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IMPERATOR’S ANNUAL LETTER

Year 2011

Under the auspices of the Rose Cross,
Salutem Punctis Trianguli!

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

As this year begins and we prepare to celebrate the Rosicrucian New Year 3364, I extend to you my best wishes for this new cycle. As is traditional, I am going to report on the year 2010 based on the information given to me by the various Grand Lodges and Administrations. This can only be a summary, of course, but it should provide a good glimpse of what is happening in the Rosicrucian world. First, though, I will give you an account of my own activities, mainly by way of the journeys I made.

My year of traveling began with a stay in the Ivory Coast. I am very fond of this country, and our fratres and sorores there are always so energetic. However, the most memorable event of the month of January was an unhappy one, owing to the fact that our Order was directly impacted by the terrible earthquake that hit Haiti. My heart beat with the hearts of our fratres and sorores on that island. A number of them lost their lives. Others were seriously hurt – either physically, or by the loss of those close to them, or by the destruction of their homes and all their possessions. An appeal for solidarity brought a great response. Thanks to the generosity of many fratres and sorores the world over, we were able to raise funds for repairing the island’s Affiliated Bodies, and that major work is now underway. I shall be able to visit our Haitian fratres and sorores, probably in 2012. We must continue to pray for them, for both in practical and health terms, the situation remains very difficult.

In February I visited our fratres and sorores in Dakar, Senegal. We spent some very enjoyable days together, and it was good to see how the development of their Rosicrucian Domain is coming along. It is located in the heart of Dakar, and Rosicrucians are very fortunate to have this place in which to gather.

In March I spent several days in Egypt, hosting two Rosicrucian groups—one from France and one from Holland.
In April I carried out the installation of the Orb on the Shekinah of the Grand Lodge Temple in The Hague. I had the opportunity to meet with Frater Klaas Bakker and other fratres and sorores once again. On the way back, I was able to visit our Order’s newly acquired premises in Brussels. The inauguration and consecration of the Temple here will take place at the end of June this year, 2011, and there will be a bilingual convention in Brussels in November 2012, organized jointly by the Dutch and French Grand Lodges.

May brought another trip to Egypt, this time for three groups of members from Cameroon, the Ivory Coast, and Quebec. That same month, I represented our Order in Cameroon for the celebration of that country’s fiftieth anniversary of independence. AMORC was present on African soil before 1950, advocating tolerance and fraternity, and had opened its doors without prejudice to so-called “black” people, and was open to women as well as men, refusing to follow the prevailing social customs of the time. The segregation in South Africa has been much discussed but, at that time, it was present everywhere! So our Rosicrucian Community was a forerunner. Africans remember this, and thus wanted our Order to be honored at this commemoration. Following this formal visit, I presided at a general convention of the French Language Jurisdiction in the beautiful town of Versailles, very close to the famous palace. Around this same time, my book entitled *Rosicrucian Reflections* was published. It may not yet have been translated by your Grand Lodge, but that should be forthcoming some time soon.

Beginning in June, and particularly during the month of July, my time and attention were occupied by a problem that had to be sorted out in the Spanish Language Jurisdiction for the Americas. Underlying problems surfaced, and based on various reports made to me in the preceding months, it was clear that changes had become necessary. Without going into too many details here, please know that our fratres and sorores in Latin America have been well briefed.

Following a number of meetings during the summer, Grand Master José Luis Aguilar submitted his resignation to me. A number of fratres and sorores have been very helpful in assisting me to resolve this problem, in particular Frater Burnam Schaa, Secretary of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and Grand Master Hugo Casas of the Spanish Jurisdiction for Europe. As
well as the work incumbent upon him within his jurisdiction, Frater Casas has taken on the responsibility of serving as interim Grand Master for this hard-pressed Grand Lodge. He has had to leave Barcelona and go to Mexico a number of times, sometimes for several weeks. We have been in constant contact and have been endeavoring to resolve a very delicate situation. New Officers and Administrators, including a General Administrator, Frater Roland Brisson, have been appointed, and the election of the new Grand Master will take place at the Supreme Grand Lodge meeting next October. If all goes as planned, the installation of the new Grand Master will take place during a convention in the Dominican Republic toward the end of November 2011. Further information about this event will appear on the website of the Spanish Grand Lodge for the Americas.

At the end of August, I spent a day at Rosicrucian Park before going back to Mexico to work for several days, where I met with Frater Burnam Schaa, the new members of the Administrative Council, the General Administrator, and the Grand Lodge staff. The convention planned for last fall had been cancelled due to the extenuating circumstances and insufficient numbers, and it was decided to replace it with a mystical day in Miami, Florida, as the region is both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking.

Once back from Mexico, I again went to Egypt for several days at the beginning of September, this time with fratres and sorores from England, the Congo, and France.

The first week in October was dedicated to the meeting of the Supreme Council, held each year at the Rosicrucian Domain in Lachute, Quebec, Canada. While the events that had arisen in the Spanish Grand Lodge for the Americas were discussed, many other more positive matters were also addressed. The Grand Masters were each able to present a full report on the activities of their respective Grand Lodges, leading, as is the case every year, to administrative and financial topics, as well as to matters concerning ritualistic and mystical aspects.

At the end of the month, I returned to Miami, where I met with Soror Julie Scott, Grand Master of the English Grand Lodge for the Americas, along with the members of the English Grand Lodge Board and the Grand Councilors. Many fratres and sorores from throughout the Spanish Jurisdiction for the Americas attended the meeting that had been arranged
for them, and a special Grand Council meeting was also held. Our fratres and sorores were relieved to hear about the decisions made concerning their jurisdiction. In mentioning Miami, I would like to remind you, or indeed announce to those of you who may not yet know, that Miami will be hosting a tri-lingual convention (in English, Spanish, and French), June 20–24, 2012. I had the opportunity to visit the hotel where the event will be held, and the venue reserved for us is going to be very suitable indeed. I hope that great numbers of you will take part in this convention, and—for some perhaps—discover Florida, a spectacular part of the United States.

At the beginning of November, I returned to Egypt to meet some fratres and sorores from Germany, as well as some from the Congo and France once more.

The year 2010 finished for me as it had begun, with a trip to Africa, this time meeting with our fratres and sorores in Benin. The days spent with them were very interesting indeed and were the occasion for some most fraternal exchanges. Between and amidst these long journeys and short trips, fratres and sorores, I have of course carried on with all the tasks incumbent upon me as Imperator.

As there are frequent references to our Order’s World Council, allow me to remind those of you who may not know, just what it comprises. As Imperator, I am its President, and Frater Charles Vega Parucker, Grand Master Emeritus of the Portuguese Language Grand Lodge, remains Vice-President. Frater Burnam Schaa is Secretary, and the Treasurer is Frater Maximilian Neff, Grand Master of the German Language Jurisdiction. The four of us form the Executive Committee, and in this capacity we have very regular teleconferences to deal with current and urgent business. The Grand Masters of all the jurisdictions are part of the World Council and in this function take part in the discussions and voting during the meeting held annually.

During the year 2010 there has been no change or major event within the Czech and Slovak Languages Jurisdiction, supervised by Frater Michal Eben, Grand Master. Some improvements have been carried out to the Grand Temple though. There have been two meetings directed by Grand Councilor Stanislav Altner, and initiations are conferred regularly, up to the Eleventh Temple Degree. The national convention took place at
the end of August, organized as a one-day event to reduce expense: forty members attended in spite of the economic difficulties. Grand Master of the Scandinavian Language Jurisdiction, Soror Live Söderlund, together with her husband Irving, participated in this event, during which the first two Regional Monitors were installed into office. Also on this occasion, the “Open Letter to the Citizens of the World” written by Grand Master Serge Toussaint of France was presented to the members. As part of the convention, two ritual dramas written by Soror Eva Presova were performed by our fratres and sorores. Frater Eben is doing everything possible to make our Order known; however, as in most places in the world, the number of members is going down. I have spoken to you about this unfortunate trend before, which is not new, but sadly, it has been getting worse with the world economic crisis we have experienced.

The same applies in the Russian Administration, which has come up against some difficulties, particularly administratively. Bureaucratic intrusion, particularly from the Ministry of Justice, regularly frustrates the smooth functioning of our activities and requires much energy on the part of our Administrator, Frater Vladimir Koptelov. Our fratres and sorores are used to being tested, and they remain confident; I hope to bring you some good news concerning them next year. The work of translating and publishing continues nonetheless, and we all hope that the activities of our Order will continue in this country so rich in culture and tradition, where the Rose Cross was very highly regarded in former times.

As well as all the administrative challenges in Russia, the renting of the premises in Moscow has been suspended, and initiations can no longer be given. Another location now needs to be found, which has been very problematic thus far. However, fifty-eight members were able to be initiated into the different Temple Degrees between January and June, before the loss of their meeting space. The “Fiat Lux” Atrium Group at Riga in Latvia has become a Pronaos. An Atrium Group, the “Morning Star,” has been created at Novosibirsk in Siberia. The “Greater Light” Atrium Group at Ekaterinbourg, in the Urals, remains very active. These good pieces of news make up for the others, and I ask you to send your most positive and constructive thoughts to Frater Vladimir Koptelov and all Rosicrucians in this part of the world.
Still in Eastern Europe, here is some news of our Administration in Hungary. First and foremost, at the beginning of 2010 our Administrator, Soror Katalin Bartha, was struck by a major health challenge. She faced it courageously and at no time did she stop her work. Things are going better for her thanks to the support of the Council of Solace and to the good thoughts not only of the Grand Masters who were informed, but also of very many fraters and sorores. Before giving you some information about this Administration, I would like to announce that a European Convention will take place in Budapest in 2013. Soror Katalin proposed this, and her proposal was accepted.

The administrative building has had a further facelift; new doors and windows are now providing more light for the newly-painted offices. Thanks to a donation, the electrical system was able to be renewed in April, and many other necessary tasks performed. A computer specialist offered his services, and a new program has been implemented. The website has also been updated and is now more modern and attractive.

There have been various lectures, as well as a mystical retreat, and the third RCUI course with “Mystical Egypt” as its theme. Appellation (baby naming) ceremonies also took place for a little boy and a little girl, and these were very moving for those who took part.

The Hungarian Administration has four Affiliated Bodies: a Pronaos in Budapest, an Atrium Group near the border with Austria, a study group in the middle of the country, and a new Atrium Group begun this year in the town of Tata, where our Administration is situated. The year 2009 was very difficult, with membership losses causing severe financial difficulties, but the latest news is that the number of members has stabilized. While 2013 may still seem a long way off, I hope, fraters and sorores, that you will be able to take part in the European Convention in Budapest.

Now for some news from the Scandinavian Jurisdiction, still under the leadership of Grand Master Live Söderlund. There has been a continuation throughout 2010 of the various activities that are usually made available. These include Temple Degree Initiations; meetings held specifically for Neophytes, Illuminati, and Martinists; and seminars, gatherings, and conventions. The title of the Grand Lodge seminar was “Everything is Vibrations.”
As is traditional, the last weekend of June was the opportunity for all members, plus family and friends, to spend some time at the Grand Lodge’s headquarters. The following week, seventy people attended an “open house” activity offered to the public and were able to discover something about the work we do. While some guests seemed skeptical at first, by the time they left they were all good ambassadors for our Order. There was even a positive report written by a journalist following their visit.

In July, the Grand Master and some fratres and sorores went hiking in the mountains, as they do each year. This trip combines sightseeing and Rosicrucian work and enables congenial and fraternal exchanges for all concerned. In September the Grand Master and the Board President, Frater Karl-Arne Gustafson, held a seminar at the medieval monastery of Utstein Kloster in Norway, intended primarily for members of the Rogaland Pronaos. They had been given permission to use the church for meditations, which they did. The seminar’s theme was “The Builders of the Temple.” Its accent was on history and the symbolism of sacred places in general, and of the Rosicrucian Temple in particular.

This year has seen various work and investment completed, including replacement of the windows at the rear of the administrative premises, a newly repainted Temple building, and several gardening projects. A number of works have also been published this year as part of the Rosicrucian Library. The project of developing online monographs is progressing and the website is regularly updated.

The close relationship between the Scandinavian Language Jurisdiction and the Finnish and Hungarian Administrations remains in place.

In the Dutch Jurisdiction, the end of 2009 saw the celebration of seventy-five years since its inception. The different events put on for this anniversary have continued to have positive reverberations during 2010. Some of the Affiliated Bodies have celebrated their fortieth or fiftieth anniversaries, such as the Curaçao and Aruba Chapters. In August in Curaçao, Grand Master Klaas Bakker presided over a trilingual convention (Dutch, English, and Spanish). The Grand Masters of the Spanish and English Language Jurisdictions for the Americas were also present, and the Governor of the Dutch West Indies honored the event by attending. As mentioned before, I had the opportunity in April to install an Orb in the
Grand Lodge Temple in The Hague, symbolizing the link between all the Grand Lodges.

Frater Klaas Bakker was also interviewed for an article in a major esoteric journal, and participated in a film on Egyptian magic, past and present. This film is part of an exhibition taking place at the Museum of Antiquities in Leiden.

In Finland, our Order is slowly but surely continuing its evolution. Initiations have been conferred into all the Temple Degrees, and a new Colombe was installed. Workshops for Neophytes and for Officers have also taken place. The magazine *Rose-Cross* was published twice during 2010, and the translation of the monographs is continuing, as are the activities of the Pronaos in Helsinki and the Atrium Group in Tempere. Developing our Order in Estonia is not easy; however much work is being accomplished, and our Administrator Frater Ilkka Laaksonen has great hopes for the extension work which will be completed during the next few months.

Under the supervision of Grand Master Julie Scott, the English Grand Lodge for the Americas is continuing its activities, placing particular emphasis on communication through the Internet and different media such as Facebook. So far, the Facebook page has more than 18,000 “fans” worldwide, and the growth continues. In July, the English Grand Lodge sponsored the esoteric conference “Hidden in Plain Sight: The Influence of the Western Esoteric Tradition on Modern Thought” at Rosicrucian Park in San Jose, California.

In November the English Language Jurisdiction sponsored a “Learning Abroad” RCUI class, “Rediscovering the Wisdom of the Mystery Schools of Ancient Greece,” led by Grand Master Julie Scott. Members explored Athens, Eleusis, Delphi, Crete, and other areas of Greece.

A major project to make Rosicrucian Park accessible to all guests, including those in wheelchairs, is now complete, as well as Phases I and II of the new Native Plants gardens. Replacing the lawn areas of Rosicrucian Park with plants native to Northern California results in tremendous water savings, which of course is very helpful ecologically.

As you may know, the area that was just a short while ago named Silicon Valley has now become a highly “eco-efficient” region. Interesting, innovative work is being done there, and there are many businesses and
organizations in California committed to environmental protection. We can certainly say that the San Jose area has always been at the forefront, not just technologically but in many other ways. . . . We can only hope that one day all countries, and each individual person, will take the sustainability and protection of our planet seriously.

The Japanese Language Jurisdiction is still quietly continuing its activities under the supervision of Frater Atsushi Honjo, Grand Master. In May a convention was organized which brought together fifty or so members. During the convention, a presentation about the Order and the city of Toulouse, France was presented and twelve candidates were initiated into the Second Temple Degree. A series of lectures took place in Sapporo, presented by Frater Mori Kazuhisa. Just like those organized at the University of Hokusho, Hakkaido, these lectures were very well received by the public. In October some members volunteered to take part in a festival where, using certain experiments, they illustrated and demonstrated the power of intuition to guests. At the same event, Frater Yamada Akihito presented an excellent seminar and workshop on the nature of life. While our presence in Japan is discreet, it is concrete. And if the number of members is not as large as we would like, the spirit of our Order is appreciated by the people who know us.

In Brazil, preparations are busily underway for the World Convention in August 2011, under the supervision of Grand Master Helio de Moraes E Marques. Our fraters and sorores of the Portuguese Language Jurisdiction are hoping that you will attend and are ready to warmly welcome you.

Our Frater Helio has spared no effort in reaching out to Rosicrucian members, nor in maintaining the dynamism of his jurisdiction. It is difficult for me in this letter to list all the different seminars, conventions, meetings, etc., that he has directed, but our frater has been exceptionally active. This included leading a group on a pilgrimage to Egypt, taking part in a convention in Portugal, and being invited to the Italian Jurisdiction Convention. He went on several trips throughout Brazil and took part in Conventicles and Convocations, as well as many commemorations for important anniversaries in the Affiliated Bodies.

Unlike most other jurisdictions, Brazil has a well-developed program for young members. The young Rosicrucians of Brazil have always impressed me
in our meetings, and they always respond enthusiastically to the invitation to gather together when there are conventions. In 2010 there was also an annual congress of the Artisans Class with over 400 participants, as well as another one that was part of RCUI.

At the Grand Lodge headquarters, 2010 also saw the inauguration of an Egyptian room set aside for meditation, for both members and guests. The Grand Master has many other plans, especially with regard to extension work, and I hope that you will be able to discover for yourself the Grand Lodge headquarters in Curitiba, as well as the magnificent Domain of Silence, set in a nearby nature reserve.

The Rosicrucian Administration in Poland is still directed by Soror Maria Metzler. Triad Lodge continues to confer its initiations, and the three Pronaoi continue their individual activities. A mystical day took place in the spring, with a visit to the mystical places in Krakow on the program. At the end of June there was a convention, in which Frater Maximilian Neff, Grand Master of the German Language Jurisdiction, participated. Two of the Grand Councilors gave presentations on the theme of numbers.

The Memorial Ceremony for 2010 was a little unusual, because in addition to the symbolic building of the pyramid by the Krakow members, one of the Grand Councilors built one in Nepal at the same time. This solidarity of thought and action was a high point of the day. The number of members is slowly growing. The translation and formatting of the monographs has now reached the Twelfth Temple Degree. Those who know Poland, and in particular the town of Krakow, may well understand the atmosphere that prevails there; Let us all hope that some day in the future we will have the opportunity of being there together to celebrate a Rosicrucian event.

The Grand Master of the Italian Jurisdiction, Frater Claudio Mazzucco, was very pleased with the convention held at Vicenza in October. Forty fratres and sorores from Brazil joined the regular attendees. The Grand Master of the Portuguese Language Jurisdiction, Frater Helio de Moraes, and Grand Master Emeritus, Frater Jean-Philippe Deterville, who was succeeded by Frater Mazzucco, were also present at this event. The book *Cosmic Mission Fulfilled* by Harvey Spencer Lewis was translated into Italian this year. The various Grand Lodge departments are working well, and a
new Atrium Group has opened up at Nuoro, in Sardinia. There was also a journey to France in May to visit the French Grand Lodge headquarters at the Chateau d’Omonville.

For the Grand Master of the Spanish Language Jurisdiction, Frater Hugo Casas, 2009 ended with a trip to Egypt and 2010 started with the celebration of the third anniversary of the new premises of the Ramon Llull Lodge in Barcelona. He also made a number of official visits to Affiliated Bodies. The Executive Board meeting was held at the Grand Lodge, and three mystical retreat weekends were organized during the year, which were greatly appreciated by both members and non-members who attended. The Grand Lodge organized its first cultural visit to China and Tibet in 2010.

At the beginning of September, Frater Casas went to Mexico, for the reasons given previously, before returning to Spain for a few days; then he traveled to Quebec for the Supreme Council meeting held annually in the first week of October. Following our meeting, Frater Casas went back again to Mexico where, at my request, he conducted several business meetings for the purpose of reorganizing and restructuring the Grand Lodge. Our frater and I then met again in Miami for a Grand Council meeting composed of officers from the different countries of Latin America. Frater Hugo Casas courageously took up his pilgrim’s staff when I asked for his help, and I am very grateful to him. For a few more months, he will be the interim Grand Master for the Spanish Language Jurisdiction for the Americas, and he is working in perfect concert with the fratres and sorores, Administrators, Officers, and staff of the Grand Lodge.

The year 2010 marked the beginning of the activities of a new Heptad in Berlin. The German Language Grand Lodge started the year with a seminar for officers taking up their posts in the spring and was the opportunity for the Grand Councilors and Regional Monitors to meet as well. Several mystical days have been scheduled, and Grand Master Maximilian Neff presented a number of public lectures in Germany, as well as one in Switzerland and one in Croatia. A convention in June brought together members and Friends of AMORC in the hills of Hunsrück, a greatly appreciated event, as always. In August, the Illuminati met at the Grand Lodge for two and a half days of work and service. There were over twenty seminars organized by
the Akademia Rosae Crucis (RCUI) as well as others directly concerning the Rosicrucian teachings.

There are seven Lodges, three Chapters, twenty-four Pronaodi, ten Atrium Groups, and five Heptads in this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge has now celebrated its tenth anniversary at the “new” premises. Renovation of the roof and walls became necessary after this amount of time, and work has been carried out to ensure that the building, in the center of the town of Baden-Baden, represents our Order well.

Croatia is under the supervision of the German Grand Lodge, and here is some news of our activities there. The number of members is slowly growing, and the Administration in Zagreb has much work. Frater Neff regularly visits the Chapter in Zagreb and takes part in mystical days and initiations. There is also an Atrium Group at Rieska in Austria.

In France, Grand Master Serge Toussaint continues to run our Order’s activities with his customary fearlessness, energy, and determination. For him and his jurisdiction, the year 2010 was interspersed with official visits and conventions held in different countries.

The year’s great innovation was the creation of a personal blog to complete the French Grand Lodge’s official website. The blog comprises several interactive areas and is generating greater attention and referrals from both members and non-members. Along the same lines, the French-speaking Grand Lodge has set up an AMORC page on Facebook. Rather than discussion groups, which the Grand Master thought might be unmanageable and out of place, this page communicates information on our Order and provides core texts on which Internet visitors may comment. The aim is to make our Order more known to the general public.

The beginning of 2010 saw the publication of two history magazines, one dedicated to the Rose-Croix and the other to Martinism. These were on sale in all newsstands not just across France but in other French-speaking countries too.

In addition to the large convention in Versailles, an RCUI congress was held in the fall in Paris. Non-members were invited to take part, and were highly impressed by the quality of the talks.
RCUI is very active in the French-speaking jurisdiction, counting some fifty speakers in all categories, covering about 250 topics. RCUI has so far published around thirty books which are recognized for their quality and which aim to put forward a mystical approach to the subjects presented.

Frater Toussaint’s ongoing priority is to optimally run the internal activities of the Order in his jurisdiction, while increasing knowledge and awareness of it through means such as the Internet, public lectures, radio and television programs, articles in the media, and so on.

The Château d’Omonville regularly receives guests, including groups of Rosicrucians who have sometimes traveled a long way, for example some fratres and sorores from Italy and Australia. Their trips to France allow them to visit some of the country’s major mystical sites.

Grand Master Sven Johansson has been expending much energy in serving the interests of the members of the English Grand Lodge for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Issues of the *Rosicrucian Beacon* and the *Rosicrucian Forum* are now available online, where active members of the Order can access them. Two more books by Raymund Andrea have been published in 2010 and several works are anticipated for this year. In September, Frater Johansson accompanied fratres and sorores from throughout his jurisdiction on a pilgrimage to Egypt. Some of the fratres and sorores had already made this especially inspiring journey on more than one occasion. Mystical days and a convention in October brought together members from different European countries, the Baltic states, Africa, and even the United States. The initiation teams throughout the UK, Nigeria, Ghana, and South Africa have been particularly active. Numerous public lectures have also been on the program.

In the English language countries of West Africa, as has been the case for many years, Grand Administrator Kenneth Idiodi is working determinedly, aided by his wife Bridget, to consolidate our Order’s presence. Our frater travels frequently in order to present seminars and lectures. The Martinist Heptads are functioning well, and in January a new Heptad was set up in Niger.

Grand Councilor Sam Portufy helps the members in Ghana and supervises six Affiliated Bodies. After a small decline in 2008, the number of members is once again on the upswing.
In Cameroon, two languages are spoken, French and English, as well as the traditional dialects. Frater Johansson’s jurisdiction therefore also includes a good number of members in this country. It is now overseen by four Regional Monitors, recently appointed and very motivated. The Grand Master, accompanied by Frater Idiodi, is to carry out an official visit to Cameroon during the course of this year.

Frater Johansson also oversees the Greek Language Jurisdiction, and during our last Supreme Council meeting, Frater Giannakopoulos, from Thessalonika, was elected General Administrator for Greece. The monographs have been translated up to the Twelfth Temple Degree, as well as all the Martinist manuscripts. The Atrium Group set up in Alexandropoulos has become a Pronaos.

All is going well in the English Language Jurisdiction for Australasia. Grand Master Paul Panikian continues to oversee our activities, assisted by Administrator Robert Kogel. A regional convention was organized in October in Sydney, with the theme “Know Yourself.” This was also an opportunity to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of the first Rosicrucian Convocation held in Australia. I recorded an audio message to our fratres and sorores for the occasion. Although this was a regional convention, it attracted fratres and sorores from the entire jurisdiction. There were very interesting presentations, including a ritual entitled “Lighting the Rosicrucian Flame” presented by the Grand Master. Several works were published as part of the Rosicrucian Library, and the Grand Lodge’s special program this year was entitled “Wisdom of the Mystic Masters.” A Rosicrucian journey to France provided the chance to visit many historic and mystical places: Thirty-six members took part in this journey and were welcomed at the French Language Jurisdiction headquarters at the Château d’Omonville, as well as at the Espace Saint-Martin in Paris and at the Harvey Spencer Lewis Lodge in Toulouse. These fraternal exchanges were appreciated on both sides. Other activities are anticipated for 2011, and those will be reported next year.

Here then, fratres and sorores, is the information I wanted to bring to you, with the aim of strengthening the links that unite us as members of AMORC throughout the world. As individuals, and also as citizens of a certain country, we may have our differences, our own culture, way of life,
and so on; yet we have many points in common. We all belong to the same humanity, we live on the same planet, we experience the same emotions, and further, by belonging to the Ancient and Mystical Order of the Rose Cross, we share the same égrégoire.

Twenty years ago now, in 1990, I assumed the office of Imperator. Throughout these two decades, I have been committed to continuing the work of my predecessors and to further strengthening the international aspect of our activities. With the means of communication we have at our disposal and the speed of transportation, it is easier for human beings to move closer together. For this reason, dear fratres and sorores, I can only encourage you to meet each other under the aegis of our Order, through the activities taking place in our Lodges, Chapters, Pronai, and Atrium Groups, or by taking part in seminars, lectures, mystical days, and conventions at the national, regional, and/or world level. Those of you who may be unable to meet with other members or to travel should not be concerned; if we consider that time and space do not exist, and that thought is every bit as powerful as are words and deeds, then the “meeting” takes place, and hearts and souls join together in perfect communion, no matter the physical location. In this spirit of Love toward you, fratres and sorores, which I hope is felt on both sides, I conclude this letter and remind you that I remain ever available to you, that I am ever your brother on the Rosicrucian Path.

With my best wishes for Peace Profound,
Sincerely and fraternally,

Christian Bernard
Imperator
THE IMPERATOR PROCLAIMS
Rosicrucian New Year 3364

Rosicrucian New Year 3364 officially begins at the time of the Spring Equinox on March 20, 2011, at 4:21 p.m. Pacific Time, when the Sun enters the zodiacal sign of Aries. Thus begins a new cycle when Rosicrucians reflect on the ideals that have kept our Order alive and distinctive for centuries. This glorious event is celebrated with the traditional New Year Ceremony and Feast conducted in all Rosicrucian affiliated bodies throughout the jurisdiction as close as possible to March 20.

NEW YEAR CEREMONY AT ROSICRUCIAN PARK

Imperator Christian Bernard will be presiding at the Rosicrucian New Year Ceremony in the Grand Temple at Rosicrucian Park on Sunday, March 20, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. All members are welcome.
REMAINING HIERARCHY
DATES FOR 2011

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Rosicrucian Ontology

Divinity is the Universal Intelligence that thought, manifested, and animated all Creation according to unchanging perfect laws. All of Creation is permeated by a Universal Soul that evolves toward the perfection of its own nature.

Life is the vehicle for cosmic evolution, such as it manifests in the universe and on Earth.

Matter owes its existence to a vibratory energy that is propagated throughout the entire universe and which permeates each atom.

Time and space are states of consciousness and do not have any material reality independent from humans.

The human being is a double being in his or her nature and triple in her or his manifestation.

The soul incarnates in the body of a child at the first inhalation, making the child a living and conscious being.

Our destiny is determined by the manner in which we apply our free will and by the karma resulting from this.

Death occurs with the last breath and results in the final separation between the body and the soul.

The spiritual evolution of humans is ruled by reincarnation, and its ultimate purpose is to reach Perfection.

There is a supra-human kingdom, formed by all the disincarnated souls populating the invisible world.

After completing its spiritual evolution, the soul of each human being reintegrates with the Universal Soul in all purity and lives in the Divine Immanence in full consciousness.

With its twelve major laws, this text summarizes the Rosicrucian Ontology, meaning the ideas Rosicrucians have about Creation in general and humans in particular. We must nevertheless indicate that these laws are not dogmatic.
Rosicrucian Ethics

Be patient; patience fosters hope and makes time an ally on the path of life.

Be confident; self-confidence is a source of fulfillment, and the trust we place in others is a source of friendship.

Be temperate; temperance will prevent the fall into excess and provide appeasement.

Be tolerant; tolerance broadens the spirit and supports human relationships.

Be detached; detachment is a proof of freedom and promotes inner prosperity.

Be generous; generosity benefits the giver as much as the receiver.

Be honest; integrity leads to a peaceful conscience and brings serenity.

Be humble; humility brings growth and respect from others.

Be courageous; courage grows daily and brings strength in adversity.

Be non-violent; non-violence generates inner harmony and spreads peace among beings.

Be benevolent; benevolence gladdens the heart and embellishes the soul.

Being all of these, we can say that you are wise, because wisdom is the application of these virtues.

This text expresses the importance Rosicrucians give to ethics, based on the awakening of the noblest virtues of the human soul and its most divine properties.
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