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Serving the Ideals of the Rosicrucian Movement

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Reflections...

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Thoughts, opinions and reminiscences of a student on the Path.

The dues go up and the services go down. The Digest, Forum, Bulletin, and most importantly, the Monographs, are all reduced to quarterly mailings. A California non-profit organization cannot pay a dividend or benefit to any group or individual, but it can pay out salaries, and those salaries have no cap on their range. In this time of AMORC's financial difficulties, it would be interesting to see the salaries and their increases for the top leadership for, lets say, the past five years.

There are now, apparently, two corporations for the Supreme Grand Lodge (SGL): one organized under California non-profit laws, and one in Quebec, which we were told was for the purpose of "taking advantage of certain legal and financial benefits not enjoyed by non-profit organizations in California". They don't tell us what advantage occurs; and, from a members point of view, it is know that California law is more rigidly protective of members rights than is Canadian Law. Again, what advantage? Two corporations mean two sets of accounting records. How are they rectified

and by whom? The SGL should publish the accounting firms report, including all recommendations. We were also told: "...while it's legal address will be at the Domaine of Silence in Quebec, no files or administrative offices will be located there". They do not tell us where the administrative offices and files are located.

Last year we were also told: "...the Brazilian Grand Lodge has offered to handle the bulk of our printing needs. Their facility in Curitiba houses a full-scale printing operation". My sources informed me that the one time we did avail ourselves of having them bid on a job, the cost was double the norm and the quality was reduced. I was also informed that the Brazilian Grand Lodge itself does not actually own the printing service; that service is, in fact, owned by AMORC's Vice President, Charles Parucker. I sincerely hope that they are misinformed, and that some member in Brazil will check on this and let me know the results. If true; if Charles Parucker does possess a financial interest in some printing service connected with AMORC -- which may be perfectly legal under Brazilian law -- the membership should know this. Then it is only a question of ethics.

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Almost everyone is aware of the financial debacle that occurred during the Gary Stewart regime, and the Rosicrucian Chronicles have raised serious questions about the current administration. The dues go up and the services go down; the membership declines and the salable-items list increases; and the communications from the Park read like Pollyanna and the "spin-doctors".

In the recent past, many members have left the Order because they recognized that the Rosicrucian Order was no longer Ancient and Mystical, but rather Angst-ridden and Material.

It is in the spirituality of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross that we find a remedy to the ills that infect AMORC. The counterpoint to AMORC's materiality exists in the Church's spirituality.

Without dogma and official creed, but with seven principles as a foundation, the Pristine

Church was ecumenical in scope and appeal. From a Church Ritual:

"Let us pray:

*Oh Thou who art the Way of Lao Tze,
The Equilibrium of Confucius,
The Braham of Brahma,
The Truth of Buddha,
The Unity of Zoroaster,
The Ra of Amenhotep,
The I AM of Israel,
The Christ of the Christian,
The Cosmos of the Rose and Cross,
And the God of our Hearts,*

*Hear Thou our prayer that we may know
Thee as Brothers and Sisters in Thy great
Family of being, and in Divine
Consciousness as one together and with
Thee in member-ship in this Holy Church
under the direction of the Masters visible
and invisible. So Mote It Be!"*

Where AMORC provided a mystical philosophy, the Church provided a religion of mysticism. The ancient and perennial wisdom of the mystery schools of Egypt, Greece, Rome and so many more, flowed not only in the design of AMORC but also in the Pristine Church. The tradition of such a Church would make it a Church of the Mysteries, the mysteries of the exploration of natural law, and the more important mysteries of Self. These are the mysteries that call to us in answer to those -- Oh, so human -- questions: Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? What is my purpose here? What is the nature of God? What is my relationship to God, to the World, and to my fellow humans? Passing the transition of death, what shall I find? Or, shall I return? These are true mysteries which we must all, individually, face. In the ancient mystery schools, there was the adage: Know Thy Self. This the greatest mystery of all; and in its answer we discover not only the Self, but the God of our Hearts. And, they are One.

The End

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Letter from Reader...

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March 18, 1993

Dear Frater, Soror,

I am concerned over the issues brought up in the last chronicle (Vol.2, No.3) regarding the status of AMORC. Specifically, it says that "... Bernard and company have changed AMORC's legal status. AMORC has not legally been a fraternal organization for some time."

Do you have evidence of this which you can send to me so that I can address the issue with a few facts. I would like to approach the Regional Monitor and/or Grand Councilor with some specifics, rather than hear-say, if I could.

Whatever you can send will be appreciated. Like yourselves, I want to see the good of the order done. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Letter from:

Frater, FRC
California

Answer to Reader...

April 22, 1993

Respected Rosicrucian,

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 1993. Your question has induced a great deal of thought concerning the manner in which it can be best answered.

There is no difficulty in supplying you with copies of documents which support our statements (a copy of the January 1991 SGL Articles of Incorporation is included). No statement in the Chronicles is "hear-say".

It is our intention to include this and a great many other documents in the newsletter, but we have been severely limited by space.

I continue to ponder what you might say to the officers of AMORC. Those individuals should already have copies of the enclosed document and the previous Articles. They should also have extensive familiarity with the information that follows.

Though, I am certain that these officers do not have such knowledge and, more importantly, I feel certain that they are not prepared to discuss this matter with the intention of addressing any irregularities.

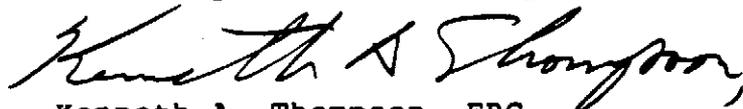
Please notice that AMORC is only registered under section 501(c)(3). In order to legally operate as a Fraternal organization, a group must also be registered as a "Domestic Fraternal Society" section 501(c)(10). As you can see AMORC is not.

Additionally, the previous registration pledged to maintain and teach the metaphysical and physical philosophy of the Ancient Rosaecrucians in perpetuity. As you can see, it is now only pledged to teach the public about such things and the phrase "in perpetuity" is pointedly missing. These actions were not taken in ignorance. This is a significant difference in legal language, especially from individuals who engage in a continual process of misinformation and disinformation.

Please share copies of this letter and the enclosed document with anyone who may be interested.

If you do, in fact, discuss these issues with officers and members please be so kind as to share the discussion with us in a future correspondence.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

 FRC

Kenneth A. Thompson, FRC
President, Rosicrucian Chronicles



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THE SUPREME GRAND LODGE OF THE ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS

I, *MARCH FONG EU*, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the annexed transcript was prepared by and in this office from the record on file, of which it purports to be a copy, and that it is full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this

FEBRUARY 19, 1991



March Fong Eu

Secretary of State

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT
OF THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE SUPREME GRAND LODGE OF THE
ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS

FILED
 In the office of the Secretary of State
 of the State of California
JAN 17 1991
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 MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

Christian Bernard and Donna G. O'Neill certify that:

1. They are the president and secretary, respectively, of The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, a California non-profit public benefit corporation.
2. The Articles of Incorporation of this corporation are hereby amended and restated as set forth in the attached Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.
3. The foregoing amendment has been duly approved by this corporation's board of directors.
4. This corporation has no members.

We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true of our own knowledge.

DATED: January 9th 1991
 City: La Tuqueray
 State/Province: Essex (2110)
 Country: FRANCE

Christian Bernard
 Christian Bernard, President

DATED: January 11, 1991
 City: San Jose
 State/Province: California
 Country: U.S.A.

Donna G. O'Neill
 Donna G. O'Neill, Secretary

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
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ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS**

I

The name of this corporation is The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis.

II

A. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

B. The specific and primary purpose of this corporation is to engage in educational and charitable activities, within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), which educate the public about the metaphysical and physical philosophy of the Ancient Rosemasons.

III

A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3). Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(e)(2), 2055(a)(2), 2106(a)(2)(A)(i), 2522(a)(2), or 2522(b)(2). All section references are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

B. Except as permitted by law, no substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist in the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

IV

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member of this corporation, or to the benefit of any private individual. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation and after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and that has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; provided, however, that some of these assets shall be donated to a religious denomination, sect, society, church, or any subsidiary activity thereof.