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TO: ALL GRAND LODGES WITH WHOM WE ARE IN AMITY

On the Fifth Day of November, 2008, the Most Worshipful Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Scotland established its presence in Lebanon approximately one hundred forty-two (142) years ago; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, approximately eighty-three (83) years ago, with the mutual consent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of the State of New York, the District Grand Lodge of Syria – Lebanon, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of the State of New York was formed; and

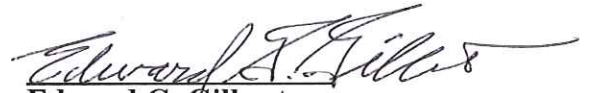
WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has failed to abide by the spirit of the Standards of Recognition adopted by the Conference of Grand Masters of North America by establishing, on or about August 14, 2008, a Lodge Under Dispensation (U.D.) in Lebanon without first seeking the mutual consent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has further chosen to Charter, on or about October 25, 2008, the said Lodge in Lebanon, with a Master and Secretary under lawful suspension from the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of the State of New York; and

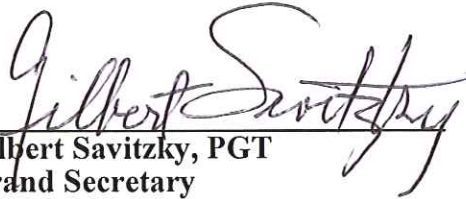
WHEREAS, the foundation of Freemasonry, both in North America and throughout the World have been shaken by this breach of protocol by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has sought to undermine the standards of Masonic Jurisprudence required and recognized by all Regular Grand Lodges in amity with each other;

NOW BE IT KNOWN AND RESOLVED that the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of the State of New York hereby withdraws formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, until further notice.


Edward G. Gilbert
Grand Master

ATTEST:


Gilbert Savitzky, PGT
Grand Secretary

