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To: SGIG Paul Barry  
 III. Deputy for the District of Columbia

August 19, 2020

Re: Clarification on status of Concordant Bodies within the Corpus Juris

SGIG Barry,

This is in response to your letter dated August 5, 2020 in which you requested clarification on the term "Concordant Body" as outlined in the Corpus Juris of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

The term Concordant Body in this Jurisdiction is used to denote The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (AEAONMS), the female auxiliary to the AEAONMS, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (AASR), and the Order of the Golden Circle (OGC), or in other words, those bodies whose "seat of power" rests on a National level.

Article XVIII Section 2 states, No Master Mason or Eastern Star who is a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter (OES), any Warranted Lodge, Subordinate Chapter, or Allied, Appendant or Concordant body, shall be elected to head more than one Masonic body concurrently in this

jurisdiction. I particularly draw your attention to the last three words of that Article, ***in this jurisdiction.***

The Grand Lodge is not dictating what can take place election wise in a Concordant Body, we are however dictating what can take place in a Warranted Lodge, Subordinate Chapter, Allied or Appendant body.

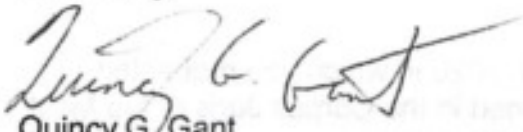
***In this jurisdiction,*** a head of a Concordant Body may be such, but he or she is not allowed to move into a seat in the East which falls under the category of a body under the umbrella of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Comparably speaking, if a member is the head of a Warranted Lodge, Subordinate Chapter, Allied or Appendant body in this jurisdiction, he or she will not be able to hold that seat and head a concordant body. Again, not dictating what can take place in the Concordant body. But the seat held in the above-mentioned bodies that fall under the Grand Lodge can not and shall not be occupied if that member wishes to assume a Concordant Body seat.

I understand that the information given in the past may have been contrary or different than what is stated here. But a careful review of our Corpus Juris, it's language and the definitions therein, it clearly states the Grand Lodges stance.

I hope this answers your inquiry. I am readily available to address any other issues or concerns you may have concerning this matter.

Witness my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August,

Fraternally,



Quincy G. Gant  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION  
August 5, 2020

TO: The Honorable Quincy G. Gant, Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the District of Columbia

SUBJ: Clarification on status of Concordant Bodies within the Corpus Juris

FROM: SGIG Paul Barry, 33°  
Louis W. Roy, Sr. Council of Deliberation

Greetings MWGM Gant

I greatly appreciate the support you have provided the Scottish Rite Bodies here in DC. It has come to my attention that there may be a conflict in our Corpus Juris regarding Concordant Bodies. Within the Corpus Juris, under Article XVIII, Adopted, Allied, Appendant and Concordant Bodies, section 2 states the following: "No Master Mason or Eastern Star who is a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter (OES), any Warranted Lodge, Subordinate Chapter, or Allied, Appendant or Concordant body, shall be elected to head more than one Masonic body concurrently in this jurisdiction."

In the past this rule has not been applied to the incorporated organizations such as Scottish Rite bodies and the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. in our jurisdiction. I have previously brought this matter to the Chairman of the GL Revision of Laws Committee and have been told it does not apply, however we do not have anything in writing to that fact.

We currently have a few members, who may be affected by this requirement and I want to resolve this issue ahead of any elections. I am asking for your written clarification on this article and that the Corpus Juris only applies to organization under the umbrella of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter (OES), any Warranted Lodge, Subordinate Chapter, Allied and Appendant bodies.

I thank you in advance for your consideration, I am available to discuss at your leisure.

Fraternally,  
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SGIG Paul Barry, 33°  
Deputy for the District of Columbia