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Preview

Welcome to the final installment of HGRBS' 4-guide series [Series 4] to self-empowerment of U.S. private home heads with respect to resident-contractor relations in home improvement. The 4 guides:

#1 Homeowners Taking Charge (January 19, 2019)

#2 Honing The Eyes Of An Eagle (March 9, 2019)

#3 Who Is This Contractor? (April 13, 2019)

#4 Moment Of Decision (May 25, 2019; presently)

Each of the above mentioned guides is a bridge to the next. This is a reason it is recommended that these are studied carefully and sequentially. Links to #1 thru #3 are provided below. However, if we have studied #3 "*Who Is This Contractor?*" we will have a much better grasp of this present edition #4. The reason is that it outlines specific home safety procedure which is a culmination of the suggested application procedure for contractors. This entails having previously given contractors applications to take with them for filling out, having the required information returned to us, then conducting a thorough reputation check using the information provided in the application. Finally, in the same guide, we lightly touch upon the *moment of decision*. Now we are considering the final installment in this 4-guide series when we must *decide with authority*.

Administration of Justice

What is *administration of justice* and how does this apply to our home project management priorities?

Wikipedia defines "administration of justice" in this way:

*"The **administration of justice** is the process by which the legal system of a government is executed. The presumed goal of such administration is to provide justice for all those accessing the legal system."*

However, we can add our own spin to this definition for it to be more understandable relative to the *private home setting*. Although this can appear somewhat *outlandish* in the beginning, it will be much clearer as we go along.

We Are The Ultimate Judge

In terms of our home and our surrounding property, we can easily say that the *administration of justice* is the process by which we enforce our *house rules*. Further, without being facetious, the constituents of our property (home and land) is *our* government.

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Additionally, our *legal system* comprises ways in which we enforce those rules. For emphasis, our *house rules* are, in fact, our *laws* governing how affairs are conducted in, on, and around the physical structure (s) of the central home setting we are in legal possession of. Evidently, these rules entail maintenance and improvement priorities. Together these are effortlessly interpreted as personal mandates towards our homes being as *comfortable* and *convenient* as possible.

Consistent with our theme, it is plausible that the actual goal or purpose for enforcing our *house rules* is for us to ensure that those living or working on our property comply with them. There are rewards for observing our house rules as well as stiff penalties for breaking them. It then follows that if we are, indeed, in charge of enforcing our home priorities, then we will do whatever we possibly can to be certain each person visiting, living, or working on our property is treated *according to their intents and purposes*. This is otherwise referred to as results-oriented "*home-style jurisprudence*." Yet more expressively: *The administration of justice*.

In Defense Of Our Right To Decide

When we have good reason to believe or we know the intents and purposes of contractors are dishonest, as household heads, it is our sole prerogative to legally neutralize and deflect them from our property. If on the other hand, we know they are sufficiently credible, credentialed, and skilled to be conducive to maintaining and enhancing our comforts and conveniences, we welcome them. This process of our identifying contractors for what they can realistically mean to our expectations, then weeding out undesirables, is the basis to our *administration of justice on the homefront*. Full circle.

Retrospect In Relation To "Series 4"

We opened this very special 4-guide series in January (2019) with '*Homeowners Taking Charge!*' Here is an excerpt from the very first page:

"2019 remains a brand new year. But is it really a *happy* new year or a *sad* one? Will it be a pleasing new year for us to really boast about when *January 2020* is upon us? Who knows? The one who *knows* is the one who makes it a point of learning and knowing what to do and how to do it before it is done. Some call it prophesy – but in this case it is called *reasonable projection*. When we know what we must accomplish and make conscientious efforts towards learning the nature and potentials of the ingredients, using these *as prescribed* to actually predict the outcome, then rest assured that our 2019 will be even more amazing than the year we left behind." End of excerpt.

Our best take-away from the very first page of "*Homeowners Taking Charge!*" is with reference to reasonably "controlling" our own future positioning [better or worse]:

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“The one who knows is the one who makes it a point of learning and knowing what to do and how to do it before it’s done.”

We then broached the practicality of the fact that although we are not able to *predict* the future on what we may regard a *supernatural premise*, we can do so on a *practical* one. This is done through being familiar with reasonably visible practices we can adopt which have proven measurable effects.

For example: What would happen if we suddenly tilted a full glass of water upside down? Another: What would happen if students studying for their Associates, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorates kept with their studies in the time required to achieve them?

Again:

“The one who knows is the one who makes it a point of learning and knowing what to do and how to do it before it’s done.”

Want to dump the water from the glass to the floor? Tilt its brim low enough forward. Want to graduate with a degree? Granted, that is bit more complex, but the premise the same: Know in advance what will or will not happen conditioned on the nature of our actions or inaction.

Subsequently, as for the title of our opening guide: *“Homeowner’s Taking Charge!”* – it is a literal *call to action* for private home decision makers who have already taken charge to continue doing so on a greater level. Also there is a very strong innuendo to those who have not, especially for being better prepared throughout 2019.....and beyond.

Honing The Eyes Of An Eagle

“Homeowners Taking Charge!” was then followed by *“Honing The Eyes Of An Eagle.”* We opened this 2nd edition of *Series 4* considering the fact that an eagle’s vision is so keen that it can see a rabbit *2 miles* away. But then we also gave reference to the first guide of this series *“Homeowner’s Taking Charge.”* There was more emphasis on “seeing” outcomes of our actions before they materialized in real-time.

We noted again that from *2 miles* away that the eagle knew it would shortly have a rabbit for a feast. But the rabbit had no idea. In the normal frame of things, there was really nowhere for the rabbit to hide. It was imminent: That eagle would be there in less than a minute. The key words are “would be” (future-tense). But it would be *past tense* in only a few seconds.

Eagles are known to dive as fast as over 100 miles an hour. In that case, an eagle’s being as far as 2 miles away overhead is only a few second’s distance from the rabbit if it should decide to swoop down. For the eagle, the outcome is as predictable as results from tilting down the rim of a full glass of water.

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Being In Charge & Taking Charge As Required

When we consider, as a whole, our taking charge in a more informed way during our moments of decision, how we decide is largely dependent upon our range of vision. If we conduct ourselves as that tiny rabbit (which can see no farther than the tall grass surrounding it), then the corrupt element of contractors *become the eagle*. In the rabbit's situation, it has no choice but to be a rabbit, but in the human experience, we have several. In this matter, however, we can choose to be either *rabbit* or *eagle*. Rabbits *let* things happen. Eagles *make* them happen.

Eagle Eyes

There are ways and means for us to become more like an eagle. There are many government and private agencies online-offline with offices which are specifically geared towards providing free public information on contractors. Information we proactively garner via these vital sources enable us to see far better than we presently do.

*These consumer-centric agencies are not specifically outlined here since they require exclusive attention. HGRBS provides more than enough data to this effect through its free "*Resident Strategic Studies*" format (of which all guides are constituent.) Our most exclusive guide relative to most thorough data is the *Service Booklet*. The link for it also appears at the bottom of this home edition.

The right information from reliable sources gives us an invaluable advantage in making our contractor decisions. This essential data enables us to *validate* contractors for whom and what they really are. Further, this empowers us towards being wiser and more assertive than we have ever been in relation to our expectations in contractors.

Be Assertive or Be Victim

We may want to be cautious of having obtained all the right information against becoming a victim but not being assertive enough to implement it on a sustained basis. Of what value is what we learn through these studies when in a moment of decision we cower? The comforts and conveniences of home are always at stake when contractors are hired. We need assistance with our home projects from reliable individuals. But to enlist support of such personnel, we may want to *first support our own standards* demanding no one less than the best. This requires staying attuned to who we are as rightful managers and protectors of ourselves and homes. It is important to have reliable safeguards. We are our own first line of defense.

Who Is This Contractor?

We are now making our way through the 3rd guide of this series "*Who Is This Contractors?*" As we recall, our first was "*Homeowners Taking Charge!*" then "*Honing The Eyes Of An Eagle.*" Now we are considering "*Who Is This Contractor?*"

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We require the best contractors on our property and the worst, off! But who's who? Normally, the contractor we *see* is just a mirage. He may not necessarily be the person we *think* we see. How can we KNOW?! Have we properly *validated* the contractor's information? Does he have 5 recent favorable residential references to share with us? Did we see him long before he saw us? Did he fill out our application for us to check him out through reliable sources?

These are crucial questions since if we have truly taken charge and have clear vision in this moment of decision, we would know. When we adopt an application process for contractors we establish the practical basis we need to begin to do so.

Here is an excerpt from the 3rd guide in our series "Who Is This Contractor?"

"It is immensely ironic that so many residents will go through so much trouble insisting that a person who wants to work at the business outside the home fills out an application, but go through hardly any when considering hiring a contractor for the business of the home. Although vulnerability to scandal and resultant ramifications are insurmountably greater, residential protocol for an application process does not even come to mind. Consequently, predation from unscrupulous individuals is staggeringly more prevalent." End of excerpt.

If we have not experienced the truths of this previous guide "Who Is This Contractor?" we may want to do this at the soonest possible convenience. It will enable us to own a more in depth comprehension of this present study.

Are We Really In Charge Of The Facts?

It is documented, via most reports which come to our attention about contractor improprieties against residents, that most did not have an *application process*. They had nothing substantial in place for gathering essential information about these unscrupulous persons. Their apparent measure of the credibility of these errant contractors was any variation of *little to no documented evidence* to the effect that these were "good" tradesmen.

In effect, they sincerely did not know whom or what they were dealing with. They had no effective precautionary measures in place to prevent it. They were successfully scandalized because they had no intact foundation or process for wise decision-making in these matters.

In short, these unfortunate residents were powerless against these flagrant abuses. Certainly they had authority to legally be rid of these dishonest individuals, but they were not informed enough to use it to that effect. In their *moment of decision*, they said "yes" since they were content with what they chose to believe. In the end, the individuals with most authority were those who stole their money, wrecked their homes, and made them miserable.

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A successfully implemented *application procedure* potentially makes these predators “miserable” instead. Summarily, we have one of two pivotal choices in resident-contractor relations in *OUR moment of decision*:

Be the *victim* or be the *victor*.

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Previous Resident Strategic Guides Of Series 4

[Each is hyper-linked to its respective guide]

1. [***HOMOWNERS TAKING CHARGE!***](#)
2. [***HONING THE EYES OF AN EAGLE***](#)
3. [***WHO IS THIS CONTRACTOR?***](#)

SERVICE BOOKLET

The Free "*SERVICE BOOKLET*" for Your Geographic Area Contains Strategic Tips Along with Special Hyperlinks To Crucial Private and Government Offices. The Hyperlinks Are Also Instrumental In Providing You with Accurate, Up-to-Date Data to Enable You to "Validate" the Legal Status of Contractors Who Want to Work in Your Home/On Your Property, in Your Respective Area. There Are Also Useful Tips for Dispute Resolution, and Other Resident-Friendly Information.

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