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Reclamation Program

TO: Deputies of the Orients for the United Supreme Council NJ, PHA

Regarding our USC Wide Reinstatement Program. To emphasize the continuing importance, I deem this effort to be for our jurisdiction, I have decided to again implement a waiver of the reinstatement fee at the consistory level for Sublime Princes, and at the United Supreme Council level for Grand Inspectors General. **The waiver will be in effect from July 1, 2024 until April 30, 2025.**

The particulars regarding the waiver of the reinstatement fees are as follows: Petitioners approved for reinstatement at the consistory level will be required to pay dues for the year in which reinstated and the following year. Grand Inspectors General will be required to satisfy consistory dues requirements as noted above. The current United Supreme Council reinstatement fee of \$100.00 for Grand Inspectors General will be waived. **Again, this waiver will be in effect from July 1, 2024 until April 30, 2025.**

In addition, there are reclamation packets which were submitted to the orients prior to the expiration of the previous reinstatement waiver and they still have not been voted upon by the appropriate consistory. If approved when voted upon those packets will fall under the previous waiver as the lack of completion of the reinstatement process was not the fault of the petitioner.

Also, attached are the USC Reclamation Procedures approved by me. Please ensure YOU read them and are familiar with the processing requirements, and coordinate with your Orient Reclamation Coordinators and be sure they are aware of the processing requirements. Just as important, the consistory leadership must be familiar and follow the procedures. There are still too many instances of key leaders not being familiar with requirements and that results in confusion and decreased efficiency of the program and accomplishment of the ultimate goal – timely reclamation in a structured manner.

The success of this effort requires your focused, enthusiastic and unwavering support for this very important effort. Reclamation is just as important to the future of our organization as is retention.

My point of contact for assistance regarding the reclamation program is SGIG Garry Tyler
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Yours in the Rite,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin J. Bazemore". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light-colored background.

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