

February 22, 2008

To: The Worshipful Masters of the subordinate lodges of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of the State of West Virginia

Personal and Confidential

Brethren:

It has come to my attention that on last evening (2/21/08) a visiting member from a lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio requested and was granted permission to address the members of . He then proceeded to read a speech written by Mr. Frank J. Haas. As you are undoubtedly aware Mr. Haas was expelled for misconduct in November 2007.

There is every possibility that bro. intent was to introduce controversies into the proceedings of the lodge and to incite and promote personal animosities. He followed up, after the meeting, by encouraging others to adopt his point of view in these matters. Regardless of one's point of view, our law specifically prohibits this type of activity. It applies to our members and to sojourners as well. (Refer to 24.F.15 on pg. 52 of our law book).

Additionally, our code of trials in CT.II.120, 1.21 and 1.24 characterizes activity of this nature (not only on the part of those who incite it, but also those who permit it) as a Masonic offense.

Worshipful Sirs, the reason I am writing you this personal letter is to provide necessary information to you as Master of your lodge, and to alert you to be on guard against plots to disturb the peace and harmony of our lodges. **Please review 24.C.1 of our law to assist you in understanding your authority and responsibility in these matters.**

It is your duty to exercise your authority to be familiar with your lodge's business before it comes to the floor and to terminate improper conduct. It is also your duty to prevent the admission of bro. or any brother, who would disturb the peace and harmony of the lodge.

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Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Fraternally,

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