

The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon



The Grand Master's Council situate in England hereby Ordains, Establishes and will Constitute The Grand Master's Council of the United States of America, situate in the United States of America and it is so Ordered, and upon Constitution this binding agreement is made effective wherein

It is mutually agreed;

That both Grand Master's Councils are independent and sovereign bodies and that the best interests of both will be served by communication between them before taking action to proliferate the Degree of the Order.

That Grand Master's Council, situate in England holds exclusive sovereignty over the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon within the United Kingdom and all those countries it has established Chapels in since the formation of the Order; save and except

That the Grand Master's Council of the United States of America holds exclusive sovereignty over the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon within the United States of America and its territories.

That neither Grand Master's Council will Warrant any Chapel, nor Patent any Grand Master's Council, in any Country where the other has previously established a Chapel.

That neither Grand Master's Council will Warrant any Chapel, nor Patent any Grand Master's Council in any other Country before receiving written agreement from the other Grand Master's Council.

That no Chapel under either Grand Master's Council shall Install a knight hailing from a Sister jurisdiction unless by special permission of the Grand Master's Council of the country in which his Craft Lodge and Knights Templar Encampment / Preceptory belongs.

But any Brother who has affiliated into Lodge or Encampment / Preceptory belonging to another constitution from that into which he was raised and / or admitted a Knight Templar; and has been recorded in the Books of its Grand Body, shall be at liberty to apply for Installation in a chapel in the same jurisdiction as the Constitution to which he has come to belong by the affiliation.

That Grand Master's Council, England, and the Grand Master's Council of the United States of America, will deposit with the respective Grand Secretaries copies of the Constitutions.

That all Rituals shall be substantively those of Grand Master's Council, England and any amendments thereto by said Grand Master's Council.

That each year the Grand Secretaries will exchange year books.

That Grand Master's Council, England, and the Grand Master's Council of the United States of America, will exchange Representatives who shall be Senior Grand Officers and shall communicate to the one Grand Body the Greetings, Memoranda and other communications as instructed by the Grand Masters Council represented.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein it is understood that The Grand Master's Council, England, has the right to Warrant Chapels in Countries where the Great Priory of England has established three or more Preceptories of Knights Templar.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein it is understood that The Grand Master's Council of the United States of America has the right to Warrant Chapels in Countries where the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America has established three or more Commanderies of Knights Templar and formed a Grand Commandery.

That conditional upon any Chapel so Warranted, or Grand Master's Council so Patented, they would be subject to, and bound by, the same undertakings to both Grand Master's Councils as in this Agreement between the two Grand Master's Councils.

Signed in Reston, Virginia, United States of America on the Twenty Ninth day of January 2015

Sir Melvyn of Wud Plumpton, KH, Grand Master	Sir Andre of Byron, KH, Grand Master
Sir David of Duddeston, KC, Grand Prior	Sir Reese of Bexar, KH, Grand Prior
Sir Paul of Brownhills, KH, Grand Secretary	Sir Ernest of Lavalette, Grand Secretary