

# TREATY OF ALLIANCE

BETWEEN

THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33<sup>rd</sup>

THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL

AND

THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

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## I.

THE Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, and the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, agree respectively to recognize each other as the Sole Supreme Authorities, to wit—The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree as the sole Supreme Authority in the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Thirty-three Degrees from and exclusive of the Master Mason and Royal Arch Degrees up to and including the Thirty-third; the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master as the Sole Supreme Authority over the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital and Malta; and the Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master Mason as the Sole Supreme Authority over the Mark Degree; and without the unanimous consent of all the Contracting Parties formally expressed in writing, to ignore, disregard, and refuse to admit into their respective Convocations, Chapters, Lodges, or by whatever names their Meetings may be designated, any person belonging to any Masonic Order or Degree which shall be in rebellion against any or either of the Contracting Parties, or any person who shall hereafter belong to any Masonic Order or Degree not recognized by one or other of the Contracting Parties, and, not subject to

the Judicial Council hereinafter described. Provided always, and it is hereby agreed that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters shall be at liberty to ally itself with a Governing Body, to be formed for the purpose of working the following ancient Masonic Degrees, that is to say—that of “Royal and Select Master;” “Excellent Master;” “Super Excellent Master;” and “Most Excellent Master;” without such Act being considered an infringement of the present Convention or as obligatory on the Associated Orders to acknowledge or receive as an Associated Body the Governing Body of the hereinbefore-mentioned Degrees. Provided always, that all Orders or Degrees now claimed and worked by either of the Associated Orders shall be considered as belonging to them.

## II.

For the purpose of hearing and deciding Appeals as herein-after provided, and of settling disputed questions between the respective Orders and Degrees, and for the more effectual promotion of their interests in general, the Contracting Parties will nominate from time to time a Judicial Council consisting of Three Delegates from each Authority, to wit—The Supreme Council Three Members; the Grand Conclave of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, Three Members; and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, Three Members, of whom one representative present from each of the above bodies shall form a Quorum. Provided always, that if on the Summons of the second Meeting a Quorum shall not be present as aforesaid, then those present shall and may act and make their Decree as though a Member or Delegate from each Authority had been present.

## III.

It shall be competent to either of the Associated Orders to summons such Judicial Councils on giving to the other Contracting Parties and to any person or persons interested in the matter to be decided or judged, clear Twenty-one days' notice of such Council, together with the time and place at which it is intended that such Meeting or Council shall be held; the subject matter of such Meeting and the Judgment, Decree, or Sentence of such Council shall be definite and conclusive.

## IV.

Any member of either of the Associated Orders or Degrees on conviction by any one of them of a Masonic Offence may, within clear Twenty-eight days after receiving Notice from the proper authority of the Associated Order by which he shall have been so convicted, that the Judgment, Decree, or Sentence will be only communicated to the other Contracting Parties, lodge notice of Appeal to the Judicial Council of the Associated Orders or Degrees hereinbefore mentioned, with the Acting Authority of such Orders or Degrees, viz., The Secretary-General of the Thirty-Third Degree, the Grand Chancellor of the Order of Knights Templar, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters; and if such Appeal be lodged in due form within the space of clear Twenty-eight days, the said Judicial Council shall be summoned within clear Twenty-one days of such Notice being so lodged to meet before expiry of clear Twenty-one days as hereinbefore provided for the purpose of adjudicating on such Appeal.

## V.

All Judgments, Decrees, or Sentences shall be communicated to the Supreme Authorities of all the Contracting Parties, and shall be valid and executory without question or further process, and no appeal, error, or review shall lie against such Judgments, Decrees, or Sentences, which shall *ipso facto* become the Judgment, Decree, or Sentence of all the parties hereto.

## VI.

All Judicial Acts done according to law by the Supreme Judicial Authority of one of the Contracting Parties hereinbefore mentioned may be forthwith communicated to the Officers designated in Article IV. of the other Contracting Parties; and if no appeal be lodged after the expiration of Twenty-eight days from the service thereof on the party affected thereby, be published for its effect in all Councils, Chapters, Encampments, or Lodges of the other Contracting Parties, and any act of contumacy punished by one of the Contracting Parties shall, if communicated as above provided, be regarded by the other as con-

tumacy against its own Judicial Act. Expulsion, Suspension, or other minor pain or penalty, adjudged by any one of the Contracting Parties shall be applied by the others in like manner. Provided always that all Sentences of Expulsion must be communicated to the Officers designated in Article IV.

## VII.

The Contracting Parties agree to exchange Lists of Persons relieved from their respective Funds, giving an abstract of each case, and the amount of relief, as soon as possible after such relief shall have been given.

## VIII.

The Contracting parties agree not hereafter otherwise than by mutual consent to recognise any other Jurisdictions whatsoever except the Grand Lodge of Craft, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch, Masons, or to permit their Members to join any other independent Masonic Order or Degree within any place in England and Wales except as provided in Article I.

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