



Military Brotherhood MMC Inc

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Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 13 Bill of Member's Rights

General

1. This Declaration consists of 14 articles, setting forth each member's rights and fundamental freedoms to which they, anywhere in Australia, are entitled, without any discrimination, while members of the Military Brotherhood. Each Article complements the *UN International Bill of Human Rights* and is indisputable.

Article 1.

All members are free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2.

Each member is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Article 3.

No member shall be subjected to degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 4.

Each member is equal before the Constitution and is entitled without any discrimination to equal protection by the Constitution. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 5.

Each member has the right to an effective remedy by the Executive and membership for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him or her by the Constitution.

Article 6.

Each member is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial meeting of the Executive and membership, in the determination of his/her rights and obligations and of any organisational charge against him/her.



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Article 7.

(1) Any member charged with a Club offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to documented Club processes at which he/she has had all the guarantees necessary for his/her defence.

(2) No member shall be held guilty of any Club offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a Club offence, under the Constitution, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the Club offence was committed.

Article 8.

No member shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the Constitution against such interference or attacks.

Article 9.

Each member has the right to leave the Club and to return to it when he/she desires.

Article 10.

Each member has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Article 11.

Each member has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any Executive member.

Article 12.

Each member has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.



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Article 13.

(1) Each member has the right to take part in the management of the Club, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

(2) The will of the membership shall be the basis of the authority of the Executive; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by all patched members and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

Article 14.

Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

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