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July 23, 2025

TO:

Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and to all Master Masons of Constituent Lodges chartered and working under the auspices of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Washington, and Jurisdiction.

SUBJ: MWPHGLWA Social Media Policy v2. 2025

**Preamble:** As digital spaces increasingly shape public perception, members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction must uphold Masonic principles across all public and private social platforms. This policy reflects our collective responsibility to preserve the honor, integrity, and unity of our Jurisdiction in all digital interactions.

**Scope of Platforms:** This policy applies to all social media platforms, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), TikTok, YouTube, Discord, LinkedIn, WhatsApp, Signal, and private or closed groups representing Masonic affiliations.

#### **Conduct Guidelines**

- Respectful Communication: Members shall communicate respectfully and constructively, promoting a positive online environment.
- **Confidentiality:** Members shall not disclose confidential or sensitive information about the organization, its members, or rituals.
- **Non-Derogatory Language:** Members shall refrain from using derogatory language, slurs, or personal attacks targeting fellow members and past/present Grand Lodge officers.
- Accuracy and Truthfulness: Members are urged to verify the source of Masonic claims, teachings, or jurisdictional decisions before posting or commenting online. When in doubt, consult Grand Lodge-approved resources.
- Al and Deepfake Content: Members shall not create, share, or endorse Al-generated content, manipulated media (deepfakes), or simulations that misrepresent Masonic teachings, symbols, or the likeness of other members or leaders without their consent.

- **Endorsements and Representations:** No member shall represent themselves as an official voice of the Grand Lodge or its affiliated bodies without written authorization from the Grand Master or the appropriate appointed committee.
- **Dispute Resolution:** Members shall seek private discussions to resolve disagreements or conflicts arising from social media interactions.

### **Consequences of Policy Violations**

- Disciplinary Actions: Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to warnings, suspension, or termination of membership, depending on the severity of the offense.
- **Reporting Mechanism:** Members are encouraged to report violations of this policy through their District Deputy Grand Master. Reports will be handled confidentially and without retaliation.

## **Training and Awareness**

• **Education**: Each lodge will provide training to educate members about this policy and its implications. The District Deputy Grand Masters of each district will provide additional training. Training may include digital literacy and social media ethics training.

#### **Implementation and Updates**

- Effective Date: This policy is effective as of July 16, 2025.
- **Review and Updates:** This policy will be reviewed annually by the Technology Committee in collaboration with the Grand Lecturer to ensure alignment with emerging technologies and Grand Lodge directives.

By adhering to this social media posting policy, members contribute to the positive image of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction and foster a respectful online community.

Fraternally,

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Lodge, this <u>23rd</u> day of **July**, A.D. 20**25**, A.L. 60**25**.

M.W. ANTONIO D. GRAHAM
51<sup>ST</sup> GRAND MASTER OF MASONS

R.W. HERSHEL VEAL, JR.

**GRAND SECRETARY**