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Serving the Ideals of the Rosicrucian Movement

We the undersigned Rosicrucians have, on the 17th of July 1992 in a meeting in Campbell, California, undertaken the creation of a newsletter for the purpose of providing information concerning the tenuous state of the Rosicrucian Order and the uncertain future of Rosicrucian Park.

The authentic voice of the Rosicrucian movement resides in the collective voices of the membership. This newsletter provides a forum for the members to express their hopes dreams and concerns.

This newsletter was also conceived as a vehicle for keeping Rosicrucians informed, so that they may give knowledgeable support to corrections and changes in the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

Areas of current concern include:

Prevent any potential sale of Rosicrucian Park

Assure that the administration is in compliance with secular laws and Initiatic traditions

Restore Rosicrucian Park and its assets to the stewardship of the American members

Insure the continued use of the 'Lewis Monographs' and protection of the Lewis Legacy

Return Rosicrucian Park in the valley of San Jose, to its status as the Sovereign Sanctuary and See of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC

So Mote It Be

Your comments and letters are welcome and encouraged. We will be featuring a letters column for those of you who wish to have your comments shared.

In order to strengthen our network, we encourage you to copy this newsletter and send it to Rosicrucians (active or not) whom you know.

In this issue we have attached a translation of George Graham's letter of resignation from the office of Spanish Grand Master. This letter (in the original spanish) was sent to the members of the Spanish Grand Lodge.

The next issue will be published on September 2, 1992. Among other articles we will be publishing the *Imperator's Averment*.

Sincerely,

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POLICY FOR NEW GRAND LODGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS

Following the above mentioned topics of discussion and after further discussion in consideration of new Grand Lodges, the Legate, Peter Binden, made the following motion which was seconded by President Bernard:

RESOLVED, that the Supreme Grand Lodge may establish, firstly, additional administrative centers and, secondly, Grand Lodges in countries where the population exceeds forty million and fifteen hundred active AMORC memberships.

This Resolution was then confidentially voted on and carried by a vote of seven (7) in favor, two (2) against and one (1) abstention.

GRAND LODGE IN ENGLAND

President Bernard then made the following motion which was seconded by Treasurer Soderlund:

RESOLVED, that the current administration center in the United Kingdom be established as a Grand Lodge, namely, The Grand Lodge of the English Language Jurisdiction for Europe and Africa.

This motion was then confidentially voted on and carried by a vote of nine (9) in favor and one (1) against.

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER IN SPAIN

President Bernard then made the following motion which was seconded by Treasurer Soderlund:

RESOLVED, that the Supreme Grand Lodge Board recommends that an administration center be established in Spain subject to the following requirements:

The Bylaws of the AMORC organization in Spain will be amended to conform to the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge and provisionally approved by the President or the Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Lodge and submitted for ratification at the next meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

This motion was then confidentially voted on and carried by a vote of eight (8) in favor and two (2) against.

President Bernard then restated that the Administration in Spain will be supervised by both the Treasurer Irving Soderlund and by the Emperor, as stated in the Proclamation.

RECESS

At approximately 6: p.m. March 16, 1992, the Board of Directors agreed unanimously to recess for the day and resume the annual board meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 1992 at 9: a.m. in the same location.

American English Translation

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(Insignia)

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To All Fratres and Sorores of the Hispanic Grand Lodge

In the month of August 1990, the undersigned was officially appointed by the Supreme Grand Lodge as Grand Master of the Hispanic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of AMORC. In November of that same year at the Monterrey Convention, I received the Installation and at the same time I signed my oath of fidelity to the ideals of the Order.

Many things have occurred since those dates until today in which I took upon myself the obligation to officially create the Hispanic Grand Lodge that existed more in name not as a moral entity. The greatest problem was reproducing the whole operation first disentangling it from the Supreme Grand Lodge and then from the English Grand Lodge with whom it was intimately tied, since in fact these two organizations made all of the Hispanic operation.

In order to accomplish the move to Mexico City, we sought help from all of our fratres and sorores, as much psychic as well as material in order to succeed at this task, having promised to match on the material plane all the donations that were received.

Our operation began in Mexico beginning with zero assets as we had no right to any of the assets which were in San Jose in spite of the fact that a great part of them were acquired with the funds and donations of the Hispanic membership.

Notwithstanding this situation we succeeded in becoming installed in Mexico and even though we still have many needs, the computer system functions well now and the program is adequate for the essential functions of our Grand Lodge, however, to attempt to install in another country the whole operation without counting the additional receipts and donations to the dues, is a financial chimera which is almost impossible to carry out, in spite of the

foregoing, we have implanted and continue to struggle to make efficient the receipts as well as the operation itself, the receipts spent in negotiations with the Mexican Government for the acquisition of external debt which permits us by means of a financial mechanism to increase our dues by 20% to 30%. Various other activities we have realized respectively, but I shall not enter into details at this moment, as my principal objective is to communicate to all of you that as of the 24th of July of this year is made effective my irrevocable renunciation of the duty of President and Grand Master of the Hispanic Grand Lodge.

My decision to resign is due to the following reasons:

First, the Supreme Grand Lodge agreed (copy attached of the record in English) by petition of our Imperator at the Board of the Supreme Council in March of 1992, that any country containing more than 40 million inhabitants and more than 1,500 active members shall have the right to have its own Grand Lodge, thus this decision has enabled Spain to establish a regional administration which is going to convert itself into a Grand Lodge in the immediate future, thereby reducing the revenue of the Hispanic Grand Lodge by 15,000 to 18,000 dollars monthly.

Our Grand Lodge at this actual moment has a financial deficit already great as the dues and donations do not sufficiently cover our expenses, this decision of the Supreme will increase our deficit in the amount I have just previously cited, in spite of this, the disposition of the Supreme Grand Lodge remains the same regardless of the harm that the Hispanicamerican area will receive as a consequence.

It has been argued that other Grand Lodges will not be authorized within our area by virtue of the financial problem, nevertheless, it is absurd to authorize Spain and not the membership of the United States of Northamerica, who have more rights in any case from the viewpoint of so many inhabitants as active membership.

If the United States installs its Grand Lodge and there exist no constitutional motives to deny them this right, the dues from the Hispanic Grand Lodge will be reduced \$65,000 monthly. If their Grand Lodge is denied them, (which same some members of Miami, Florida, are already soliciting) this denial would be unjust as it is given to those who meet the minimum requirements, but denies those who considerably surpass said requirements. It is not necessary to be a genius to realize that something is going wrong. It has been argued that other Grand Lodges in Europe function with 1,500 members and have no financial deficit, but no comment is made that the dues that they pay are \$70 or more quarterly, figures which for us in Latinamerica are out of the question.

(AMORC Insignia)
AMORC HISPANIC GRAND LODGE

The decision of the Spain operation obeys for that reason political ends and not the fulfillment of the same Supreme in which exists a contradiction as the same constitution establishes that there be a Grand Lodge by jurisdiction of language, a situation which is not respected either.

The English Grand Lodge finds itself greatly affected by the indebtedness that our Hispanic Grand Lodge has with it and that we are rendered unable to fulfill, nevertheless, the Supreme is acting on instructions from our Emperor, also the dues of Europe remaining to authorize a Grand Lodge in England, which will depend upon the members in Europe. The English Grand Lodge will find itself also on the verge of bankruptcy unless the Supreme and our Emperor reverses the decision which must destroy Rosacruceanism in America.

The Supreme Grand Lodge changes its domicile from San Jose to Canada, notwithstanding that such change implies a great series of expenses which the whole organization does not have, but must cover.

It can clearly be seen that the AMORC operation in America is oriented to the weakening of American Rosicrucianism and it is possible to its disappearance.

As all of the Grand Lodges must submit to the mandates of the Emperor in turn and it is seen that these mandates will provoke an irreparable harm to our Organization and denying myself to be part of this harm, I have preferred to renounce my duty before participating in the destruction of our beloved Grand Lodge.

The future that awaits our Grand Lodge will depend on how the situation will be adequately managed, but surely increasing the dues will be attempted in spite of the fact that our countries are in difficult possibilities to pay higher dues and therefore it will bring irremissably a perceptible reduction in the membership which will occasion major problems in place of arriving at solutions in the destiny of our organization.

My Dear Fratres and Sorores, it is now in your hands, it remains to you to act to save the legacy of AMORC in America. I have fulfilled my part contributing considerably large donations to double what the membership donated, but even so could we free from danger the financial deficit. With the new arrangements that I have related formerly the solution is becoming impossible and now it does not depend on my will nor my donations to save our Order, but they are taking away almost \$18,000 monthly without caring about the consequences, plus the problems that will occur with the decision that any country has the right to be a Grand Lodge which has more than 40,000 inhabitants and a minimum of 1,500 active members.

At the present moment in which the Hispanic Grand Lodge scarcely is forming its foundation with much effort, to take away the dues for Spain (\$18,000 monthly) and afterwards probably those of the United States (\$37,000 monthly) who are the members together with Spain who pay the highest dues of the Hispanics amounts to \$55,000 monthly less; with this you can imagine my Fratres and Sorores what will happen to our Hispanicamerican Grand Lodge in a few months.

May Peace and Harmony dwell in each act of your lives.

Sincerely and fraternally,

(signed)

George Graham
Grand Master
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To all Grand Masters

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