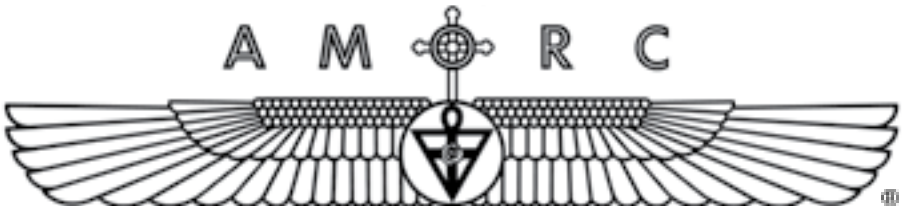


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# Imperator's Annual Message

Year 2020

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

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

On the same note as all the newsletters I sent to members of AMORC since the beginning of my position as Imperator in 1990, I am writing this final communication. I will give you some news on my activities.

This message will be the last phase of my torch relay as I will report on the period ending in August 2019 while Frater Mazzucco will complete this newsletter with the report of his activities between August and December 2019.

During my lifetime as a Rosicrucian, I have experienced a number of major and significant events, and this transfer of duties on August 18, 2019 was among the most important ones. Since autumn 2018 when I announced my departure, I have received hundreds of letters from fratres and sorores telling me about their surprise, sometimes about their sadness, but in any case always very kind.

I take this opportunity to thank you all very sincerely for your kindness and your understanding. I will not forget any of you and I will always remember our meetings and our various exchanges.

At the beginning of January, I went to say “goodbye” to Africa on a last trip to that continent as Imperator. In almost 50 years, I have walked the African soil many times and especially that of Ivory Coast, a country where the Rosicrucian Order is very dynamic. It is not the only one but I had to make a choice, so, since my first destination as a Grand Secretary in 1973 was Ivory Coast, I chose to conclude likewise. I took the opportunity to present Frater Claudio Mazzucco to Rosicrucian Africa, and I was very happy to see how much our fratres and sorores immediately “adopted” him. So I left, relieved and confident for the future. The meeting was positive, not only for the members of that country, but also for all those

who were able to join them. Most of the French-language African Grand Councilors were there to represent their countries. I really appreciated their tributes on that occasion, it went straight to my heart and I am still moved when thinking back. I have often had occasions to refer to our fratres and sorores of Africa through the annual newsletter, as I have so much admired their dedication and sense of sacrifice. In an often very difficult context and despite pressure from people surrounding them, many have resisted and have remained faithful to their commitment. So those were nearly 2,000 friends I met again in Abidjan. It was also the last time that my path crossed that of Angèle Ouegnin, a soror dear to my heart and very devoted to our Order and to the Domaine de Cocody for decades; from the plane where she is now, I have no doubt that she will keep watching over her fellow members, and reminding them of the rules of our Order when necessary with the vigor that characterized her.

In February, it was the Belgian Rosicrucians that I met for the last time in Brussels. To choose that city was emotional and symbolic, since it is where my Rosicrucian wedding took place in February 1972. Our fratres and sorores kindly marked that 47th anniversary and my wife and I were very touched. I have always loved that region of Europe and the friendliness of its inhabitants.

In March, as in previous years, I went to Cairo, Egypt. But it was not a goodbye for me, because it is agreed with the new Imperator that I will keep taking part for some time in a few future trips to that sacred land to make his task easier. Frater Mazzucco did not know that country so dear to the tradition of our Order, so I asked him to go there. He made the trip with Brazilian members, and then we finished the tour together. Thus, he could see what the work of an Imperator in Egypt is. We also renewed the experience with two groups, one from Ivory Coast, the other from the Congo, in October just after the meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

At the beginning of April, I welcomed Frater Mazzucco at the French Grand Lodge to pass along some files and to go on teaching him what is now his new office. I continued to receive members at the Grand Lodge and to work on many files, of course.

At the end of April, I left, accompanied by about fifty French-speaking members for a final visit to the United States, in the footsteps of the Rosicrucians of the past and the youth of Harvey Spencer Lewis. I had made an appointment with our fratres and sorores of New York for a last meeting primarily meant for the members of this city, but others from different places in the United States joined us in a room with 250 seats that we had specially reserved for this occasion. The ceremony was followed by a reception offered to all by the French-language Jurisdiction.

During the tour organized in relation with the event, we walked in the footsteps of Harvey Spencer Lewis, which was an opportunity for me to pay one last tribute to him, because all my life was marked with his work and of course with that of his successor, Ralph Maxwell Lewis. We visited the cloister of Ephrata in Pennsylvania founded by Conrad Beissel who was inspired by the thought and the work of Johannes Kelpius. The latter is considered one of the first Rosicrucians who settled on American soil. We visited the cave where he meditated and at the entrance of which is affixed a commemorative plaque referring to his membership in the Rosicrucian Order. It was laid several decades ago in the presence of senior figures from the Philadelphia area and will soon be restored. We also had the opportunity to discover the museum devoted to Nicholas Roerich in Harlem. It has been completely renovated and our Order has an excellent relationship with its managers. If you have the opportunity to go to New York, do not hesitate to go there.

In May, I went to Moscow with Frater Mazzucco for a meeting with Frater Vladimir Koptelov, Administrator of AMORC in Russia, who, on that occasion, presented us the Rosicrucian member likely to succeed him since Frater Koptelov had told me a few months earlier of his intention to pass along the torch. Also in May, I went to Barcelona, Spain to attend the premiere screening of a film created by members of our Order, of “mystical and initiatory” inspiration, of course. I also had an opportunity to exchange with the fratres and sorores present in the city and to deliver a brief message of goodbye to them. It was at that time that I contacted Frater Akos Ekes, Administrator of our Order in Hungary, to whom I expressed my intention

to propose him as the position of Grand Master at the annual meeting in Lachute and to raise the Hungarian Administration to the status of a Grand Lodge. This seemed fair and logical to me in view of the efforts made and the growing number of members.

The exchanges with the various Grand Masters and Administrators went on until August 2019, and thus we arrived at the Rome World Convention. At the time we chose the Italian capital for the organization of this Convention, I did not know that the future Emperor would be Italian and properly installed in his office on the occasion. But we know that there is no such thing as chance! Those Rosicrucian days brought together around 2,500 members from all over the world. A global Convention is always an event, but the departure of one Emperor and the installation of another is even more so. It was the first time that such a Convention was organized in Italy. That country is one of the most beautiful lands in the world. It is like an open-air museum and most of the participants took the opportunity to discover the beautiful landscapes and cities. Of course, in our hearts and minds, we always include our fratres and sorores who, for reasons of health, finances or something else, cannot participate in such an event.

During the Convention, all the Grand Masters spoke and delivered presentations, and we enjoyed beautiful cultural and artistic performances. United in the same Egregore, we all experienced those moments fully, the culmination of which was the installation of Grand Master Claudio Mazzucco in the position of Emperor, on the morning of August 18. Then it was the time of separation, so everyone went back to their countries and were able to bear witness to what they had experienced with their fellow members who could not attend.

Many of you have told me how much you appreciated that I shared with you the full speeches I made to the Grand Masters at our annual meeting in October 2018, when I announced my departure. So, in the same way, I will, before passing the word or rather “the writing” to our Emperor, conclude my letter with excerpts from the speech that closed his installation ritual. The mystical experience and the ritual that we shared are

not reproduced, because it is something that needs to be experienced live and that it is difficult to describe.

**EXTRACTS from Frater Christian Bernard's speech on August 18, 2019**

[...] **Fratres and sorores, we are assembled here under the Auspices of the Rose Cross for a highly important event, one that is historic and symbolic. A page in the book of our Order is turning, but this book is not at its end, for indeed, it has no end.**

**Since this is the final time I shall be addressing you from the East of a Temple as Emperor of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, I made the decision that your entrance into these sacred precincts, made sacred by your presence and that of the Grand Masters and Officers of our Fraternity, should take place to the music that for several decades has accompanied me all over the world. Through this music, my heart has entered into yours, and followed in your steps; it was therefore as one that we crossed the threshold of this Temple.**

**At my side are five Colombes. This is the way I wanted it to be, for they are very close to me: they are my granddaughters.**

**I am now ready to pass on the flame, which I have carried with humbleness but with pride since April 12, 1990. [...] (Ritual)**

**Fratres and sorores, by agreement with our Emperor, I am going to continue, and address you for a final time. You have always attended Conventions in large numbers, and today you are even more numerous than usual. You have come to welcome your new Emperor, and to say goodbye to me. I take this as both a tribute and a mark of your deep commitment to the office I held, and also as proof of the friendship you have for me as a frater and a person. Over the course of the years we have formed very strong emotional ties, and I know that my ceasing to hold office will not break these, brothers and sisters of the Rose Cross, for we are remaining connected to one another by the Rose Cross and in the Rose Cross.**

I have felt highly emotional since the start of this ceremony, and feel all the more so now, knowing that I am addressing you for the final time. I am not leaving you altogether, of course, and know that the memory of what we have shared will endure. My great hope is that you will now give your Imperator, frater Claudio Mazzucco, the same fraternal support that you have given me all these years.

And now, the first thing I would like to do from the East of this Temple is pay tribute to my wife H el ene, my principal colleague, my permanent support, without whom I would not be here today. But since, as an independent woman, she has always refused to be known and recognized solely as the wife of a Grand Master and Imperator, I am going to make reference to the Rosicrucian that she is. I met H el ene when I was not yet twenty years old and she was fifteen, and under the aegis of our Order we married right away. The daughter of a Rosicrucian soror and remarkable mystic, as soon as she was fourteen she had set out on the path of the Rose Cross with every fiber of her being, and she has never flagged, never doubted, with her faith being equaled only by her courage, her strength, her perseverance, and her generosity.

When I became disheartened in the face of difficulties – which I have most certainly experienced – she galvanized me once more, when I wobbled she held me up, and it still surprises me that she readily agreed to my terminating my office; perhaps it is also that I have promised to join her in her Lodge, where she has always been a regular and very active participant.

When I was Grand Master, she covered for my absences from the Grand Lodge and ran it competently, in the same way that she has often run our family on her own. Not only has she been a wonderful colleague and wife, she has also been – and still is – an outstanding mother, as well as a fantastic and unusual grandmother, according to all her grandchildren who, thanks to her, are present in this Temple. I would like to draw attention to their presence here, for it is something



that greatly moves me, and I send out a special thought to them, as well as to my children and their spouses.

And then, fratres and sorores, there are the Grand Masters with whom I have always worked. It was myself that wanted them to sit on the Board of the Supreme Grand Lodge. Since 1990, a number have left us and returned to another plane, where they are getting ready to come back and serve their ideal. I am thinking of Soror Irene Beusekamp-Fabert from Holland, my friend from Brazil Frater Charles Parucker, Frater George Yorioka the first Grand Master of Japan, and others. I also include in these memories, of course, all of the Administrators, Grand Councilors, and Regional Monitors I have had the opportunity of meeting, and the thousands of Rosicrucians whose paths have crossed mine. I mentioned my deceased friends but in this moment I have a very special and emotional thought for Frater Irving Söderlund, Grand Master of the Scandinavian language jurisdiction for many years and then Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Lodge. It was Frater Söderlund who installed me as Emperor in the Temple of San Jose on August 7, 1990. He left us on August 9. I am convinced that our frater chose to leave before the convention so that his wife, Soror Live, could be present here in Rome. Please surround him with all your love and keep him in your heart as I will do until the end of my incarnation.

Thanks to you, fratres and sorores, I have discovered many horizons, diverse cultures, different ways of living and thinking, and magnificent places and landscapes, but all with one point in common – the Rosicrucian spirit. This spirit that is gentle, inquisitive about everything, hungry for knowledge and for answers to the questions that human beings have been asking themselves ever since the dawn of time.

Our Order is a wonderful example of both diversity and unity, and always has been. Rosicrucians have not waited for societies and mentalities to change, or for laws and quotas to be imposed, in order to be fair, just, and fraternal. As you know, AMORC has always advocated equality between men and women as well as between peoples, and has

always respected what are still called the minorities; and naturally, racism has always been prohibited within it. As far as the social class of its members is concerned, no judgment has ever been passed on the subject, because AMORC does not select by wealth or renown – unlike other organizations which are bigger in terms of their size and influence, but far less fraternal than they claim to be.

In our world, where foolishness, money-seeking, and the parading of vanity are rife, in a society of appearance and illusion, what room can there be for an Order such as ours? Here is my answer: the room that you are prepared to allow it in your life.

I know something of its past, but I do not know the future of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood [and Sisterhood]. But whatever occurs, my hope is that its future will be a glittering one, for even if at some point its Light should have to be kept concealed, protected by the hearts of those who have chosen the path of the Rose Cross and their descendants, our Order will live for as long as you make it live, and live in it. Never give up, have the valor of the knight, the faith of the believer, the spirit of the great philosophers. In my own case, while this is not always what I have been like on certain occasions in my life, I am now going to endeavor to correct my mistakes and have my failings forgiven, so that I can finish my incarnation with no regret or remorse. [...] (Experiment)

Dear fratres and sorores, you made your entrance into this Temple to my music, and I have chosen to leave to the Colombe's music, which for many decades has accompanied our Convocations: this will purposely be to an old recording that dates from the beginning of the twentieth century, in tribute to all the Rosicrucians who have preceded us.

And so, fratres and sorores, sadly the time has come for us to separate physically. There are some of you whom I will certainly see again, some I will possibly see again, and some I will not see again.

**But as “time and space” do not exist, in the absolute we are already preparing to meet again and are even already meeting again.**

To all of you, my beloved brothers and sisters, who over the years have become great friends, the stones that compose my house, the pillars of my inner cathedral and my soul’s support, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Take good care of our Venerable Order. And especially, take good care of yourselves.

**My mission is not over, and neither is yours. Here is my final advice: Be Rose-Croix, and be forever loyal to our Fraternity!**

(End of text)

So, Fratres and Sorores, the time has come for me to leave you, and I hand you over to our Imperator, Frater Claudio Mazzucco, who will share his impressions of the convention and the weeks that followed it. As you will see, his calendar was especially busy during the second half of 2019. Fratres and Sorores, my heart, mind, and soul will always be close to you. I will not forget you and we will meet again in tours or conventions, since my life as a Rosicrucian does not stop and, like many of you, I will always enjoy taking an active part in what our Order will offer.

In the bonds that unite us forever,

With my best wishes for Peace Profound,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Christian Bernard

Imperator Emeritus

Very dear Fratres and Sorores,

Under the Auspices of the Rose Cross,

*Salutem Punctis Trianguli!*

When I started writing this annual letter, the first that I write to each of you, Fratres and Sorores of our Order, I was in Egypt with Frater Christian Bernard, our Emperor Emeritus. This seems symbolic to me, a sign of the harmony of the transmission he prepared, a transmission that took place under the auspices of the Rosicrucian spirit.

I was in Egypt with him in March 2019, before my installation, then in October, after the installation, and our presence together on the Egyptian mystical land marks our devotion to the roots of our History and the spirit of service to our Order.

Before continuing this annual letter, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to our Emperor Emeritus, Frater Christian Bernard, for all the years he dedicated to keeping the Flame of our Tradition burning and for preparing the transition in such a harmonious and safe way. I also wish to thank you, Fratres and Sorores, from the bottom of my heart, for the warmth you have showed me following my installation to this high office.

I must admit that even though our Order has been present in most of my current incarnation, for forty-three years now, I never thought I would be chosen to take on this responsibility. For me, the Emperor was Frater Ralph Maxwell Lewis when, still a young man, I joined the Order, and then Frater Christian Bernard, whom I always considered in that position.

So, I needed time to be aware of what was happening, the transformations that were taking place in my life and culminating in the move he had prepared with so much care. I will write someday about all that has happened in recent years and which, in a sense, as I realized afterwards, was preparing these changes.

What comforts me and reassures me now is to know that I can rely on his fraternal friendship and on the affection of all of you, faithful

members and knight protectors of our Order. In fact, my first international experience after the election in October 2018 in Omonville, as Imperator-elect but not yet ritually installed, was the last official visit of Frater Bernard in Ivory Coast. I remained deeply touched by the love members showed to our Imperator Emeritus, and to me. This same love I could feel and experience again during the World Convention in Rome during which I was ritually installed to this office, and then in all the official visits that I have made since, in Brazil, in Montreal, Canada, and in Toulouse, France.

The Rome Convention was a truly global event, attended by nearly 2,500 members from seventy-two different countries. All the members who worked tirelessly for the convention to be successful and I were left with one deep regret, that nearly 200 members from various countries, despite all our efforts, were not granted the entry visa to Italy. We are certainly living in a truly strange time in history, in which many are working for uniting the human species, raising consciousness and the spirit of Fraternity, but in which we still see the last ups and downs of a system that no longer supports itself. As a chrysalis is preparing to become a butterfly when its time comes, so we Rosicrucians work for that time to come of peace and serenity for all.

We are working for human beings to recognize their belonging to a single species and a single race that walks this small planet lost in a huge galaxy, itself one among the billions of galaxies in the universe!

I wish to express my deep gratitude to the members who worked on the World Convention because they devoted themselves to it with an immense fraternal spirit and with the sole objective of seeing a moment of happiness and harmony in the lives of everyone who came to Rome. The goal has been achieved; thank you from the heart!

After my installation, as soon as September I was in Brazil for a series of official visits organized by the Grand Master, Frater Hélió de Moraes e Marques. As you know, I joined the Order when I was still very young, while living in Brazil, and seeing fraternal friends after so many years was

particularly moving. My visit ended at the headquarters of the Grand Lodge where I inaugurated the new Rosicrucian Egyptian museum dedicated to Tutankhamen, a project of the well-known archaeologist Zahi Hawass. I also received two special tributes from the Brazilian authorities: one from the Legislative Chamber of the State of São Paulo and the other from the State of Paraná.

Coming back from Brazil, I traveled to Sweden to attend the funeral ritual of our Frater Irving Söderlund, former Grand Master of the Scandinavian Jurisdiction and former Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Lodge. The image that remains of Frater Söderlund is the one in which, with the ritual sword in hand, he installed Frater Christian Bernard as Emperor. Many of you have seen this photo, and I am sure you have mentally projected yourself, as I did then, on that special occasion. The Rosicrucian funeral ritual is a very beautiful ceremony that gives comfort to the deceased's loved ones, and it reminds us of the meaning of our existence on Earth.

In early October, we had the annual Supreme Grand Lodge Board Meeting, the first I chaired. It was a particularly harmonious meeting. I am delighted that it took place at the Rosicrucian Domain of Lachute, because this place of our Order certainly is special. We had the opportunity to discuss some extremely important points regarding the future of our Order. In addition, on this occasion, Frater Akos Ekes was elected to the position of Grand Master for Hungary and the Administration which he directs was raised to the status of a Grand Lodge. Frater Akos has worked with great love for the Order and our Emperor Emeritus thought that it was time to have an additional Grand Master around the Supreme Grand Lodge Board's table. I was really happy with this choice and I am sure it will be very beneficial for the Hungarian language Jurisdiction. I will be ritualistically installing the new Grand Master in his function in Tata, Hungary, where the Grand Lodge headquarters are located.

We also elected Frater Vadim Kosarev as General Administrator for the Russian Language Jurisdiction. Frater Vadim takes over from Frater Vladimir Koptelov who leaves his charge after many years of dedication to his office. All the Grand Masters greeted Frater Vladimir with great affection because during these years we had the opportunity to know his sensitivity and fraternal spirit. I will install Frater Vadim in his position in March, in Moscow.

After the annual meeting, I was on an official visit to Montreal, Canada, at the invitation of Frater Serge Toussaint, Grand Master of the French-language Jurisdiction, with a convocation ritual attended by 230 members. It was an especially beautiful experience.

Back from Canada, I left for a trip to Egypt where I met a group of members from the Congo and Ivory Coast, some of whom had been to Rome for the World Convention while others I had met during my visit to Ivory Coast. Their joy and smiles really warm the heart. I think that we should often take them as examples, because being a Rosicrucian in Africa is not always so easy.

Finally, to conclude my travels for 2019, I participated in the Convention of the French-speaking Jurisdiction held in Toulouse, France, invited by Grand Master Frater Serge Toussaint. In recent years, the French language Jurisdiction has supported the development of many other Jurisdictions, including that of the Italian language, and I am very grateful for that. This Convention was very moving and I also had the pleasure of seeing Frater Jean-Philippe Détéville, Grand Master Emeritus of the Italian-language Jurisdiction. I thanked the French speaking members for their kindness because they patiently listened to my convocation messages in their language despite the fact that I do not master it.



This time, I will not mention the various Jurisdictions, as Frater Bernard has done in recent years, because I believe this common letter has

a different dimension than usual. However, I assure you that our Order operates in a very positive way in all the Jurisdictions, under the leadership of the Grand Masters and Administrators.

Fratres and Sorores, I feel a deep emotion when I think you will read my words around the world. As I write, I imagine you sitting in front of me, serene and happy, as I hope you will be at the time my letter reaches you.

As I said in my message during the Rome World Convention, you are the community I chose when I was still a boy so as to get closer to the “supreme and prime” things, as Plato reminds us. You are the community to whom I give and from whom I receive affection, an essential element for the survival of any fraternity. And “community,” in my opinion, is the key word; it is the path traced by our brothers and sisters of the past, in 1694, in the harbor of Rotterdam when, all together, they embarked to the New World. What kept them together was the sense of community, the bond of Fraternity they had built together, the only real strength that allows people to walk serenely towards their own evolution.

Indeed, there is no evolution of the individual but only of systems, groups, communities. We Rosicrucians of the twenty-first century must remember this because we are the heirs of our brothers and sisters of the past. I invite you to strengthen the bonds of the Rosicrucian community by seeking to be together, to share moments of sacredness and moments of joy. Let us strive to overcome the difficulties that can arise, by nourishing the Light that unites us. Let us not stay alone, convinced that social networks connect us with the world. The only true connection that feeds our soul is smiles, kind words, handshakes and the presence of members of the community.

As I said, we are the heirs of an ancient fraternity of men and women who have worked steadfastly to keep the Flame of Tradition burning all the way down to us. Today, however, we feel the impact that new technologies and an ailing economy have on society, creating lonely, frustrated, and



often resentful people; convinced they are connected, but in the end, deeply lonely.

We are part of a powerful Egregore that transforms those who embrace it sincerely, makes us better, more serene, and aware of our role in the world. But let us also be mature people and let us not be fooled into thinking that our course is a light and unobstructed walk, especially in the times we are living. We know that harmony does not fall from heaven as a blessing, but that it must be built at every moment and maintained so that it does not disappear with the first blow of wind.

Looking through the window of the hotel right now, I see the Valley of the Kings, in Egypt. There are the tombs of the most important pharaohs of this ancient civilization. I can clearly see that whatever the difficulties and obstacles that we have found and will still find on our way, we are related to those people who, more than 4,000 years ago, erected the temples whose purpose was to make known to people our true nature and the meaning of our presence on Earth; to raise us above the contingencies of material life, in order to make us discover the Divine in ourselves.

If now I look in my monographs, I read: ... “Historically the oldest fraternity in the world”! Here, Fratres and Sorores, is what we are: the oldest fraternity in the world. Let us not allow a so-called modernity to slowly dilute the values that unite us to this Egregore, let us not allow technology to replace the sacred mystery we celebrate – together – in each of our rituals. Let us maintain with caring attention the links that unite us.

Harvey Spencer Lewis did not introduce the monographs to isolate us from each other, not at all. While creating the new system, he traveled throughout the United States and established Lodges throughout the country. Today, we are like our brothers and sisters of the past who nourished the dream of the mystics in their hearts: to find the Promised Land, knowing however that it exists in the heart of every man and woman who walks this planet. And although the search is a solitary journey inward, we must recognize that we are all on our way, together, close to each other

like our brothers and sisters in the harbor of Rotterdam in 1694, united by the spirit of Fraternity, waiting for the ship that would bring them to the New World.

The Rose Cross is a powerful symbol that has shone and shines onto our planet. Let us all gather around this symbol and let us nourish ourselves with its Light. As the *Fama Fraternitatis* reminds us, the wings of divinity certainly will open over us and lead us safely to the Light we aspire for the good of our Order and all humanity.

I extend to you my fraternal hug with the blessing of the Masters of our Tradition.

So Mote It Be!

Sincerely and fraternally,



Claudio Mazzucco

Imperator

## 2020 REMAINING HIERARCHY DATES

THURSDAY, MAY 21

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Rosicrucian members who have reached Monograph No. 1 of the Twelfth Temple Degree receive instructions on how to perform a special experiment on specific dates four times per year at 8 p.m.

local time. The remaining dates for 2020 are listed above.

## Rosicrucian Code of Life

1) In the morning, before rising, thank the God of your Heart for the new day that you are privileged to live on the earthly plane, and ask the Divine to inspire you throughout the day. Then, standing facing east, take seven deep breaths as you focus on the vitality that is awakening in you. Afterwards, drink a glass of water and then begin your daily activities.

2) Despite the trials and tribulations of life, always consider life the most precious gift the Cosmic ever granted human beings, because it is the medium of our spiritual evolution and the source of the happiness we seek. Furthermore, regard your body as the temple of your soul, and take great care of it.

3) If you can, reserve a place in your home dedicated to prayer, meditation, and the study of the Rosicrucian teachings. Make it your own oratory, your sanctum, and keep it free from any profane concern or activity.

4) Before every meal, give thanks to the Divine for being fortunate enough to have something to eat, and think of all those who do not have the privilege of eating their fill. If you are alone or together with other members of the Order, place your hands above your food, palms down, and say mentally or aloud this symbolic invocation: May this food be purified and magnetized by the vibrations radiating from my hands so as to provide for the needs of my body and soul. May all those who are hungry be associated with this meal and be given a spiritual share of its benefits. So Mote It Be!

5) You know that the aim of all human beings is to perfect ourselves; to become better persons. Therefore, constantly endeavor to awaken and express the virtues of the soul that animates you. In doing so, you will contribute to your evolution and serve the cause of humanity.

6) Isolate yourself for a moment every day, preferably in your Sanctum, and send thoughts of love, harmony, and health towards humanity as a whole, particularly towards all those who suffer physically or mentally. Also ask the Divine to assist them on all planes and to preserve them as much as possible from the ordeals of life.

7) Behave in such a way that all those who share your existence or live in contact with you regard you as an example and feel the desire to be like you. Guided by the voice of your conscience, may your ethics be as pure as possible and may your first preoccupation always be to think well, speak well, and act well.

8) Be tolerant and defend the right to be different. Never use the faculty of judgment to blame or condemn anyone, for you cannot read the hearts and souls of others. Look at them benevolently and leniently, and see what is best in them.

9) Be generous towards those who are in need or less favored than you. Arrange things every day so that you do at least one good deed for someone else. Whatever your good deed, do not boast, but thank the Divine for enabling you to contribute to the well-being of others.

10) Be moderate in your behavior and avoid extremes in all things. Be temperate, and follow the middle way in all circumstances.

11) If you hold a position of power, do not be overly proud about it and do not become intoxicated by the power you may wield. Never use your position to force others to do anything that they disapprove of or that is unfair, illegal, or immoral. Hold your office with humility and make it serve the common good.

12) Be attuned to others and speak with care. If you ever criticize, make sure that it is done constructively. If someone asks you for advice on a subject you do not know well, humbly admit your ignorance. Never stoop to telling lies, backbiting, or slander. If you hear malicious gossip about someone, do not support it by lending a willing ear.

13) Respect the laws of your country and endeavor to be a good citizen. Always remember, the key to human progress lies in the evolution of consciousness.

14) Be humanistic. Regard all humanity as your family. Beyond race, culture, and belief, all human beings are brothers and sisters. Consequently, they all deserve the same respect and consideration.

15) Consider Nature as being the most beautiful sanctuary and expression of Divine Perfection on earth. Respect life in all its forms, and look upon animals as conscious and sensitive beings—and not as mere living things.

16) Be and remain a free thinker. Think for yourself and not according to what other people think. Likewise, let everyone think freely; do not impose your ideas on others and always remember that your ideas are also evolving.

17) Respect all religious or philosophical beliefs, as long as they do not strike a blow at human dignity. Do not support fanaticism or fundamentalism, in any shape or form. As you live your faith, make sure that you are neither dogmatic nor sectarian.

18) Be faithful to your promises and commitments. When you give your word of honor, consider it to be a sacred pledge that binds you. If you must take an oath, think of the Rose Cross, the symbol of your ethical ideal, while doing so, and remember that any lie you might tell will have karmic consequences for you. Although it is possible to deceive others, no one can escape Divine Justice.

19) If you can afford and wish to do so, support the Order materially, so as to promote its activities and contribute to its continuity.

20) The purpose of the Order is to contribute to the raising of consciousness and the transmission of its centuries-old teachings. Therefore, make yourself available to present its ideals and philosophy to those who seek Knowledge, but without ever trying to coerce them.

21) Never cause anyone to believe that members of the Order are sages who are in full possession of the Truth. To those who may ask, present yourself as a philosophical person who is seeking Wisdom. Never pretend you are a Rose-Croix, but say you are a perfecting Rosicrucian.

22) In the evening before going to sleep, summarize the day that is ending, and see in what ways it has been constructive or otherwise. In your soul and mind, weigh up what you have thought, said, and done throughout the day. From this draw useful lessons for your spiritual evolution and make firm resolutions. When this is done, send positive thoughts to the whole of humanity and entrust your soul to the Divine before going to sleep.

So Mote It Be!

## Online Resources

**Rosicrucian Cultural Center of New York City –**  
[www.rosicrucian.org/Rosicrucian-Cultural-Center](http://www.rosicrucian.org/Rosicrucian-Cultural-Center)

**Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum –**  
[www.RosicrucianEgyptianMuseum.org](http://www.RosicrucianEgyptianMuseum.org)

**Rosicrucian Texts and Publications –** [www.rosicrucian.org/texts](http://www.rosicrucian.org/texts)

This site includes the entire collection of books published by the Rosicrucian Order for free.

**Rosicrucian Videos –** [www.youtube.com/RosicrucianTV](http://www.youtube.com/RosicrucianTV)

### Social Media

Facebook – [www.facebook.com/rosicrucian.order.AMORC/](http://www.facebook.com/rosicrucian.order.AMORC/)

Twitter – [www.twitter.com/amorc](http://www.twitter.com/amorc)

**The English Grand Lodge's Website –** [www.rosicrucian.org](http://www.rosicrucian.org)

**The Rosicrucian Order's Online Community –**  
[www.RosicrucianCommunity.org](http://www.RosicrucianCommunity.org)

This is a space where Rosicrucian members share what is happening in our local groups, meet other members, and stay connected. It is the primary calendar for our jurisdiction.

**The Rosicrucian Order's Worldwide Website –** [www.amorc.org](http://www.amorc.org)

**The Traditional Martinist Order's Online Community –**  
[www.MartinistCommunity.org](http://www.MartinistCommunity.org)

This is a space where Martinist members share what is happening in our local groups, meet other members, and stay connected. It is the primary calendar for our jurisdiction.

**The Traditional Martinist Order's Website –**  
[www.martinists.org](http://www.martinists.org)

## **Your Online Member Portal**

To log in to your personal Online Member Portal for AMORC, please go to [www.rosicrucian.org](http://www.rosicrucian.org) and click on Member Login in the upper right.

To log in to your personal Online Member Portal for the Traditional Martinist Order, please go to [www.martinists.org](http://www.martinists.org) and click on the Members tab.

**For best results, please use Chrome browser.**

**Reset Password** – To reset your Rosicrucian Member Portal password, please go to <https://amorc.customerhub.net> and click on Forgot Password. To reset your TMO Member Portal password, please go to <https://martinist.customerhub.net> and click on Forgot Password. An automated email will be sent to the email address in your membership record immediately. Check your Spam Filter if you don't see the email reply immediately.

**Update Billing Information** – To update your credit card information, please go to My Account/Update my billing information. If you are a member of both AMORC and the TMO, be sure to update your information in both Member Portals - <https://amorc.customerhub.net> and <https://martinist.customerhub.net>.

**Update Contact Information** – To update your address, phone number, or email address, please go to My Account/Edit my profile. If you are a member of both AMORC and the TMO, be sure to update your information in both Member Portals - <https://amorc.customerhub.net> and <https://martinist.customerhub.net>.

## **Weekly Teleconferences with the Department of Instruction**

**Each Wednesday the Department of Instruction presents live, one-hour teleconferences at 1:30 and 2:30 pm Pacific time, discussing topics of interest to Rosicrucian members.**

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**All members are welcome to participate.**

**You may join by computer, smartphone, or telephone.**

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The online access code is: <https://zoom.us/j/6528596718>  
If this is your first time participating, please prepare at least ten minutes ahead of time in order to download and access what you need.

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To join by telephone from the United States:

Dial: 1-646-558-8656 or 1-408-638-0968

From Canada:

Dial: +1-647-558-0588

To find an international Dial-in number from other countries, please check: <https://zoom.us/join?meetingid=6528596718>

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**The Meeting ID is 652 859 6718 no matter where you call from.**

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If you need more detailed instructions, please send an email to [instruction@rosicrucian.org](mailto:instruction@rosicrucian.org). The instructions will be sent to you immediately in an automated reply.



## Daily Vowel Sounds for Meditation

Monday	<b>MEH</b>	(pronounced May, on C natural above middle C)
Tuesday	<b>KHEI</b>	(pronounced Kay ee, on E natural)
Wednesday	<b>EH</b>	(pronounced A, on middle C)
Thursday	<b>EHM</b>	(pronounced Aim, on B natural)
Friday	<b>THO</b>	(pronounced Tho, on F sharp)
Saturday	<b>RA</b>	(pronounced Rah, on A natural)
Sunday	<b>OM</b>	(pronounced Ohm, on D natural above middle C)

## CELEBRATE ROSICRUCIAN NEW YEAR 3373

### AT ROSICRUCIAN PARK!

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Meditation for Peace and Labyrinth Walk

Meet in the Peace Garden at 7:30 p.m.

The New Year Ceremony in the Grand Temple begins at 8:30 p.m.

Followed by the Emperor's Universal Attunement Exercise.

All members are welcome and encouraged to participate!

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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, as well as systematic and inspiring studies conducted within a Temple, and a ritual followed by open discussion among our members.

For more information and to apply for membership, please visit:

[www.martinists.org](http://www.martinists.org)

## **Bequests and Donations**

Because of the transformative life experiences members have had as a result of studying the monographs and applying the lessons learned in their lives, many members want to remember the Rosicrucian Order in their wills and make donations to the great work of our beloved Order.

### **Bequests**

Remembering the Rosicrucian Order in your will is a lasting way to demonstrate your appreciation to the Order and to help the Order continue its important contribution to the evolution of consciousness.

When your legal professional prepares your will, the legal name and address to use are:

The Grand Lodge of the English Language Jurisdiction of the AMORC  
1342 Naglee Avenue  
San Jose CA 95126 USA

United States Federal Tax Identification Number: 94-1156620.

The Grand Lodge maintains a plaque in the Grand Temple at Rosicrucian Park that honors members who remember the Order in their wills, trusts, and/or insurance policies. In memory of these thoughtful gifts, the names of members making bequests to the Grand Lodge are permanently memorialized by being inscribed on this Grand Temple Plaque.

### **Donations**

The easiest way to make a donation to the Order is by logging in to your secure membership portal at <https://amorc.customerhub.net> or you can mail your gift to the address above.

All donations are fully tax deductible, as allowed by the IRS tax code.  
You may also donate stocks directly to the Order.

If you have any questions, please contact [gmo@rosicrucian.org](mailto:gmo@rosicrucian.org). Thank you for helping the Rosicrucian Order to continue to contribute to the evolution of consciousness and to perpetuate the Rosicrucian teachings for generations to come!



## Help Create the New Rosicrucian Alchemy Museum

For more information and to make a  
donation, please visit:

[www.rosicrucianpark.org/alchemy-museum](http://www.rosicrucianpark.org/alchemy-museum)

