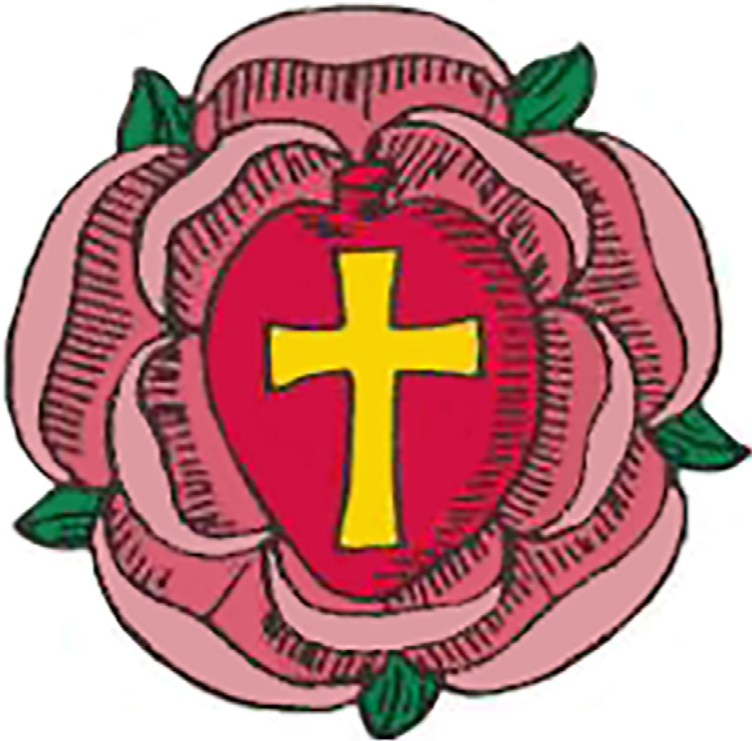


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Imperator's Annual Message

Year 2021

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

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

May I begin with the sincere wish that this letter finds you in good health and surrounded by peace and serenity. I am happy to have this opportunity to share some reflections and news with you about the advancement of the Order in the world.

The year 2020 will certainly go down in history as a year in which a pandemic has brought large parts of our planet to its knees. We have been tested by nature, and all the limitations of our society and our way of living have been brought sharply into focus. Our ecological sensitivity has been heightened and increasing numbers of people on the planet have begun to support the idea that the time for radical change is not only appropriate, but absolutely necessary.

This leads me to recall the Universal Reform called for in the *Fama Fraternitatis*, a reform still advocated by us as twenty-first century Rosicrucians, but now by means of spiritual alchemy and individual change.

I don't want to focus so much on the dramatic aspect of events this year, and I sincerely hope that this situation will be overcome as soon as possible. Instead, I want to share my personal reading of the situation and some reflections.

During this pandemic, even in the face of all the difficulties that our planet is facing, the Order and we as Rosicrucians, have been able to fulfill the role of an immunological type reaction for the planet, a form of immune response to the diseases of the Earth. It is as if the world activates its own immune defenses against the pathogens that attack it. Why am I saying this? It is because over recent months the initiatives aimed at sharing comfort, knowledge, and harmony taken by our members to find ways

around our inability to hold normal meetings, have been incalculable. I have been so impressed by the countless innovations that so well demonstrate the vitality of our community, a vitality that is continually renewed, thanks to the fervor of all those who have understood the part AMORC plays in the world.

These initiatives have made extensive use of IT tools, and given the impossibility of meeting in person, it could not have been otherwise. In fact, most jurisdictions have had to suspend their ritualistic activities. Tools such as Zoom or Skype have been used all over the world and have made it possible for meetings between members from different jurisdictions. This is a state of affairs that we must look at carefully, as it seems clear to me, it represents a place from which there is no turning back.

However, the use of these tools has also raised legitimate concerns for some members because they fear that the intimacy of our spiritual initiatory journey may be profaned by such means. I can honestly say that I too share the same concerns. But despite our worries, by virtue of my function, in deciding matters of how the Order should be conducted in the coming years, I need to consider the situation in a detached and open manner in order to protect its mystical dimension, a dimension that constitutes our heritage. We must therefore find a way to reconcile our mystical path with the means that technology makes available to us, so that the Order is protected from intrusions by people who want to harm it, as well as embracing the positive aspects that all these technologies have to offer, as the tools they undoubtedly are.

Here then, are the thoughts I would like to share with you. A clear distinction must be made between social networks (such as Facebook, Instagram, and others) and communication tools (such as Zoom or Skype). They are essentially different and must therefore be evaluated differently. Facebook in particular is at the center of many inquiries in connection with the ethical aspects of its operation, aspects we do not need to dwell on, as everyone, individually has to decide whether or not these aspects are important.

My impression is that Facebook is a tool that operates on an extremely dangerous razor's edge, and which, when it fails in the hands of the inexperienced and psychologically vulnerable, often propels them into toxic situations. My opinion, as you may have gathered, is not a positive one, but I do not consider myself the master of the truth and therefore I acknowledge the fact that some of you may have a different opinion from mine. And I also know that many of you are using this tool in a constructive and positive manner.

Zoom or Skype, on the other hand, are communication tools, much like a telephone, except they have the additional functionality of allowing us to see one another and permit a large volume of people to be connected and interact simultaneously. These tools have grown enormously during the pandemic precisely because they allow people to interact while experiencing a closer connectedness. In the Order, for example, many jurisdictions have conducted virtual activities with their members, sharing cultural and spiritual reflections with thousands of Rosicrucians scattered all over the planet.

In this regard, much consideration has led me to the conclusion that: the Ancient and Mystical Order of the Rose Cross has both a mystical-spiritual dimension and a cultural dimension. They are two domains that connect and interact, but being profoundly different, never mix. This is a distinction that must be clear to us.

From a cultural point of view, there are hundreds of books published by the Order covering a variety of topics, as well as excellent quality music albums and lectures produced by our members. Our cultural dimension is enormous and can certainly support our societies in nourishing themselves with constructive, positive discussions, and play its part in raising the general vibratory level. We are, by contrast, also aware of the incredible amount of information available on the internet today, much of it containing aspects that feed the most irrational and violent part of our being. It feeds a negative dimension that is harmful to society, immeasurably strengthening people's ego and narcissism.

We see here the immunological effect of one of our actions: we spread constructive thoughts that elevate consciousness, thoughts that go in the opposite direction of the flow of much information available on the web. We must be clear, however, that these activities have nothing to do with the mystical-spiritual dimension of the Order and its initiatory path.

In our Rosicrucian community I make a distinction between two forms of activities that we engage in: one concerns Rosicrucian *ceremonies* and the other Rosicrucian *rituals*. They are not the same and it is important to emphasize the difference. Ceremonies are activities that celebrate the values that make up our community. For example, the Memorial Ceremony, the Peace Meditation, the Marriage Ceremony, the Baby Naming Ceremony, and the Funeral Rite (which is actually a ceremony). These ceremonies, by their nature are open to non-members as they are accessible to all and their content demonstrates publicly, as previously mentioned, the values and beliefs that are the pillars of our Rosicrucian community.

The rituals, on the other hand, are not open because they are created for initiates alone. In the history of initiatory transmissions, like the ancient “mysteries,” it has always been like this, and it always will be so. At least, this is what I am committed to as long as I hold the office of Imperator. Rituals such as the Convocation ritual, Temple Degree Initiations or Lodge, Chapter, and Pronaos initiations will always be dedicated to members only, to those who with dignity have shown themselves to be worthy and who have followed the requisite steps laid down by our teachings and Tradition. This, of course, also applies to the Traditional Martinist Order.

So while our ceremonies can involve the participation of non-members, it is important to emphasize that this does not involve placing notices in newspapers inviting members of the general public to participate. These ceremonies are an opportunity to invite those close to us, those who may possibly be interested in the Rosicrucian Path. They therefore retain a certain degree of intimacy and privacy. We may also, for example, invite family members who are not members to share these moments of harmony with us and learn more about our chosen path. These ceremonies are

therefore “open” in contrast to “public” ceremonies, such as flag-raising, for example, that are done in some countries.

Our rituals, on the other hand, are dedicated to initiates and available only to those who have received the keys to decipher their symbolism and perceive the message the rituals are designed to transmit. In this sense they retain the dimension of secrecy and confidentiality typical of initiatory rituals. We should clearly never see them on the internet, unless someone, driven by malicious intent, betraying the trust that is placed on all members, decides to steal the images from one of our rituals and places them there. Unfortunately, a poor ethical dimension of society means we are not totally exempt from this risk.

Returning to the topic of communication systems, I personally believe, that having the opportunity to share or exchange impressions, reflections, thoughts, or even share moments of harmony using these tools (Zoom, Skype, or others), keeps the Order aligned with the societal use of these technologies.

Harvey Spencer Lewis was greatly criticized when, noting the difficulty many members had in getting to a Lodge in order to receive the teachings, he decided to put them in print and send them out by post. The more traditional among the membership saw this as an act of desecration, but if you find yourself reading this letter today, history has shown that H. Spencer Lewis was right!

I would therefore like to reassure those who have any concerns, that the hierarchy of the Order will always protect the mystical and traditional dimension of our heritage. We will never contemplate the transmission of Convocation via the internet; the initiatory journey that we perpetuate takes place within the Temple, in the presence of the initiatory community that embraced us, or in the solitude of our Sanctums. The initiatory and mystical experience we aspire to, requires very specific prerequisites, and we ensure that these prerequisites are preserved in our Affiliated Bodies and in our rituals.

By way of concluding this aspect, let me stress that any initiative that aims to utilize these tools for spreading the practices and traditions of our Order must pass through the Grand Lodge of your jurisdiction and have the approval of the Grand Master. This procedure is necessary to make sure the Order has a common direction throughout the world, and additionally it ensures the good name of the Order is always protected and the quality of its communication is guaranteed. This will additionally serve to assure you that the activities you are invited to participate in, using this technology, are respectful of our ethics and being conducted under the aegis of the Order, thus ensuring you have the protection of our Eggregore.

You see, fratres and sorores, technology is advancing with a far greater speed than the human capacity to adapt to it. As with all new technologies, their harmful and negative aspects often only appear over time and after they have been widely used. This should justify our prudence as well as the attention we give to them in our approach. We want to use them in a way that will be of service in the progress of humanity and not part of its gradual cultural and spiritual impoverishment. The loss of the ability to concentrate, the illusion of being truly together with others, the invasiveness of social networks in people's lives, the exaltation of the ego with its consequent narcissism, violent and often vulgar language, and the spread of false news are just some of the elements that experts are highlighting as a risk in the misuse of these technologies.

I hope I have been able to express my thoughts clearly. We must protect the values that have been handed down to us and guard the Mysteries of our rituals. Profaning them would constitute damage not only to the Order, but to all humanity. And what for us constitutes nourishment for our soul and is the main element for our growth, can only be experienced in the presence of others, in the real community, not in the virtual one. Therefore, these means, despite their undoubted usefulness, will never replace our handshake, embrace, human warmth, and the kindness that should characterize every Rosicrucian in the world. I have trust in all of you and would be happy to hear about your reflections on what I have shared.

The Situation of the Order in the World

Due to the pandemic, the Grand Lodges have temporarily suspended the activities of Affiliated Bodies around the world. At the time of writing, we still do not know when we will be able to resume face-to-face meetings in most of the world. For these reasons I have had to cancel all the trips that were scheduled for this year and I greatly regretted having to do this. Let us remember however that it is only a postponement until a safer time for everyone.

An important change has taken place in the English Speaking Grand Lodge for Australasia. Frater Paul Panikian has completed his term as Grand Master and is now Grand Master Emeritus. I have had the opportunity to have conversations with Frater Panikian during our meetings in Lachute, Canada, and often discoursed at length on profound topics and found much on which we could agree. Concurrently, frater Bob Kogel and frater Joe Van Dalen have also left their positions on the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge. Both of them, along with Frater Paul Panikian, Frater Peter Bindon (also a Grand Master Emeritus), and Soror Brenda Miles were the co-founders of the English-language Grand Lodge for Australasia at its creation in 1996. I would like to register here, therefore, my thanks to our fratres for the work they have done over the years and for the support they will continue to give to the members who have succeeded them. In due course I will announce the appointment of a new Grand Master and will look forward to installing him or her to their office during a Convention.

In January 2020, I installed Frater Akos Ekes to the office of Grand Master of the Hungarian Language Jurisdiction. It was a very beautiful and harmonious ceremony, conducted in the presence of many members at a beautiful location in the city of Tata, where the headquarters of the Grand Lodge is situated. For me the experience had a particularly great impact as it was the first time I had installed a Grand Master to his office. As announced last year, the Administration has consequently become a Grand Lodge.

In February I installed Frater Raul Passos to the office of Grand Administrator for Romania. Frater Passos is organizing the Romanian-speaking Jurisdiction under the guidance of the Italian-speaking Grand Lodge. The ritual took place in the headquarters of the Grand Lodge in Ornano Grande, Italy, in the presence of several Romanian fratres and sorores. On that occasion, a First Temple Degree initiation was also performed in Romanian and in Italian.

I would now like to express some special thank yous. I am still moved when I remember the end of the installation ritual into the office of Imperator, in Rome in 2019: Frater Christian Bernard, coming out of the temple, placing the Imperator's stole on the shoulders of Soror Hélène, his wife, a gesture full of meaning and that I understand perfectly. I understand the value of the support given by the companions of those who have an important role in the Order. An often silent and discreet support, but no less fundamental for this. A support that allows the performance of their function in a harmonious way and that gives meaning to the relationship that unites them. This also applies to the members I have mentioned so far and also to those I have not mentioned but who will recognize themselves in this thank you. Receive dear sorores and dear fratres my heartfelt thanks.

As I said, fratres and sorores, the year 2020 has been a very particular year, marked above all, by the inability of being able to meet in person. For many, it has provided an opportunity to begin a review of their monographs and to work more in their Sanctum. But now I invite you all to prepare yourselves because we need to resume our activities as soon as possible and on top of that, will have to conduct them with renewed energies and a purified vision. We need to carry out the project our brothers and sisters of the past began, to seek and find the Promised Land, the New World. They whisper in our hearts that the work is not yet finished, that there is still much to do and that the world awaits our action. We are a community, we are linked by invisible bonds of love and fraternity, and like our brothers and sisters who left the Old Continent from the port of Rotterdam in 1694 to sail to the New World, we too, with our small suitcases, are close to each other – and with hearts full of hope – waiting for the ship that will take

us to the Promised Land. Only now we know that it exists in our own hearts and that this journey is an inner journey. I look forward to meeting you all in this symbolic port, full of confidence in the future, certain that the Masters will grant us their protection and the God of our heart will illuminate the path.

Receive my fraternal embrace, and may the Grace of God and the benediction of the Masters descend upon you.

With best wishes for Peace Profound,
Sincerely and fraternally,

Claudio Mazzucco 

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Imperator

2021 HIERARCHY DATES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

THURSDAY, MAY 20

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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 dates for 2021 are listed above.

Online Resources

Rosicrucian Cultural Center of New York City –
www.rosicrucian.org/Rosicrucian-Cultural-Center

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum –
www.RosicrucianEgyptianMuseum.org

Rosicrucian Texts and Publications – 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

Social Media

Facebook – www.facebook.com/rosicrucian.order.AMORC/

Twitter – www.twitter.com/amorc

The English Grand Lodge's Website – www.rosicrucian.org

The Rosicrucian Order's Online Community –
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

The Traditional Martinist Order's Online Community -
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

Your Online Member Portal

To log in to your personal Online Member Portal for AMORC, please go to 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 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 beginning at 1:30 p.m. 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?meeting=72iLdkS-IX72ynOjRHZtpMV6NS2im0rQ>

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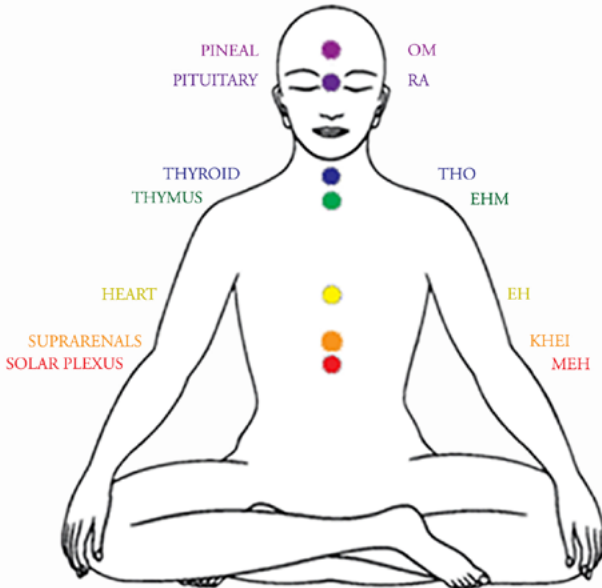
The Meeting ID is 652 859 6718 no matter where you call from.

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

Daily Vowel Sounds for Meditation

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



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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

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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:

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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.

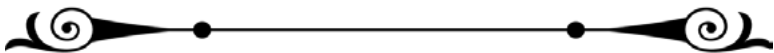
If you have any questions, please contact gmo@rosicrucian.org. Thank you for helping the Rosicrucian Order to continue to contribute to the evolution of consciousness and to perpetuate the Rosicrucian teachings for generations to come!



THE EMPEROR PROCLAIMS

Rosicrucian New Year 3374

Rosicrucian New Year 3374 officially begins at the time of the Spring Equinox on March 20, 2021, at 2:37 a.m. Pacific time, when the Sun enters the zodiacal sign of Aries. Thus begins a new cycle when Rosicrucians reflect on the ideals that have kept our Order alive and distinctive for centuries.



Rosicrucian New Year Ceremony
via Zoom
Saturday, March 20, at 12 noon Pacific time

Join Grand Master Julie Scott in celebrating the Rosicrucian New Year in this special ceremony presented via Zoom. The online access code to join the ceremony is
<https://zoom.us/j/6528596718>

If possible, bring a piece of bread, a few salted nuts, a cup of grape juice, and a candle and matches.