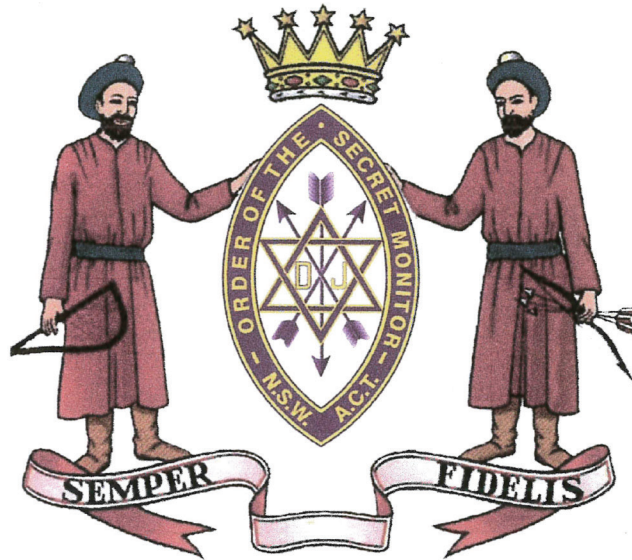


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Worthy Supreme Rulers and Conclave Secretaries are advised to refer to the Handbook, issued 10th October 2011 as amended, in addition to this Book of Constitutions and Regulations.

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CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS

There are three Degrees in this Order, viz.:

- 1°. Member of the Order.
- 2°. Prince of the Order.
- 3°. Supreme Ruler of a Conclave.

There is one Appendant Order worked only under a Charter authorised by Grand Council, consisting of the six, recognised Grades of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord.

DEFINITIONS

1. **GRAND COUNCIL** The Grand Council shall consist of the Grand Supreme Ruler, the Grand Officers of the year, all Past Grand Officers who are members of a Private Conclave, and the Supreme Ruler of each Private Conclave.
2. **GRAND CONCLAVE** The Grand Conclave of the Order shall consist of all Princes of the Order who are members of any Private Conclave.
3. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** The Executive Committee shall consist of the Grand Supreme Ruler, Past Grand Supreme Rulers, the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Counsellor, the Grand Guide, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the President of the Executive Committee, the Grand Recorder, the Deputy Grand Recorder, Assistant Grand Recorder, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and five members appointed by the Grand Supreme Ruler.
 - (a) 'Craft' means the system of Freemasonry governed by the Grand Lodge.

- (b) 'Grand Lodge' means the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.
- (c) 'Recognised Craft Masonic Authority' means a body existing outside the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory and which is recognised by the Grand Lodge as being part of regular Freemasonry having authority to warrant Lodges (or similar bodies) to regularly confer the Craft degrees in Freemasonry.

GRAND COUNCIL

- 4. The Grand Council possesses the supreme superintending authority over the Members of the Order within the jurisdiction of the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and alone has the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Order, and of altering, repealing or abrogating them.

The Grand Council has also the power of investigating, regulating and deciding all other matters relative to the Order, and alone possesses the authority to erase Conclaves and to expel Members.

- 5. The members of Grand Council rank in the following order:

		Prefix
1. Grand Supreme Ruler	}	Most Worthy
2. Past Grand Supreme Rulers		
3. Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler	}	Right Worthy
4. Past Deputy Grand Supreme Rulers		
5. Grand Chancellor		
6. Past Grand Chancellors		
7. Grand Counsellor		
8. Past Grand Counsellors		

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| 9. Grand Guide | } | |
| 10. Past Grand Guides | | |
| 11. Grand Chaplains | } | Very
Worthy |
| 12. Past Grand Chaplains | | |
| 13. Grand Treasurer | | |
| 14. Past Grand Treasurer | | |
| 15. Grand Registrar | | |
| 16. Past Grand Registrar | | |
| 17. President of the Executive Committee | | |
| 18. Past Presidents of the Executive Committee | | |
| 19. Grand Recorder | | |
| 20. Past Grand Recorders | | |
| 21. Deputy Grand Recorder | | |
| 22. Past Deputy Grand Recorder | | |
| 23. Grand Director of Ceremonies | | |
| 24. Past Grand Director of Ceremonies | | |
| 25. Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies | | |
| 26. Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies | | |
| 27. Grand Visitors | | |
| 28. Past Grand Visitors | | |
| 29. Assistant Grand Chaplains | | |
| 30. Past Assistant Grand Chaplains | | |
| 31. Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies | | |
| 32. Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies | | |
| 33. Grand Sword Bearer | } | Worthy |
| 34. Past Grand Sword Bearers | | |
| 35. Grand Standard Bearer | | |
| 36. Past Grand Standard Bearers | | |
| 37. Grand Bow Bearer | | |
| 38. Past Grand Bow Bearers | | |
| 39. Grand Director of Music | | |
| 40. Past Grand Directors of Music | | |

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| 41. Grand Organist | } | Prefix |
| 42. Past Grand Organists | | |
| 43. Deputy Grand Organist | | |
| 44. Grand Herald | | |
| 45. Past Assistant Grand Herald | | |
| 46. Assistant Grand Recorder | | |
| 47. Past Assistant Grand Recorders | | |
| 48. Grand Guarder | | |
| 49. Past Grand Guarders | | |
| 50. Grand Stewards | | |
| 51. Past Grand Stewards | } | Worthy |
| 52. Grand Sentinel | | |
| 53. Past Grand Sentinel | | |

6. (a) Nominations in writing for the Offices of Grand Supreme Ruler and Grand Treasurer may be submitted by a member of Grand Council and must be countersigned by the nominee and received by the Grand Recorder before 5 o'clock p.m. on 30th June each year for consideration by the Executive Committee at its meeting in the month of July following.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall recommend to Grand Council the Brother whom it considers best qualified for the Offices of Grand Supreme Ruler and Grand Treasurer respectively.

The Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order shall be elected annually by the Grand Council at a Convocation to be held after the Executive Committee Meeting held in the month of July.

The Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order shall be installed and invested with the insignia of his Office at the Annual

Convocation of the Grand Conclave to be held on such day as the Grand Supreme Ruler may direct.

The Grand Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Grand Council at a Convocation to be held after the Executive Committee Meeting held in the month of July and invested at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave.

7. Upon the Installation of the Grand Supreme Ruler he shall appoint any or all of the following Grand Officers who are thereupon to be installed or invested in ancient form.

Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler
Grand Chancellor
Grand Counsellor
Grand Guide
Grand Chaplains
Grand Registrar
President of the Executive Committee
Grand Recorder
Grand Director of Ceremonies
Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies
Grand Visitors
Assistant Grand Chaplains
Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies
Grand Sword Bearer
Grand Standard Bearer
Grand Bow Bearer
Grand Director of Music
Grand Organist
Deputy Grand Organist
Grand Herald
Assistant Grand Recorder
Grand Guarder
Grand Stewards

Grand Sentinel

In the absence of a Grand Officer from a meeting of the Grand Council the Presiding Officer may appoint another member of the Grand Council to take his place.

The Grand Recorder shall be appointed by the Grand Supreme Ruler and shall hold Office during the pleasure of Grand Council.

The Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the Grand Supreme Ruler as a vacancy occurs, and shall continue in office during the pleasure of Grand Council.

Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Order, may by appointment of the Grand Supreme Ruler, be constituted members of the Grand Council with such past grand rank as he may think proper (excluding that of Past Grand Supreme Ruler).

Brethren who have not been installed as Master of a Lodge in the Craft held under the Grand Lodge or other Recognised Craft Masonic Authority shall not be appointed members of Grand Council except by dispensation of the Grand Supreme Ruler, or if they had previously held the rank of Supreme Ruler of a Conclave, or held an Office in a Conclave, as at 8th June 2005.

SALUTES

Grand Supreme Ruler	P.D.P. 9 times
Past Grand Supreme Rulers	P.D.P. 9 times
Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler	P.D.P. 7 times
Past Deputy Grand Supreme Rulers	P.D.P. 7 times
Grand Chancellor	P.D.P. 7 times
Past Grand Chancellors	P.D.P. 7 times

All other Officers of Grand Council

—Present and Past

P.D.P. 5 times

Supreme Rulers of Conclaves on

Installation only

P.D.P. 3 times

8. The Annual Convocation of Grand Council shall be held in the month of July on such date and at such place as the Grand Supreme Ruler may direct.

The Grand Supreme Ruler or, when he is absent or otherwise unable to act, his Deputy, may convene a special Convocation of Grand Council at other times or places, on fourteen days' notice, as he may deem necessary.

9. The Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, or in his absence the Senior Grand Officer highest in rank, may preside over the Convocations of Grand Council and of Grand Conclave, and in case of equality of votes shall be entitled to give a casting vote.
10. Past Grand Officers shall be entitled to the precedence and insignia of their respective offices, so long as they continue to be members of a Private Conclave.
11. A Fee of Honour payable to the Grand Council on the first appointment to any Office or Past Office in the Grand Council shall be as determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.
12. The Jewel of a Grand Supreme Ruler shall be surmounted by a celestial crown and be suspended from a chain, also a gold or gilt Jewel surmounted by a celestial crown suspended from the neck by a golden silk corded ribbon, 38 mm wide.

The Jewel of a Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler shall be surmounted by a celestial crown and be suspended from a chain, also a Jewel of the Grand Council surmounted by a celestial crown framed in a blue-enamelled pointed oval and suspended from the neck by a silk ribbon, 25 mm wide, orange watered with crimson border.

13. Grand Council Officers shall wear a gold or gilt Jewel displaying the device of the Order together with an Office Title Bar worn at the vee of collarette.

Past Grand Officers shall be distinguished by a rosette of the same ribbon with centre button of red immediately above the Jewel, together with an Office Title Bar worn above rosette.

Grand Council Officers shall wear a crimson sash outside the coat (100 mm wide bordered with gold cord 3 mm wide) carrying a sword with crimson scabbard. The sash shall be embroidered in gold with a celestial crown and M... D... with the words "NEW SOUTH WALES and A.C.T." in block letters 12 mm tall underneath.

All sashes of the Order shall end in a golden fringe 100 mm long and shall bear upon the frog a M... D... embroidered in gold in the case of Grand Officers, present and past, and gilt metal in all other cases.

The Grand Supreme Ruler, at his discretion, may wear a black robe with gold facings.

14. The Grand Supreme Ruler shall have, subject to these Constitutions, all the powers and privileges which the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory has over Craft Masonry and Masons within his jurisdiction.

15. The Grand Recorder shall have the care and custody of the Great Seal of the Order and, under the direction of the Grand Supreme Ruler, shall affix the Seal to all warrants and other documents requiring the same.
16. It shall be the duty of the Grand Visitors to visit Conclaves, and report thereon each quarter to the Grand Guide. The Grand Guide shall, after receiving and considering the reports of the Grand Visitors, report to the Grand Supreme Ruler each quarter and to the Grand Conclave at its Annual Convocation as to the working of the various Conclaves.
17. It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to issue summonses for all meetings of Grand Council, Grand Conclave and the Executive Committee, the Finance Subcommittee and any other Sub-committees, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive returns from the several Conclaves of the Order and enter them in the books of Grand Council; to receive the fees and contributions payable by Conclaves and Brethren to the Funds of Grand Council, and to pay the same to the account of the Order at a Bank approved by the Finance Subcommittee; to keep books as prescribed by the Finance Subcommittee, in which he shall enter all receipts and payments on account of Grand Council, and to produce them at every meeting of the Finance Subcommittee; to transmit to all Conclaves accounts of the proceedings of all meetings of Grand Council and Grand Conclave; to receive all petitions, memorials, etc., and lay them before the Grand Supreme Ruler or other competent authority; to have the care of the clothing, insignia, jewels, books and other property of Grand Council and to keep a register of all appointments and promotions of Grand Officers.

18. Copies of each Summons issued by Private Conclaves shall be sent to the Grand Supreme Ruler, the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, the Grand Recorder, the Grand Guide and the Grand Visitors and each Conclave shall forward copies of each Summons, as issued, to such Officers and in such numbers as may from time to time be directed.
19. With the exception of nominations referred to in Regulation 6, notice of every motion or other matter to be brought forward at a meeting of Grand Council must be received in writing by the Grand Recorder twenty-eight days at least before such meeting. The Grand Recorder, when submitting to the Executive Committee for approval the agenda for any Grand Council meeting, shall include therein all motions and other matters of which due notice shall have been given. Fourteen days notice shall be given of the time and place of each meeting of Grand Council. No motion other than such as may arise out of the report of any Committee appointed by Grand Council or by the Grand Supreme Ruler shall, except with the express permission of the Grand Supreme Ruler or Officer presiding, be discussed or considered unless notice thereof appears in the Summons convening the meeting.

GRAND CONCLAVE

20. The Regular Convocation of Grand Conclave shall be held annually in October at such time and place as the Grand Supreme Ruler shall direct.

The Grand Supreme Ruler or, when he is absent or otherwise unable to act, his Deputy may convene a special Convocation of Grand Conclave at such other time and place, on fourteen days notice as he may deem necessary.

21. Grand Conclave may make recommendations to Grand Council on any matter connected with the Order. Grand Council at its next meeting shall consider such recommendations and cause its decision thereon to be communicated to Grand Conclave.
22. The procedure with regard to motions, agenda and the calling of meetings laid down in Regulation 19 for Grand Council shall apply for the time being to Grand Conclave.
23. The Grand Festival of the Order may be held each year and the arrangements shall be in the hands of the committee to be appointed by the Grand Supreme Ruler.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 24.(a) In the absence of the President, the Committee shall elect a Chairman to preside.
 - (b) All transactions and resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be entered in the Minute Book by the Grand Recorder.
 - (c) The Executive Committee shall meet in the month of July each year.
 - (d) A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be convened by the Grand Supreme Ruler or the President at seven days notice.
 - (e) Three members shall constitute a quorum except for a decision on Masonic complaints when at least five members shall be present.
25. The Executive Committee has the administration and control of the buildings, furniture, clothing, insignia, regalia, books and other property of the Order, other than those belonging to the Private Conclaves. Such property as is

capable of insurance against loss by fire shall be insured in the name of the Order to its full value by an insurer approved by the Finance Sub-committee, and the policy and a full inventory of all property, whether insured or not, shall be produced by the Grand Recorder for verification at the annual audit of the Grand Treasurer's accounts at the end of each financial year.

26. The Executive Committee has the absolute power of fixing or adjusting fees payable to Grand Council.
27. The Executive Committee shall approve the agenda for meetings of Grand Council and Grand Conclave; shall appoint the Auditor to audit the Accounts presented by the Grand Treasurer; shall regulate the remuneration of all Officers and Clerks of Grand Council, and shall report its proceedings to Grand Conclave at every regular Convocation.
28. The Executive Committee shall hear and determine all complaints of irregularities or acts of misconduct on the part of Conclaves or individual members of the Order.

It may admonish, fine or suspend, subject to the right of appeal to Grand Council. It may summon the Officers of a Conclave to attend with the Warrant, books, papers and accounts thereof; or a Brother, who shall produce his certificate or certificates. Failure to comply with such summons shall render the Conclave liable to erasure, or the Brother to expulsion, in which case the proceedings shall be reported to Grand Council.

Should a case upon investigation prove to be of so flagrant a nature as to appear to justify the erasure of a Conclave or the expulsion of a Brother, the Executive Committee shall

make a special report thereon to Grand Council for its determination.

Full Dress clothing of the Order shall be worn by members of the Executive Committee when investigating any charge or complaint and members of the Order appearing before the Executive Committee on such an occasion shall be similarly clothed. However, the President of the Executive Committee has the right to waive or vary this requirement.

- 29.(a) The Finance Sub-committee shall consist of the Grand Recorder, the Grand Treasurer and not less than four other members of the Executive Committee appointed by that Committee.
- (b) The Grand Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Finance Sub-committee and shall submit annually to the Executive Committee an account of all the funds of the Order duly audited by a professional accountant, who must be a Master Mason appointed by the Executive Committee.
- (c) The Finance Sub-committee shall have charge of finances of the Order, other than the finances of Private Conclaves, shall examine all accounts, and if found correct, confirm all accounts presented for payment.
- (d) The Finance Sub-committee shall meet before the July meeting of the Executive Committee, shall cause all its transactions to be recorded in a Minute Book, and shall report its proceedings to the next ensuing regular meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (e) All moneys belonging to the Order, other than moneys belonging to the Private Conclaves, shall be deposited in

such bank or banks and to such accounts as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

- (f) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 59, all cheques drawn on the funds of the Order, other than funds belonging to the Private Conclaves, shall be signed by any two of the Grand Supreme Ruler, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder.
- (g) All investments of moneys belonging to the Order, other than moneys belonging to Private Conclaves, shall be invested in the name of the Order and shall be administered by the Finance Subcommittee.

PRIVATE CONCLAVES

30. Subject to the procedure laid down by the Executive Committee from time to time, an application to form a new Conclave must be by petition to the Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order signed by at least three subscribing members of the Order registered under these Constitutions, specifying the proposed name of the Conclave, the place where and the times when it is intended to meet, the names of the Brethren proposed for first Supreme Ruler, Counsellor and Guide. The Conclave(s) and Craft Lodge(s) of which the petitioners are subscribing members must also be stated.

All the petitioners must be Princes of the Order, unless a Dispensation is obtained from the Grand Supreme Ruler.

31. The following is the form of petition for a Warrant for a new Conclave and it may be obtained on application to the Grand Recorder.

**FORM OF PETITION FOR A
NEW CONCLAVE**

To the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory:

We, the undersigned, being registered Members of the Conclaves mentioned against our respective names and having the prosperity of the Order at heart, are desirous of forming a ***New Conclave***, to be named***Conclave***. In consequence of this desire we pray for a ***Warrant of Constitution***, empowering us to meet as a regular Conclave, aton theday of, then and there to discharge the duties of this Order in Masonry, according to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Order, and we have nominated, and do recommend,

Bro. to be the first ***Supreme Ruler***,

Bro. to be the first ***Counsellor***, and

Bro. to be the first ***Guide*** within

the said Conclave.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the ***Grand Supreme Ruler*** of the Order and to the laws and regulations of the ***Grand Council***.

As witness our hands this day of..... 20...

Signed..... Craft Lodge No.. and

of.....Conclave, No.. **Supreme Ruler** designate.

Signed..... Craft Lodge No.. and

of... ..Conclave, No.. **Counsellor** designate.

Signed..... Craft Lodge No.. and

of..... Conclave, No... **Guide** designate.

32. Candidates specially inducted into the Order for the purpose of founding a new Conclave, in a sponsoring Conclave, or a specially convened meeting under the Warrant of such Conclave, shall be registered as members of the Conclave under whose Warrant they are inducted. No joining fee shall be payable to Grand Council in respect of such affiliates provided they become foundation members of the new Conclave at the time of consecration.
33. A Conclave shall not meet without a Warrant from the Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order. This Warrant is to be specially entrusted to the Supreme Ruler of the Conclave for the time being at his installation, and he shall be responsible for the safe keeping thereof, and shall produce it at every meeting of the Conclave. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless there be present three Members of the Conclave; and no ceremony shall be performed unless one of the three or more Brethren present be a Supreme Ruler, Present or Past, qualified to preside.
34. Every new Conclave shall be constituted and consecrated according to ancient usage. The Grand Supreme Ruler, the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler or a Grand Council Officer appointed by the Grand Supreme Ruler shall perform the ceremony.

35. Should a Warrant be lost or withheld by the competent authority of the Order, the Conclave must suspend its meetings until a Warrant of confirmation be obtained, the original Warrant restored, or a Dispensation granted by the Grand Supreme Ruler.
36. The Officers of a Conclave shall be the Supreme Ruler (whose powers and duties, subject to these Constitutions, are in all respects similar and equal to those of the Master of a Craft Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory), Counsellor, Guide, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Visiting Deacons (not exceeding four), Deputy Director of Ceremonies, Organist, *Assistant Secretary*, Guarder, Stewards and Sentinel. The Regular Officers of the Second Degree shall be David (S.R.), Jonathan (I.P.S.R.), Abishai, Adino, Eleazar, and Shammah; a *Lecturer* may also be appointed. The Sentinel may be a serving brother; the other Officers must all be subscribing members of the Conclave. *Officers in italics are permissive appointments.*
37. Except in the case of newly constituted Conclaves where the Supreme Ruler, Counsellor, and Guide are named in the Warrant, all Officers with the exception of the Treasurer and Sentinel, are to be appointed and if present invested by the Supreme Ruler immediately after his Installation. The tenure of an office dates from the Officer's appointment.
38. The Supreme Ruler, the Treasurer and the Sentinel shall be elected annually, and these elections shall be conducted as those of Master, Treasurer and Tyler in Craft Lodges, with the incidents and consequences as set forth in the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

39. A Brother shall not be eligible for the Office of Supreme Ruler in any Conclave until he shall have been duly admitted to the Second Degree, and shall have served or be deemed to have served the Office of Counsellor or Guide in a Private Conclave for the space of a full year. Nor shall a Brother, who was not an Officer of a Conclave or a Past Supreme Ruler held under this Grand Council on 8th June 2005, be eligible for the Office of Supreme Ruler unless he shall have been regularly installed as Master of a Lodge in the Craft held under the Grand Lodge or other Recognised Craft Masonic Authority except by dispensation of the Grand Supreme Ruler.
40. Should the Supreme Ruler or the Supreme Ruler-elect die or should the Supreme Ruler be unable or unwilling to serve as Supreme Ruler, or should it be impracticable to hold the meeting for the investiture of the Supreme Ruler on the proper date, the Conclave shall immediately apply to the Grand Supreme Ruler for instructions as to the course to be followed. Such instructions may include directions for the holding of special meetings for the election or investiture of a Supreme Ruler or may direct that the Supreme Ruler remain in office for a further year and may further direct that Supreme Rulers or Officers invested in accordance with such instruction shall at the date of the meeting for the investiture of a Supreme Ruler in the ensuing year be deemed to have served in their offices for a full year. No question shall at any time be raised as to the regularity of anything done in accordance with such instructions.
41. A Supreme Ruler shall not, except by dispensation, occupy the Chair of a Conclave for more than two years in succession. In the absence of the Supreme Ruler, the Immediate Past Supreme Ruler or any Past Supreme Ruler

of the Conclave or a duly Commissioned Supreme Ruler shall occupy the Chair.

42. A person is not eligible for induction into this Order unless he be a Master Mason for two years having received the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees in a Lodge held under the Grand Lodge or other Recognised Craft Masonic Authority.
- 43.(a) A Confidential List containing such particulars of proposed new and former members of the Order as shall be determined by the Executive Committee shall be circulated each quarter among all Brethren of the Order in this jurisdiction.
- (b) If a valid objection to a proposed new or former member on the Confidential List is raised, the Grand Recorder shall refer the objection to a Review Committee, comprising the Grand Supreme Ruler, the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, the President of the Executive Committee and the Grand Recorder, for enquiry.
- (c) The Review Committee may allow or refuse to allow the induction, affiliation or rejoining of the proposed new, affiliating or former member to proceed.
- (d) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) all proposed new or former members of the Order after receipt of the Confidential List by the Secretary of the Conclave to which the candidate has been nominated, or in the case of affiliating members after receipt of their petition, shall have their names and other such particulars as determined from time to time by the Executive Committee listed on the next Conclave summons as a proposal for induction, rejoining or affiliation. Any

member of the Conclave will then have seven days after the date of that meeting to object to that proposal. Such objection must be lodged with the Grand Recorder who shall refer the objection to a Review Committee as in (b).

If the Grand Recorder does not notify receipt of an objection to the Secretary of the Conclave into which the Candidate has been proposed within seven days after the date on which the Confidential List closes, the Secretary shall issue an invitation to join the Conclave and list the name of the Candidate on a subsequent notice paper for induction, rejoining or affiliation.

(e) A proposed new member or former member rejected pursuant to (c) or (d) above shall not appear on a subsequent Confidential List until at least twelve months have elapsed after the closing of the Confidential List on which his name appeared.

(f) Not more than five candidates may be inducted at the same meeting except with dispensation granted by the Grand Supreme Ruler.

44. A candidate shall not be received as a member of the Order until he has signed a declaration in the following form, viz.:

DECLARATION

I,being a MASTER MASON, and a member of LodgeNo.....holding under the Grand Lodge ofhereby request the Supreme Ruler, Officers, and Brethren of the CONCLAVE, to induct me as a member of the Order of "THE SECRET MONITOR", and receive me as a Member of their Conclave, and do solemnly declare that, should I be

inducted into the Order, I will maintain and uphold the supremacy of the Grand Council for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, with strict obedience to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Council and will conform to all the laws, usages, and established customs of the Order. I further solemnly promise, that if I be received as a Member of this Conclave, I will submit to and observe the By-laws and Regulations of the Conclave which from time to time may be made for its government. I accept that in no vow required of me in any ceremony of this Order, will there be found anything likely to be incompatible with my moral, civil or religious duty.

Witness my hand thisday of

Signature

Date of birth

Witness.....

(Guarder or Sentinel)

45. The Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may confer the second or third degrees at any time with the assistance of two members of Grand Council, or may issue a special dispensation to three members of the Order, one of whom shall be a Supreme Ruler, Present or Past, empowering them to confer either of these degrees on a specified candidate.
46. Subject to the provisions of Regulation 45, a Brother shall not be admitted as a Prince of the Order, nor shall he be eligible for this degree until four weeks, at least, have elapsed since his induction into the Order.

47. Every Supreme Ruler at his discretion, and in case of his inability to act, the Immediate Past Supreme Ruler, failing whom the Counsellor and Guide of the Conclave for the time being, may convene a Conclave of Emergency.
48. The annual dues of Members of private Conclaves shall be computed annually based upon a budget prepared by the Audit Committee, of all proposed necessary expenditure for the ensuing year, plus 15% for Conclave reserve account.

The total amount thus ascertained shall be apportioned equally between the Brethren and be subscribed by them, in advance, for such ensuing year:

- (a) Every Conclave shall pay to Grand Council a sum as determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.
 - (b) Should a member be three years in arrears he shall cease thereupon to be a member of the Conclave and can rejoin only by regular proposition and acceptance.
 - (c) This rule shall not preclude a Conclave from proceeding against any of its members for non-payment of contributions according to its By-laws for a shorter period than three years.
49. Membership in good standing of a Craft Lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge is an essential qualification for membership of this Order. However, a member who resides in a State that shares a border with New South Wales may meet this requirement by remaining a member in good standing of a regular Lodge warranted by a Recognised Craft Masonic Authority for that State. Alternatively a person who was a member of a Conclave held under the Grand Council on the 8th June 2005 may meet this requirement by remaining a member of a regular

Lodge held under a Recognised Craft Masonic Authority. The Grand Supreme Ruler may grant dispensations in respect of compliance with this regulation.

50. If any Brother behave in Conclave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony thereof, he shall be admonished by the Supreme Ruler and if he persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished by censure or by exclusion for the remainder of the meeting.
- 51.(a) A Conclave may permanently exclude any member for sufficient cause, provided he shall have received not less than seven clear days notice in writing of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard.
 - (b) The power of exclusion shall only be exercised by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present.
 - (c) The decision shall be ascertained by ballot, unless the complaint be for non-payment of dues.
 - (d) Where the complaint is on any ground other than non-payment of dues, the matter shall be reported forthwith to the Grand Recorder, and the exclusion shall not operate until it has been approved by the Executive Committee.
 - (e) The Brother found guilty by his Conclave shall, however, be suspended from all Monitor privileges in that Conclave until the matter shall have been decided by the Executive Committee.
 - (f) The Executive Committee may direct that such exclusion shall apply to every Conclave of which the Brother is a

member, and may increase the penalty, or recommend expulsion by the Grand Council.

52. Any question, dispute or difference arising between members and/or Conclaves of the Order as to any matter arising out of the Constitutions or the By-laws of any Conclave or otherwise relating to or affecting the Order shall be decided by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties. Any party to such a question, dispute or difference may submit a case in writing to the Grand Recorder who shall give such notice or notices to other parties thereto and such directions as to the attendance of the parties, submission of further statements, production of documents or any other matters necessary or convenient for the determination of the question, dispute or difference as the Executive Committee shall think right and he shall give its decision in writing.
53. In the month of November in every year the Supreme Ruler of every Conclave shall cause to be transmitted to the Grand Recorder the information required on the annual return form.

CLOTHING

54. The Jewel of this Order is gold or gilt and consists of two interlaced equilateral triangles with three arrows and the letters D.J.; this Jewel is to be worn on the left breast suspended by a silk ribbon 25 mm wide, of the colours of the Order (purple and orange). The name and number of the Conclave may be placed on a Bar above the Jewel, or affixed to the ribbon or buckle thereof; a member may not be admitted into a Conclave without this Jewel. Present and Past Grand Supreme Rulers and Deputy Grand Supreme

Rulers do not wear Breast Jewels, see Regulations. 12 and 13.

55. The ribbon worn by Princes of the Order, by Supreme Rulers and Past Supreme Rulers of Conclaves, shall be of the same colours as that of the ordinary Jewel, but the purple shall be in the centre.
56. The clothing of Officers of the first degree consists of a crimson sash 100 mm wide, that of Officers of the second degree of a sash (of 100 mm ribbon with purple selvedge and having the following stripes: two outer orange stripes 27 mm wide, two inner purple stripes 22 mm wide, and a central crimson stripe 2 mm wide), bearing a sword in a crimson scabbard.

An Officer shall at all times in his Conclave and when attending meetings of Grand Conclave wear the sash of his Office. Officers of the second degree shall carry swords when working in that degree.

If not of Grand Rank, Supreme Rulers of Conclaves and Princes who hold or have held office in the second degree shall wear the clothing of their Office or Past Office when attending Grand Conclave or Grand Council.

The Jewel of a Supreme Ruler is the Jewel of the Order suspended from the neck by a collarette of silk ribbon 25 mm wide in the colours of the Order, orange and purple (purple in the centre) (see p. 44). Immediate Past Supreme Rulers shall in addition wear a rosette of similar ribbon immediately above the Jewel.

A commissioned Supreme Ruler when presiding in a Private Conclave shall wear a purple robe with orange facings.

57. Jewels and clothing of a Secret Monitor only shall be worn in this Order.

GRAND COUNCIL BENEVOLENT FUND

58. The Grand Council Benevolent Fund shall be used solely for purposes of charity and shall be administered by the Grand Supreme Ruler and the Finance Sub-committee.

59. The Grand Council Benevolent Fund consists of:

- (a) Voluntary contributions for the benevolent purposes of the Order;
- (b) Donations made from the General Fund as may be directed by the Executive Committee;
- (c) Amounts to be determined from each Induction Fee—see Regulation 66, and
- (d) Such portion of the alms collected as may be directed from time to time by the Supreme Ruler of a Private Conclave.

60. The Grand Supreme Ruler may sanction a payment out of the Grand Council Benevolent Fund up to but not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars where:

- (a) An Application for assistance is made pursuant to Regulation 63, or
- (b) A disaster within the meaning of the New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory Freemasons Disaster Relief Fund under the auspices of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and Australian Capital territory, occurs; or
- (c) Any charitable object or institution is in need of assistance;
provided that where a grant of Two Thousand Dollars shall appear to be inadequate to the exigencies of the

case, the Grand Supreme Ruler may, on the recommendation of the Finance Sub-committee, sanction any further payment.

61. Payments to the Grand Council Benevolent Fund shall be recorded and separately maintained in the financial records of the Order and may be invested in such manner as the Finance Sub-committee may direct. Cheques drawn on the Bank Account shall be signed by any two of the Grand Supreme Ruler, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder.
62. The Finance Sub-committee shall report on matters relating to the Grand Council Benevolent Fund to the Executive Committee which shall in each year present to Grand Conclave a report thereon.
63. Applications for assistance may be received only from:
 - (a) Brethren who have paid the full Induction or Joining Fee and have remained and are subscribing members of a regular Conclave of the Order, or
 - (b) The widow or child of such a deceased member of the Order,
provided that Secretaries and Sentinels who, by the By-laws of their Conclaves, are exempted from the payment of subscription, and Honorary Members of the Order, shall, for the purposes of benevolence, be considered as regular subscribing members.
64. Applications for assistance must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode and existing circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Conclave in which and the time when he (or the husband or father in the case of a widow or child) was inducted, and the other Conclaves (if any) which he subsequently joined.

65. To every petition must be added a recommendation, signed by the Supreme Ruler, Counsellor, Guide or by such members as are available of the Conclave to which the petitioner (or the husband or father, in the case of a widow or child) does or did belong, or in the case of emergency from some other regular Conclave, supporting the petition.

***PRIVATE CONCLAVES' BENEVOLENT
FUNDS***

66. Each Conclave shall, after the expiration of two years from the date of Consecration, appropriate from each Induction Fee an amount to be determined to a Benevolent Fund within the Conclave and to the Grand Council Benevolent Fund (vide Regulation 59). The Conclave's Benevolent Fund shall be recorded and separately accounted for on the Balance Sheet at the close of the year.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

67. In all matters not specially provided for in these Constitutions and Regulations or by decisions of the Executive Committee, the Order of the Secret Monitor shall be bound by the Constitutions from time to time in force in the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory, and its proceedings and the rights and duties of its members and Conclaves shall be regulated thereby as nearly as circumstances will permit.
68. In all cases of suspension or expulsion by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory, of a Brother who is a member of the Order of the Secret Monitor for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, such Brother shall by the fact itself be also suspended, excluded or expelled (as the case may be) from this Order. If such Brother should have

his suspension lifted or be readmitted by the Grand Lodge, he will not be permitted to attend any meeting of this Order or rejoin the Order until approval is given by the Executive Committee. This regulation may not apply to suspension for non-payment of dues in circumstances caused by genuine personal hardship.

69. If any Sovereign Masonic Body other than the Grand Lodge expel from the Order over which it has jurisdiction a member who is also a member of the Order of the Secret Monitor, the Grand Council may, should it think fit, treat this as a ground for the expulsion of such member from the Order.
70. In the matter of a distribution of property and income belonging to the Order of the Secret Monitor for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory (hereinafter referred to as "the Order"), the following general prohibitions shall apply:
 - (a) The property and income of the Order shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Order and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Order, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Order or to any member of the Order in return for any services actually rendered to the Order or reasonable and proper rent for premises let by any member of the Order, or payments made from the Grand Council Benevolent Fund.
 - (b) The Order shall not be dissolved except at a Grand Conclave Meeting specially convened for the purpose and by a Resolution carried by a majority of four-fifths of the votes recorded in respect of the same. If upon the

winding up or dissolution of the Order there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Order, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to or in part similar to the objects of the Order and which shall also prohibit the distribution of its or their property among its or their members, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Order meeting in Grand Conclave at or before the time of dissolution or in default thereof by a Judge of such Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

The foregoing Constitutions and Regulations have been approved and adopted by the Grand Supreme Ruler, the Executive Committee and Grand Council with effect from 10th July 2013.

Rt. Wthy. Bro. Phillip Rosen, P.G. Chan.

Grand Recorder.

IMPORTANT In the preparation or manufacture of all O.S.M. Jewels, Diagrams, Regalia, Carpets, etc., the pattern for interlacing shall be as shown in the following illustrations.



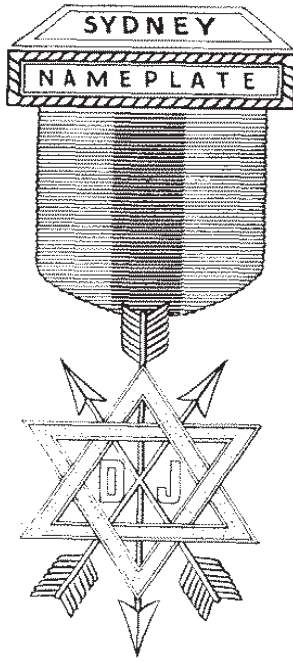
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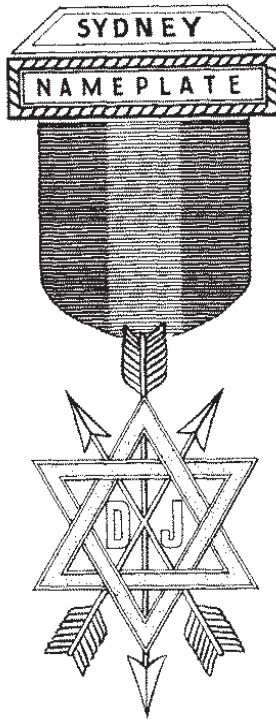
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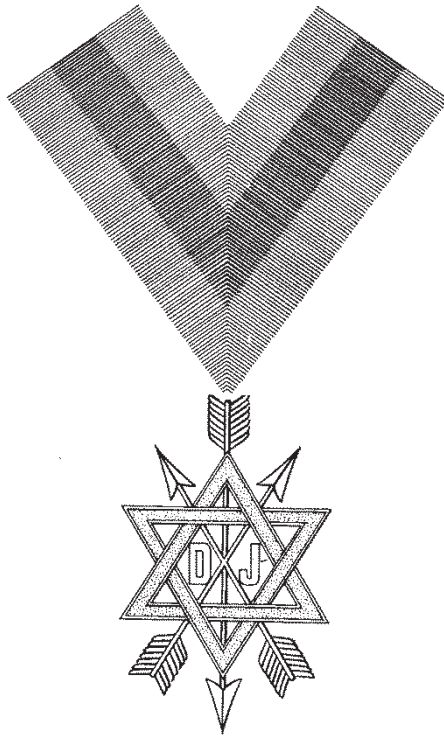
Past Members of Grand Council.
(Rosette on Collarette.)



Jewel of Prince of the Order 2^o
(Purple in the Middle)



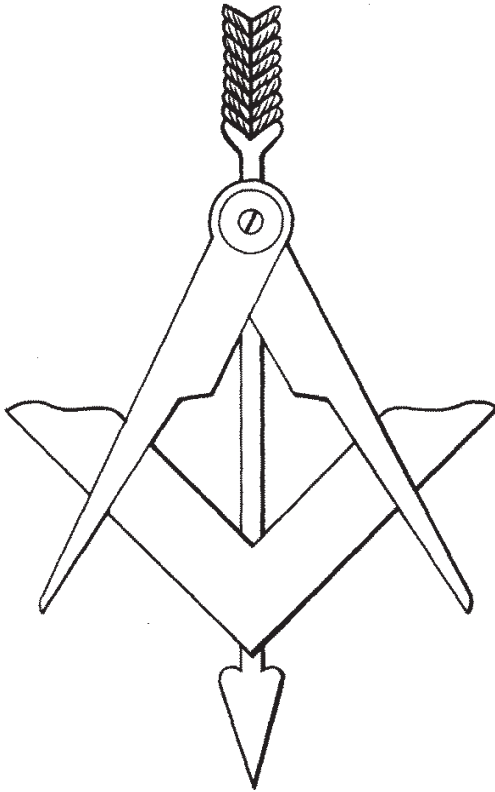
Ordinary Jewel 1°
(Orange in Middle)



Collarette and Jewel of a Supreme Ruler.
The Immediate Past S.R. will wear Rosette,
with centre dot of Purple, on Collarette.



Jewel of a Past Supreme Ruler, other than the
Immediate Past S.R.



Emblem for display on the V.S.L.

**QUESTIONS TO BE PROPOSED TO
EVERY S.R.-ELECT BEFORE HE IS
INSTALLED**

Do you solemnly promise, on the honour of a Brother of David and Jonathan, and of a S.R.-elect:

I. That you will do all in your power to promote the good of the Order in general, and of this Conclave in particular, and that, on all proper occasions, you will be ready to give and receive instruction and advice, more particularly with respect to the Grand Council of the Order, whose authority you hereby acknowledge and submit to?

II. That you will, to the utmost of your power, enforce and preserve strict compliance with the Constitutions of the Order and the By-laws of your Conclave; and that you will, on all occasions, insist upon the performance of the ceremonies in accordance with the Authorised Ritual, as sanctioned by the Grand Council, and with due and proper decorum?

III. That you will duly impress upon the Brethren, who may be appointed to the Office of Visiting Deacon in your Conclave, the great importance of that Office, and will strictly charge them upon their fidelity to the Order that they do faithfully discharge the duties of their post?*

IV. That you will not confer, or assist in conferring, the first degree of the Order of the Secret Monitor, except in a regular Conclave, and in the presence and with the assistance of at least two other Members of the Conclave, or in the special manner provided by the Constitutions of the Order?

V. That you will not confer, or assist in conferring, the second or third degree of the Order, except strictly under the

conditions and limitations imposed by the Grand Council of the Order?

VI. That you will not within the jurisdiction of this Grand Council acknowledge, nor hold any intercourse with, any Conclave or other Body not working under a Constitution or Dispensation from the Grand Council for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and The Australian Capital Territory, nor with any foreign body with which the Grand Council is not in fraternal union; and that you will repudiate and discountenance all irregular Conclaves?

VII. That you will not admit to your Conclave any visitor unless he be properly vouched for, or after strict examination, and then only if he be a regularly inducted Brother of the Order and his holding recognized by the Grand Council of the Order?

VIII. That you will pay due respect to the Grand Supreme Ruler and his Deputy and that you will relinquish your chair to either of them or to their properly authorised representative, on the occasion of an official visit to your Conclave?

IX. That you will duly bind your successor—Supreme Ruler of this Conclave —or cause him to be bound, to a strict observance of these same rules to which you have now assented?

*(*See Appendix A, page 66.)*

CONCORDAT

THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR IN THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WHEREAS the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor for New South Wales including the Australian Capital Territory (both herein collectively included in the expression "New South Wales") having been duly constituted and inaugurated and having sent fraternal greetings to, and requested fraternal recognition from, the Grand Conclave of the said Order for the United Kingdom, and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown, and such last mentioned Grand Conclave (hereinafter being termed for brevity the Grand Conclave of the Order) being willing, with the approbation of the Grand Supreme Ruler to grant such recognition subject to the preservation of the rights in accordance with Rule 187 of the Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England of such Conclaves (if any) in the State of New South Wales as may elect to remain under their former allegiance.

NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS that the Grand Conclave of the Order will not in future grant any warrant for the establishment of a Conclave of the Order in the State of New South Wales or accord any recognition to any new Conclave established in such State other than a Conclave established by a warrant of the Grand Conclave for New South Wales and that the Grand Conclave for New South Wales will not grant a warrant for the establishment of a Conclave outside such State, nor recognise any Conclave established in any territory under the jurisdiction of the Grand Conclave of the Order otherwise than by a warrant from the Grand Conclave of the Order, and further will within six months from the date hereof ensure that the provisions of the said Rule 187 of the

Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England be duly carried out.

Signed this 30th day of October, 1958 by

(Signed)

G. T. BOAG

Grand Supreme Ruler for the Grand Conclave of the Order,

(Signed)

S. E. A. HOLLAND

Grand Supreme Ruler for the Grand Conclave of the Order for New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

**CONCORDAT BETWEEN
THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES
AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY OF ANCIENT
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS AND
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE SECRET
MONITOR FOR THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF NEW SOUTH
WALES AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ALSO KNOWN AS
THE BROTHERHOOD OF DAVID AND JONATHAN**

1. In this Concordat the following words or expressions have the following meanings:

“Craft” means the system of Freemasonry governed by the Grand Lodge.

“Grand Council” means The Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory also known as the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan.

“Grand Lodge” means The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

“Grand Master” means the Grand Master for the time being of the Grand Lodge.

“Grand Supreme Ruler” means the Grand Supreme Ruler for the time being of the Order.

“Order” means the system of Freemasonry governed by the Grand Council.

“Recognised Craft Masonic Authority” means a body existing outside the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory and which is recognised by the Grand Lodge as being a part of regular Freemasonry having the authority to

- warrant Lodges (or similar bodies) to regularly confer the Craft degrees in Freemasonry.
2. The Grand Lodge acknowledges that the three degrees of the Order as worked by Conclaves holding under the Grand Council namely:
 - 1°. Member of the Order;
 - 2°. Prince of the Order; and
 - 3°. Supreme Ruler of a Conclavewhilst not forming part of pure, Ancient Freemasonry form part of the inner circle of Freemasonry and recommends that Brethren earnestly consider those degrees as ones which should be acquired as part of every Brother's progression in Freemasonry. The Grand Master undertakes to raise awareness of the Order as a member of the inner circle of Freemasonry.
 3. The Grand Council shall maintain in its Constitutions as a qualification for membership that each of its members must be a Master Mason who has received in a Lodge holding under the Grand Lodge or from a Recognised Craft Masonic Authority the following degrees:
 - 1° Entered Apprentice;
 - 2° Fellow Craft; and
 - 3° Master Mason.
 4. The Grand Council shall introduce and maintain in its Constitutions a qualification for membership that no Mason may continue to be a member of any Conclave held under the Grand Council unless he be and remain a member in good standing of a Lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge, provided however that this provision shall not apply to any Brother:
 - (a) who is a member of a Conclave held under the Grand Council at the time of the execution of this Concordat and who is also a member of a regular Lodge holding under a Recognised Craft Masonic Authority;

(b) who resides in a State of Australia that shares a border with the State of New South Wales in which event it shall be sufficient that that Brother is and remains a member in good standing of a regular Lodge warranted by a Recognised Craft Masonic Authority for that State; or

(c) to whom the Grand Supreme Ruler has given a dispensation exempting him from the subject qualification for membership and in that regard the Grand Supreme Ruler shall at the time of issuing such dispensation cause a copy of the same to be simultaneously forwarded to the Grand Master.

5. The Grand Council shall introduce and maintain a provision in its Constitutions to the effect that should any member of any Lodge holding under the Grand Lodge be suspended or expelled from Masonic privileges by the Grand Lodge he shall also be automatically suspended or expelled on the same terms from the Order by the Grand Council.
6. The Grand Lodge shall introduce and maintain a provision in its Constitutions to the effect that should any member of any Conclave holding under the Grand Council be suspended or expelled from Masonic privileges by the Grand Council he shall also be automatically suspended or expelled on the same terms from the Craft by the Grand Lodge.
7. Clauses 5 and 6 do not apply to any Brother who has been suspended from his Lodge or Conclave by reason of non-payment of dues in circumstances caused by personal hardship and which are considered by either the Grand Lodge or the Grand Council, as the case may require, to be a neglect of Masonic duty as opposed to being a Masonic offence.
8. The Grand Council shall maintain a provision in its Constitutions that no person is eligible for induction into the Order unless at the time of his induction a period of two years has elapsed since the date on which he was raised to the degree of Master Mason.

9. The Grand Council shall introduce and maintain a provision in its Constitutions stipulating that none of the members of any Conclave holding under the Grand Council shall be entitled to:
- (i) receive the 3^o of the Order (being that of Supreme Ruler of a Conclave);
 - (ii) otherwise pass through the chair of a Conclave holding under the Grand Council as Supreme Ruler of that Conclave; or
 - (iii) have conferred upon and otherwise receive any conferred grand rank in the Order appropriate to a Supreme Ruler or Past Supreme Ruler.

Until that member has been regularly installed as Master of a Lodge in the Craft holding under the Grand Lodge or other Recognised Craft Masonic Authority provided however that this provision shall:

(a) be prospective in nature and shall only operate from the date of the adoption of the relevant amendment to the Constitutions of the Grand Council and shall not be construed so as to affect the status of any member of any Conclave holding under the Grand Council who has previously served as Supreme Ruler of a Conclave;

(b) not apply to any member of any Conclave holding under the Grand Council who holds an office in that Conclave at the time of the adoption of the relevant amendment to the Grand Council's Constitutions; and

(c) be subject to the power of the Grand Supreme Ruler (which shall be incorporated in the relevant amendment to the Grand Council's Constitutions) to grant a dispensation to a particular Brother excusing him from such qualification and in that regard the Grand Supreme Ruler shall at the time of issuing such dispensation cause a copy of the same to be simultaneously forwarded to the Grand Master.

10. The Grand Council shall include in the declaration to be signed by Brethren prior to their induction into the Order the statement in the following terms:
“I accept that in no vow required of me in any ceremony of this Order, will there be found anything likely to be incompatible with my moral, civil or religious duty.”
11. The Grand Council shall eliminate the words “*swear*” and “*oath*” wherever they appear in any obligation of any degree worked by Conclaves holding under the Grand Council.
12. The Grand Council shall eliminate any physical penalties for the breach of any obligation taken by a candidate that are contained in any degree worked by Conclaves holding under the Grand Council. This provision shall not be construed as requiring the removal of any reference to a penalty which was inflicted in former times.
13. Insofar that the provisions of this Concordat require alterations to the Constitutions of either the Grand Lodge or the Grand Council, the Grand Master and the Grand Supreme Ruler agree that they will support the introduction of any such amendment as may be required into the Grand Lodge or the Grand Council, as the case may be, within twelve months of the date of execution of this Concordat. In the event that such amendment is rejected by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Council it is the intention of the parties that the rejected item shall be referred for consideration in the manner set out in Clause 14.
14. In the event that there is a dispute between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Council in relation to any provision of this Concordat the Grand Master shall appoint three persons to represent the interests of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Supreme Ruler shall appoint three persons to represent the interests of the Grand Council. The six persons so appointed shall form a committee to negotiate for the purposes of

resolving the dispute and shall report any proposed resolution to the Grand Master and the Grand Supreme Ruler. In the event that the dispute cannot be resolved this Concordat may be terminated by either the Grand Master or the Grand Supreme Ruler upon either one giving twelve months' notice in writing to the other of his intention to do so.

Executed the 8th day of June 2005.

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M.Wor.Bro. Anthony R. Lauer M.Wthy.Bro. Gregory W. Nason
Grand Master Grand Supreme Ruler

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R.Wor.Bro. John E. Armfield, Bro. John E. Armfield
PDGM, Grand Registrar
Grand Registrar

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R.Wor.Bro. Dr.Frank J. Radcliff, R.Wthy.Bro. Ian R. Newbery
PDGM, PDGSR,
Principal Negotiator Principal Negotiator

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R.Wor.Bro. Kev in McGlinn, M.Wthy.Bro.Roger J. Donsworth,
PAGM, PGSR,
Grand Secretary Grand Recorder

Postscript to Concordat. Dispensations granted by the Grand Supreme Ruler under the terms of this Concordat will be communicated by the Grand Recorder to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Territory.

**MEMORANDUM OF AMENDMENT
TO THE CONCORDAT
DATED 8 JUNE 2005
BETWEEN THE UNITED GRAND LODGE
OF NEW SOUTH WALES
AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS AND
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE SECRET
MONITOR FOR THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF NEW SOUTH
WALES AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ALSO KNOWN AS
THE BROTHERHOOD OF DAVID AND JONATHAN**

1. Unless otherwise defined in the Memorandum of Amendment all words or expressions have the meaning attributed to them in the Concordat dated 8 June 2005 ('the Concordat').
2. With the exception of the amendments made to the Concordat by this Memorandum of Amendment the Grand Lodge and the Grand Council each affirms the Concordat between the two Orders.
3. The Grand Lodge and the Grand Council hereby agree that effective immediately the Concordat is amended by deleting Clause 2 of the Concordat and inserting the following Clause in its stead:

"2. The Grand Lodge acknowledges that the three degrees of the Order as worked by the Conclaves holding under the Grand Council namely:

- 1 Member of the Order;
- 2 Prince of the Order, and
- 3 Supreme Ruler of a Conclave

together with the following six recognised Grades of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord (being an Appendant Order worked under a Charter granted by the Grand Council):

- 1st. Ostiarius or Doorkeeper
- 2nd. Lector
- 3rd. Fellow or Healer and Exorcist;
- 4th. Councillor;
- 5th. Keeper of the Hidden Secrets, and
- 6th. Prince of Jerusalem

Whilst not forming part of pure, Ancient Freemasonry form part of the inner circle of Freemasonry and recommends that Brethren earnestly consider those degrees as ones which should be acquired as part of every Brother's progression in Freemasonry. The Grand Master undertakes to raise awareness of the Order as a member of the inner circle of Freemasonry"

Executed the 19th day of July 2011.

M.Wor.Bro.Dr.Gregory H.Levenston

M.Wthy.Bro.Ian R.Newbery

Grand Master

Grand Supreme Ruler

R. Wor Bro. John E. Armfield, PDGM

Bro. John E. Armfield

Grand Registrar.

Grand registrar.

R. Wor. Bro. Dr. Frank J. Radcliff, PDGM, CMH.

Chairman, Committee for Associated Orders

R.Wor.Bro.Kevin McGlinn,PDGM

M.Wthy.Bro.Roger J.Donsworth

Grand Secretary.

PGSR, Grand Recorder

APPENDIX A

*Copy of Circular formerly sent to all Supreme Rulers
on registration.*

To THE SUPREME RULER,

.....CONCLAVE No.....

DEAR SIR AND WORTHY BROTHER,

The Grand Visitors in a recent report to the Grand Council refer to an occasional failure, on the part of Visiting Deacons of Conclaves, to appreciate the real gist and principle of this Order as administered by our Grand Council, which, in their opinion, merits the attention of all Supreme Rulers and other Officers.

They point out that the fundamental principle underlying all the teaching of the Order, with regard to the duties of Conclaves, may be summed up in an affirmative reply to the old question, "*Am I my brother's keeper?*" and that the function imposed upon Visiting Deacons at their appointment—"to search out and visit, &c. &c.,"—is that of Officers selected to discharge, on behalf of the Conclave, this duty of keeping in constant touch with the rest of the Brethren (if deceased, with those depending on them) and of conveying to the Conclave, at its periodical meetings, the tidings of their *welfare*, or should providence so will it, their *illfare*. The Grand Visitors think that such a reply to the usual question as "*I have nothing to report, Supreme Ruler,*" should NEVER BE HEARD, or if heard, should be taken as an indication of the Visiting Brother's utter want of interest in the Conclave of the Order, as well as a distinct *falling short* in the execution of the charge imposed upon him at his investiture. The Grand Visitors think that *exceeding and very special* fitness in some other direction could alone justify the promotion of any Visiting Deacon who should habitually so neglect his duty.

The Grand Council adopted this report, and ordered a Circular on the matter to be prepared and distributed to all Conclaves. The existence of *four* Visiting Deacons in each Conclave should prevent the duty from becoming burdensome to any one, and it is desired that a Bro. Visiting Deacon should be a welcome sharer of his Brother's joys, and a cheering comforter in his (or his dear one's) griefs. A visit from such a discreet Official should never be resented by any Brother, while to a young or perplexed member, or to one who "stands in *slippery places*" such a visit may bring a blessing unspeakable.

I am, dear Sir and Worthy Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

—G.R.

N.B.—you are particularly requested to see that a copy of this circular is handed to every *newly-appointed* Visiting Deacon at his investiture.

APPENDIX B

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR

INASMUCH AS the peculiar characteristic of this Order consists in giving friendly monition and warning to its members in time of danger, and in affording support and assistance to them in time of sorrow and distress, it is expressly enjoined on the Visiting Deacons as the chief duty of their office to search out and warn any brother who may be exposed to danger, whether secret or apparent, and to visit those afflicted with sickness or sorrow, or otherwise in need of fraternal help and consolation. A statement that this duty is specially recognised as a distinguishing feature of the Order shall appear in the By-laws of every Conclave: and the officers of every Conclave shall be specially charged at their appointment and installation to see that this fundamental principle of the Order be carried into practical effect during their term of office.

(See Appendix A, page 66.)

