

INFORMATION SHARING – MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT
MWPGM GEORGE BLUES' SUSPENSION

A question that may be on your mind is what did Brother Blue do to get suspended? On September 15, 2008, I received a letter from the Grand Master dated September 12, 2008 related to my suspension from Masonry. Attachment #1, states the various reasons I was suspended and that I may appeal on July 15, 2008. The Annual Communication closes on that same date.

Attachment #2 is my letter dated September 28, 2008, to the Grand Master requesting information to support the allegations related to my suspension as stated in his letter of September 12, 2008. Attachment #3 is my letter returned, that was sent to the Grand Master. Attachment #4 is a receipt of the same letter to the Grand Master, and signed by the Grand Secretary. I have not received a response from the Grand Master.

Attachment #5 is another letter from the Grand Master dated September 17, 2008 regarding me being suspended until July 2009 for un-Masonic conduct.

Attachment #6 is an additional letter from the Grand Master dated February 11, 2009 regarding my suspension, and to let us know that my suspension will be put before the Grievance and Appeals Committee (G&AC) at the 2009 Annual Communication.

Of course we know that anyone serving on a G&AC at the Annual Communication and dealing with 10 different appeals will be challenged to objectively perform their duties whatever they may be. Since none of the suspended Brothers has received charges, specifications or a Masonic trial, but only allegations that have not been proven, the G&AC will be placed in a disadvantaged position along with the Brothers that have been suspended. The following additional information is shared to assist in your understanding that when we fail in our search for the Masonic principle of truth, then most likely we will fail to render decisions based on the principle of justice:

1. CHARGES – formal accusations of an offense
2. SPECIFICATIONS – detailed statement of the allegations
3. ALLEGATIONS – an assertion to be true without proof
4. MASONIC TRIAL – examination of evidence and applicable laws to determine what the issues are of specified charges

Now I shall tell you what Brother Blue did not do to get suspended. Attachment #7 is my appeal to the allegations that apparently led to my suspension. It is my belief that the G&AC will be extremely challenged to get at the truth because they will be dealing with 10 separate appeals and interviews tentatively scheduled to take place at the Annual Session. We know that this is an impossible tasking to be done properly, reasonably, and fairly. Therefore, the proper preliminary actions must take place before the Annual Communication to adhere to the dictates of reason. We certainly do not want to treat our Brothers with indifference, or have them thinking that their appeals are being handled by a kangaroo court, because they have not received due process or that now there are time constraints that may further deny a Brother his Masonic Rights. Thus, my appeal and other documents are shared with all my Brothers and the potential G&AC members so that they have the opportunity to hear from me now, and to read/study the information in advance of the Annual Communication so that they are in a position to make informed decisions. And, it is my belief that this information should be provided to you before the Annual Communication in order for me to receive a fair hearing.



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George Blue
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April 8, 2009

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Subject: Petition – Appeal of the Suspension and for the Reinstatement of MWPGM George Blue

Greetings Brothers:

I am appealing to the Grand Lodge in accordance with the Masonic Constitution, Article III, Section 1, 3, 6 and in accordance with Landmark Thirteen, to the allegations of un-Masonic conduct sent to me by MWGM Charles E. Tyner, in a letter dated September 12, 2008, and received on September 15, 2008.

Even though in accordance with the Masonic Code, Chapter XII, Section 142, I have not received any definitive information regarding charges which support the allegations, I did request information from the Grand Master with my letter of September 28, 2008. For clarification on the allegations, I sent two copies of the letter, one to the Grand Master, and the other to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary signed for the letter on October 2, 2008. The Grand Master's copy was returned to me. Please refer to attachment #2. Attachment #1 is a copy of the Suspension letter sent to me by Grand Master Tyner. Therefore, I can only respond to the specific allegations of un-Masonic conduct cited in the September 12, 2008, letter of suspension. And I am refuting as unwarranted any other data/documents representing evidence that might be presented to the Grand Lodge as alleged proof against me. However, I trust that a common sense approach will prevail while the Grand Lodge strives to attain Masonic Justice; thus, I am appealing directly to the Grand Lodge for reinstatement of all my Masonic Rights and Privileges based on the following factual responses to the allegations:

1. Allegation number one, states that I have been electioneering.

a. Electioneering means that in accordance with the Masonic Constitution, Article XIX, and Section 12: "No campaign by circular or other communication for his passage of legislation or concerning the election of officers shall be sent to the Lodge without express permission from the Grand Master."

b. Response to allegation number one – I did not conduct electioneering, nor write, sign, or send a circular, flyer, or other communication for the passage of legislation or concerning the election of officers to a Lodge or individual.

2. Allegation number two, states that I have been engaged in other acts of contumacy, for example sending letters out of the Jurisdiction of California, and sending those letters to lodges in our Jurisdiction to discredit the Grand Master.

a. Contumacy means that a Brother has been belligerent, insubordinate or openly defiant of proper Masonic authority. Or, contumacy is defined as “disobedience” in our Grand Lodge Handbook, on “How to Conduct a Masonic Trial”.

b. Response to allegation number two – I have not engaged in any acts of contumacy, and I did not write, sign, or send letters to other Jurisdictions, or to Lodges in this Jurisdiction intending to discredit Grand Master Tyner. And I would not embellish the truth when writing or speaking about any of our Brothers, and I certainly was not belligerent, insubordinate, or defiant to the Grand Master in a public or private setting, to include, Masonic or Allied Fraternities.

3. Allegation number three, states that all of the above acts are contumelious in nature and un-Masonic.

a. Contumelious means insolently abusive and humiliating.

b. Response to allegation number three - I have not been contemptuous, rude, or disrespectful, in my actions and/or language towards MWGM Charles E. Tyner. Thus, the statement that all of the acts are contumelious in nature, and un-Masonic; I find that it's a statement not supported with facts. And, while not specifically indicated the statement may infer to the past or present. Therefore, I submit that all the allegations are unsubstantiated; thus, are meritless.

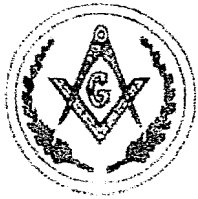
Brothers, I am requesting that I be reinstated as a Master Mason in good standing, with all the Masonic rights and privileges. If you should find that I have erred, I am respectfully requesting that I be forgiven, and that the suspension be reversed. And that I am reinstated effective September 12, 2008 to preclude a break in my 38 years of membership and dedicated service to Prince Hall Free Masonry.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,


George Blue
MWPGM

Attachments:

1. Suspension Ltr of Sep 12, 2008
2. My ltr of Sep 28, 2008 requesting information
3. My ltr of Sep 28, 2008 returned from the GM
4. G/Sec receipt of my ltr of Sep 28, 2008
5. Grand Master's ltr of Sep 17, 2008
6. Grand Master's ltr of Feb 11, 2009



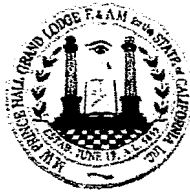
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Most Worshipful Grand Master
2388 N. Lake Ave.
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September 12, 2008

George Blue
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Subject: Suspension

Dear Brother Blue,

I am suspending you from Freemasonry effective September 12, 2008 for electioneering and other acts of contumacy.

Examples of your acts of contumacy are sending letters out of the jurisdiction of California, and sending letters to Lodges in the jurisdiction to discredit the Grand Master.

These acts are contumelious in nature and un-Masonic.

You may appeal my decision, Wednesday July 15, 2009.

Fraternally,

Charles E. Tyner
Grand Master

Attest:

Billy G. Harrington
Grand Secretary



ATCH #1

September 28, 2008

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Most Worshipful Grand Master
2388 N. Lake Avenue
Altadena, CA 91001-2448

Subject: Information Request to Support the Suspension – September 12, 2008 of MWPGM George Blue

Greetings Grand Master:

In order to intelligently and logically appeal the suspension, please provide me with specific information regarding the allegations. For example, what are the dates I committed the acts, as well as what lodges and individuals I sent requests and letters to as cited in paragraphs one and two below:

- 1. Electioneering – when did I conduct electioneering, and what was sent to the lodges and individuals who received requests from me?**
- 2. Examples/Engaged in Other acts of Contumacy regarding sending a letter(s) to other Jurisdictions, or out of the Jurisdiction, and to lodges in the Jurisdiction of California – which Jurisdictions(s) did I send a letter(s) to, and which lodges were sent letters? And what did I write in the letters that was discrediting to the Grand Master?**
- 3. Acts Contumelious in nature and unmasonic – you stated the above allegations are contumelious in nature and unmasonic. However, in order to appeal the suspension on July 15, 2009, based on the stated allegations, I need additional information as requested in the opening paragraph, and in paragraphs one and two, in order for me to respond factually and truthfully.**

Thank you for your assistance with my efforts to obtain information about the allegations of unmasonic conduct as outlined in your suspension letter of September 12, 2008.

Fraternally,

**George Blue
MWPGM**

**Copies to: RW Grand Secretary
Billy G. Harrington
MWPGM**

Attachment: Letter – September 12, 2008

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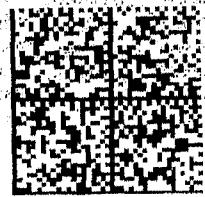
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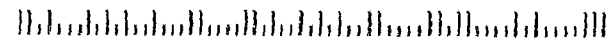
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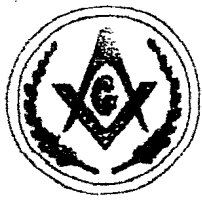
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September 17, 2008

To: All Constituent Lodges, and all other Masonic organizations owing obedience to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of California, Inc.

Subject: Suspension of MWPGM George Blue

It is with a deep sadness that I report that MWPGM George Blue a member of David D. Mattock #87, Sacramento has been suspended from Freemasonry until July 2009 for un-Masonic conduct.

A full report will be rendered at Grand Lodge in July 2009.

To this you will give full Masonic obedience and govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,

Charles E. Tyner
Grand Master

Attest:

Billy G. Harrington
Grand Secretary



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February 11, 2009

TO: ALL LODGES

SUBJECT: Suspensions

Please be advised that the following Master Mason brothers have been suspended during this Masonic year, 2009.

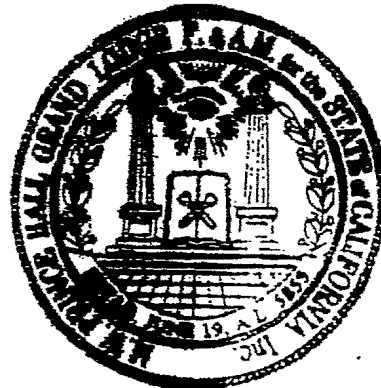
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- Brother George Blue #87
- Brother Herby Price, Jr. #7
- Brother Terrell Gray #7
- Brother Carl Corbin #56
- Brother Gerald Stringer #108
- Brother Malcolm Westbrook #44
- Brother Allen Fontenot #105
- Brother Willie D. Humphrey #7

Their suspension shall be put before the Grievance & Appeals Committee at the 2009 Annual Communication.

Fraternally,

Charles E. Tyner
Most Worshipful Grand Master

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