

COMPACT



BETWEEN

**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

AND

**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OKLAHOMA AND JURISDICTION, INC.**

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OKLAHOMA AND JURISDICTION, INCORPORATED

Preamble

In order to establish and implement a simple form of Masonic recognition to include visitation and to provide for successful coexistence; to insure a continuing harmonious relationship: to promote Masonry in general, to have a mutual regard for the right of each Grand Lodge to retain its absolute and supreme sovereignty regarding legislative, executive, and judicial power over its own lodges, members, rituals, and activities, to memorialize the legitimate right each to continue to exist and operate within the geographical bounds of the State of Oklahoma, and to secure the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe; the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of the State of Oklahoma, and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Oklahoma and Jurisdiction, Inc., mutually agree to the following:

I

That each of the above named Grand Lodges will remain autonomous within and unto itself, operating hereafter as heretofore, each with its own Grand Master, Constitution, laws, rules and regulations.

II

That each extends a simple form of fraternal recognition to the other, limited only by restrictions imposed by the respective laws, rules and regulations, of each, as they relate to members of other Jurisdictions.

III

Nothing in this Compact shall permit a Mason of either Grand Lodge to become a member of the other Grand Lodge.

IV

Established herewith is a joint commission to be styled THE JOINT MASONIC FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION (JMFRFC). The Commission shall be composed of three (3) members from each Grand Lodge, selected as follows: The Grand Master of each Grand Lodge shall appoint a Commission chairman. Each chairman shall select two Grand Lodge members to serve with him, who are knowledgeable concerning the history and problems that may arise in implementing and sustaining this Compact. These selections must be submitted to their respective Grand Masters for approval. During even numbered years the M.W. Prince Hall Chairman shall preside over the Commission and during odd numbered years the M. W. Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons chairman shall Preside.

- A. Formal communication concerning the work of the Commission shall be between the respective Commission chairman and his own Grand Master or between the Grand Masters themselves.
- B. The Commission shall meet upon the call of its currently presiding chairman, and will consider and make recommendations to each Grand Lodge through its respective Grand Masters concerning issues, conflicts, disputes or questions.

V

This Compact is not intended to and specifically does not abrogate the Supreme Masonic Authority -- legislative, executive and judicial - of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of the State of Oklahoma or the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Oklahoma and Jurisdiction, Inc. Rather, it constitutes a Compact between the respective Grand Lodges in which the autonomy of each is guaranteed, while at the same time, the right to reside and work together in Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love is assured.

VI

Changes, additions, deletions, corrections or amendments to this Compact will not be effective until the same shall have been reduced to writing, signed by each Grand Master, and ratified or approved by each of the respective Grand Lodges as their laws and regulations may provide.

VII

This Compact shall be in effect only when it has been approved by the Grand Masters of both Grand Lodges, and not then until it shall have been also submitted to, and ratified or approved by each respective Grand Lodge Session according to the terms of its organic law.

The foregoing Compact is approved this 10th day of November, A.D, 2008 by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma

The foregoing Compact is approved this 3rd day of June, A.D, 2008 by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Oklahoma and Jurisdiction, Inc.

APPROVED:

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Richard E. Massad
M. W. Grand Master
M. W. Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
of the State of Oklahoma

Deary Vaughn
M.W. Grand Master
M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M.,
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Grand Secretary

Alvin Bradley
Grand Secretary

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