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September 7, 2026

To: The Orient of North Carolina
From: A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 33° SGIG
RE: Matters of Interest and Importance Formal Communication

Brethren:

We are still reaping the benefits of our mutual work together on August 29, 2026. Thank you all for your attention to the historic work that was accomplished in Greensboro.

Having conferred with all necessary leaders, I have just completed a phone conversation with my PHA counterpart and friend, Illustrious James Upchurch Deputy USC 33° A & ASR of Freemasonry PHA SJ, USA regarding visitation between our respective Orients.

PHA members may attend our Reunions and Stated Meetings in North Carolina with due and timely notice given effective with the only recognized PHA Scottish Rite attendees under the authority of the:

USC 33° A & ASR of Freemasonry PHA SJ, USA, Corey D Hawkins, Sr., Esq. SGC 33°
USC 33° A & ASR of Freemasonry PHA NJ, USA, Dr. Melvin J. Bazemore, SGC 33°

My expectation is that our brothers will be welcomed. Secretaries, please read this letter as official correspondence and attach it to the Minutes of your next stated communication. This is not an edict; however, it remains in effect unless amended or rescinded by the SGIG or Deputy in North Carolina.

When we receive Deputy Upchurch's written response regarding Prince Hall Reunions and Stated Communications, I will forward it to you. Until then, govern yourselves with the highest standards and respect for each other, allowing brotherly love to prevail and every moral and social virtue, cement us!

Anyone with further questions or concerns about this official message relative to the Orient in North Carolina AASRSJUSA is welcome to phone me at his convenience. Thank you.

Cordially and fraternally,

Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in North Carolina

cc: Illustrious James Upchurch 33° Deputy Orient of AASR PHA in North Carolina
Illustrious and Most Worshipful James Russell, 33°
Illustrious and Most Worshipful Steve Norris, 33°

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