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MEMORANDUM

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *def*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

FOR: DOROTHY DOWNTON

FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT *R*

Attached is a letter from the Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7 of the Royal Arch Masons inviting the President to become a York Rite Mason.

The reason for sending this to you is that the group requests the President send a check for \$75 for fees and dues. You had previously asked that such requests be directed to you. If the President wishes to send a check then I will prepare a letter accepting the invitation. If not, then I will prepare a letter of regret.

Thank you.

Attachment

*I can not attend Nov. 1, 1975.
Who is Masonic expert on the
stuff?
I am not familiar with this
situation*



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER NO. 7
ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Masonic Temple
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49502

16 April 1975

Honorable Gerald R. Ford, 33^o
The President, United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Brother Jerry:

I am inviting you to become a York Rite Mason, so as to complete your Blue Lodge and find the Masters Word that you lost when you became and was made a Master Mason. As a York Rite Mason you will once again find it.

Please don't think that I'm being presumptuous, but for your convenience I am inclosing a "Petition" that all you have to do is sign your name, and oh yes, a check also.

We in Grand Rapids would be very grateful to have you join us in this Christian Endeavor. I know that you are a very busy man at this trying time, but we can make all the arrangements for you to receive all the Degrees in the Royal Arch and the Council of Royal & Select Masters, plus the first two orders of the Commandery, but you will have to be present in the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple, on Saturday, 1 November 1975 for the conferring "The Order of the Temple", thus creating you a Sir Knight of DeMolai Commandery #5.

On this day we begin the conferring of this designated order at 4:00 P.M., break for dinner at 6:00 P.M. and this is with our wives. Then we return to the Assylum for the reception of the reception of The Right Emminent Grand Master, Knights Templar of Michigan. This usually ends at approximately 9:30 P.M. and then Sir, if it is necessary for you to return to Washington, you are free to do so, although we would like and appreciate it if you could stay and share a few moments together with us.

There is entertainment for the ladies while we are at work and then any and all of your family is invited for dinner, so you each will have many things to keep you busy that afternoon.



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Also I am inclosing two brochures, one on York Rite Masonry and the other is our Triangle or work book. If this can meet with your schedule and you wish to continue on in Masonry, we would greatly appreciate having you sitting side by side with us as a Companion and Sir Knight. But time is of the essence right now and would appreciate an answer as soon as possible.

May the Supreme Architect give you guidance and look after you and your loved ones,

Fraternally and Sincerely

Howard Ward

Howard Ward, High Priest
Grand Rapids Chapter #7
Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT
FROM: JERRY H. JONES

The attached material was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- I cannot attend Nov. 1, 1975. Who is Masonic expert on the staff? I am not familiar with this situation.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Dorothy Downton