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**To: To Grand Worthy Matron, Rubye B. Meeks, Grand Worthy Patron Cedric J. Bailey, Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and members of Excelsior Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Stars owing allegiance to: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Tennessee Inc.**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FOLLOWING EDICT ISSUED OCTOBER 10, 2010 ALSO APPLIES TO THE ORDER OF EASTERN STARS.**

**HAZING PROHIBITED:**

In order to protect The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted 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 Masonry; I find it necessary to issue the following Edict.

**EDICT No. 001-26-10-10**

**Hazing is a Criminal Offense** and will not be tolerated by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Tennessee Inc., in any form.

Any departure from the approved Ritual of Tennessee Prince Hall Masonry, which involves physical or mental hazing, is specifically prohibited. A charge of **Un-Masonic Conduct** shall be submitted to the **Grand Lodge** if any subordinate Lodge, Master Mason or candidate, participates in, or permits hazing in any form. Any Subordinate Lodge as a whole or any Master Mason a member thereof charged and found guilty of hazing by a tribunal will be expelled from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Tennessee.

It is an offense to participate in hazing, for a candidate to allow himself to be hazed or subject himself to any form of hazing or to be aware of hazing and not report it to the Grand Lodge. A Lodge, Mason or Candidate charged with hazing will be immediately suspended until due trial and any appeal is concluded.

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 Lodge.

This **Edict No. 001-26-10-10** is issued under my hand and seal this 26th day of October 2010, and you are, each and every one, directed to take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

*Arvin W. Glass*

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Most Worshipful Grand Master



Attest:

*Matthew R. Davis, III*

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Right Worshipful Grand Secretary