

THE MOST EXCELLENT JUIETT ALLISON GRAND CHAPTER

HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF TENNESSEE, P.H.A.



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TO: ALL Grand Chapter Officers, High Priests and Companions owing allegiance to The Most Excellent Juiett Allison Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee, P.H.A.

From: Gregory Bernard
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Jurisdiction of Tennessee

Date: November 15, 2012

HAZING PROHIBITED:

In order to protect The Most Excellent Juiett Allison Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Jurisdiction of Tennessee Inc. and its Officers from the possibility of serious legal, civil and potentially criminal liabilities associated with the physical or mental injury of a candidate for the degrees of Holy Royal Arch Masonry; I find it necessary to issue the following Edict.

EDICT 11-15-12

- **Hazing** is defined as an abusive, often humiliating form of initiation into or affiliation with a group, including:

1. Any willful action taken or situation created which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of another.
2. Any willful act by any person alone or acting with others in striking, beating, bruising, or maiming; or seriously offering, threatening, or attempting to strike, beat, bruise, or maim, or to do or seriously offer, threaten, or attempt to do physical violence to another made for the purpose of committing any of the acts.

The term hazing does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions, and is **limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organization.** The term hazing does not include corporal punishment administered by officials or employees of public organizations when in accordance with policies adopted by their respective organizations.

Hazing is a **Criminal Offense** and will not be tolerated by The Most Excellent Jueitt Allison Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons, Jurisdiction of Tennessee Inc., in any form. Our approved Ritual of Tennessee Holy Royal Arch Masons has demonstrations only of what a candidate must go through. They **are not** to be performed in any shape, form or fashion any deviation from such said order is specifically prohibited. A charge of **Un-Masonic Conduct** shall be submitted to the **Grand Chapter** if any subordinate Chapter, Companion or candidate, participates in, or permits hazing in any form. Any subordinate Chapter as a whole or any Companion a member thereof charged and found guilty of hazing by the Grand Chapter will be subject to disciplinary actions of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, P.H.A.

It is in the best interest of this Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Masons of Tennessee, P.H.A. that a candidate is not subject to any physical or mental harm. The demonstrations in our approved Ritual of Tennessee Holy Royal Arch Masons are **only** to be explained by the High Priest presiding or appointed Past High Priest of that Chapter.

Additionally, a copy of this edict shall be read to and signed by each candidate. His signature shall be proof that he has been properly informed and understands the significance of the document and the copy shall be attached to his petition and become the property of the Grand Chapter.

This **Edict 11-15-12** is issued under my hand and seal, this 15th day of November 2012, and you are, each and everyone, directed to take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

My Hand



Gregory Bernard,
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Attest:



Andre K. Davis
Most Excellent Recorder

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