



**THE SUPREME COUNCIL 33°
OF THE ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE FOR AUSTRALIA**

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**Supreme Council for Australia
Social Media and Website Policy**

The presence of Freemasons on various social networking sites is growing exponentially and it is drawing attention to the fraternity. By participating on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and others, we should strive to make that attention as positive as possible. When we represent ourselves as members of the Fraternity, we become someone's impression of Freemasonry. As such, it is important that we act accordingly and subscribe to the lessons we are all taught as Masons in terms of how we communicate and interact with Masons and non-Masons.

A member of the Rite should conduct his Social Media activities in a way that reflects a positive image to the world of his membership.

Pages must provide a statement that the Supreme Council of Australia may not necessarily agree with certain content on the site.

Prior consent must be obtained from subjects when:

- Posting photographs or videos of a Masonic event
- Posting the identity of any Brother identifying them to be a member of the Rite

Postings that are **not** permitted:

- Notice Papers or Summons should not be discussed publicly, especially if details of Lodge Officers or Candidates are included
- Discussion relating to the background, ballot or investigation of any applicant
- Discussion related to what is discussed within the business of a Chapter, Council or Consistory
- No official communication with another Supreme Council. Contact must be conducted through the Office of the Grand Secretary General
- No rituals or regulations to be published
- Anything that may have a negative effect on the Rite and its members

Supreme Council may request the removal of any website, page, article or comment.

A Mason's actions on the various Social Media outlets must reflect the same high standards of morality and virtue as he would practise and experience within the Rite, always remembering to moderate the ebullitions of wrath.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,



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