

EDICT
Expelling Frank J. Haas of Wellsburg Lodge No. 2

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

Brethren:

There is a coalition of brethren and members of concordant bodies within the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia that has come to be known as the Masonic Crusade. The activities of this coalition consist mainly of campaigning, recruiting, advertisement of false information and unauthorized circulation. Furthermore, these activities have disrupted the peace and harmony of the craft and to demonstrate intent to control this Grand Lodge and do violate and circumvent our laws, rules, regulations and the obligations to which all West Virginia Masons are bound.

Whereas, our Masonic Law speaks to these offenses in Articles II and XI of our Code of Trials (CT.II, Sec. 1., CT.II.1.17., CT.II.1.20., CT.II.1.24. and CT.XI., Sec. 2.), Regulations 24.F.15., 31 (31.9), 39 (A.10.) and our Landmark number five:

Know ye that by virtue of the authority vested in me in Article III of the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of the State of West Virginia, Inc., our Landmark number four and elsewhere as provided under our laws, I Charlie Law Montgomery, hereby order and reaffirm that participation in the affairs of the Masonic Crusade, including participation in its illegal website activities, or any related endeavor, constitutes un-Masonic conduct and will be treated as such.

Whereas, Frank J. Haas has participated in the affairs of the Masonic Crusade, and has incited, endorsed, aided, abetted and perpetuated the same, and whereas

Frank J. Haas did on December 2, 2006, October 26, 2007 and on other occasions, speak to delegations of concordant bodies where the profane were also present, and did on such occasions propose and advocate support for amendments and repeal of our laws, such activity being strictly prohibited under CT.II.1.20. of our Code of Trials, and whereas

Frank J. Haas did on August 30, 2007 circulate email promoting and encouraging the affairs of the Masonic Crusade, and whereas

Frank J. Haas did during the week of October 1 through 6, 2007 promote, contact and encourage other brethren to participate and subscribe to the illegal website of the Masonic Crusade, and whereas

Frank J. Haas, during the One Hundred and Forty Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and on numerous occasions during the year preceding such Annual Communication, did endeavor to gain voting support for

amendments and repeal of our laws as well as voting support to subvert the principles of the order and the actions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master, and whereas

Frank J. Haas, on November 5, 2007 and on other occasions, has been publicly insubordinate and disrespectful toward the Grand Lodge, its Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, and has demonstrated conduct unbecoming a Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction, and whereas

I, Charlie Law Montgomery, have received and investigated reports and complaints in these matters, and whereas

The officers and members of Wellsburg Lodge No. 2 have failed their duty to take any action in these matters;

I, Charlie Law Montgomery, consistent with my responsibility and authority as described in CT.XI, Sec.2, further order that Frank J. Haas is expelled from Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that no mason under the authority of this Grand Lodge shall, from this moment forward, have converse or contact with him on any matter Masonic.

I further order that the Charter of Wellsburg Lodge No. 2 is placed on probation. Further infractions consistent with those named above will result in forfeiture of said Charter. Such probation shall remain in effect for an indefinite period of time.

I further order that his edict be read in each subordinate lodge at the next two stated communications following its receipt, and that it be made a part of the minutes.

I further order that failure to receive or be present for the reading of this edict shall not constitute exemption therefrom.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Master on this nineteenth day of November A.D. 2007, A.L. 6007 in the One Hundred and Forty Third year of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of West Virginia.

/s/ Charlie L Montgomery
M.W. Charlie Law Montgomery
Grand Master of Masons