

CONCORDAT BETWEEN THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF VICTORIA AND THE
SUPREME COUNCIL 33° OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH
RITE FOR AUSTRALIA

This Concordat is made between the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria. (Hereinafter called "Grand Lodge") and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia (hereinafter called "Supreme Council").


1. Grand Lodge controls, regulates and promotes the practice of Craft Freemasonry (hereinafter called "the Craft") within its jurisdiction which is encompassed by the territorial boundaries of the State of Victoria.
2. The practice of the Craft comprises the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason worked in lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge.
3. Supreme Council controls, regulates and promotes the practice of the system of the thirty-three degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (hereinafter called "the AASR") within the Commonwealth of Australia and its Territories and is established under the Grand Constitutions of the AASR of 1786.
4. Grand Lodge acknowledges that Freemasons should be encouraged to seek instruction in Masonic Degrees beyond the three degrees of the Craft.
5. Supreme Council acknowledges that the Craft Degrees are the foundation of the whole Masonic structure and that all members of the AASR are required to give their loyalty and support to the Craft.
6. Supreme Council and the Grand Lodge both acknowledge that the three degrees of the Craft Masonry in Australia are accepted as the equivalent of the first three degrees of the AASR, that those degrees may only be worked in a Lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge or another Grand Lodge recognised by the Grand Lodge.
7. Supreme Council requires all members who have joined the AASR after October 1985 to be members in good standing of a regular warranted Craft Lodge.
8. To encourage membership of the AASR the Grand Lodge will:
 - a) Acknowledge the attendance of representatives of the Supreme Council at Communications and Grand Installation and the like of the Grand Lodge when invited to the same by the Grand Lodge and they shall be permitted to wear the Regalia of their Rank in the AASR.
 - b) Permit members of the AASR, with the approval of the Regional Commander of the AASR, to attend and address meetings of Craft Lodges to encourage members of the Craft to become members of the AASR.

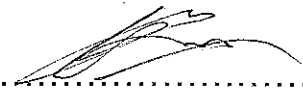
- c) Promote the AASR as an important part of the overall structure of Freemasonry and encourage all Master Masons to be members of the AASR by the inclusion of information or articles relating to the AASR in its publications and permitting information about the AASR to be available at Masonic Centres.
9. To demonstrate support for the Craft and Grand Lodge Supreme Council will, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge: -
 - (a) Encourage all members of the AASR to attend the Craft Lodge to which they belong regularly and be actively involved.
 - (b) Not allow any Brother who has been a Master Mason for less than six months to be Perfected in the AASR unless, because of the circumstances of the Brother, he is, in the opinion of Supreme Council through its Regional Commander, properly able to commit to active membership of both the Craft and the AASR.
10. If any member of any Lodge held under the Grand Lodge is suspended or expelled from Masonic privileges by the authority of Grand Lodge he shall also automatically be suspended or expelled from the AASR on the same terms by Supreme Council.
11. If any member of the AASR is suspended or expelled from Masonic privileges by Supreme Council, he shall also automatically be suspended or expelled on the same terms from the Craft by Grand Lodge.
12. Grand Lodge and Supreme Council agree that, firstly, they shall keep in place such administrative arrangements as may be necessary to notify each other of any action taken against any member under Clause (10) or (11) of the Concordat and, secondly, that Clauses (10) and (11) of this Concordat do not apply to a Brother who has been suspended from his Lodge or Sovereign Chapter or Sovereign Council by reason of non-payment of dues in circumstances caused by personal hardship or which are considered by either Grand Lodge or Supreme Council, as the case may require, to be a neglect of Masonic duty as opposed to being a Masonic offence.
13. In the event of any dispute between the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council in relation to any provision of this Concordat the Grand Master of Grand Lodge and the Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council shall each appoint a Brother to negotiate to resolve the dispute and they shall report the proposed resolution to the Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander respectively. If the dispute cannot be resolved this Concordat may be terminated by either the Grand Master or the Sovereign Grand Commander upon either one giving twelve months' notice in writing to the other of his intention to do so.
14. This Concordat may be reviewed by Grand Lodge and Supreme Council from time to time and may be amended by agreement between Grand Lodge and Supreme Council.

Dated the 17th.....day


of March.....2021

The Seal of Grand Lodge and the Seal of Supreme Council
being affixed with authority


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Grand Master
Richard Lewis Elkington


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Sovereign Grand Commander
George William (Bill) Morgan


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Grand Secretary
Garry Alan Runge


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Grand Secretary General H.:E.:
Dominic De Candia

