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IMPERATOR’S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Year 2014

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

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

In all my annual letters I make reference to my numerous visits to Egypt. This year I would like to begin my letter by writing about the Land of the Pharaohs, which has sadly been so ravaged.

I am very moved by what the Egyptian people are going through and by the chaos the events in 2013 has plunged them into. Some years ago I shared my concern with you over the fact that it would perhaps become impossible to continue our tours of Egypt, because fanatics and extremists seemed to be taking over little by little. The numerous uprisings that have taken place in Egypt over the year have undoubtedly put a stop to this, but for how long? The Egyptian people have had a beneficial revival, but the outcome of this is civil war and a massive drop in the number of visitors and tourists of all kinds. You cannot imagine to what extent this has brought the running of the country to a standstill and plunged the Egyptian people into misery. The country’s economy is largely dependent on tourism.

Some of the Order’s tours were able to go ahead, but others had to be cancelled. Right up to the last minute, I had hoped that they would be able to take place, and naturally I was prepared to go to Egypt to be with our fratres and sorores. But they either cancelled their journey or, at times when the events were at their most critical, Frater Mohamed Nazmy, who organizes our tours, asked us to cancel because he was not sure that he could guarantee our safety.

I sensed his distress and truly sympathized with the problems these cancellations could cause. As my plane ticket had already been pur-
chased, I decided to go alone to Egypt for four days at the beginning of September, in order to support him and say to all the people I know, particularly on the Giza plateau, that Rosicrucians will not let them down. As you can imagine, I was almost alone on the plane. The desire to share these moments with the Egyptians was stronger than my fear and I have no regrets.

Only a few Rosicrucian tours have been planned for 2014, but I can assure you that if they do take place, it will be in complete safety. So you have nothing to fear and I can only urge you to support the Egyptians by your presence. Their livelihood depends on us. Also, as there are very few tourists, the sites we visit are fairly quiet, which reinforces the positive feeling we experience when we are in a Temple, facing a colossus, or before a pyramid. To sum up, as regards Egypt, if we propose such tours it is because they are safe, and if they have to be cancelled, then they will be. Danger is everywhere on our planet, and even in those places we might assume to be very safe we are not immune to risk, and conversely, in those places we assume to be dangerous we are safer because we are on our guard as well as being better surrounded and protected.

I wanted to bring this matter up with you at the start of my letter, and now I would like to move on to a subject of a quite different nature but one that is just as important, namely the publication of a new Rosicrucian document entitled Appellatio. This is more or less on the same lines as the Manifesto we published in 2001, but I felt that it was important to mark the 400th anniversary of the publication of the Fama Fraternitatis. You were informed of it by your different Grand Lodges and Administrations, and the text appears on several of the Grand Lodges’ websites. Do not hesitate to let people around you know about it. As its name indicates, it is an appeal and a cautionary note, just as the Fama Fraternitatis was.

Among other news is a measure taken during our annual meeting in Lachute, namely the possibility for our fratres and sorores to join a
Lodge from the beginning of their affiliation (First Atrium initiation). This measure will allow our recent fratres and sorores to dispense with the several years’ waiting period prior to participating in a Lodge convocation ritual.

While on the subject of our Lachute meeting, I can inform you that Frater Paul Panikian, Frater Helio de Moraes é Marques, Frater Serge Toussaint, and Frater Claudio Mazzucco were all re-elected to the office of Grand Master for the next five years.

Soror Julie Scott was elected Secretary to replace Frater Burnam Schaa who, in turn, accepted the position of Vice President, Frater Charles Vega Parucker having permanently retired from the Board of the Supreme Grand Lodge. Frater Parucker served our Order for several decades, particularly as Grand Master for the Portuguese-language jurisdiction. In parallel to this, he was Vice President of the Supreme Grand Lodge and accepted to stay on for several more years after leaving his office as Grand Master. It is now difficult for him to travel and to attend our meetings in Lachute, which is why a new Vice President has been named.

Charles was a brother and a friend on the Rosicrucian path for several decades. We shared a common objective, as well as many similar points of view. He was an excellent assistant throughout the years of work we shared within the Supreme Grand Lodge. His state of health rendering him unable to travel any more, he has taken the wise decision to leave his office, but we are still in contact and I know that as long as he is able, he will continue to pour out his sound advice and, right until the end, his heart will beat in unison not only with the Portuguese Grand Lodge, but also our Order as a whole. I would like to thank him warmly for his work, his loyalty, and his faithfulness. I extend this tribute to his wife, our Soror Mercedes.

Frater Maximilian Neff remains Treasurer, and he deserves a lot of credit for he prefers books and art to numbers!
As you know, the next World Convention is to take place in 2015 in San Jose, California. It was time therefore to choose the location for the 2019 World Convention. Barring unforeseen changes, it is Rome, Italy, that has been chosen. We will, of course, have the opportunity to come back to these events later on.

As is the case each year, our working days in Lachute proved very constructive and this meeting between all the Grand Masters allowed for some interesting contacts and fruitful exchanges to be established. It is customary every year for each Grand Master to present his or her report, and share any preoccupations he or she may have. On the whole, the situation is not worsening but it is true that the economic crisis that many countries are going through has not been without consequences to our membership numbers.

For some Grand Lodges and Administrations, it is thanks to small miracles (often in the form of unexpected donations) that activities can carry on. I do not wish to worry you further, however you should not hesitate, if you are able, to pass on to the Supreme Grand Lodge any donations for the benefit of one or another Grand Lodge, or make a donation that we will pass on to the Grand Lodge or Administration who most needs it. You may also, of course, make a donation directly to the Grand Lodge of your choice but if you could favor the “small jurisdictions,” this may be preferable and more useful. Generosity has no boundaries and you must feel just as involved whatever the nation and, in our case, the jurisdiction. I am aware that many of you are already having difficulty paying your dues and that you make great sacrifices in order to carry on your membership, but I know also that some of you have a very comfortable material situation and do not hesitate to make donations to various well known associations or political movements, etc., but who, for whatever reason, do not think of or are not used to supporting AMORC, thinking perhaps that the Cosmic will deal with its difficulties. And yet, fratres and sorores, the only miracles possible are your donations. I am sorry to have to bring up such
problems, but the pursuit of our activities in certain Grand Lodges or Administrations is at stake. Your dues, just like donations, go towards maintaining our premises, to the expansion of our Order, and the printing of documents, etc. I assure you that nothing is wasted.

All organizations, whatever their nature, regularly appeal to the generosity of their members or the general public. In our Order, we are probably too restrained and I personally find it very difficult to broach the matter openly with you, but the situation is critical! Thank you for doing what you can, and I extend my gratitude to those of you who already give generously.

Here now is a succinct overview of my 2013 calendar.

In January, I went to Egypt to be with a group of fratres and sorores from Australia and another from Togo. Tension was already mounting. Everything went very well, however.

In February I made an official visit to Benin where more than 1,000 members were present.

Again in February, I met up with our fratres and sorores from Martinique and Guadeloupe on their respective islands.

In March, I conducted the ceremony for laying the Orb in the new Temple of the Italian Grand Lodge. It is a truly magnificent place, and the work that has been carried out by the Grand Lodge, as well as our fratres and sorores, is admirable.

In March, I was in New York, where I officially inaugurated the city’s Rosicrucian Cultural Center. Of course I took the opportunity to share in a convocation with our fratres and sorores.

In April, I met with three groups of fratres and sorores in Egypt, the first from France, the second from Cameroon, and the third from the Netherlands. I did the same in May, this time with Rosicrucians who had come from the United States, France, and the Spanish Grand Lodge to visit the country. Tension was by then very palpable and tour-
ists had already begun to leave Egypt. Things began to escalate on my return, with all the demonstrations that you will have heard about on the news.

The event for June was the European Convention in The Hague, in the presence of all the Grand Masters and Administrators whose languages are represented in Europe. The presentations were of remarkable quality, and I think our fraterns and sorores who were present enjoyed those days.

To answer the question you may be asking yourselves, European Conventions are not scheduled in the same way as World Conventions, which means that they do not take place in an automatic and regular fashion. They take place from time to time, when a Grand Master requests the possibility to organize one. To date, there are no others planned, but you are all invited to attend the Conventions proposed by your Grand Lodge.

In July I went to Brazzaville, in the Congo, to attend a Convention along with 700 members. All trips to Egypt having been cancelled this summer, I did not go there until September, in order to appraise the situation and, as I mentioned above, symbolically support the Egyptians.

At the end of September, I went to San Jose for a meeting concerning the Supreme Grand Lodge, in the company of Frater Maximilian Neff, the Treasurer, and in the presence of Burnam Schaa, along with our accountant, our auditor, lawyers, etc. Different points were to be dealt with, including our statutes. As you will have already noted, being Imperator, and consequently President of AMORC goes beyond the mystic scope of convocations and messages, etc., and the administrative and material aspects of our Order have to be effectively managed.

The first week of October was devoted to the annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge in Lachute, in Quebec. Then towards the end of October, in the company of a group of French Rosicrucians, I made a fantastic journey to Chile and mysterious Easter Island.
The main aim of this trip was to support the Spanish-language Grand Lodge for the Americas, which was duly done. Everyone appreciated this Santiago Convention, which was perfectly organized.

I encourage you all to attend these Conventions whenever possible despite the language barrier, even if they are not in your jurisdiction. They are moments of intense fraternal exchange and perfectly reflect the international dimension of our Order.

In December, I went to the Ivory Coast to carry out an official visit, where 1,300 members were present. I would like to share a charming story with you. During the convocation, while I was giving my message from the East, I saw a soror leave the Temple. She gave birth to a son just afterwards in a room next to the Temple and accordingly chose to name her little boy Christian Bernard. This was very moving and our fratres and sorores saw this “very Rosicrucian” birth as a wonderful symbol.

I ended my year as I had begun it, with a trip to Egypt with Congolese fratres and sorores. The situation had indeed improved, which meant we could begin our travels again. In fact we were among the first tourists to go back there.

I have no doubt left out some of my journeys and events, but I have given you a good overview. As is customary, I will now give you an update on our Grand Lodges and Administrations.

In the Hungarian Administration, the number of members remains stable, but as is the case everywhere, the country’s economy is not conducive to expansion. That said, such stability is nonetheless a positive thing given the current climate. It should be noted that our Administrator, Frater Akos Ekes, works on a voluntary basis for AMORC, which is extremely generous of him. He is not alone in this, as several Grand Masters and Administrators carry out this task in addition to their jobs, while others have reached retirement age. Such an undertaking is evidently not possible for all, but I wished to bring it to
your attention here in order to show you, as I mentioned earlier, that every effort is being made in order to avoid unnecessary expenses.

The placing of our teachings online is progressing, and our Rosicrucian documents continue to be translated. It is a herculean task that our Hungarian members are undertaking. Improvements to our Order’s head office in Tata are continuing.

Here are some noteworthy events that took place in 2013: a Grand Councilor and two Regional Monitors were installed into office; a silent retreat was organized; all initiations were conferred up to the Ninth Temple Degree.

Soror Live Söderlund, Grand Master for Scandinavia, was invited to take part in a pleasant mystical day attended by 50 members. Similarly, two “open days” were attended by more than 150 guests. The Budapest Pronaos has a good attendance rate and hopes soon to become a Chapter.

Frater Akos Ekes’s projects for 2014 include the introduction of seminars, degree forums, and the establishment of the necessary infrastructure for the Traditional Martinist Order. Our frater also hopes that Officers will be able to receive their initiation into the Twelfth Temple Degree in order to transmit it in turn.

That is all for Hungary, and now I will give you some news about our Polish Administration. Our activities in Poland continue to be carried out under the supervision of our Administrator, Soror Marie Metzler. Four representatives from this Administration traveled to The Hague. There is nothing particular to report, except that translation work is still being carried out. I do not have any more precise news to announce for this year concerning Poland.

Our Greek Administration has been placed under the responsibility of Frater Iakovos Giannakopoulos. The economic situation in this country is catastrophic, with all the repercussions that this may have on affiliations and expansion work. In spite of this, our few frатres and
sorores are staying positive and are continuing the work started several years ago.

In Finland, our Administration is directed by Frater Ilkka Laaksonen. The situation is stable here, too, even though the number of members is low. The financial balance remains steady as all the work is carried out on a voluntary, without-salary basis and, therefore, without taxes of any kind. The monthly bulletins and monographs are printed at the Administration’s head office and on the whole everything is running smoothly. As in previous years, a two-day summer meeting was planned, together with a day reserved for neophytes. The Finnish Administration’s objective is to increase membership numbers. To this end, advertisements have been placed in different newspapers. Sizeable repair work needs to be carried out, particularly on our building’s roof.

In Estonia, there have been no particular activities and the only active member we have in that region studies his monographs in the Finnish language.

In the Russian-language Administration, which is still directed by Frater Vladimir Koptelov, things are going relatively well and its activities are also stable.

Throughout the course of 2013, all the initiations up to the Eleventh Temple Degree were conducted, and the Moscow, Yekaterinburg, and Riga Pronaoi were able to function normally. The same applies for the Saint Petersburg Atria.

In February, Fratres Koptelov and Kosarev gave lectures on Rosicrucian history and teachings in a historical center in Moscow. This conference aroused much interest among the audience. Frater Koptelov also took part in a symposium organized by an association of scholars studying mysticism and esotericism. At the round table, he presented our Order to the researchers and spoke about its aims and operation, as well as the positive results obtained by its members in their experiments.
In June, all the Affiliated Bodies were reunited for the Meditation for Peace. Like the Memorial Ceremony, it took place in an especially inspirational natural setting and was a great success.

As is the case elsewhere, in the Russian Administration the most useful extension tool is the Internet. Their website is regularly updated and contains numerous links with other jurisdictions and French language videos in particular.

Since I have just spoken about our Administrations, and before commencing my report on the Grand Lodges, I would like to give you some news about Nigeria. This is an Administration that functions differently from the independent Administrations like Finland, Russia, Poland, and Hungary. It is in fact under the supervision of the English speaking Grand Lodge for Europe and Africa, and Frater Kenneth Idiodi is its Grand Administrator.

Four regional conclaves took place in different zones in Nigeria. The theme in 2013 was *Harmony for National Peace and Prosperity*, or *Harmony, the Key to National Transformation*. Attendance numbers varied from 160 to 460 participants. Frater Idiodi was present at each of these events. A noteworthy event for 2013 was the organization of a meeting of young people. Almost 200 young people joined together on the theme, *The Answer to a Changing World; Enlightened Youth*.

As in previous years, a major meeting of Officers of the Nigerian Affiliated Bodies took place. Three hundred and five members attended. On a similar note, 173 Colombes and 49 Colombe advisors met. The event was a great success.

Although Africa is mainly French speaking, several countries are English speaking or even bilingual. This is the case for Cameroon, and so Frater Idiodi, along with about 15 members from Nigeria, attended an English language Convention in Cameroon. Frater Sven Johansson attended and also chaired this Rosicrucian gathering.

In September, Frater Idiodi participated in a major public symposium organized by our Order in Lagos, the theme of which was
Achieving Peace and National Security. Five hundred members and nonmembers were present.

As I have already mentioned in my annual letters, there is a particular entity in our Order in Nigeria called *The Sisters of the Rosy Cross*. This may seem strange to you, but it was set up in rather specific political and social circumstances. In Africa, women do not always receive the recognition that is due to them. Almost 200 people attended a conference, the theme of which was *Women and the Building of the Nation*.

As you will have noticed, our Order is very active in this country despite the difficulties I have already mentioned. I can only thank Frater Idiodi for all the efforts he has exerted so that our Order may continue its activities in this country. As I said, Nigeria is dependent on the English Grand Lodge. In this Lodge, Frater Sven Johansson has experienced many difficulties over the past eight years because our Order had to initiate legal proceedings against a former member who, in various ways, was damaging our Order and its reputation. These took place at the High Court in London, and the person in question finally undertook to cease harassing our Order in general and its Officers and the Grand Lodge in particular.

Legal proceedings that AMORC sometimes has to enter into are unfortunately very costly, but our Order will continue to defend itself whenever necessary.

In 2012, an appeal for donations was made in order to purchase a new printer for the Grand Lodge, and the plan was thus able to materialize. The Grand Master was very touched by the gesture of those frares and sorores who participated in this purchase.

As in previous years, the Meditation for Peace was celebrated throughout the jurisdiction, as well as at its head office on Greenwood Gate. This was also the case for the Memorial Ceremony.

During this same period, the Grand Lodge welcomed a group of Brazilian visitors who were ending a journey to ancient and holy sites in the British Isles.
Public lectures on the subject of the Order continue to be held twice a month in different towns, including London. Thanks to the newly acquired printer, a new full-color version of the *Rosicrucian Beacon* was launched in June. All books are now printed and bound at the Grand Lodge.

As I told you in my paragraph devoted to the Administration in Nigeria, the Grand Master, Frater Sven Johansson, participated in a conference for English speaking West Africa, in Cameroon. It was during this year that the Douala Chapter became a Lodge and in Buka the Pronaos became a Chapter. These two Affiliated Bodies have well-designed premises, which they own.

Frater Sven Johansson thanks the Cameroon Officers for their collaboration, and also the Officers of the French speaking part of the country who provide him with help and support.

In November, a Convention was held in Cape Town, South Africa, and the Johannesburg Chapter continues to hold convocations and regularly performs Temple Degree initiations. The Pretoria Atrium group and the Cape Town Pronaos are doing well.

In Ghana, things continue to progress and affiliations have remained stable.

To echo my appeal at the start of this letter, and although Frater Johansson has not asked me to do so, I would like to make a request for donations for his jurisdiction, for it is experiencing financial difficulties and its sustainability cannot be guaranteed. Frater Johansson is extremely concerned and he is finding it difficult to face the future if the financial situation does not improve. His Grand Lodge is not the only one experiencing this type of problem, but I wanted to make this special appeal which is not a desperate one but, rather, one full of hope.

In his report, Grand Master Frater Serge Toussaint tells me that there is nothing significant to note, and yet I can assure you that he works a great deal and takes part in as many activities as possible,
including Conventions, seminars, public lectures, etc. He regularly publishes books or booklets destined for both our fratres and sorores and for the general public. His writing is very successful and I can only congratulate him for all he contributes to our Order through these.

He also takes part in the creation of documentaries and videos directly or indirectly related to AMORC. These are very popular on the Internet and we are relying on you to make them more widely known and pass them on to your friends. The most recent of these include the *For Another World* video, which is also available in English, and the *Appeal of the Rosicrucians* video, relating to the publication of the *Appellatio Fraternitatis Rosae-Crucis*. A Rose Cross television website has also been created. It contains numerous videos produced by the French jurisdiction and includes interviews, lectures on specific themes, and so on.

Since monographs have been made accessible on the Internet, approximately 15 percent of members of the French speaking jurisdiction, particularly the younger members, have chosen to access them in this way.

Notable events for 2013 include the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of the famous singer Edith Piaf who, as you are aware, was a member of AMORC. Frater Serge Toussaint paid homage to her in Paris in April in the presence of Hugues Vassal, who was her official photographer throughout the last years of her life.

The next Convention for French speaking countries will take place in Marseilles on April 19 and 20 of this year.

The English language jurisdiction for Australia, Asia, and New Zealand is under the supervision of the Grand Master Paul Panikian, assisted by Frater Rober Kogel, the Grand Administrator. The number of members remains stable despite the unfavorable economic situation. An excellent piece of news closes the year, the Australian Government has recognized our Order as a charitable institution for education pur-
poses. It took years of work to be granted that recognition which leads to many benefits for AMORC.

In the Affiliated Bodies, there is always much enthusiasm. They include four Lodges, a Chapter, twelve Pronaoi, and thirteen study groups. As is the case everywhere, their activities are varied. In 2013 a major gathering took place in Adelaide in September and another in Sydney in October. Australia is a huge country and the jurisdiction also includes New Zealand, India, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Consequently, members are very scattered.

Forty-five Rosicrucians came together in January for a trip to Egypt. In May, a book entitled *Egyptian Religion and Mysteries*, by Earle de Motte, was published.

Turning now to the English language jurisdiction for the Americas and its Grand Master, Julie Scott, a great deal of energy has been put into building work and getting activities started for the Rosicrucian Cultural Center of New York City. As I mentioned earlier, I went along to inaugurate this new Rosicrucian site in March. Throughout the year, thousands of people – members and non-members alike – visited it and took part in the programs, which included workshops on *Rosicrucian History and Mysteries*, *Spiritual Laws that Govern Humanity and the Universe*, as well as health and well-being. The Cultural Center is conveniently placed in the heart of the city of New York, and I have no doubt that with the good will of our fratres and sorores from New York, it will become a much-appreciated place of light and culture.

In May, forty Rosicrucians from the jurisdiction took part in an initiatory journey to Egypt, which was extended to the White Desert.

In June, fratres and sorores were brought together at another destination, the *Camino de Santiago de Compostela*. The departure point was the town of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France, and the finish was in Spain. The main objective of this journey of around 750 kilometres was meditation. The *Camino de Santiago de Compostela* is also part of
Rosicrucian history, because its medieval pilgrims helped to spread the wisdom of the ancient mysteries.

In October, three new shows were presented at the planetarium at Rosicrucian Park: Journey to the Stars, narrated by Whoopi Goldberg, Cosmic Collisions, narrated by Robert Redford, and Our 3D Sun. The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum continues to host the Junior Archaeologist Program, whereby youngsters explore history and ancient Egyptian mysticism. The graduation ceremony includes a night spent in the museum, which further accentuates the mystery.

In December, a retreat was organized in the heart of Yosemite, a magnificent national park, its theme being Nature and Mysticism.

Note also that the Grand Lodge’s Facebook page has more than 50,000 “fans.”

Here now are the major events that took place in the Scandinavian Grand Lodge. Soror Live Söderlund continues to manage this Grand Lodge very competently.

In January, the Administrator of the Grand Lodge, Frater Atle Espedal, left his position to return to his native Norway, having efficiently assisted the Grand Master for many years.

In 2013, time was spent organizing all the archives. A great deal of tidying up was done in order to optimize space. Everything is now fully operational.

In February, a new computer program was installed in order to help the Affiliated Bodies carry out their administrative work. Their reports can now be sent electronically to the Grand Lodge.

For years, the Grand Lodge’s property was hidden by stone walls and tall trees. Soror Live Söderland wanted to create a more welcoming environment for visitors. An opening was therefore made in one of the walls and a path leading up to the building’s main entrance was created. Renovation work was carried out in the administrative building. As
usual, this work was done by volunteers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them warmly for their devotion and steadfastness.

Rosicrucian activities took place throughout the year: weekends devoted to Temple Degree initiations, the Annual General Meeting of the Grand Lodge, an annual Convention, weekends devoted to neophytes, illuminati, and Martinists, as well as seminars, one of which was held in Copenhagen on the theme of *The Temple Builders*.

Like many Grand Masters, Soror Live Söderland represented her Grand Lodge at the European Convention in The Hague. Her friendly, dynamic presentation was much appreciated by all our fratres and sorores.

The year ended with a seminar organized by the Grand Lodge in the Utstein medieval monastery in southern Norway. The title of the seminar was *The Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreuz*.

Our fratres and sorores met for a series of mystical days in the town of Landskrona in Sweden.

I will now turn to the Czech and Slovakian language jurisdictions. There have been no major changes for the Grand Master, Frater Michal Eben, who enthusiastically carries on with the duties assigned to him. As everywhere, different events are held in the jurisdiction, such as seminars, mystical days, conferences, Temple Degree initiations, and so on.

In Japan, our frater, Grand Master Atsushi Honjo continues to manage our Order’s activities, with the help of a few volunteers. Our Order was represented in various shows and cultural events. In 2013, a DVD presenting our Order was produced. Ten percent of the sales of this DVD went towards the rebuilding of zones devastated by the Tohoku earthquake in 2011. Even though not all regions were affected, the Japanese people still feel very concerned by this event that overturned their lives.

New memberships have been received following a series of conferences held over a 10-month period. An Atrium group began its activi-
ties in March in Okayama. This is Japan’s first Atrium group.

In August, a mystical weekend took place in Sapporo. The Grand Master gave a lecture for the occasion and led a series of meditations, including an outdoor one held at night.

The Japanese Grand Lodge launched a new website, whose address is:
◊ http://www.amorc.jp.

For the Netherlands, the most important event was the European Convention in The Hague, where more than 500 people from different countries came together. The theme of this Rosicrucian gathering was *Unity in Diversity*. Frater Klass-Jan Bakker was responsible for organizing this Convention, which of course the Grand Masters and Administrators from Europe participated in.

In spring, a new Grand Councilor was installed into office at Paramaribo Lodge, while the Surinam Heptad celebrated its 25th anniversary. A new Heptad was also created in the Netherlands, and the Curaçao Heptad became an Atelier. Another Atelier was also founded in Aruba. In November, Isis Lodge in The Hague celebrated its 45th anniversary.

In December, the Grand Master consecrated the Oase Pronaos, which moved into new premises in Antwerp.

The Dutch Grand Lodge has also improved its various Internet services. Here are the addresses of its Facebook page and its new website:
◊ http://www.facebook.com/RozekruisersordeAMORC
◊ www.amorc.nl

Frater Hugo Casas is pursuing his mission competently, despite things being very difficult in Spain because of the serious economic crisis the country is going through. This has had negative consequences for the Grand Lodge’s finances because our fratres and sorores are finding it more and more difficult to pay their dues. The French speaking
Grand Lodge supports the Spanish Grand Lodge as best it can and, as I did for England, I am taking this opportunity to appeal to our fratres and sorores from Spain or other countries to make, wherever possible, a donation – small or large – so that our Order may continue its activities in Spain. Do not hesitate to contact Frater Hugo Casas directly, at the following address: amorcgle@amorc.es or else the Supreme Grand Lodge through me.

Fortunately, there are different facets to the work of a Grand Lodge, and for the rest, all is going well. Whenever he can, Frater Hugo Casas gives televised interviews and appears in radio programs, and he endeavors to represent our Order wherever possible in the secular world.

The Grand Master also continues to present the book *Rosicrucian History and Mysteries* in public lectures, as well as meeting our fratres and sorores in Affiliated Bodies, etc. His Grand Lodge also organized silent retreats throughout 2013, two of which were reserved for French speaking members.

In addition to the duties conferred upon him in his jurisdiction, Frater Hugo Casas continues to assist the Spanish-language Jurisdiction for the Americas, and traveled to the Mexican Grand Lodge in October.

Since I am on the subject of Mexico, I will now give you some news about its Grand Lodge, which is supervised by Frater Roland Brisson. The Spanish language Grand Lodge for the Americas has taken a significant step towards perpetuating our Tradition because the Grand Master consecrated the Temple of McAllen Pronaos, in Weslaco, Texas, where an Initiatic Center gives our initiations in Spanish for this region and other states, including Northeast Mexico. As you are also aware, some American states have a high number of Spanish speaking people.

Two other Initiatic Centers will begin their activities in Northwest Mexico, which includes the lower portion of the State of California and the States of Sinaloa and Sonora.
Quetzalcóatl Lodge celebrated its 94th anniversary. This special event was dedicated to Frater Ruben Colomo Badillo, a devoted member who has been working with the Spanish Grand Lodge for many years. Our frater, who celebrated his 80th birthday, has already spent 60 years of his life as a Rosicrucian.

I would also like to acknowledge Frater Pedro Raul Morales of Venezuela who celebrated his 40 years as a lecturer and who has served our Order in different ways for several decades.

This Grand Lodge includes many different countries, so the Grand Master decided to nominate Rudolph Berrouët Legate of the Hispanic Grand Lodge. He assists him in his work by visiting the Affiliated Bodies and organizing conferences, as was the case in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, etc.

In the same vein, Frater Alexis Bulgari has been named Legate for Cuba. The island has more than 1,200 active members, and our Order has been present there since the beginning of the 1940s. AMORC’s activities have been carried out uninterrupted up to the present day. A major reorganization process has been under way over the last two years. Members in Cuba do not receive their Rosicrucian mailings at home by post, because they are prohibited from paying dues abroad. Consequently, they receive their Rosicrucian teachings at the Affiliated Body. This measure has allowed our Cuban fratres and sorores to maintain their affiliation in a context that you are aware of. We hope that, in order to support our fratres and sorores, an international trilingual Convention - the first of its kind in the largest island in the Caribbean - will be able to take place there very soon. Nothing has been defined as such, but it may be in 2016. I will of course provide you with all the details when the time comes, and I have no doubt that many of you will answer this call in order to support our Cuban fratres and sorores who, despite being isolated, have shown both persistency and resistance in keeping the Rosicrucian flame burning in their country.
In Italy, all our activities continue with enthusiasm under the supervision of the Grand Master, Frater Claudio Mazzucco. The most noteworthy event of 2013 was the consecration of the Temple in February at the Officers’ meeting. In March, I conducted the ceremony for laying the Orb in the Temple.

Three Pronaoi were created throughout the year: one in Sardinia, a second in Amantea, and another in Perugia. In Liguria, an Atrium group started its activities.

Public lectures, seminars, initiations, and so on were organized throughout the year. A Traditional Martinist Order meeting was held in Verona in the presence of many members. The Grand Master also chaired a meeting in Romania in order to set up an organizing group, which began working enthusiastically, in the hope of founding an administration in that country in the future.

The *Accademia Rosacroce* continues its activities, together with the implementation of its new structure, which should be ready to be presented at the Jurisdiction’s Convention in Rome in 2014.

In the Portuguese Grand Lodge, things are positive, even the finances! Activities there are abundant and varied, like in France. As a result, the Grand Master, Frater Hélio de Moraes e Marques, has a great deal of work at the Grand Lodge and, in parallel to this, travels extensively in order to meet with our frатres and sorores. As you are aware, Brazil is one of the largest countries in the world.

In 2013, as in previous years, Affiliated Bodies were founded, Conventions and seminars were organized, and so on. Projects continue to materialize and other plans are in the works. One of the projects the Grand Master particularly cares about is the restructuring of what was the Junior Order of Torchbearers, now called the “Order of the Guides of the Grail.” This involves more than 1,000 children and young people. The Grand Master hopes to reach a target number of 1,500 members in the course of the year.
Rose-Croix University is also pursuing its activities with great success. In 2014, a new building will be inaugurated. It will be reserved for the activities of Rose-Croix University International. It will house a library, a historical museum, an Egyptian museum, a meeting room, an exhibition room, and a function room. I will have the opportunity to speak to you about this again in next year’s annual letter.

Our Brazilian fratres and sorores are also very keen on traveling, and so a cultural journey to the United Kingdom was organized, entitled The Celtic Way. This culture is quite different from that of Brazil and the participants found it extremely interesting.

As is already the case in the American, Hispanic, and French jurisdictions, the Portuguese Grand Lodge will from now on offer our fratres and sorores the possibility of accessing their teachings on the Internet. Like AMORC, the Traditional Martinist Order continues to grow in Brazil, with three Ateliers and one Heptad being founded in 2013. The jurisdiction now has 21 Ateliers and 37 Heptads. The General Conventicle organized in Rio de Janeiro brought together more than 400 Martinists.

In Germany, work was completed at the head offices of the Grand Lodge, and the latter is becoming well known to the public. Concerts, conferences, exhibitions, and special ceremonies take place there throughout the year. The Grand Master, Frater Maximilian Neff, personally supervises the smooth running of these activities.

A number of different Conventions, mystical days, seminars, and so on took place in 2013. In May, the theme of the 40th German language Convention was From Multiplicity to Unity. This took place in the Hunsrück hills. Frater Maximilian Neff is also responsible for supervising our Order’s activities in Croatia. Membership numbers there are stable and the Administration in Zagreb has plenty of work. A Traditional Martinist Order Heptad was set up in the town in 2013.
To close, here is a passage entitled *Rosicrucian Humanism*. I am presenting it to you here and you can also find it on most of our Order’s websites:

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**ROSICRUcIAN HUMANISM**

In accordance with their philosophy, Rosicrucians work towards becoming enlightened humanists. For this purpose, they strive to:

- Consider the whole of humanity as being one and the same family of souls, joined by a common origin and destiny.
- Cultivate goodwill among all individuals, irrespective of race, ethnicity, nationality, social class, religion, or any other apparently distinctive element.
- Support actions and projects that bring people together and inspire them to show solidarity.
- Place general interest before individual interest, and work to serve the common good.
- Ensure, as far as possible, that politics, economics, technology, science, and generally all areas of society, are placed in the service of humanity.
- Attach as much importance to our duties towards other people as we do to the legitimate rights we claim for ourselves.
- Not indulge in slander, malicious gossip, or negative criticism.
- Make the happiness of others an essential condition of our own happiness.
- Maintain the idea that every individual can transcend oneself and express the best of oneself in one’s relationships with others.
- Work towards our personal development, so as to be good company for others and contribute towards improving society.

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My annual report addressed to you, fratres and sorores, has now come to an end, and while you are reading it I will already be taking up my pilgrim’s staff to begin a new year of labor with as much enthusiasm as ever, even though my body is beginning to feel the tiredness and hindrances brought on by passing time. But for now I can still carry on with my responsibilities and, God willing, let us meet again next year. In the meantime, I shall leave you to reflect on the following quotation from Oscar Wilde:

“Wisdom is to have dreams that are big enough not to lose sight of when we pursue them!”

Happy new Rosicrucian year 3367!

With my best wishes for Peace Profound,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Christian Bernard
Imperator

REMAINING HIERARCHY DATES FOR 2014

May 15
August 21
November 20
THE IMPERATOR PROCLAIMS
Rosicrucian New Year 3367

Rosicrucian New Year 3367 officially begins at the time of the Spring Equinox on March 20, 2014, at 9:57 AM 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

The Rosicrucian New Year Ceremony will be held in the Grand Temple at Rosicrucian Park on Thursday, March 20 at 8:00 PM. All members are welcome.
The Traditional Martinist Order operates under the auspices of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. Our Imperator is the Sovereign Grand Master of the TMO, and our Grand Master is the Grand Master of the TMO. The Traditional Martinist Order offers initiations, systematic and inspiring studies conducted within a Temple, and a ritual followed by open discussion among our members.

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