

Edict

The former edicts are set aside and the record is expunged regarding Paul V. Cottrell, Robert Jay Guminey, and Francis L. Teter, Sr.

1. On the respective dates of April 11, 2005 and June 1, 2005, edicts were issued reprimanding Most Worshipful Paul V. Cottrell, PGM, and Worshipful Robert Jay Guminey and Francis L. Teter, Sr. on account news articles attributed to them by the media in local newspapers.

2. The said news articles were complimentary of Freemasonry and made no reference to the esoteric rites, Landmarks, or Ancient Usages of the Craft.

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW YE, by virtue of the authority in me vested as Grand Master of Masons in West Virginia, I, Frank Joseph Haas, acting in the best interest of Masonry and with intent to maintain and promote peace and harmony among the Craft, both now and in the future, do hereby order that the said edicts as specified above are by this Edict set aside and expunged from the record.

I DO FURTHER ORDER, that this Edict be audibly read in each Chartered Lodge at the next Stated Communication following its receipt, and that it be spread upon the minutes of each Lodge.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Master in the State of West Virginia at the City of Wellsburg, the 22nd day of August 2006, A. L. 6006 and in the 142nd year of the Grand Lodge.

Frank Joseph Haas
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of West Virginia
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