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Edict

To be read in open Lodge

To The Brethren, Grand Lodge of Washington:

Growing concerns have been expressed by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Washington about the recent development of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA leadership being associated with an irregular Masonic body in France. I have had recent communications with several Masonic Jurisdictions and have gathered enough information to proceed with my decision to assist the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Washington in acting accordingly about the situation.

The report of the Information and Recognition Committee – Conference of Grand Masters of North America clearly reported that the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA was granted a charter to confer Grades and form Pories in the USA. The said charter was granted by the Grand Priory of the Scottish Rectified and Reformed Rite of Occitania located in France. Correspondence issued by the regular Great Pories of the Rectified Scottish Rite in Europe states the Great Priory of Occitania is an irregular body. It was self-created in 1995 by former members of the Great Priory of Gauls, which was declared irregular by the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise. The information referenced above therefore aligns the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA to be equally irregular.

To all this, I therefore direct all Master Masons in the Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of Washington, Free and Accepted Masons to refrain from any interaction with the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA until this situation is resolved. Any known actions reference this matter by the brethren of this jurisdiction shall be reported to this office immediately. Masonic disciplinary actions will be imposed on any violators of this edict and will be subject to suspension or expulsion from this jurisdiction.

Fraternally

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Grand Master

