

Dear Brother Secretary,

I am William (Billy) Wall, PM, and Secretary of Union-Kilwinning Lodge #4. I am sending to each Lodge in South Carolina, who makes up the Body of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, a copy of the charges we are bringing against the Past Grand Master Walter "Cal" Disher II, Past Deputy Grand Master O. Bruce Smith, and Past District Deputy of the 1st Masonic District Steve Hiott.

We will be bringing these charges up at the regular communication before Grand Lodge. We request that you read these at your next regular communication, because you will be voting on them, if the trial is at the Grand Lodge in Charleston on April 22 & 23.

On December 17th, 2020 Union-Kilwinning was pounced on by three ruffians, causing disharmony at our regular communication. The whole story, along with every communication between Union-Kilwinning and those who claim to inhabit the Offices of the Grand Lodge, can be found on Union-Kilwinning's web page at unionkilwinning.org for you to read under the Blog section.

We want answers to these three questions:

1. Which lodges were contacted in any way to vote on calling off Grand Lodge for 2020?
2. Was there a quorum of lodges (a minimum of 92 Lodges) represented?
3. Was unanimous consent given to call off Grand Lodge?

If all three were not met, then Grand Lodge was called off without proper Authority. (Code Sec. 13)

At the very least under these extreme circumstances, a phone call to discuss it with the Lodge's Masters would have been acceptable. I cannot find any Lodge that was afforded any means to voice their opinion at all.

Please keep Union-Kilwinning and Masonry as a whole in your prayers, and may Brotherly Love and Affection guide your day.

Fraternally Yours,

William C Wall, Jr., P.M.

William C Wall, Jr, PM

Secretary

Union-Kilwinning Lodge #4







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Union Kilwinning Lodge No. 4 A.F.M.

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Charges

Stephen Hiott, a Master Mason

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Union Kilwinning Lodge No. 4 A.F.M. of South Carolina.

I, Matthew J. Wall PM, do hereby accuse Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Hiott, a member of Fiat-Lux Lodge No.432 A.F.M. of Un-Masonic conduct, as follows:

First Charge

In this, that the said Brother, on the evening of November 19th 2020, did knowingly send a non-Grand Lodge Officer to Union-Kilwinning Lodge, when visitation was declared to be restricted. In so doing, RWBro. Hiott deputized a Brother to a newly-created Grand Lodge position without approval from Grand Lodge. This violates the legal and moral principal of “Delegata potestas non potest delegari” (delegated powers cannot be further delegated). This violates Masonic Code Section 248 2(b).

Second Charge

In this, that the said Brother, on the evening of December 17th 2020, did knowingly violate the *By-Laws of Union Kilwinning Lodge*. He was using his cell phone during the business of an open Lodge meeting. He was warned by the Worshipful Master that using cell phones was a violation of our By-Laws. RWBro. Hiott then used cell phone two more times after being warned. This violates Masonic Code Section 248 2(c).

Third Charge

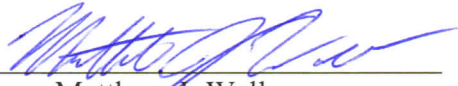
In this, that the said Brother, on the evening of December 17th 2020, did knowingly violate the fourth clause of the *Obligation of a Master Mason, Landmark XXIII*, and *Masonic Code Section 222 - Promulgation*. By the act of texting the Grand Master, he was actively eavesdropping and disseminating private facts transpiring within a lawfully tyled Lodge. This violates the Obligation of the Third Degree, and Masonic Code Secs. 248 2(a, e).

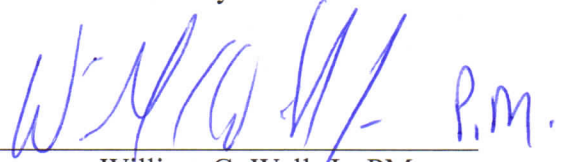
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Fourth Charge

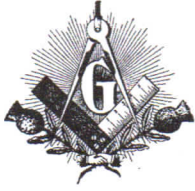
In this, that the said Brother, on the evening of December 17th 2020 did violate the *Ahiman Rezon Section III, Rule VI – Concerning Differences and Lawsuits, If any Such Should Unhappily Arise Among the Brethren* by not appealing to the Lodge, or Grand Lodge first, and attempted to institute a lawsuit before the matter could be heard or decided by the brethren. This violates Masonic Code Secs. 248 2(c, e).

Attested : 
Matthew J. Wall,
Worshipful Master

 P.M.
William C. Wall, Jr. PM
Secretary

Filed this Eighteenth day of March, 2021





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Charges

O.B. Smith III, a Master Mason

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Union Kilwinning Lodge No. 4 A.F.M. of South Carolina.

I, Matthew J. Wall PM, do hereby accuse Right Worshipful Brother O.B. Smith III, a dual member of Brandon & Cooper Lodges Nos. 275/282 A.F.M. of Un-Masonic Conduct, as follows:

FIRST CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother, on the evening of December 17th, 2020, did knowingly accost the Members of Union-Kilwinning Lodge, by greeting the Members, upon first contact, in an openly hostile manner. He acted in an aggressive, demeaning, and domineering manner to our Brothers. This violated our teachings of Brotherly Love and Affection, degrading the Craft in the estimation of Good Men, and Code Section 248 2(d).

SECOND CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother, on the evening of December 17th 2020, *violated the Twenty-Five Landmarks of Masonry* (Landmark XV), *the Ahiman Rezon* (Chapter IV, Rule 18), *the Masonic Code* (Sec. 198) *and the ancient Charges of the Master of a Lodge* (Charge XV) did knowingly attempt to affect an Unlawful Trespass by means of bodily forcing his way into a properly tyled masonic communication without undergoing an Examination. He did not identify himself by Masonic means, and obtaining permission to enter. This violates South Carolina Law (S.C. Code Ann. §16-3-600 (E)(1) (1976)), and Code Secs. 248 2(b, c, d)

THIRD CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother has committed the crime of Assault and Battery against a fellow Brother, William C. Wall, Jr, PM, on the night of December 17, 2020, by intentionally ramming the same Brother with his shoulder in a manner which could potentially cause injury. This violates Masonic Code Section 248 2(c).

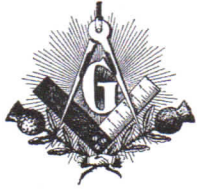
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Matthew J. Wall,
Worshipful Master

William C. Wall, Jr. PM
Secretary

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All human history has shown, that on a long enough level of time, a point is reached when the relationship between Man and their Government become inverted, peace is torn asunder, and those Servants sworn to protect the Rights of Men invariably become abusive to those ends, overreaching towards claiming ownership to the Property, Liberty, and very Lives of the Citizen, rendering Man a Slave at best, and at worst a Corpse.

Such is the precise time that Free Masonry has reached in South Carolina. Those entrusted with wielding grand power and responsibility have taken it upon themselves to claim absolute control over the very Lodges they represent. The proper government of Free Masons, that of the Grand Lodge, has been coalesced into the hands of one man, who has been arresting Charters for pretend offences, removing Men from Masonry for minor infractions, and doing so in flagrant violation of the Constitutions of Grand Lodge.

In March 2020, Walter C. Disher II, Grand Master of Masons postponed the annual Grand Lodge Communication. He did so upon his own authority, without consent of the Lodges. If this was due to the cancellation of the ballroom based on the Governor's Emergency Order, an alternative could have been arranged. Masons met at the highest hills and the lowest valleys; a lush, expensive ballroom is not necessary when a large open field could suffice, if a tad uncomfortably. Further, why do we have a Grand Lodge building, if it cannot hold a meeting, stated or emergency?

The Grand Master does not have the authority to override the Will of the Lodges. The Code grants only one emergency provision to alter or change a Grand Lodge Communications. Code Section 13 states: "*By unanimous consent, provided one-third of the Lodges entitled to representation be represented any clause or clauses of the Constitution, or of this Code, may be suspended for a part or the whole of any one communication*". This provision allows an annual Grand Lodge meeting to be postponed. Communication and/or approval could have been attained through phone calls to all Lodges, an emergency Grand Lodge meeting convened in accordance with Constitution Article 28, or even through a series of letters via the U.S. Postal Service.

South Carolina has 276 Lodges, and a minimum of 92 necessary to make a quorum. Any number between these could have been easily accommodated, and maintain safety. This would be much easier if Lodges chose a single delegate, who were willing to risk COVID for this important event. Even a gathering in a large open field for the singular question of postponing Grand Lodge would be simple: "Show of hands who objects to postponement?"

Union Kilwinning Lodge did not receive an invitation or request to be represented to grant such consent. Since you failed to obtain, or even seek, our consent, Union Kilwinning Lodge does formally OBJECT on grounds that you failed to gain representation. This express objection overrides any tacit approval that may have been inferred by our silence. This spoils Unanimous Consent.

Article 23 states, that "old officers who have been installed shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected and installed" should never be construed to mean that the Grand Master can CALL OFF elections and keep his office (See Code Sec. 87). This bastardized rationale, when taken to its logical conclusion, allows the Grand Master to call off all elections and keep office for a Lifetime Appointment, if so inclined. This is unprincipled, immoral, and is the very height of Tyranny.

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Article 23 is designed, like Article 116 to allow for installation of officers prior to the Festival of Saint John, so all of the Lodges in South Carolina don't have to meet on the night of December 27 to install. You can take the Oath of Office and perform the ceremony, but claim office at a later date. Grand Lodge officers are elected as the first order of business on the second day, but aren't typically installed until all other business is complete. In an emergency situation, the Article 23 argument can only rationally apply if the Grand Lodge was lawfully called off, by consent of the Lodges.

COVID-19 was a new disease, and information was slow forthcoming. We stood by and waited to see how this emergency progressed, and caution certainly seemed warranted. But after information came out, and the mortality statistics became more solid, opportunity arose where Grand Lodge could have been held. MWBro. Disher chose instead to create a new power, never before dreamed of in Free Masonry: He demand all Lodges close and lock their doors until he said we can meet again. No provision in the Constitution or Code grants the Grand Master this power. Such a power makes all Lodges subservient to the Grand Master, not the Grand Lodge.

MWBro. Disher created a Reopening Plans and ordered Lodges abide by it. These reopening Plans contains provisions and restrictions that violate the Constitutions, and Twenty-Five Landmarks of Freemasonry. There stands judicial principal that an act of Authority is unconstitutional if it is inconsistent with the Constitution. Such act is unconstitutional at the moment of its formation.

The Reopening Plans, although laudable in its goal of maximizing health and safety, was not properly passed as Law. The Grand Master has no authority to make Edicts, Orders, or any such Dictates into legal enactments. Brothers are bound to follow Edicts of the Grand Lodge, not the Grand Master. Masonic Code Sec. 11 expressly states that in order for the Grand Master to create legal enactments, it must be presented to the Grand Lodge in writing, and then be referred and adopted as by law provided (See Code Section 9 for the procedure). Failing to be properly voted on and adopted, the Reopening Plans therefore stand as mere recommendations, for the Lodges to determine for themselves.

These orders also step over the clearly defined Jurisdiction, granted by Charter, of all the Lodges in South Carolina. All Lodges are authorized and empowered "to hear and determine, all and singular, matters and things relative to the Craft within the jurisdiction of the said Lodge". Since the Reopening Plans failed to be brought forth to be voted on and adopted, they stand as mere recommendations, for the Lodges to assist in determining for themselves how to proceed.

Union Kilwinning has also been informed by a trusted Brother that MWBro. Disher stepped into the Jurisdiction of Landrum Lodge No. 278, denied the Lodge the right to hold a trial over its own Member, ordered a Trial Commission against MWBro. Michael Smith, where he chose a jury sympathetic to his case and hostile to MWBro. Smith, and expelled MWBro. Smith from Masonry. MWBro. Smith was performing a Zoom call, not for a tyled meeting, but to conduct wellness checks on his fellow Brothers.

This method of stepping into a Lodge's jurisdiction, bringing charges against its members, demanding a Trial commission is the exact method attempting to be utilized against this Lodge.

If this is true, it is the one of the most serious case of Injustice this Man has ever heard. If it is merely a rumor, it still highlights a Judicial Principal that one party to judicial proceedings, especially the claimant, should not be able to choose the jury; this introduces obvious bias and conflict-of-interest. In any Trial where the Grand Master is party, justice can only be found by act of the Grand Lodge Body. A trial commission would be wholly inadequate.

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In light of the incontrovertible fact that the annual Grand Lodge communication for 2020 was unconstitutionally called off, without permission from the Lodges, MWBro. Disher's claim to the Office of Grand Master is suspect. Failing to obtain consent of the Lodges, when the Fourth Friday of April 2020 elapsed, the Oath of Office for Grand Master, and by extension all Grand Lodge Officers, was properly fulfilled, wherein they had served the Grand lodge "for the space of one year". What makes a Mason an Officer is his Oath of Office; failing to take a new one, all Masons duty-bound to follow the Constitutions and Edicts of the Grand Lodge cannot recognize your Oath-less claim to office.

We, the Members of Union Kilwinning Lodge No. 4 do hereby denounce Most Worshipful Brother Disher as the Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina, as he was never re-elected and re-installed. We further denounce all other Grand Lodge Officers as having improperly held over as well by his actions. The chairs of Grand Lodge have been left absent.

With this claim, Union Kilwinning hereby demands that Brother Disher be denied the Chair of Grand Master for the regular Grand Lodge Communication on the Fourth Thursday of April 2021 until his claim to office shall be adjudicated by the Lodges of South Carolina, either at a special Communication before that date, or as the First Order of Business of the Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

If it is found that MWBro. Disher **did** utilize Code Section 13 to Suspend Constitution Article 15, then he should be granted the Chair, along with my apologies. If MWBro. Disher **did not** perform this function he is automatically denied the Chair by right.

In accordance with Constitution Article 38, and Ahiman Rezon Chapter IV, Rule 4 in the absence of the Grand Lodge Officers, the Chairs of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden, shall default automatically to the Master of the oldest Lodge on the registry of the Jurisdiction and vacancies in the other chairs are to be supplied by the Masters of Lodges, according to seniority, respectively.

Union-Kilwinning stands as the oldest continuous Lodge on the registry, and have been told such by Lawful information, and the Chair by right, devolves accordingly. I, Matthew J. Wall, the Master of said Lodge, respectfully request that a Past Grand Master take the Chair, as a matter of Masonic Courtesy until the True recipient of the Chair of Grand Master can be ascertained.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, Article 39, it is the right for any Lodge in the Jurisdiction to bring charges against the Grand Master on the expiration of his term of service. Walter C. Disher II was elected for one year, served that one year, and his term of service ended on the fourth Friday in April 2020, when no new Grand Master was elected or installed. We, therefore bring charges against him for Abuse of Power. Masonry elects Brothers, not Kings.

It is with a heavy heart that the members of Union Kilwinning bring these charges. But when the Members of this Lodge are threatened with annihilation for the crime of not obeying the whims of a dictator, we will not cower in fear. We will stand to and abide by the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge. This Lodge, formed in 1755 is old enough for its Members to have already thrown off one Tyrant to secure their freedom. We are ever vigilant to depose any others who appear and threaten the Lives, Fortunes, and Sacred Honor of its Members.

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charges

Walter C. Disher III, a Master Mason

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of South Carolina Union Kilwinning Lodge and Union-Kilwinning No. 4 A.F.M,

I, Matthew J. Wall, do hereby accuse Most Worshipful Brother Walter C. Disher II, a member of Vance Lodge No. 230 A.F.M. of Un-Masonic conduct, as follows:

FIRST CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother, did *violate the Masonic Code (Sec. 13), the Constitution of the Grand Lodge (Article 15), and the Twenty-Five Landmarks of Masonry (Landmark XII)* by not attaining unanimous consent from at least one-third of the Lodges to suspend Article 15 of the Constitution, along with all of the Articles relating to elections and installation, by unilaterally calling off the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of South Carolina for the year 2020. This violates Code Sec. 248 2(e)

SECOND CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother, did *violate the Twenty-Five Landmarks of Masonry (Landmark IV), the Ahiman Rezon (Chapter IV, Rule 6), the Constitution of the Grand Lodge (Article 9, 16, 23, 116), the Masonic Code (Section 87), his Oath of Office, the Declaration of Masonic Principals, and the definition of representative government* wherein all Officers are elected from the body of the Craft, and serve their Lodges, including the Grand Lodge for the space of one year, cannot be held over, and must be reelected annually. He did knowingly assume to serve for two years at the start of his first elected term. By calling off Grand Lodge, he denied all Lodges the fundamental right of suffrage, and illegally granted all Officers permission to hold over their Offices for an entire year without being re-elected or re-installed. This discovered, unlawful emergency power allows for an unlimited term to the offices of Grand Lodge, ending only when he chooses to relinquish the Authority. This violates Code Secs. 248 2(b, c, d, e)

THIRD CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother, did *violate the Twenty-Five Landmarks of Masonry* by enacting his 2020 COVID-19 Reopening Plan:

1. He prohibited handshaking, denying brethren the ability to recognize, examine and greet one another in a friendly and brotherly manner. This violates Landmarks I and XV;
2. He denied the right of all Masons in South Carolina from visiting and sitting in all regular Lodges. This violates Landmark XIV;
3. He attempted to overstep the Charter of every Lodge of South Carolina, which is empowered to "hear and determine, all and singular, matters and things relative to the Craft within the jurisdiction of the said Lodge". This violates Landmark XVI;

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4. He granted authority to Grand Lodge Officers to visit and sit in all regular Lodges while denying this right to the Brothers. This violates Landmark XXII;
5. The Reopening Plans treat all Brothers as mere children and not adult Men, who are capable of assessing personal risk and generally operating during time of disease. That is simply insulting;

FOURTH CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother, did *violate the Twenty-Five Landmarks of Masonry* (Landmark II) *and the Masonic Code* (Sec. 5) by instituting an unwritten rule to the District Deputies to deny Lodges from opening a Lodge of Master Masons unless they have seven (7) brothers in attendance, contrary to the teachings of the three degrees, relying on subsequent esoteric Appendant Body degree teachings. This violates Code Secs. 248 2(d, e)

FIFTH CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother has committed the crime of Assault and Battery against a fellow Brother, William C. Wall, Jr, PM, on the night of December 17, 2020, when he physically and forcefully shoving Brother Wall against a wall. Brother Wall had no means to be able to defend himself against this attack, since his arms were full, carrying two large antique brass candlesticks, weighing approximately twenty-five pounds (25lbs.) apiece. This violates South Carolina Law (S.C. Code Ann. §16-3-600 (E)(1) (1976)), and Code Secs. 248 2(b, c, d)

SIXTH CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother has violated the *Masonic Obligation of the Third Degree* in that he has wronged and defrauded all the Lodges of South Carolina by demanding that the Lodges shut down, under penalty, denying us the right to hold communications from March until August, then charging the Lodges full Grand Lodge dues for the same period. This violates Code Sec. 248 2(a).

SEVENTH CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother, did violate the *Ahiman Rezon Section III, Rule VI – Concerning Differences and Lawsuits, If any Such Should Unhappily Arise Among the Brethren* by not appealing to the Lodge, or Grand Lodge first, and attempted to institute a civil lawsuit against the Officers of Union-Kilwinning Lodge before our Masonic matters could be heard decided by the brethren. This violates Code Secs. 248 2(c, e).

EIGHTH CHARGE

In this, that the said Brother has abused the powers of the Office of Grand Master and conducted himself in the manner of a Dictator, in violation of the Declaration of Masonic Principals by:

1. He has usurped the Legislative power of the Grand Lodge into the office of Grand Master, dictating and creating Un-Constitutional “edicts” and “orders” without oversight, concurrence, or vote by the Body of Grand Lodge;
2. He has created invisible, unwritten Laws, dictated only to his District Deputies, without informing the various Masters, and in force against the Members of all Lodges;

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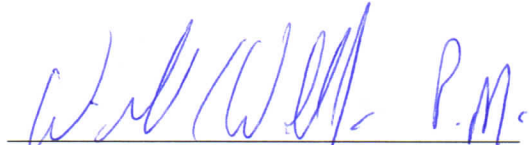
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3. He wholesale denied ALL the Lodges in South Carolina the Right of Assembly, treating them as property and servants of the Grand Master and not as the coequal constituents of the Body of Grand Lodge;
4. He has used intimidation and threats of arresting charters in order to dominate the Lodges and Brothers to his Will;
5. He has invented a scheme whereby the office of Grand Master can be invested for a lifetime appointment;
6. He has demanded that Brothers travel halfway across the State to meet him, with two business days' notice, then brought charges against the same when they asked for a longer notice;
7. He has sent his District Deputies to act as spies, surveilling the various Lodges to verify they are succumbing to his Orders;

Attested :



Matthew J. Wall,
Worshipful Master



William C. Wall, Jr. PM
Secretary

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