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IMPERATOR’S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Year 2015

Under the Auspices of the Rose Cross,

Salutem Punctis Trianguli!

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

Another year has now gone by, almost without our realizing it. It seems like just yesterday that I was preparing my 2014 annual letter! And here we are, in 2015 already…

The big event for our Order this year is our World Convention in San Jose, which, as you know, is being held from July 29 to August 2. I am very pleased that the Convention is to take place in this city and that Rosicrucian Park is to experience such an event once again. You may be unaware of this, but in the past all World Conventions took place in San Jose, in Rosicrucian Park. Traveling was, of course, more difficult and more of a rarity than it is now, yet groups of frатres and sorores from all over the world would still come to California to share fraternal times together. It was also an opportunity for them to meet the Imperator and some of the Grand Masters.

The year 2015 also marks the 100th anniversary of the official commencement of our current, so-called “modern” activities, as AMORC’s first Convocation, conducted by Harvey Spencer Lewis, took place in New York in 1915.

If you do not know Rosicrucian Park - the brainchild of Harvey Spencer Lewis, conceived and created by him – then I can only encourage you to come and discover this wonderful place. As I am getting older, and World Conventions are not always held on the same continent, I know that for me this is the last time I will be taking part in such an event in the United States as Imperator. For this reason, I hope that many of you will be joining us there. It is not too late for you to register.
In case you need it, here is the address of the website where you can register for the Convention direct: http://www.regonline.com/amorc_2015

Now, as is customary, here is a short look back at my year 2014:

January saw the worldwide publication of the *Appellatio Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis*. This document was written in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the publication of the *Fama Fraternitatis* in 1614. It is a follow-up to our first Manifesto, which we published in 2001. From the feedback I have received, it has generated a lot of interest among a wide audience.

In February I took part in a Convention in Cameroon. This went very well, and brought together several hundred fraters and sorores not only from all corners of the country, but also from adjoining countries. Still in February, as I had to be in Mexico at the Hispanic Grand Lodge for the Americas for some administrative meetings, I took the opportunity of conducting a Convocation at the Lodge in Mexico City. Grand Master frater Roland Brisson was with me, and I had the pleasure of meeting all of our fraters and sorores who were there, being especially moved to come across old members of our Order once again whom I had gotten to know several decades ago now - still there, still loyal and extremely active. On my return journey, I made a stop at Tampa, Florida, where I met our fraters and sorores of the Lodge there for a few hours. I did not have the time to conduct a Convocation, and so I promised them I would come back as soon as I could; fortunately, I was able to keep my word very quickly.

The same as in January, and unlike in some years, I had no trips during the month of March, which enabled me to make progress in certain areas of my work. Like you all did, I welcomed in the beginning of the Rosicrucian New Year 3367.

In April, I went for a short time to Egypt, where I met with some fraters and sorores from the Ivory Coast and France. In connection with Egypt - which I often mention in my letters and which I spoke to you at length about last year - I want to bring you some better news, which hopefully will still be applicable when you read this letter. After a period
which may be described as tragic for the Egyptian people, things are going better, tourism is picking up again, and with it the economy. But because things are precarious in this part of the world, the situation is unstable, and things can quickly “boil over.” You should have no hesitation, though, in coming to visit the Land of the Pharaohs, the birthplace of our Order. If your Grand Lodge organizes a trip under its aegis, you may have every confidence in signing up for it. Over several decades, only two trips have had to be canceled or postponed, and on both occasions it was quite right that they should have been. This was what happened during the summer in the case of two trips to Israel organized by the French-language Grand Lodge, because war was suddenly declared; they are rescheduled for 2015 and 2016.

In May, I went on a short trip to the Indian Ocean, setting out from Madagascar. I got to know this island over thirty years ago, promising our fratre and sorore to come back as soon as I could. It took me three decades to keep my promise! I am sorry to have taken so long, but not about my latest visit. Our fratre and sorore, who are particularly keen, have dug the foundations of what will become a Lodge Temple. They currently meet as a Pronaos, but I have no doubt that their project is going to come to fruition very quickly.

After Madagascar, I went to Reunion Island and then to Mauritius. Here too, I greatly enjoyed the time spent in fraternity and togetherness; I met loyal friends once again, and shared some wonderful moments with all our fratre and sorore.

In June, I took part in the Convention in Rome, which was a most fraternal occasion. Grand Master frater Claudio Mazzucco and his team had organized it perfectly.

After a summer with no major journeys, in September I took up my pilgrim’s staff once more for Egypt, and met up with a group of French-speaking Rosicrucians, another group from Germany, and a third from the United States. I also went to Hungary, where among other things I took part with our fratre and sorore in the Memorial Ceremony. Frater Akos Akes, our Administrator for this country, was of course also present.
Whereas the summer was somewhat quiet, October was quite the reverse, as I was traveling for the whole of the month. I started with a few days in California, at Rosicrucian Park. Various administrative and legal matters had to be looked at, and this was done, in the company of frater Maximilian Neff and soror Julie Scott, Treasurer and Secretary of the Supreme Grand Lodge, respectively.

A few days before I left for the United States, frater Burnam Schaa informed me that he was stepping down from his role as Vice-President. Two years ago, while returning from our annual meeting at Lachute, he was the victim of a serious accident in the taxi taking him to the Montreal airport, and his convalescence was a long one; he was hesitant about coming back to Quebec and, in the end, thought it best to withdraw from his post. Accepting his resignation was an emotional thing for me. Frater Burnam Schaa had worked for a very long time at Rosicrucian Park in San Jose, first alongside Ralph Maxwell Lewis, and since 1990 with myself. Since 1980, he held various posts on the Board of the Supreme Grand Lodge: Treasurer, Secretary, and then Vice-President. I had offered him the Vice-Presidency in order to have him continue to be part of the meetings with all the Supreme Grand Lodge Officers, who over the course of time had become friends. But that is how life goes, and – not without regret at times – we must always be philosophical, and be able to withdraw when the time has come to do so. On his departure from the Supreme Grand Lodge, I therefore officially pay tribute to frater Burnam Schaa, whose presence and close collaboration I have appreciated all these years. I also include his wife, soror June Schaa, in this tribute. I would like to thank them both for their loyalty to our Order, and to assure them of our continued friendship.

Next stop after California for me - along with all Officers of the Supreme Board, and all Grand Masters and Administrators - was the annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge at the Rosicrucian Domain of Lachute, in Canada. We were all gathered and setting about our work, when we learned of the sudden transition of frater Charles Parucker, former Vice-President of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Grand Master Emeritus of the Portuguese-language Grand Lodge. Although stunned and engulfed by sadness, as Rosicrucians we immediately overcame our emotions, and
stopped our meeting in order to all assemble in the Temple. The hours
and days that followed were pervaded by the presence of frater Parucker,
who went through transition just as he had lived, as a wise and mystical
man. I had the feeling that he had waited for us all to be gathered, as if in
order to send us one final greeting and tell us that he would always be with
us. He had let his wife, soror Mercedes, know on a number of occasions
that he thought the end of his incarnation would be in 2014. Intuition at
work! He and soror Mercedes had their breakfast every morning listening
to inspiring classical music. A few minutes before his transition, of which
there was no forewarning, frater Charles asked his wife to put on Mozart’s
“Requiem,” which he especially loved. It was while listening to this won-
derful music that his soul went off to other planes. It was thus that our frat-
er left us, in all likelihood dying from a heart attack. Cosmic mission ful-
filled! The Funeral Ritual for our frater was immediately organized at the
Grand Lodge in Curitiba, and Rosicrucians from all over Brazil came to
support the family of our deceased frater. Although he left office as Grand
Master several years ago, frater Charles has always remained very popular
among fratres and sorores of the Portuguese-language Jurisdiction. He will
leave his imprint behind forever, together with the memory not only of a
great mystic, but of a man with a practical mind, who was able to enlarge
the Grand Lodge he was in charge of, and make it bear fruit. Even now, as
I am writing this letter, I feel his friendly presence and know that from the
plane he is now on, he is going to continue to help me in my office. Have a
good journey, frater Charles, and come back soon to place your new incar-
nation under the aegis of our beloved Rose Cross!

To return to our annual meeting: this went very well. The discussions
were interesting, and everyone was able to present their report. Following
the resignation of frater Burnam Schaa from the office of Vice-President,
frater Sven Johansson, Grand Master of the English-speaking Jurisdiction
for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, has taken over this vacant post
from him. Frater Maximilian Neff was re-elected to the office of Grand
Master, and is also continuing as Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

The overall situation is stable, and the main problem remains an eco-
nomic one. Many of our fratres and sorores have less disposable income
and can no longer afford to pay their dues. For this reason, dear fratres and sorores, I once again appeal to the generosity of those of you who have the means to pay higher dues or to make a donation. But let us stay positive for this year; to date no Grand Lodge or Administration has had to cease its activities through lack of funds.

After our meeting, I left for Florida to honor the promise I made to our fratres and sorores in Tampa to come back for a Convocation. I used this opportunity to also meet the Rosicrucians from the Lodges in Miami, where I delivered a message to our fratres and sorores of the English-language Lodge, and then to those of the Spanish-language Lodge, as in this particular state of America the two languages have equal importance. I then left Florida for Panama, in Central America; this visit enabled me to meet the fratres and sorores of this country whom I had already had the opportunity of meeting at a Convention held several years ago. During the visit, I took part in some administrative-type meetings, and also in a Mystical Day, in the company of Grand Master frater Roland Brisson. After Panama, I went to Brazil where a Convention was being held. Once again, the picture is a very positive one. The Grand Lodge has been enhanced by a new building, and I had the honor of being initiated into the “Order of the Guides of the Grail,” the new version of the Junior Order of Torchbearers. I will come back to this when I give the report on the Portuguese-language Grand Lodge.

After an absence of a month, I went back to France for a few days, before leaving again for Egypt to meet three groups of Rosicrucians - one from Mexico, one from the Congo, and another from Brazil.

The month of November finished with a Convention in Madrid, Spain. Grand Master frater Hugo Casas and all of his team had, as always, organized things excellently. This country, as you know, in common with some other European countries, has been in the grip of a serious economic crisis for several years. This did not, however, prevent our fratres and sorores from coming together for this fraternal gathering.

I appreciated both the simplicity and high quality of this Convention, and had the great joy of coming across Grand Master Emeritus soror Irene
Regidor, whom I had not seen for some time. I was also able to meet a frater from Equatorial Guinea, who had come to Madrid expressly for this Convention. Now aged 85, he became a member of our Order in 1946, in other words, nearly 70 years ago. Another frater confided in me that he became aware of the existence of AMORC at the age of 10, and that he then wrote to Rosicrucian Park in the United States which, at that time, was dealing with AMORC’s activities in the Spanish language. Given how young he was, this was a very complicated thing for him to do, if for no other reason than the difficulty involved in getting the stamps to send his letter. He received the reply that he must wait a few years until he was 18 to renew his request, which he did. And he has now been following the Rosicrucian path for many, many years. Rosicrucian Conventions are not only the chance to hear presentations, but also to meet interesting personalities with whom we share the same ideal.

In December I had planned to go to Togo on an official visit, but unfortunately the restrictions due to the Ebola virus prevented me from doing so and, with a heavy heart for our fratres and sorores, I had to cancel this trip. I had no concerns from a personal point of view, but in this particular situation, our event - bringing together members from different countries in West Africa - would not have been something the authorities welcomed.

I will now move on to my overview of the Grand Lodges and Administrations.

As the Finnish Administration was the first to send me its report, I will start there. Frater Ilkka Laaksonen is running the activities of our Order and its 170 members as effectively as possible, and the situation is stable. Monographs, magazines, and other documents are continuing to be translated and made available to our fratres and sorores as this takes place, including the _Appellatio Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis_ in the month of January. Libraries have agreed to publicize it and copies were sent to a number of figures in the political world, including the President and Prime Minister. The theme of the Summer Seminar was “Being a Rosicrucian every day.” In the autumn, a day was held for Neophytes for the purpose of acquainting them with Rosicrucianism. The Pronaos in Helsinki continues its
activities, as does the Atrium Group in Tampere. Various Temple Degree Initiations are also conducted. Frater Laaksonen is hoping to make our Order better known by getting things published in the press, and of course through discussion-meetings. Perseverance, hope, and belief are the keywords that characterize this Administration.

In Mexico, at the headquarters of the Hispanic Grand Lodge in Leon, Grand Master frater Roland Brisson is continuing the restructuring that has been under way since he took office. The year 2014 saw the first organizing of a seminar for Grand Councilors and Regional Monitors. During the course of this, revisions to the Administrative and Ritualistic Handbooks for Lodges, Chapters, and Pronaoi were carried out; these were put into practical application, and everyone could observe and ask questions.

It was in the month of February that I went to the Grand Lodge, and then to Mexico City. The first Hispanic Grand Lodge Colombe Convention took place in 2014. Frater Roland Brisson took the opportunity of celebrating the 60th anniversary of the “Zama” Lodge, in Guatemala. Our frater also took part in the Temple consecration of the new “Thutmosis III” Lodge in Long Beach, California. As you can see, there are close ties between the Hispanic Jurisdiction and the United States. The 10th national Convention took place in Peru. At this event, our Order was presented with the local authority’s civic medal, in recognition of its work in the service of humanity. Like all the Grand Masters, frater Roland Brisson has to deal with a lot of traveling as well as his work at the Grand Lodge. Hence he also took part in several Martinist days, a Spanish-language Convention in New York, a Convention in Colombia, and another Convention for Central America and Panama; also in several Mystical Days and Seminars organized at the Grand Lodge. In November he went with a group on pilgrimage to Egypt.

The activities of the Polish Administration involve, in the main, the monitoring of all the activities carried out by the Affiliated Bodies. In June there was a Mystical Day devoted to the Temple Degree Initiations. A number of frатres and sorores have now reached the 12th Degree Initiation. Frater Maximilian Neff joined our Administrator for Poland, soror Maria Metzler, for this occasion. The year 2014 saw the publication in February
of a work entitled *History of the Rose Cross* written by an authority in the field of esotericism in Poland, Professor Jerzy Prokopiuk; Soror Metzler hopes to see it translated into several languages one day. To celebrate its publication, a special day was devoted to the 400th anniversary of the Manifesto *Fama Fraternitatis*: numerous personalities from the cultural and artistic world attended this meeting, and all guests received a copy of the *Appellatio Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis*.

In the same part of the world is to be found our Russian Administration, headed by frater Vladimir Koptelov. This Russian-language Jurisdiction has three Pronaoi - one in Moscow, another in Yekaterinburg, and a third in Riga; and there is also an Atrium Group in St Petersburg. These Affiliated Bodies are very active. The translating of the 12th Temple Degree monographs is under way, and great importance is attached to Initiations, as there are many candidates for each of them. Frater Koptelov has come to the conclusion that advertising in the media, including all types of magazines, is both too expensive and ineffective. The best way of making our Order known is now the Internet. The Meditation for Peace and the Memorial Ceremony are very popular and continue to bring together many Rosicrucians, as well as their families and friends. Frater Koptelov, along with all the Administrators, was invited to attend the meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge last October. Having the Administrators attend is unusual, and does not therefore occur every year; not that their being present would be of no interest to either themselves or all of the Grand Masters, but it involves too much expenditure for the Supreme Grand Lodge.

In January, the Japanese-language Grand Lodge published the *Appellatio Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis* on its website, and two copies of it were sent to every member. As in a number of Grand Lodges, members are now able to receive regular information via email. At the beginning of the year, Grand Master frater Atsushi Honjo conducted the Initiations at the Lodge in Tokyo. He also contributed to the writing of an article published by the *Japanese Association for Transpersonal Psychology*. This article was well received and led to a number of people joining our Order. The Grand Master was also interviewed by a Japanese magazine called “Star
People.” During this, Frater Honjo introduced the Blog of frater Serge Toussaint, Grand Master for the French-language Jurisdiction, to the journalist interviewing him. Several texts from the Blog have been translated and published, and readers very much like them. In June, Grand Master Honjo conferred the 1st Temple Degree Initiation on twelve candidates. In August a Mystical Weekend was held for our fratres and sorores, centered mainly on meditation.

In October, two new members of the Management Board were appointed, these appointments having been of course approved by the Supreme Grand Lodge. One is frater Era Fumio, who is a long-standing member, having taken part in the setting up of the Grand Lodge in 1977. The other is frater Mori Kazuhisa, who has also been a member for a very long time, having entered the Order 37 years ago; he has also been an AMORC lecturer and held several offices over the last few decades. The Japanese Grand Lodge’s end of year was notable for the setting up of an Atrium Group in the town of Kanazawa near Mount Hakusan, whose name means “white mountain”; it is one of Japan’s three sacred mountains, and the water in its magnificent lake is known for its properties; the new Atrium Group is called “Moeris.”

In 2014 the activities of the Italian-language Grand Lodge – still overseen by Grand Master frater Claudio Mazzucco – were varied, and many projects were carried out, with the support of many young people. The work on re-organizing the first floor of the Grand Lodge was completed, and at the same time the work on the ground floor was started; when the work is finished, this part of the building will be able to house the administrative offices, and another area will be set aside for Diffusione Rosicruciana, for the stocking of Rosicrucian articles, books, incense, etc.

The Management Board, under the supervision of the Treasurer, embarked on a restructuring of the accounting program, together with the one that deals with the sending out of the monographs, meaning that the computer system has now been overhauled. As the work involved in document-printing has increased, it was decided to replace the printer with one of greater capacity.
The month of June saw the Convention in Rome take place, with many members taking part; I was present at this, as were Grand Masters fratres Hugo Casas and Klaas-Jan Bakker, and Grand Master Emeritus frater Jean-Philippe Deterville. A few days before this Convention, a group of members from Romania were initiated into the 1st Temple Degree at the Lodge in Milan; the Italian Grand Lodge has the task of helping with the development of our Order in Romania.

An Italian version of the book written in French *Les Rose-Croix lèvent le Secret* (*The Rose-Croix Unveil the Secret*) was released by a publishing house in Rome: it has been distributed to all libraries in Italy, and our Order organized discussions all over the country for this occasion. Italy has been chosen to organize the next World Convention after San Jose, in 2019! This event is obviously still a long way off, but our Italian fratres and sorores are already needing to think about its organization. I will of course have the opportunity to speak to you again about this in future annual letters. But before seeing you in Rome in 2019, I hope to see you at San Jose this coming summer.

The year finished with two excellent pieces of news for Italy, as the Grand Lodge is to become the owner of premises for the Pronaos in Vicenza. The purchase is being funded partly by the Pronaos and partly by the Grand Lodge. And, last of all, at the beginning of December, AMORC in Italy officially became a Foundation, with all the benefits this brings in legal, administrative, and tax terms. Frater Mazzucco is very pleased indeed that this has now finally come about.

In Greece, things are more difficult. Our Administrator, frater Iakovos Giannakopoulos, is doing what he can to develop AMORC in his country, but the economic situation has become so bad in the last few years that it has hampered our development. Our frater is still hopeful though, and every month he is doing whatever he can to make our Order known. In your meditations and mystical exercises, please remember to send your thoughts of strength and courage to frater Giannakopoulos and our Greek fratres and sorores. At the same time, if you sympathize with our Order’s difficulties in this country, and if you have the means, please do send a gift so that one or two meetings or other activities can be organized; for with-
out the financial means, unfortunately no work can be done. I hope to be able to bring you better news next year, and I remain confident.

In the Dutch Jurisdiction, everything is going quite nicely. Frater Klaas-Jan Bakker continues to oversee all its activities. The Dutch people are known for their open-mindedness, and our Order took part in a Symposium organized by the Theosophical Society which attracted some 300 people, on the theme of “The soul’s challenges.” In the autumn, the Grand Master presented a public Conference on “Spiritual Environmentalism” in Paramaribo, Surinam. The local media gave good coverage to this event, and over one hundred non-members attended; a number of them applied for admission to our Order. The Grand Master used the occasion of his visit to the island to open the first Martinist Atelier at the Lodge in Paramaribo. At the end of 2014 the Grand Lodge celebrated 80 years in existence at a Mystical Day, which was a great success. The Grand Master’s year in terms of the Traditional Martinist Order came to an end with the consecration of an Atelier, the installation of two Officers, and the initiation of several members to the Initiate Degree on the island of Aruba. The Dutch Grand Lodge has carried out improvements to its website, its address being: www.amorc.nl and is also now on Facebook at: Facebook.com/RozekruisersordeAMORC.

In the United States, Grand Master soror Julie Scott is busy preparing for our World Convention. Throughout 2014 there were many activities on the program. For example, in May frater Denis Hauck, curator of the Alchemy Museum at Rosicrucian Park and well-known as a leading alchemist, gave a 3-day Seminar at the Grand Lodge entitled “A Journey to the Source.”

In June, the Colombe Convention took place at Rosicrucian Park, as it does each year: the most experienced Colombes instructed the Colombes-in-waiting in their role, thereby preparing them to become Guardians of the Light in Rosicrucian Temples. Also in June, 70 Rosicrucians embarked on a mystical journey to India and Bhutan.

In the month of August, 41 Rosicrucians participated in an initiatic journey to Egypt. This was preceded by a visit to the White Desert, and
followed by a trip to Mount Sinai. With a view to the World Convention this summer in San Jose, a new labyrinth has been created. An exhibition on alchemy will also be available to all our fratres and sorores, and there will be rare books on display. Rosicrucian Park will soon be equipped with solar panels, and the lawns, which consume too much water, are gradually being replaced with local plants. This environmentally-inspired changeover has in fact been going on since 2005; we were forerunners in this field, because the State of California has now been officially declared a drought-zone.

In September, soror Julie Scott inaugurated a new “Peace Pole” in Rosicrucian Park; on it is engraved, in 12 languages, “May Peace Prevail on Earth.”

The Grand Lodge has completely rebuilt the Traditional Martinist Order’s website: www.martinists.org. Lots of new videos have been made for the website, including for Facebook and Youtube. AMORC’s Facebook page in the USA now has over 200,000 “fans” : https://www.facebook.com/Rosicrucian.Order.AMORC

Now entering its twelfth year, the latest edition of the Rose+Croix Journal (www.rosecroixjournal.org) was published at the autumn equinox. This transdisciplinary journal deals with a wide range of topics. As part of the Rose-Croix University International, the English Grand Lodge for the Americas also regularly puts on a variety of activities dealing with different subjects, such as the Appellatio Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis, the ancient Mystery Schools, mysticism today, and so on. The web address is: https://plus.google.com/+Rosicruiciantv/posts.

AMORC’s international website www.amorc.org - which includes videos from all over the world, and information on AMORC in over 20 languages - has been restructured, and is well worth taking a look at.

Having just given you a number of websites where you can go and find out about our Order’s activities, I would like to digress slightly from my report on the American Grand Lodge, and remind you about the websites regularly made available to you by your Grand Lodges, which are numerous, diverse, and extremely interesting. More and more of you are surfing
the web, but do not always think of visiting AMORC’s websites. This is a pity, because for a website to remain in vogue and dynamic, it has to be visited frequently and appear high up in the search engines. What is very interesting about the Internet is that you have access not only to information from your own Jurisdiction, but also to everything that is going on within other Grand Lodges. Make sure, too, that you put your friends and contacts in touch with our websites – just as you do all the time in your everyday life. Be sure to be communicative: it is the only way nowadays to make our Order known, with all that it offers that is positive, altruistic, and humanistic. In case you have concerns, be assured that passing along a video to someone does not necessarily involve letting it be known that you are a member of AMORC! Be bold, share things with people and, as I have said to you in the past, be proud of being Rosicrucians, be proud of our Fraternity.

In the Hungarian Administration, frater Akos Ekes is doing everything in his power to make our Order known to the general public and develop its activities. Despite the economic difficulties, he is running the Administration he is responsible for in the best possible way. During 2014, a general meeting was held at which some new regulations were adopted: it was necessary to come more in line with Supreme Grand Lodge rules and adapt to changes in the Hungarian Administration. It was 20 years ago, in 1994, that AMORC was established in Hungary, thanks to the combined efforts of frater and soror Kellerman and frater and soror Söderlund. Frater Eric Kellerman died in 2002, while his wife Erika went through transition in October 2014. They were two great servants of our Order. This 20th anniversary was celebrated at the first “Summer University” which was held at Tata, in which Grand Masters Live Söderlund and Sven Johansson took part, with Frater Irving Söderlund accompanying his wife.

In September, I had the opportunity of going to Hungary, where 70 fratres and sorores welcomed me into their Lodge Temple. As well as our Convocation and the forum that followed it, I was able to join them in the Memorial Ceremony organized by the Budapest Pronaos in the magnificent Philosophers’ Garden. This was created in the heart of the city by a Hungarian sculptor who lived in Japan for a long time. This most inspiring
landmark and work of art is composed of eight bronze statues, representing Abraham, Akhnaton, Buddha, Jesus, Lao Tze, Gandhi, Daruma Taishi, and Francis of Assisi. It was made in three copies - one for Japan, one for Hungary, and one for the United States, and our frateres and sorores can go and see it quite freely in this Garden.

Some Officers went to the Scandinavian Grand Lodge to receive the Initiations into the 10th, 11th and 12th Temple Degrees, and as happens each year, a day was held for Officers-to-be, in preparation for their taking office. Just as everywhere else, in Hungary the Meditation for Peace is an opportunity to bring together Rosicrucians’ families and friends. A Mystical Day was also organized, in which Grand Master Klaas Bakker took part, along with 40 frateres and sorores. On a practical level, the wooden floor in the reception area of our Order’s headquarters has been replaced, as has an old printer, the latter thanks to a donation. It has also been possible to install a heating system on the terrace, which will provide more space for activities in the winter. The major event for Hungary in 2014 has been the starting up of the Oratory Section of the Traditional Martinist Order.

The Hungarian Administration and its Administrator have plans, notably to further develop the system of online instruction, bring in special activities for members who have reached the 9th Temple Degree, translate Rosicrucian library books into Hungarian, improve the technical equipment in the Temple, etc.

In the United Kingdom we have the headquarters of the English-language Jurisdiction for Europe and Africa. Grand Master frater Sven Johansson remains very active here. Public meetings on AMORC take place twice a month in different towns in the UK and also in South Africa. Forums for new members are organized every month. The Grand Lodge’s website has been further developed during 2014 and the monographs are now available online, which was very useful during a postal strike in South Africa that lasted several months.

Online purchases are going well, and our frateres and sorores can obtain various supplies including incense and books. Numerous events have been
held at the headquarters of the Grand Lodge at Greenwood Gate, some organized by the Affiliated Bodies, and others by the Grand Lodge itself. All the activities in 2014, as in previous years, have been very successful, and in November the Pronaos in Capetown, South Africa celebrated its 60th anniversary. Frater Johansson was invited to deliver a message at the Hungarian Administration’s Summer University in Tata, and also at a Convention in Plymouth, Minnesota in the United States. For almost seven years, the Order has been having to defend itself in a number of court proceedings, but this period is over, and frater Johansson is hoping that the finances of his Grand Lodge will now be able to improve. Other news is that some significant maintenance works have taken place at Greenwood Gate.

Our Administration in Nigeria, which comes directly under the UK Grand Lodge, is doing well. Various Conclaves, Conventions, Mystical Days, Conferences, and Seminars are organized on a regular basis, as are internal meetings for the Officers of our Order. On each occasion, hundreds of fratre and sorores attend, and make these events successful: for example, there was a day devoted to the TMO in which over 700 Martinists took part. Frater Kenneth Idiodi, our Order’s Grand Administrator in Nigeria, is always an enthusiastic servant who is dedicated to holding the Rosicrucian Light up high in this part of the world.

In the Australian Jurisdiction, headed by Grand Master frater Paul Panikian, the number of members for 2014 is stable, in spite of several negative factors caused by a weak economy. But our fratre and sorores all remain very enthusiastic, the only problem being that they are geographically a long way apart, as Australia covers a huge area and the Jurisdiction’s activities stretch as far as Asia, India, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Philippines, etc. There are 4 Lodges, 1 Chapter, 12 Pronaos, and 13 Study Groups in this Jurisdiction. Although it is not easy to get everyone together and activities are widely scattered, our fratre and sorores are dedicated, as they are all over the world, to supporting our Order. Several events have taken place, including two Conventions: one in Sydney in May, and the other in Melbourne in October; there was also a Mystical Day at Adelaide in June. Another event took place in March at
the Grand Lodge itself, entitled “Get to know your Grand Lodge”; this
was an Open Day for members, designed to enable them to get to know
more about how the Grand Lodge operates. As is customary, the months
of September and October were given over to a program of informing the
public about AMORC.

I now come to the Portuguese-language Jurisdiction. This is an espe-
cially dynamic one, as it is fortunate enough to have many young mem-
bers while retaining its long-standing fratres and sorores, thus retaining
balance. Its Grand Master, frater Helio de Moraes e Marques, displays a
lot of enthusiasm. Numerous mystical and cultural trips are organized, and
these meet with great success among our fratres and sorores. For example,
in 2014 Rosicrucians from Brazil visited the UK in a journey entitled “The
Celtic Way.” They also had the chance of discovering the Rapa Nui cul-
ture on a trip to Chile and Easter Island. In November there was a trip
to Egypt, where I joined our fratres and sorores for a few days. In 2014
the Grand Lodge opened a very large building that now contains that their
Egyptian museum and AMORC’s history museum, as well as a beautiful
library and two meeting rooms.

The Domain of Silence has had renovation work done, and our fratres
and sorores who have the opportunity of experiencing a mystical retreat
here are now able to meditate around a very beautiful lake. As I mentioned
at the beginning of this letter, I took part in the 23rd national Convention;
frater Claudio Mazzucco, Grand Master of the Italian Jurisdiction, was
also present at this, along with his wife. The theme of this Convention was
“Evolving consciousness, the mystic’s challenges in the twenty-first centu-
ry.” At this event, I was officially initiated into the “Order of the Guides
of the Grail,” which is taking over from the Junior Order of Torchbearers;
children and young people from the whole Jurisdiction enjoyed this cer-
emony entitled “The Call.” During this visit, I inaugurated a Temple
reserved specifically for these activities at the headquarters of the Grand
Lodge. As I was saying to you, whereas some of the other Grand Lodges
are unfortunately showing a lack of young people, this is not the case in the
Portuguese-language Jurisdiction, which has a regular influx of them.
The theme of the second congress of Rose-Croix University was “Mysticism and Health” from a multidisciplinary perspective, which brought together both members and non-members at the Grand Lodge. The activities undertaken by the RCUI are many and varied, and in addition constitute a means of extension work for our Order. We are hoping to obtain a Chair at UNESCO. The TMO is also continuing to develop, and now has 36 Heptads and 26 Ateliers.

Let us now come back to Europe, and the Scandinavian-languages Grand Lodge. Since our Order set up in this part of the world, the Temple Degree Initiations have taken place at the headquarters of the Grand Lodge itself, and it is also there that Seminars and Mystical Days are usually organized. Grand Master soror Live Söderlund ensures that all these activities go well, and is fully involved in all the events. After various phases of works in previous years, a fourth stage was started in 2014, the re-rendering of the entire front of the building. A lot has already been completed, but there remains a lot still to do, including a project for the garden. In June, around 30 fratres and sorores went on an 8-day trip to England, including visiting Greenwood Gate. The annual hike, which has now become a tradition, was organized in the Norwegian mountains. At the end of August, the Administrator for Hungary, frater Akos Ekes, came with some fratres and sorores to receive the 10th, 11th, and 12th Temple Degree Initiations; the weekends of meetings and international exchanges are always very inspiring and interesting from a cultural point of view. At the end of September, a meeting was organized in Norway on the theme “The Grail – Sacred Flame throughout the ages.” 87 members took part in this weekend, which was one of the most successful ever.

Further East can be found the Grand Lodge of the Czech and Slovak languages, which Grand Master frater Michal Eben is in charge of. During 2014 he has had some difficulties in getting new Officers for the Affiliated Bodies, and the year has not been very positive in terms of the number of members, affecting the material and financial situation of the Grand Lodge. The “Jacob Boehme” Lodge continues to give the Temple Degree Initiations; these are usually scheduled for after the Convocation ritual, and before it there are discussions on different topics. As is the case everywhere
in the world, the Council of Solace takes place every day from the Grand Lodge Temple. This Jurisdiction has 4 Pronaoi, one of which is in Slovakia, and 4 Atrium Groups. During 2014, new messages and exercises for use in Affiliated Bodies have been translated. The quarterly “Forum” magazine is produced from articles written in English, German, Portuguese, and other languages, and is now in color. At the moment, the Grand Lodge is surviving through the generosity of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and the very occasional donation from its members.

The Czech and Slovak Grand Lodge had an interview with the Grand Master published in an esoteric magazine. Frater Eben also gave three public lectures, and took part in an inter-fraternity meeting similar to those regularly organized in the Netherlands.

In Spain, Grand Master frater Hugo Casas had a very busy 2014. As in many Grand Lodges, the event of the year was the publication of the *Appellatio Fraternalis Rosae Crucis*, and when this occurred he was interviewed about it. In addition to the work that a Grand Master has to carry out within her or his Grand Lodge, frater Casas took part in several Mystical Days, Seminars, Conferences, etc. Our Order was represented at a Book Fair, and a large number of people visited our booth. In June, at the invitation of frater Claudio Mazzucco, frater Casas joined me in Italy at the Italian national Convention held at Tivoli near Rome. During the course of 2014 some Silent Retreats were organized at the Grand Lodge, including some in French. As was the case for France, a trip planned to Israel and Jordan had to be canceled due to the war. In addition to these activities within the Spanish Grand Lodge, frater Hugo Casas continues to assist Grand Master frater Roland Brisson, and so went over to Mexico in September. Two major events closed the year 2014: the Convention in Madrid, which I attended; and a presentation on AMORC in a very popular library in Barcelona. The Convention went superbly, and I met some wonderful people, as I mentioned at the start of this letter. During the Convention, members were able to watch the latest video, which is now available on the Internet.

In Germany, it is still frater Maximilian Neff who is in charge of our activities. The first piece of good news is that at Klagenfurt in Austria,
twelve years after it was started, the Pronaos has now become a Chapter. At the start of the Rosicrucian New Year, as is now customary, the Grand Councilors, Regional Monitors, and all Lodge Masters gathered for working meetings. Five Mystical Days were organized, in which the Grand Master took part - at Baden-Baden, Brehme, Karlsruhe, Klagenfurt, and Heidelberg. The 42nd German-language Convention was held from April 30 to May 4, in the hills of Hunsrück, on the theme of “Spiritual power and tradition.” During the year, 18 Seminars were organized in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Croatia. The Grand Lodge has 6 Lodges, 4 Chapters, 31 Pronaoi, 10 Atrium Groups, and 5 Heptads.

The Grand Lodge Headquarters has a good reputation among a wide public, as concerts, conferences, discussions, exhibitions, and various ceremonies are regularly held there. In September there was a very well-attended Open Day, which enabled our Order to put on an excellent presentation of itself to people interested in Rosicrucian Knowledge.

The Croatian-language Jurisdiction comes directly under the German Grand Lodge. The number of members there is stable. The Pronaos in Zagreb is now a Chapter, and the Grand Master has made two visits there. A Pronaos has been set up in Rijeka. The administrative building in Zagreb has been able to complete its renovation work: the ground floor provides offices for the Administration, while the first floor has a Temple and meeting rooms. In common with all the Grand Lodges and Administrations, our fratres and sorores in Croatia take part in all the activities presented by our Order. A Heptad of the TMO has started its activities, and the translating of the monographs has now reached the 12th Temple Degree. Also in common with everywhere else, the problem is essentially an economic one, which is holding people back from joining. Here is AMORC’s web address in Croatia: www.amorc.hr

To close, I come to the French-speaking Grand Lodge. Still every bit as active and inspired, frater Serge Toussaint continues to run the Jurisdiction he is in charge of enthusiastically and competently. It is a very spread-out Jurisdiction, covering not only France, including part of the West Indies and Reunion Island, but also Belgium, Switzerland, Quebec, Madagascar, Mauritius, Haiti, Guyana, New Caledonia, and several countries in Africa;
and there are French-speakers scattered around all over the world as well - for example, the French Jurisdiction has over 300 members in the USA.

The year started with the online release, on January 6, 2014, of the *Appellatio Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis*. A video clip was specially created for the occasion: this has had thousands of viewings, and has produced very positive responses towards AMORC. In March, in Paris, the 400th anniversary of the publication of the *Fama Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis* was officially celebrated, and one of the Order’s lecturers gave a talk on its historical origin and esoteric content. This talk was open to both members and non-members, and was followed by a conference presented by Serge Toussaint on the theme “The Rose-Cross: ancient wisdom for a new world.” 350 people attended, this being the capacity of our auditorium in the Espace Saint Martin, a Rosicrucian venue that houses the Paris Lodges, as well as having numerous conference rooms: it is well-used both by members of the Order and by those from the profane world. On the subject of this venue, major works were carried out to it throughout 2014, as we had to conform to the new regulations concerning people with physical challenges. Both the work and the expenditure were more major than expected, as is always the case in old buildings. It is now done, and in this too we have been in the forefront, as there are very few places in Paris, including in public buildings, that have so far complied with the regulations.

Throughout the year, the Grand Master had official visits and Conventions one after the other. He also conducted several seminars for members who have reached the 12th Degree. From the feedback I have had on them, those taking part have greatly appreciated frater Toussaint’s approach. There have also been regular seminars for the other Degrees, given by a specially appointed frater or soror.

At the same time, the Grand Master has continued to write “Open Letters” aimed at attracting public attention to our philosophy and ideals. Available to see online, they have triggered a great deal of reaction. There are Open Letters to: the Citizens of the World; Parents; Scientists; Young People; Atheists; Artists; Rosicrucians of the French-speaking Jurisdiction; Women; Animals; Believers. At my request, some of these *Open Letters* have been translated into English, along with some other works that frater
Toussaint has written over the past few months and years: Imaginary dialogue with God; Thoughts for meditation; Meditation: a source of well-being; What is death?; Education: Safeguard for Humanity.

Frater Toussaint has a blog (www.blog-rose-croix.fr) that is followed by a large number of people, both members and non-members: it contains several sections, including one in which he regularly gives his views on purely philosophical ideas and on problems in society. This undertaking also enables our Rosicrucian ideals and philosophy to be made more well-known.

During the year, AMORC lecturers gave some 70 talks intended to make our Order better known. RCUI lecturers gave around 150 talks on themes more cultural in nature, from the perspective of the Rosicrucian philosophy; in addition there were 50 or so Seminars organized under the aegis of the RCUI.

For several years the members of the French-speaking Jurisdiction have been able to access the monographs online; more and more fratres and sorores are choosing this option, particularly younger people; in addition, there are some members who are choosing to have access online and to continue receiving them by post as well.

On the subject of the Internet, a few months ago I had the hope that a short presentation on our Order might be made available online in various languages, both commonly-used and little-used ones, in order to strengthen AMORC’s international aspect, a matter so dear to my heart. A frater I know, who is Armenian in origin, suggested it be done in Armenian. This interested me, and the idea then came to me to enlarge this section of the website. And so this experiment started with France, where I live and am working most often. I hope that this section will develop over the months and years to come, as it enables different cultures to be promoted. Other Jurisdictions have in fact already incorporated this multilingual presentation into their official website. Fratres and sorores, if you have a suggestion - or indeed a translation - that you can offer us, then please contact me. Among others, I am looking for a translation into Latin, Ancient Greek, and other so-called dead or rare languages. All languages and dialects are welcome. For a better understanding of all of this, you can consult the
appropriate page of AMORC’s French-language website: www.rose-croix.org/ordre/amorc_presentation.html

Fratres and sorores, this ends my report on 2014. God willing, I will see you next year with another report. Each one of you is always in my heart, and I hope that this Rosicrucian Year 3368 will be a good one for you. With my best wishes for Peace Profound,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Christian Bernard
Imperator

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