

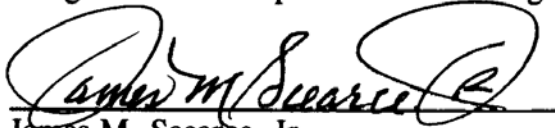
Visitation Compact

Be it known that the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F. & A.M., Inc., in response to an agreement of recognition approved by the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2001, hereby propose procedures to govern inter-visitation by Brethren holding allegiance to either of these Grand Lodges. These procedures are advanced to facilitate and regulate inter-visitation and to assure that visitors will invariably adhere to the laws, rules, regulations, and customs of their host Lodges or jurisdictions.

This compact is not intended to, and specifically does not, abrogate the Supreme Masonic Authority — legislative, executive, and judicial — of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia or of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F. & A.M., Inc. By design it guarantees jurisdictional autonomy and assures the Masons of each jurisdiction the right to work together in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

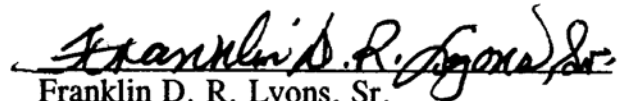
By this compact we recognize two types of visitation, formal and informal. When a Brother seeks to informally visit a Lodge in a counterpart jurisdiction where he is unknown, it is recommended that he contact the Master of the Lodge that he wishes to visit in advance. Given assurance that he will be welcomed, he should appear at the appointed time and place, prepared to establish his Masonic credentials, and be ready to stand examination on his knowledge of the esoteric work.

Formal visits incorporate visitations that involve larger groups of Masons, such as those comprising a Lodge or a Grand Lodge delegation. In those instances special preparations are advised, particularly when Grand Lodge Officers are involved. In the preparation for a formal visit it is recommended that District Deputy Grand Masters become involved, along with the Worshipful Masters, host and guest, in the finalization of plans. Such visits mandate that the principle officers be informed of program details and dress. Masonic examinations, on such occasions, are not recommended. We, the undersigned Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia and of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F. & A.M., Inc. affirm that this visitation compact was presented to and approved by the delegates of our respective Grand Lodges.



James M. Scarce, Jr.
Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of
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Date: 1-11-04



Franklin D. R. Lyons, Sr.
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