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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons State of California Incorporated
P.O. Box 3590
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Attention: RW Juroid Devaull, Worshipful Master

RE: Appeal of expulsion and request to be restored

Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers

This communication comes to you as a formal appeal of my expulsion which was effective February 17, 2009 and to request that I be restored.

- 1.) Our Constitution at Part IV, Masonic Code, Section 165, states that “Application for restoration is to be in writing and signed by the applicant. To restore an expelled Mason shall require a majority vote; to restore a suspended Mason, a majority vote.” Further, at Section 172, Grand Lodge Approval is required. Please note that the suspension and the expulsion were not in accordance with our Constitution. However, in order to be restored and made whole, the first step is to comply with our constitution now for an un-constitutional act that was committed then.
- 2.) The letter of expulsion dated February 17, 2009 does not state a specific charge nor specification, such as un-Masonic Conduct. Therefore it is not in accordance with the Masonic Code at Chapter XIII, Section 140 – 150. therefore, this expulsion is un-constitutional.
- 3.) The Constitution of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons California Inc. at Article X, Powers of the Grand Master, Section 1, does not give the Grand Master power to suspend or expel a Master Mason without the benefit of a Grand Lodge Trial Commission or Subordinate Lodge Trial. Therefore, again the expulsion procedure used is un-Constitutional.
- 4.) My Lodge East Gate #44, its Worshipful Master, Wardens or Brothers took no part in the suspension dated January 27, 2009 nor the expulsion dated, February 17, 2009. Further, my Lodge East Gate #44 was never notified by the Grand Lodge or the MW Grand Master of either act. Yet, to be restored our Constitution requires that I appeal to my Lodge.

5.) In the attachment to the email enclosed from R.W. Grand Secretary Billy G. Harrington dated July 18, 2009. A copy of an article posted on the website www.thetruthaboutprincehallarms.com dated February 9, 2009 and entitled Good Counsel. I offered that in my opinion. Any reference to the office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM California Inc. as the HNIC (Head Nigger in Charge) was inappropriate. I also pointed out that in a communication from a previous Grand Master that all Prince Hall Masons had been encouraged not to use such language or connotations when addressing one another.

6.) In the Grand Lodge Grievance and Appeals Committee Report. The report is missing language that would really determine their final decision. It states the following "Per the Masonic Constitution at part 4, the Masonic Code, Chapter XIII, Sections 140, 141, 142, 143, 144 and 145, we find the Most Worshipful Grand Master sustained in his actions. I contend that the committee report does not say that the Grand Master "(be) or (is) sustained in his actions". Nor does it say that the Grand Master (not be) sustained in his actions". You will note that all of the citations of the code are the same for not sustaining the Grand Master in his actions. These citations are indicators that a fair process was not followed in sentencing me to the highest penalty known in Masonic Law—without the benefit of a trial. Further, the committee report reads that "the Grand Master was not sustained in his action to suspend citing the Masonic Code at Chapter XIII, Sections 140, 141, 142, 143, 144 and 145 as a reference. Yet the committee proceeded to sustain the Grand Master in his actions to expel citing the same chapter and sections. These findings are inconsistent with Masonic Code and are Un-constitutional.

My involvement with the M.W. Prince Hall Arms Inc. is well known and documented. The subsequent events surrounding both my suspension, the suspension of many other Master Masons and the expulsion of P.M. Frederick B. Young Jr. and myself over the past few years are in themselves hostile and un-Masonic in nature. You know of my dedicated service to our Grand Lodge over the past thirty years and my steadfast resolution to uphold its tenants and principles. At your meeting on Thursday June 3, 2010 a vote was taken and according to several eye witnesses the count was a majority vote in favor of my reinstatement (See Webster's Dictionary). Those same eye witnesses stated that the District Deputy Grand Master was in attendance that night and should not have been in attendance at a Blue Lodge Business Meeting when it was not for the purpose of his official visit. On June 14, 2010 I wrote you a letter requesting the official vote count and an explanation of your ruling. To this date you have not responded to that letter. It is clear that your action was influenced by the office of the Grand Master and as the Worshipful Master of my lodge all lodge business should be conducted by you without interference from the Grand Lodge. Sir your actions are in violation of our Masonic Constitution and my rights according to that constitution have been violated.

Therefore, my appeal is that I be restored to East Gate Lodge # 4, Free and Accepted Masons with full Masonic rights, benefits and privileges and with no lost of rank or break in service or tenure effective immediately.

Fraternally

P.M. Malcolm Westbrooks

