Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Case No. 16938

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION

I, LORETTA E. JOHNSON, hereby declare:

1. This statement is being given to support the opposition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (hereafter the Masons) request for a special exception and variances to Square 333, Lot 827, located at 1902 Vermont Avenue, NW.

2. I am a resident of the District of Columbia and have lived at 949 T Street, N.W., Washington, DC since 1997. In relationship to the Mason's parking lot, the home in which I live is located across Vermont Avenue and is the second house on T Street, going east from the parking lot.

3. My rear bedroom window faces Vermont Avenue, N.W. and looks directly onto the Mason's parking lot

4. The Masons generally hold meetings every night, Monday through Friday, at their Grand Lodge located at 1000 U Street, NW and during the day on Saturdays. During such meetings, the Masons park in their parking lot as well as in the surrounding street parking. The Masons generally arrive for their meetings about 6:30 p.m. on the week nights and generally leave between 10:15 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.

5. On many, if not most, nights when the Masons go to their cars in the parking lot, they congregate either near or in their parking lot for about half an hour and talk to each other.

6. My usual bed time is about 10:15 p.m. The loud noise from their conversations distracts me and prevents me from falling asleep. I hear them talking both when my window is closed (which is during most winter months) and when the window is open (which is most summer months). The noise is especially bothersome when the window is open.

7. The headlights from the cars exiting the Mason's parking lot also tend to shine through my bedroom window. Most of the time, I will close my blinds to keep out the light, but in the summer time this is difficult because the blinds also cut down the air circulation in my bedroom.

8. Although I am a senior citizen (age 65), I work a full day each day during the week and need to be up by 6:00 a.m. It is important for me to get my sleep. Having this lot used as a parking lot during the week has not been easy to live with and it is my hope

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and request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will deny the Mason's application to use it as a parking lot.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

March 10, 2003
Date

Loretta E. Johnson
Loretta E. Johnson

District of Columbia, ss:

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 10th day of March 2003.

Notary Public

Gilpin C Walker

My commission expires: 8/31/2004