

SOLIDARITY NOTE TO PORTUGAL FREEMASONRY

The Confederation of Symbolic Freemasonry of Brazil - CMSB, institution that brings together the 27 (twenty-seven) Masonic Grand Lodges of all Brazilian States and the Federal District of Brazil, with more than 107,000 (one hundred and seven thousand) associated Freemasons, by its leaders at the end signed, considering that Freemasonry, in its broader sense, is a philosophy of life, with a system of morality and social ethics, of simple and fundamental character, incorporating a broad humanitarianism and whose basic principles are: the Freedom of individuals and human groups; the Equality of rights and obligations of beings and groups without distinguishing religion, race, sex or nationality; the Fraternity of all men, as children of the same Creator; comes to the public to manifest:

The President of the Republic of Portugal enacted the Law of the Assembly of the Republic, which changes the provisions relating to congresspersons, now obliging them to declare their ties to associations to which they belong, except for those of a religious and political nature.

The Confederation of Symbolic Freemasonry of Brazil (CMSB) had already expressed its solidarity with the Legal Grand Lodge of Portugal/Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal, which ardently defended the disapproval of the aforementioned law, for providing scenarios of intolerance and prejudice, by qualifying the citizens for their ideological, philosophical and religious orientations.

Freemasonry is not a clandestine or secret institution, being made known by its Lodges spread across all countries, with correct addresses and registered with the notary offices. It fights for freedom in every way and condemns all types of oppression. The mandatory declaration of belonging to Freemasonry arises as a control of these freedoms, in addition to directly violating fundamental rights and duties contained in the Constitution of Portugal.

The intention of the political parties interested in this legislative change was to hinder the participation of Freemasons in the construction of a free, fair and solidary society, which is in line with the constitutional article that defines the Portuguese Republic as "a democratic State of law, based on popular sovereignty, pluralism of expression and democratic political organization, respect and guarantee the realization of fundamental rights and freedoms".

The Brazilian Grand Lodges, through the CMSB, in the face of the difficult moment, once again sympathize with Portuguese Freemasonry through the Legal Grand Lodge of Portugal / Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal, in defense of freedom of thought and expression, which characterizes it by its trilogy Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

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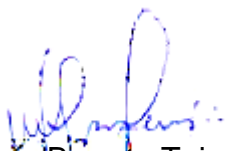
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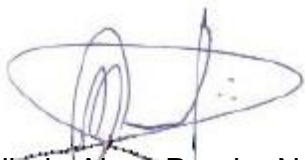
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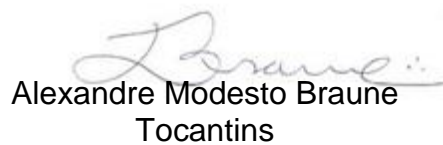
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