



**The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York
Masonic Hall, 454 West 155th Street, New York, NY 10032
and**

**The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of New York
Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010-4149**

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Dear Brethren and Friends of Freemasonry in New York:

Masonry in New York is comprised of men of every race, creed and color. We respect and greet each other as Brothers. As such, any adverse treatment of anyone due to their color is anathema to our very tenets.

We have all watched with apprehension and concern the recent events unfolding on the streets of our City, State and Nation. While Freemasons may not all think alike, we accept and respect one another.

The core values of Masonry are basic and simple. We believe in one God as the Grand Architect of the Universe, and other non-sectarian titles, to address the Deity. In this way, persons of different faiths may join together in prayer. And we believe and embrace our ideals that all Masons meet as equals.

Each Brother will determine within themselves how they grieve the death of George Floyd. As Freemasons we do not approve of the destructive actions we are seeing, but we do approve of emulating the Brotherhood Masonry is built upon.

As Masonic Leaders we affirm our belief in brotherly love, relief and truth. We ask the Grand Architect of the Universe to heal the divisions within today's society.

With kindest Fraternal regards,

Walter C King Jr

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