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Diversity and Inclusion Position Statement

May 25, 2019

From time immemorial, Masons have supported the constitution and laws of the country in which they reside. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York is no different. We promote the ideals of an inclusive and diverse organization supporting anti-discrimination laws adopted by the Federal Government and the State of New York. Our organization, from its beginning, is built on a foundation of Black Men and Women who stood up for the rights of others and gave "voice to the voiceless".


The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York, nor any of its affiliated entities, does not and shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

Masonic Bodies around the world have adopted these principles from time immemorial and have reaffirmed the need to address matters of difference with, "kindness and tolerance". The "Golden Rule" has been our beacon of light for how we treat others, and a cornerstone to the foundation of our institution.

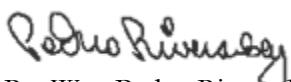
It is our expectation that all members of this organization will "do unto others as you would have others do unto you" and will treat those who look different, pray different, speak different, think different, have different experiences, and of different age groups with respect and understanding, in hopes that they will be respectful to others.

Our intention is that the necessary language expressed here cascades to our subordinate, appendant, and concordant bodies; supporting an inclusive environment for all.

Fraternally,


M..W.. Walter C. King, Jr.
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