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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons State of California Incorporated
9027 South Figueroa Street
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Attention: Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of California
Incorporated. RW Grand Secretary

RE: Appeal of vote by East Gate #44 on Thursday June 3rd 2010 and an appeal
of expulsion and request to be restored.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers,
Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers

This communication comes to you as a formal appeal of the vote taken by East Gate Lodge #44 on Thursday June 3rd 2010. Due process was not observed and the vote taken that night was not in accordance with our Masonic Constitution. Several Brothers who were in attendance at that meeting reported to me that a secret ballot was used, that the lodge secretary and a deacon were instructed to take the ballots outside of the lodge hall count them and report the count once back inside. It has also been brought to my attention that the vote was (10) yes, to restore and (4) no, not to restore. I also understand that this action was taken under the observance of the District Deputy Grand Master. I have reason to believe that this action was orchestrated purposely to deny me due process and justice. This communication also serves as an appeal of my expulsion which was effective February 17, 2009 and a request that I be restored by the Grand Lodge immediately.

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 unconstitutional 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.

.) 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.

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.

Therefore, my appeal is that I be restored to East Gate Lodge # 44, 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