



ÉIRE

# Irish Republican Brotherhood

## CONSTITUTION

AS REVISED TO DATE

2022

This Constitution supersedes and replaces all previous Constitutions of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

### General

- 1<sup>st</sup>. The Irish Republican Brotherhood (**IRB**) is and shall be composed of Irishmen and Irishwomen, irrespective of class or creed, resident in Ireland, England, Scotland, America, Australia and in all lands where Irishmen and Irishwomen live. The IRB welcomes all who are willing to labour for the establishment of a free and Independent Republican Government in Ireland.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Other men and women who are resident in Ireland and abroad and who can commit loyalty to the Programme of the Brotherhood may also be eligible.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. The IRB shall at all times promote the genius and traditions of the Old Irish Culture.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. The IRB shall exercise its moral influences for the cultivation of union and brotherly harmony amongst all Irishmen and Irishwomen and their neighbours.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. The IRB shall propagate principles so as to spread knowledge of the Sovereign Rights of the Sovereign People of the Sovereign Republic of Éire for the benefit of all.
- 6<sup>th</sup>. ~~The mode of initiating members into the IRB shall be the rendering of the following Declaration of Allegiance; ***"In the presence of God. I ..... hereby undertake to do my utmost to help to firmly establish the National Independence of Ireland by upholding the integrity of the 1916 Proclamation, the 1919 Declaration of Independence and the 1919 Sovereign Constitution in allegiance with the Supreme Council and the Programme of the Irish Republican Brotherhood"***~~
- 7<sup>th</sup>. No one shall be inducted into, or allowed to continue membership of, the IRB, whose character, for truth, valour, good behaviour or allegiance to the cause of sovereignty, cannot bear scrutiny. All members are expected to uphold the fundamental principles of Natural Law.
- 8<sup>th</sup>. In the Irish Republic there shall be no State religion, but every man and woman shall be free to worship God in accordance with his/her conscience.

## The Supreme Council

- 9<sup>th</sup> The Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood is the Governing Body of the IRB and shall be comprised of 12 members. The Council may increase in affiliates from time to time, for a defined period of time in each instance, provided that the Council will constitute no more than 15 men and women at any one time. The quorum for a meeting of the Supreme Council is 9 and the Council will meet a minimum of 6 times per year.
- 10<sup>th</sup> There is and shall be an Executive of the Supreme Council, composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary of that body, the decision of any three of whom shall be binding on all. The President of the IRB may from time to time, by their own volition or on request, immerse in certain decision-making processes with the Supreme Council and during such processes the decision of the majority of the collective will be binding on all.
- 11<sup>th</sup> The duty of the Chairman shall be to take responsibility for leading the Board and focusing in on strategic matters, and to direct the workings of the Irish Republican Brotherhood in all its departments subject to the control of the Supreme Council.
- 12<sup>th</sup> The appointment, continuation, suspension and removal of all departmental officers shall be vested in the Executive, subject to the approval of the majority of the Supreme Council.
- 13<sup>th</sup> No member of the Supreme Council or officer in the service thereof shall be in receipt of any salary from the funds of the Supreme Council or the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
- 14<sup>th</sup> The authority of the Supreme Council shall be unquestioned by those who have become or who may hereafter become members of the IRB by the mode of initiation. The IRB Supreme Council will retain all of its rights and responsibilities in relation to Governance of the Sovereign Republic of Éire as stated and enshrined and upheld in previous Constitutions of the Irish Republican Brotherhood including but not limited to those specified in the **First Schedule** annexed hereto.
- 15<sup>th</sup> The Supreme Council continues to reserve to itself the right of treating with all Nations, Powers and Institutions, on all matters concerning the welfare of Ireland's Territory, in the advancement of the cause of Irish Independence.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Whether the President of the IRB be inside or outside the 12 members of the Supreme Council, all members will continue to recognise the President of the IRB as the natural and rightful President of the Sovereign Republic of Éire as stated and enshrined and upheld in previous Constitutions of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
- 17<sup>th</sup> In the event of the Supreme Council being unavoidably reduced in number, the remaining member or members shall exercise the authority of the Supreme Council until such time as the vacancies shall have been filled up, which shall be done as soon as possible, and the same for the executive.
- 18<sup>th</sup> All members of the Supreme Council including the Executive Officers will be automatically put forward for re-election at the AGM of the organisation and will continue in service subject to the majority vote of the quorum of Supreme Council Members in each instance. The relevant Member being put forward in each instance will abstain from voting for him/herself.

## The Sovereign Seals

- 19<sup>th</sup> Seals of the IRB, Dáil Éireann and the Dáil Éireann Courts are specified in the **Second Schedule** annexed hereto.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Only the President and the Chairman may affix the Sovereign Seal of the President and the Dáil Éireann Seal to any document. Only the Chief Justice and the Master of the Courts and the Secretary for Justice (when authorised by the Chief Justice) may affix the Dáil Éireann Courts Seal. Only the Chairman may affix the Mark of the Chairman Seal of Approval **(M.C)** to any document subject to the control of the Supreme Council.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Only the President and the Chairman and the General Secretary may affix the Embossed Seal to any document.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> The Vaughans Hotel Dáil Éireann/Dáil Éireann Courts Sovereign Seal will be retained at GHQ and will be available for officialdom as required by the President and/or the Supreme Council and/or Dáil Éireann and/or Dáil Éireann Courts. The Fob Seal may be employed by any Member of the Executive.

## The GAA

- 23<sup>rd</sup> The Supreme Council acknowledge their responsibility in upholding the integrity of the Gaelic Athletic Association which was founded by the Irish Republican Brotherhood. The Supreme Council will intervene as necessary to ensure that the assets and facilities and acknowledgments of participation within the GAA, are presented and utilised and maintained in the highest moral manner and fashion, in the best interests of the genius and traditions of the Nation and of the Association, for the better enjoyment of the men and women and their sons and daughters of the Sovereign Republic of Éire.

## The Military Council

- 24<sup>th</sup> The Military Council is a Post of Peace and will automatically stand for Ceremonial Day Events for purpose of conducting affairs and managing procedures at location. All Members of the IRB Supreme Council can be considered for ceremonial duty on the day of the event.

## Syntax Grammar

- 25<sup>th</sup> ~~There is and shall be a Triumvirate of the Supreme Council to progress the Trivium of CORRECT-SENTENCE-STRUCTURE-COMMUNICATION-PARSE-SYNTAX-GRAMMAR-PERFORMANCE . All decisions made in relation to the progression of documentation via syntax must be made unanimously by the Triumvirate and the adoption of any C-S-S-C-P-S-G-P documents by the IRB can only be sanctioned by the Executive of the Supreme Council.~~

## Licences

- 26<sup>th</sup> Licence Applications may be offered to any Member for presentation to the Supreme Council. A Licence can only be granted on consensus of at least 9 members of the Supreme Council unless the Application be otherwise dealt with by the Executive as provided for under this Constitution. Any licence granted will automatically expire on January 19<sup>th</sup> each year.

## Dáil Éireann and the Dáil Éireann Courts

27<sup>th</sup> Given the paramount of importance of duty during times when the powers and responsibilities for the Governance of the Irish Republic have reverted to the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood any Member of the Ministry who fails to attend 3 scheduled meetings consecutively will be automatically removed from their position on the Ministry and the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

## Succession of President

28<sup>th</sup> In the event of a current Presidents demise, the Vice President will automatically fill the role for a period of one year and a day and after the passing of one year and a day the Sovereign People of Éire will vote to elect a President to sit for a maximum of 3 years and after the passing of the 3-year term there will be another election for President and so on and so forth.  
The Chairman is Envoy of the President and can only be authorised for each duty by majority vote of the Supreme Council at a full quorum meeting.

Subject to the fundamental principle of upholding the Programme of the Brotherhood, the Supreme Council shall have the power to alter or revise the foregoing Constitution of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, but whenever it is contemplated to make any alterations it shall be necessary to give at least 22 days' notice of a meeting of the Supreme Council at which such alteration is proposed to be effected, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the Supreme Council to make the proposed change(s).

By Order of,  
THE SUPREME COUNCIL  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

  
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John Flanagan

  
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Kevin Taylor

  
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Brendan Kelly

  
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Howard Hughes

  
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William McGuire



## **FIRST SCHEDULE**

### **THE GOVERNMENT**

20. The Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood is hereby declared in fact, as well as by right, the sole Government of the Irish Republic. Its enactments shall be the Laws of the Irish Republic until Ireland sources absolute National Independence, and a permanent Republican Government be established.

The authority of the Supreme Council shall be unquestioned by members of the Irish Republican Brotherhood. The Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood shall have the power to levy taxes, rates, loans, make war and peace, negotiate and ratify treaties with Foreign Powers, and do all other acts necessary for the protection of the Government of the Irish Republic.

A Declaration of War shall be supported by at least TEN members of the Supreme Council, and a decision so arrived shall be binding on all members of the Council.

### **THE PRESIDENT**

22. The President of the Irish Republican Brotherhood is in fact, as well as by right, President of the Irish Republic. He shall direct the working of the Irish Republican Brotherhood subject to the control of the Supreme Council or Executive thereof.

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## SECOND SCHEDULE



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"Ar son na hÉireann agus a Clainne"

**SECOND SCHEDULE**  
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