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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
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Subject: Request for Reinstatement

Greetings Members:

On June 24, 2008, in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Judge David Yaffe, Department 86, ruled that I should appeal my suspension/expulsion at the 153rd Annual Communication convening July 14, 2008, in Ontario, CA. Until the Judge made his ruling it was not my intent to appeal to Grand Lodge because I did not receive a hearing from the Grievance and Appeals Committee or Grand Lodge in July 2007. Please read attachment No. 6, Petition to Grand Lodge for a hearing of my grievance on the suspension, dated June 7, 2007. Receipt by the Grand Secretary's office is attested to by the signed receipts shown on attachment 3. I was not interviewed, even though I was at the hotel. Based on my being unlawfully suspended/expelled for my alleged unmasonic conduct as cited in the Grand Master's Report/Address on July 18, 2007, and his subsequent letter of expulsion dated August 10, 2007 I respectfully request to be reinstated to Masonry with all the rights and benefits that a Master Mason is entitled to receive. My request is based on the Unwritten Law or Landmark of the Order number thirteen (13). The following facts are the basis for my request for reinstatement:

1. The Grand Master stated in his Report/Address that "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. to be sent to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM, c/o Billy G. Harrington with the promise of a lawsuit, if he was not reinstated".

I am not aware of any such letter; however, a copy of the letter of May 3, 2007, from my attorney is enclosed as attachment No. 1. The letter does not contain any statements for the reasons for which I was suspended for unmasonic conduct. I did not receive information of allegations, specifications or charges regarding unmasonic conduct. However, I was found guilty without the benefit of due process, the presumption of innocence, or an opportunity to defend myself. In addition, I was not interviewed by the Grievance and Appeals Committee, or in Grand Lodge, two entities that had the responsibility to investigate, fact find, and determine if any Masonic Laws had been broken. It is not the duty of the Grand Lodge to support or defend the actions taken by the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, especially when they have contrived to accomplish a specific outcome.

2. Attachment No. 2 is a copy of the certified letter that I received from the Grand Master dated May 22, 2007 citing three (3) reasons for my suspension. In a letter dated May 23, 2007 sent to "All Constituent Lodges", he stated that "Frederick B. Young has repeatedly been uncooperative and non-responsive regarding my requests for information, documents and action regarding the Grand Lodge money paid into the Prince Hall Arms Development", attachment No. 2(a)(1)

I responded to all three unasonic conduct citations and sent them to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master. The signed receipt is attachment No. 3. Included with this attachment is my response to the three (3) reasons given for my suspension. Attachment No. 2(a) (2) is a copy of the Track and Confirm Notice indicating that a package containing the requested documents was signed for by C. Tyner. The appeal and response to the allegations of unasonic conduct were to be read in open Grand Lodge but they were not and the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary claimed that they had not received anything from me. On August 1, 2007, I received a letter from Grand Master Tyner postmarked July 30, 2007, dated June 26, 2008, Re: Results of Grand Lodge. It states that his action of suspending me was upheld at the 152nd Annual Communication. In the letter he provided me the option of appearing at the 153rd Annual Communication providing that I don't do "anything else between now and then to include showing up at Imperial Council", Attachment 3(b).

3. On August 13, 2007, I received a letter from Grand Master Tyner dated August 10, 2007, expelling me from Freemasonry. It stated "You continue to violate the constitution which you swore to uphold when you received your first, second and third degree and the obligation pertaining to these degrees", see attachment No. 4.

This is untrue for the reasons cited above, and if it were true, the citation in our Masonic Constitution is grammatically incorrect, on page 405, Section 16(B) when the word "exercising" is used; this word provides no meaning to the paragraph because the word should be "exhausting". In addition, a Special Communication was requested by seven chartered lodges and the request was denied by Grand Master Tyner, even though the Masonic Constitution does not give the Grand Master that authority. The request for the Special Communication was to allow the Grand Lodge to hear the first appeal of my suspension. The second appeal was presented to the Board of Grand Directors, attachment number five (5). My purpose was to apprise the Board of the fact that my suspension from the Board of Grand Directors was not legal because it was not done in accordance with Masonic or Corporate Law. I did not get the relief that I sought, so through my attorney I requested mediation, it was not a promise of a lawsuit.

4. The action of expulsion by Grand Master Tyner was another unlawful action.

Our Masonic Constitution does not give the Grand Master authority to expel a Mason. The Constitution provides for Lodges to expel a mason after a trial, and then the expulsion is not valid until the Grand Lodge ratifies the action of the Lodge.

During the past two years the Grand Master has abused his Executive Authority as it relates to me. For instance the Constitution provides the Grand Master with limited Executive Authority which reads in part: Duties of the Grand Master, Article IX, Page 215, Section 6..." Fifth, to exercise a general and careful supervision over the Craft, and to see that the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported and obeyed,"..."**but nothing herein contained shall authorize the Grand Master to do other than carry out the expressed legislative action of this Grand Lodge in accordance with the Constitutional requirements and not otherwise**". Brothers, I am seeking the justice that I did not receive from the Craft in July 2007. Now that you have what I believe is sufficient evidence to rectify a miscarriage of justice by rescinding the suspension and expulsion imposed on me. I therefore, respectfully ask that I be reinstated forthwith, with all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Young, Jr.

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Cc: Billy G. Harrington
RW Grand Secretary