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13. It is tempting to use Freedom Force as a network for promoting professional services and products. However, there is no shorter path to dissention and loss-of-purpose than to bring marketing programs and business opportunities into our work. Therefore, our meetings and channels of communication may not be used for that purpose no matter how beneficial they may seem. The exception to this rule is the Reality Zone promotion of educational and training materials that are essential to our mission. Advertising on The Reality Zone web site and news channel is the appropriate method of presenting all other commercial messages to our members.

14. The name and logo of Freedom Force may be used solely for symbolic reinforcement at official functions and on official materials. They may not be used on personal letterheads or business cards or for commercial purposes.

15. We are proud of our membership and should let others know of our affiliation whenever appropriate. In doing so, however, we must not create the impression that we officially represent the organization.

16. The final rule is: read the rules! At every meeting attended by twenty members or more, read aloud *The Creed of Freedom*. The printed *Creed* should be passed around so that a different person can read one of the eight paragraphs. Our founding principles are of no consequence if they are forgotten. Reading them aloud in this manner will always keep them at the center of our deliberations. This practice will serve as an autopilot that will keep us, and those who follow, on the right course – forever.

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Code of Conduct

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The following *Code of Conduct* is incorporated into the Freedom Force bylaws. Members are bound to its provisions in the furtherance of their mission.

1. The first order is: don't wait for orders.

Freedom Force is not pyramidal but holographic in structure. Therefore, instead of waiting for instructions from a monolithic directorate, become self-directed. Join with others when that is advantageous, but also don't be afraid to duplicate and parallel their efforts. Experiment, make mistakes, find a better way.

As long as your activities are consistent with *The Creed of Freedom*, and this *Code of Conduct*, the effort will be constructive. What may seem like chaos at first actually is the ferment of creativity and competition. It ultimately will far surpass the output of bureaucratic and dogmatic control from the top and it will allow the movement to spread rapidly into virtually any culture and every part of the world.

2. The principles in The Creed of Freedom are

not subject to change. They will be the same a hundred or a thousand years from now. Ignore any request from Freedom Force that, in your opinion, violates *The Creed of Freedom*.

3. Organizational policies

are not in the same category as *The Creed*. They can be altered as required by experience. Do not hesitate to offer suggestions for improvement. If the Leadership Council does not adopt your suggestions, respect its decision and refrain from creating factions. Membership is voluntary; but, while we are members, we are expected to abide by this policy. Victory is impossible without unity.

4. Don't trust your leaders. That applies to Freedom Force as well as in politics. Don't expect them to be saints. Most people are corruptible under the right circumstances. Watch them like a hawk. Don't let them violate either *The Creed of Freedom* or this *Code of Conduct*. Call attention to their errors, when necessary. If violations are serious, mobilize the power to remove them.

5. Wherever possible, become active in organizations whose purpose you approve and which have the potential for affecting public policy. Work with others within those groups to become influential. Use that influence to create support for the principles of freedom.

6. Participate in political action. Don't just go to the polls now and then to vote for candidates selected by others. Be part of the process that chooses candidates in the first place. Be loyal to principle above party. Remember, those who are not interested in politics will be forever ruled by those who are.

7. Whenever possible, seek employment in government, education, communications, and other institutions if, by so doing, you can exercise influence on behalf of freedom. Help others of like mind to obtain similar positions within your work force. Don't fight city hall when you can *be* city hall.

8. Leadership brings power but also responsibility. When holding positions of authority, adhere to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. Never betray those you lead.

9. Live by your principles without compromise. Let it be known where you stand. You cannot achieve victory by hiding. Popular approval is not your primary concern.

You are a warrior. Accept the risks and the consequences. Stand tall in your convictions. Be an example for others.

10. Show tolerance, compassion, and good will toward all. Extend a welcome to members of all races, nationalities, religions, and cultures, provided only that they honor *The Creed of Freedom*. Expect diversity, knowing that, in spite of differences, our common mission binds us to a genuine global brotherhood.

11. Freedom Force embraces the highest principles shared by the great religions of the world but it does not function as a church. It is open to all religious persuasions without requiring acceptance of any particular doctrine. While working with other members, refrain from criticizing or challenging their beliefs. Focus on those things that draw us together rather than those that divide.

12. Totalitarians prefer that we make no distinction between love of country and loyalty to leaders. They want us to believe that political dissent is unpatriotic. However, opposition to corruption in government is the highest obligation of patriotism.

If we are citizens of a collectivist government, we face the challenge of opposing corruption while at the same time demonstrating love of country. At public ceremonies, we are expected to pledge allegiance or stand at attention during the national anthem. Not to do so would be misinterpreted as hostility toward our country and its heritage. It would cause us to be isolated from the very people we hope to reach. Therefore, when attending patriotic ceremonies, we should participate freely, knowing that, in our conscience, we are respecting the feelings and good intentions of our fellow citizens by honoring our country, not our politicians.

At Freedom Force meetings, patriotic ceremonies are neither required nor prohibited. That policy is established by the Board of Directors of each chapter depending on local custom and membership preference. If a meeting is held in a private home, the choice should be made by the host. We should respect that decision and move on to the greater business at hand, which is the building of a world in which patriotism and freedom are no longer in conflict.