W.E.B. Du BOIS GRAND COMMANDERY

ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

JURISDICTION OF WASHINGTON

PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION

HAZING ORDER 001-2026

To: Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Eminent Commanders, District Deputies of the York Rite, Eminent Commanders, Past Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and Sir Knights. All belonging to the Jurisdiction of the W.E.B. Du Bois Grand Commandery Order of Knights Templar of Washington and Jurisdiction, P.H.A.

Subject: HAZING PROHIBITION ORDER – ZERO TOLERANCE

Greetings Sir Knights:

The W.E.B. Du Bois Grand Commandery Order of Knights Templar of Washington and Jurisdiction, P.H.A. does not condone the improper behavior of some Sir Knights when it comes to the conferring of the Chivalric degrees to candidates. Physical and/or actions by a Sir Knight 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 Eminent Commanders 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 Commandery and the Grand Commandery is of great concern!

Therefore, I, MEGC Miles G. Hicks am hereby directing each Eminent Commander or Sir Knight presiding over the conferring of degrees shall read, or cause to be read this Hazing Order prior to the performance of all degree work and documented within the minutes of the Commandery. Eminent Commanders and / or presiding officer(s) will be held strictly accountable. This ORDER will remain in effect until further notice. Any questions with regards to this Order are to be directed to me.

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

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery this 24TH day of April 2025 A.D., 6022 A.L.

In Knighthood and Goodwill,

Miles G. Hicks

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