

COMPACT

**BETWEEN
THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

AND

**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
OF TEXAS AND JURISDICTION,
F. & A. M.**

Preamble

In order to establish and implement a simple form of Masonic recognition without any violation 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 of each to continue to exist and operate within the geographical bounds of the State of Texas, and to accrue the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe; The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Texas and Jurisdiction, 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.

Be it remembered that on December 1, 2006, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, in its 171st Grand Annual Communication acted favorably on the July 13, 2005, request of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas, F. & A. M., and Jurisdiction, requesting fraternal recognition, which said request in no way is a request to join, merge, meet, interfere or have visitation between the two jurisdictions and that it is only for the two Grand Lodges to acknowledge and formally recognize each other as being legitimate and regular.

IV.

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 of Texas or The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Texas and Jurisdiction. 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.

V.

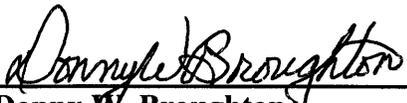
Changes, additions, deletions, corrections or amendments to this Compact will not be effective until the same shall have been reduced to writing, signed by each Grand Master, and ratified or approved by each of the respective Grand Lodges as their laws and regulations may provide.

VI.

This Compact shall be in effect when it has been approved and executed by the Grand Masters of both Grand Lodges.

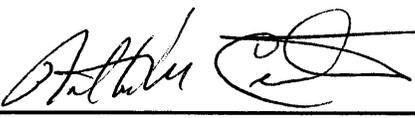
The foregoing Compact is approved this 23 day of April, A. D., 2007, by the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Texas and Jurisdiction.

APPROVED:



Donny W. Broughton
M. W. Grand Master
The M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas

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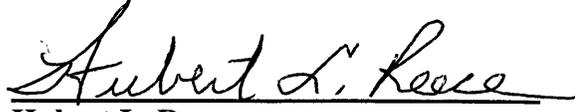
Wilbert M. Curtis
M. W. Grand Master
The M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge
F.&A.M. of Texas and Jurisdiction

ATTEST:



**Tommy D. Guest
Grand Secretary
The M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas**

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**Hubert L. Reece
R. W. Grand Secretary
The M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge
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