



TERRELL D. HICKLIN GRAND CHAPTER

HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS JURISDICTION OF WASHINGTON PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION



HAZING EDICT 001-2026

To: Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests, District Deputies of the York Rite, Excellent High Priests, Past High Priests, Excellent Kings, Excellent Scribes, and Companions. All belonging to the Jurisdiction of the Terrell D. Hicklin Holy Royal Arch Masons of Washington and Jurisdiction.

Subject: HAZING PROHIBITION – ZERO TOLERANCE

Greetings Companions:

The Terrell D. Hicklin Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, PHA of Washington and Jurisdiction does not condone the improper behavior of some Companions when it comes to the conferring of the holy royal arch degrees to candidates. Physical and/or actions by a HRAM Companion that can be determined to be abuse will not be tolerated. Said actions can be considered criminal misconduct and will be judged accordingly.

District Deputies and Excellent High Priests 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 Chapter and the Grand Chapter is of great concern!

Therefore, I, MEGHP James A. Gilbert III am hereby directing each Excellent High Priest or Companion presiding over the conferring of degrees shall read, or cause to be read this Hazing Edict prior to the performance of all degree work and documented within the minutes of the Chapter. Excellent High Priests 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 proclamation 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 Chapter this 30th day of May 2025 A.D., 6022 A.L.

Holiness to the Lord X3,

James B. Gilbert III

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