

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

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Please Note:
***Application Lodgments
will close monthly at 5pm
on the 3rd Monday of each
month***

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Registered Application No.: Year: /No:

To the Membership Committee

I hereby apply for membership of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc. ("the Community"). I acknowledge the Community's Constitution and shall fervently commit to uphold Rule 2A and Rule 4A that the Community shall not be bound to any ecclesiastical authority.

I accept and agree that my membership may be terminated pursuant to Rule 6 if I:

- [a] Proselytise a view opposed to the Rules seeking to undermine the autonomy of the Community or
- [b] Engage in conduct or behaviour deemed unacceptable or contrary to the Community's interests.

Applicant to Check

The Community shall remain an independent and autonomous.

The applicant shall fervently uphold the Rule 2A and Rule 4A

The applicant has applied in person to register and obtain an application form.

The application shall record the date, applicant's personal registered number, name and details.

The application form shall not be copied or transferred to another person.

A financial member has nominated the applicant.

Membership shall be terminated if the applicant or member proselytises a view contrary to the spirit of the Rules.

The member shall not engage in conduct or behaviour that is contrary to the Rules and/or independence of the Community.

The registered application shall be completed truthfully and recorded on return to the GOC office.

1. Applicant's Personal and Contact Information:

1.1. Surname: (Mr/Ms/Mrs): Given Name(s):

1.2. Address: Post Code:
[No. Street Suburb/City]

1.3 Telephone (Home or Work) (Mobile)

1.4. Email Address: @

1.5. Birth date:/...../..... 1.6. Place of Birth
[Town, City Australia or Greece]

1.7. Work/Occupation: 1.8. Professional/Expertise:

1.9 If a Pensioner, please verify your Pension No:

2. Applicant's Greek Heritage, Religion and Family: [where appropriate]

2.1. I have Greek ancestry. 2.2. Greek Heritage name?

2.3. I am Greek Orthodox 2.4 I am not Orthodox 2.5 I am not Greek

2.6. Which GOCSA Church do you regularly attend? [Name Church]

2.7. Are you a member of another Orthodox Church? [Name Church]

3. Financial Member Nominating Applicant: 3.1. (Mr/Ms/Mrs)

3.2. Relationship (If any): 3.3. Nominator to Sign:

DECLARATION TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

4. Declaration to support Community's organisational independence and autonomy

4.1. I pledge to abide by and support *Rule 2A and Rule 4A* of the registered rules and remain loyal to the Community's democratic governing ideals and to uphold its religious independence. My failure to abide by my pledge shall nullify my application and/or subsequent membership.

4.2. I acknowledge the Community's adherence to the spiritual leadership under the Autocephalous Greek Orthodox Church of America and Australia.

4.3. The Membership Committee has all relevant truthful information for the Administrative Council to determine my application as being bona fide in accord with the registered rules.

Applicant to sign: Date:

Applicants are invited to discuss the following key Articles of the Constitution with the Membership Committee

Article 2A. INDEPENDENCE

- (1) The Community shall always remain self-governing independent and autonomous and shall be governed according to this paramount clause, and the other clauses of the Constitution. At no time and under no circumstances shall the Community relinquish any of its rights or be bound by terms or clauses foreign to this Constitution. Neither in its government nor in its administration shall the Community be subject to any ecclesiastical, political, or other, body or authority.”
- (2) In order to make known the history of the Community and in particular the attempts to deprive it of its independence and democratic government the Community shall finance, undertake and maintain the compiling, editing, printing, distribution and publication of such history under the auspices of the Membership Committee.

Article 4A. FUNDAMENTAL RULES CONTROLLING APPLICATIONS

In Controlling applications the Membership Committee must absolutely satisfy itself that the applicant is a bona fide fervent supporter of the Community and of the Community as an institution as is set forth in this constitution, the reason for this being the differences and divisions amongst Greeks in Australia on matters of independence and autonomy of the Community as well as on ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and it bearing in mind always the absolute autonomy of the Community and its not being bound to any ecclesiastical authority thus undermining its independence.

Article 6. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

If a member of the Association is reported to have proselytised a viewpoint contrary to Rules 2a and 4A and/or whose conduct challenges or undermines the autonomy or standing of the Community shall, in the opinion of the Council, be guilty of conduct contrary to the interests and objects of the Association. The member shall be called upon by registered letter addressed to the member at the member’s latest recorded address to appear before a meeting of the Administrative Council and there to show cause why the member should not be expelled and if the member fails without reasonable excuse conveyed to the Council to attend or if in the opinion of the Council at such meeting the member fails to show cause the member shall be suspended.

Provided that when a member shall have been so suspended the matter shall be put before the next General meeting and shall clearly be shown on the agenda thereof as received by the members and shall include the name of the suspended member. The member may at such meeting be expelled from membership of the Community or the General Meeting may annul the member’s suspension. Provided that the member under suspension will be advised by registered letter posted at least ten days prior to the General Meeting to be present thereat.

In addition, at least thirty financial members of the Community may move for the expulsion of a member of the Community and this motion shall be examined at a General Meeting and if the General Meeting is satisfied that the behaviour of the member is contrary to the interests and objects of the Community it may in its absolute discretion expel such member.

Provided that such member shall have been forwarded a registered letter by the Secretary of the Community at least ten days prior to the General Meeting stating the nature of the proposed motion and that the member has the right to be present thereat and provided the nature of the motion is clearly shown on the agenda received by the members and stating the name of the member whose expulsion is sought to be moved. In determining whether a member is guilty of conduct contrary to the interests and objects of the Community particular regard must be had to the provisions of clause 4A hereof.

→Applicant’s Signature: Date: / /

Verified that the Nominator is a GOCSA financial member

→Nominator’s Signature: Date: / /

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The Membership Committee certifies that it has conducted a probity review and considers the application does/does not comply with the Rule 4 and Rule 4A. It recommends the Acceptance/Rejection of the application.

[1].....[2].....[3].....[4].....
[Membership Committee]

Date:.....

Executive Committee Approved: [President/Secretary] Administrative Council Meeting Date:.....

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