

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters
Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers
Honorable Past Masters
Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brothers

Greetings:

I am standing here for the ninth time as an elected Grand Lodge Officer, and the first as Most Worshipful Grand Master and it is with humble pride that I greet each of you in the name of Jesus.

In accordance to our Masonic Constitution it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to present a written message therein setting forth all of his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction.

I ordered a check for the amount of money reported owed to the Internal Revenue Services paid. Do we still owe any money, I am not sure. I have asked this question but have not gotten an answer.

I have gotten all reports that can be gotten and have given everything to the printer to have pass years Grand Lodge proceeding printed. This task should be completed by the December Board meeting.

A review of the Nextel contract indicates that we are not getting the all that we would have in lease payments and the contact was signed without the full Board approval and knowledge.

I attended the June meeting of Prince Hall Arms, Inc., this meeting did not answer my questions an concerns regarding how East Gate #44 and the Grand Lodges financial position (money invested) and current value to the land is protected. The City of Berkeley and the mortgage company have liens on the property however the Grand Lodge, the largest owner does not have any evidence of ownership.

I removed directors Frederick B. Young and Eddie L. Thomson from the Grand Lodge Board for what in my opinion was a conflict of interest.

I suspended Frederick B. Young for violation of Masonic Code, section 16 (b) page 405, when he caused a letter from "The Law Offices of Courtney M. Coates, Esq. with the promise of a lawsuit, if he was not reinstated.

I can not put all of the detail in this report but I assure each brother that we will do our best to answer every one question because we want to see that none go away dissatisfied.