiding officer(s) will be held strictly accountable. This EDICT will remain in effect until further notice. Any questions with regards to this Edict are to be directed to me.

Take due and timely notice of the contents of this Edict and govern yourselves accordingly.

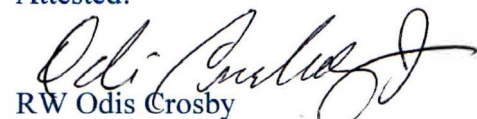
Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge this 24th day of July 2021 A.D., 6021 A.L.

Fraternally,


MW Gilbert E. McClary, Sr.
49th Grand Master of Masons
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Attested:


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