

ALPHA OMEGA ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL



ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS JURISDICTION OF WASHINGTON PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION



HAZING EDICT 001-2026

To: Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Thrice Illustrious Masters, District Deputies of the York Rite, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, and Illustrious Companions. All belonging to the Jurisdiction of the Alpha Omega Illustrious Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Washington and Jurisdiction.

Subject: HAZING PROHIBITION – ZERO TOLERANCE

Greetings Illustrious Companions:

The Alpha Omega Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, PHA of Washington and Jurisdiction does not condone the improper behavior of some Illustrious Companions when it comes to the conferring of the holy royal arch degrees to candidates. Physical and/or actions by a RSM Illustrious 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 Thrice Illustrious 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 Council and the Grand Council is of great concern!

Therefore, I, MIGTIM Dennis Garrett is hereby directing each Thrice Illustrious Master or Illustrious 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 Council. Thrice Illustrious 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 Council this 30th day of May 2025 A.D., 6022 A.L.

In the Secret Vault,

MIGTIM Dennis Garrett
Alpha Omega Illustrious Grand Council
Royal and Select Masters
Washington and Jurisdiction, P.H.A.

RIGREC Kary Flint
Alpha Omega Illustrious Grand Council
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