



**The Masonic High Council
the
Mother High Council of the World**

THE ACCORD OF PARIS

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**AN ACCORD BETWEEN THE MASONIC HIGH
COUNCILS AND REGULAR GRAND LODGES OF
CRAFT FREEMASONRY THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD AND THE MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL
THE MOTHER HIGH COUNCIL**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Accord is to provide a framework for the Masonic High Councils and Regular Grand Lodges of Craft Freemasonry throughout the world to work together and enhance the contribution to a well run Masonic Order faithful to its original aims, traditions and customs. By working together in an International Masonic Federation the Masonic High Councils and Regular Grand Lodges of the world can serve the Craft better and bring together in friendship and brotherhood all the brethren of the Permanent Grand Assembly of the Federation of Regular Grand Lodges.

This Accord provides the international understanding for the future development and strengthens the union between the Masonic High Councils and Regular Grand Lodges affiliated to the Mother High Council

Article I

Definition of the word "irregular" when used in Masonic terms.

Dictionary definitions of irregular are; not according to accepted rules, practice or order; not straight, uniform or symmetrical; of uneven rate, occurrence or duration; asymmetrically arranged or atypical; not up to standard because of imperfections.

A CLEAR DEFINITION OF IRREGULAR MASONRY

Based on historical research, any Grand Lodge that does not abide by the basic antient landmarks of Freemasonry and cannot trace their Masonic origin of authority to the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council and Regular Grand Lodge of England (the Masonic revival group of January, 25th 2005) is irregular.

All Bodies of Masons that cannot show lineage to the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World are patently irregular.

Members of the Masonic High Council are under penalty of obligation not to associate or speak about Masonry in the presence of one who has not been made a mason in the regular and traditional fashion.

The term "irregular" therefore also refers to whether someone is in fact a Mason or not. The prerequisite is that the individual or organisation he belongs to accepts and abides by the ANTIENT and ACCEPTED LANDMARKS OF THE ORDER OF CRAFT MASONRY. If an individual or organisation cannot be shown to be abiding by these Landmarks then they cannot be considered regular masons. An example of disregarding the Antient Landmarks is the lack of the VSL in open lodge. Although such individuals may consider themselves to be Masonic they cannot be regarded as such by members of the Masonic High Councils and Regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

Regular Freemasonry is true Freemasonry and anything else is just that, "something else", but not recognised by us as being regular.

Article II

All Grand Officers of the Masonic High Councils and Regular Grand Lodges federated to the Mother High Council Permanent International Grand Assembly must have their Grand Officers re-appointed every 12 Months with the exception of those officers who require election.

Article III

The Mother High Council General Grand Assembly is accepted as an International Permanent Masonic Observatory. The Mother High Council is not a superintending body and has no jurisdiction over any other Regular Grand Lodge. The principles of refraining from Religious and Political engagement of any kind apply to the Mother High Council.

Article IV

The Masonic High Councils and Regular Grand Lodges can only interact with other Masonic High Councils and Regular Grand Lodges which have been accepted and recognised by the Permanent International Grand Assembly.

Article VI

The Masonic High Councils and Regular Grand Lodges federated to the MHC the Mother High Council comprehend and understand that Craft Freemasonry is about the truth and cannot entertain falsehoods and therefore the federation will not recognise Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Supreme Councils 33^o, but will fully accept the recent Declaration of the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three World Globes meeting in Berlin, Germany, concerning the spuriousness of this organisation.

Article VII

The Representatives of the Masonic High Councils and the Regular Grand Lodges here assembled, confirm that they will continue to expostulate with other interested Masonic bodies to adopt the same adherence to those Antient Landmarks and make World Freemasonry more transparent and unified.

Article VIII

All signatories of this Paris Accord recognise that the path we have taken is the only true way of re-establishing Freemasonry to the level it had achieved in times gone by and that the methods and systems adopted by many so-called "regular" Grand Lodges are in fact suppressive and repressive and do not allow for a free thinking, transparent Freemasonry.