

Rosicrucian Chronicles

Serving the Ideals of the Rosicrucian Movement

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Letters...

"Dear Chronicles:"

"The August '93' issue was superb. Those who have not received all of the Chronicles feel lost when trying to read an occasional copy. I suggest that you enclose a copy of the August issue when ever you receive a new name for your mailing list."

"The present conditions with in Amorc greatly sadden me. But the lessons predict today's problems. Apparently, H.S. Lewis was aware of the future dangers to Amorc. In the twelfth degree, monograph 43, he says, "We also know that if anything were to affect the integrity, soundness, and the very life and activity of the AMORC today or tomorrow, in three days the members of the Hierarchy of the higher Degrees, could reestablish and rebuild the entire Order again; and I know that each of you would willingly and gladly give your utmost of time, service, or whatever you could give to reestablish the organization."

"For the last several years the few with in the Order that have developed sufficiently to contact the Masters, have received warnings. The Brotherhood did not sanction the quality of seminars, monthly messages, the items that Amorc was selling or the leadership's

actions. When the leadership was told that they were taking the Order in the wrong direction their response was anger. *Yes, there are a few true initiates with in the Rosicrucian Order today. We mean, of course, those that have been initiated by the G.W.B.. Not the home or temple initiations.*"

"An example of a poor seminar is one in which the Grand Master stands before the membership and states that every new experience is an initiation. This woman obviously neither understands the Rosicrucian teachings nor has she read the higher monographs. No one who has received an initiation from the hands of the Masters could make such a ridiculous statement."

"Except for a monthly message written by Dr. Doss, I cannot think of an original message, of good quality, given during the last several years. One that stands out clearly in my mind said that the entire purpose of the Rosicrucian studies was to overcome fear. Once that was accomplished mastership was at hand. Again the author does not understand the PATH. Anyone who has studied the Masters comes away awed by their far sight, judgment, discrimination, knowledge, compassion, power, humility and of course their fearlessness."

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"There are many individuals without any sense of fear who reside within prison. A cursory look at the Rosicrucian teachings points to the chemical marriage and initiation as two major goals."

"Crystal balls, tarot cards, computerized I Ching are sold by Amorc. In the twelfth degree, monograph 65, H.S. Lewis explained that the crystal balls could be useful to the developed. But there were more efficient means available to Rosicrucians. Then he explained that it would be a mistake for Amorc to ever promote their use. Has the present leadership read their monographs or do they simply believe they are in error?"

"I must point out that the Masters originated the Tarot as a memory aid for very complex and subconscious ideas. There is only one authentic tarot deck. For it to be of use you must study it's symbolism for years. We are selling several decks and for what purpose, fortune telling or inner development."

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"It is time for the hierarchy to unite and defend the work of those who have gone before us."

"Fratr from Maryland"

"Enclosed find my personal check for \$25.00 to assist you in your efforts. I have been receiving the "Rosicrucian Chronicles" for many months. I, too, have been extremely disturbed for a long time with what appears to be a greedy power struggle among the Administrative Officers of the Supreme and English Grand Lodges."

"Keep up the good work. Let those of us who are concerned and interested need to know exactly what is going on, since, obviously, we cannot depend on Christian Bernard and Kristie Knutsen to be honest with the membership."

"I am sure that the other members are interested in who "SAR BODHI NAGA" is and what he, the Great Fraternity, and the members who are faithful to the Rosicrucian teachings can do to ensure AMORC, as it is now, dies a quick and timely death."

"Concerned Soror"

Comments...

"Just received the last issue of the R.C.C. Glad you finally spelled everything out. Unfortunately, I have had to resign...The situation at G.L. is very sad. Please continue to keep us posted."

"Please send me the "Rosicrucian Chronicles". I am a member of the Rosicrucian Order and I'm very sad to hear what's going on with AMORC."

"Your August issue was one of your very best. Find enclosed a check so that your efforts may be continued."

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"Please accept these stamps to go toward future mailings and please keep up the good work! You have helped keep me inspired thru this regrettable situation."

"Today the mail brought a sickening pack of weekly lessons from AMORC."

"Any of us who remember looking forward to our bi-monthly lessons can imagine how impersonal this has become."

"I just don't feel comfortable aiding and abetting the corruption that has obviously taken place in our beloved Order. I've been reluctant up to now to break my ties, but perhaps they are already broken from the other end."

"Thank you so much for doing the job and keeping us informed."

"Enclosed find my check as a donation to the Chronicles. Keep going! Keep printing!"

"Keep up the good work!"

"We miss you all; we are very happy about your Works, however. Thanks for the continued great work you're doing."

"It is with great pleasure that I write to congratulate you on your publication which I recently read for the first time. It is indeed a fine one! One that fills a void where existed before only darkness and falsehood. All the best and may Light, Life and Love be with you."

"Keep up your work of informing us all."

"I was introduced to your publication from a friend. Please add me to your mailing list."

"If I were not a Life Member, I would resign from the Order."

"We old time members are shocked by what AMORC is doing."

"Recent monographs that I've received show a profound ignorance of Rosicrucianism."

"I want to thank you for this great service that you are doing for us members."

"If it were not for the Chronicles we would not know any thing that has been happening. Keep up the good works."

"A friend just told me about the RC Chronicles - I would be very grateful to receive them."

"Thank you for your efforts in bringing information to the general membership about conditions at the higher levels of authority."

"Very good job - too bad it has to be done."

"I'm not mad now - Just disgusted."

"It's just a sham and a shell over there."
[at Rosicrucian Park].

"Thanks so much! You are doing wonderful work"

"Thanks for the efforts to deconfuse"

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"Respected Fraters & Sorors: Here are stamps to keep the 'Chronicles' coming. You are doing a real service to Rosicrucians everywhere by your information."

"It is so sad to hear and read about these happenings in the place which is so dear to the hearts of us Rosicrucians"

"I have let my membership expire over a year ago as I could not support an organization that had thrown all R+C principles to the wind and is now embarked on a self-destruct course - how sad."

Letters...

The next letters and comments are concerned with an unresolved issue that continues to confuse and misinform the members. Therefore many members continue to be misguided and misdirected.

"To the Editors of the Rosicrucian Chronicles"

"These comments are of course an expression of my personal opinion which I hope will be considered by all present and former AMORC members."

"I am currently, and I intend to continue to be a member of AMORC as the organization with which I am personally affiliated in doing the work of the Cosmic order."

"This is a call to UNITY on the part of all the people who claim to be on the path of the Rose Cross. Enough of the arguments and the power plays, WE as Rosicrucians have work to do on this plane and it is time to get on with it."

"The Lewis father/son team, along with the myriad of leaders, under them made significant progress in their time. Their accomplishments are praiseworthy but neither one is available to "sign the checks" we must stand behind a leader in this physical world."

"My loyalty applies to the organization that has helped me so much over the years, unless of course, it becomes irrevocably so arrogant as to continue a policy that dissent must be repressed and the official interpretation of the cosmic laws are all that can be tolerated (as was directly stated by Christian Bernard in his inaugural address in San Jose)."

"Isn't experience the only true teacher?"

"The position of Emperor, in addition to the role of administrator, is in itself an Initiation for the individual who has been called and who has accepted the task. This person is, after all, a human who may someday gain enlightenment, just like the potential that is in all the rest of us."

"From this point of view a person can look at all the turmoil that has occurred since the transition of Ralph Lewis and see that WE have all (including Christian Bernard, etc.) participated in an educational process. I submit that the outcome of all the fiery stress that has been involved will be an individual who is appropriately prepared to lead AMORC through the next couple of decades."

"As I understand it, Gary Stewart was selected by Ralph Lewis for the office of Emperor. In a cosmic sense Gary may have been a part of the educational process for the next Emperor, OR he may be appropriate for the office itself."

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"The Appropriate forum for that decision is in a traditional Tribunal, not in legal courts which deal with the physical worlds corporate structure and which must remain distant from ideologies and institutions, our MAJOR concern."

"In the last few years I have been a participant in a number of activities in the region and have been observing all the events as much as practical in my own hectic life. I speak as an individual who knows quite well the effectiveness of the Cosmic at instilling the virtue of the humility in one of us lowly humans."

"I spoke with Gary Stewart shortly after his installation and at that time pledged to him my support for the "Good of the Order"."

"Recently I was led to Gary Stewart in person again in those obtuse ways that Rosicrucians would know about and was given another opportunity to observe and converse with him."

"It now seems time to act."

"In my opinion, Gary Stewart has learned tremendously from his experiences, and has successfully negotiated the personal trials which will qualify him as Emperor. At the very least he should be the one "passing the torch" to his successor."

"I personally urge all past members of AMORC to reaffiliate themselves and join in a unified voice and spirit with present members."

"Please do not weaken the structure more than it already is by withholding your physical support, but instead direct your thoughts (and if necessary attorneys hired by legitimate member groups) **POINTEDLY** to the goal of putting AMORC on track with the legacy that

was built through the efforts of the Lewis family and on to the necessary activities of the next 25 years."

"Perhaps we could start with a fair tribunal hearing for Gary Stewart."

"That would be an excellent start on which to build cooperation among all Rosicrucians on the path. Then, **having acted with appropriate concern for traditions, WE** can move on to the necessary work in the world and cosmos."

"Thank you for your time and attention in hearing my opinion."

Frater from California

The above letter comes from one of our several readers who are operating under the false impression that Gary Stewart was "Ralph Lewis' hand-picked successor as Emperor of AMORC". This rumor seems to have been generated and spread by Gary Stewart himself.

We, at the *Chronicles*, have had access to all of the relevant files and records and **nowhere do the records indicate that Ralph Lewis chose Gary Stewart, no where.**

Quite the contrary and more importantly, the records show that the Bernards, and others, had attempted several deceptions in the attempt to trick Mr. Lewis into choosing Gary or one of their minions. They also show that Mr. Lewis had refused to be manipulated and did not name any of the then current "Board" members as his successor.

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Please remember from a previous issue, that, except for Cecile Poole and Orval Graves, none of the then or current "Board" has been granted the highest Martinist authority from Mr. Lewis.

In addition, it is our understanding that Gary Stewart, and others in key positions of responsibility, were informed on several occasions that action needed to be taken in order to secure AMORC's copyrights. Because that actions were not taken, he and the others caused the monograph copyrights to be "lost".

Immediately after Gary Stewart was removed, he began forming A.R.C., O.M.C.E. and T.M.O. in America. In order to do so , he apparently used Official AMORC mailing lists, contrary to the promise of privacy previously given to the membership.

He then began reprinting the AMORC and TMO monographs under A.R.C and T.M.O. in America. He has done so knowing that he is responsible for failing to protect AMORC's best interests.

Gary's groups also began soliciting donations using a wide range of questionable practices. His literature also professed strongly that the funds and energies would be used to fight the actions of Christian Bernard, the "Grand Masters" and the rest of the "Board". But, the fact is that Gary Stewart has focused most of the funds and energies toward starting and expanding his own organizations. He has ended the fight against the usurpers after putting forth only a token resistance. He has abandoned the AMORC members. After he and the "Board" had signed court documents ending all law-suites, A.R.C. "asked" Gary Stewart to be their Imperator.

Additionally, while Gary was Imperator of Amorc, it became necessary to confirm AMORC's registration under section 501 C(10) as a fraternal organization.

As in the case of the copyrights, he was informed in plenty of time to take the appropriate action. Also, as in the case of the copyrights, not only did he fail to take the appropriate action, but he prevented others from doing so as well.

We are now informed that A.R.C. is registered under section 501 C(10) as a fraternity.

It is interesting to note that the current "Board" did not bring up any of these issues during the trial to remove Gary. It is also interesting to note that the current "Board" was also informed concerning these issues and yet it has also failed to protect the copyrights or correct the registration, and has also prevented others from doing so.

The question of a Tribunal has been broached by more than one of our readers. In most cases the concerned reader, was certain that C. Bernard and the "Board had removed G. Stewart improperly. Those readers are correct. The "Board" acted contrary to the then Constitution in every way.

It is also interesting to note that the members and the public were being told that Gary was being removed for embezzlement, but that the only argument made to the court and premise under which he was finally removed, was that a "Board" may remove any member at any time for no reason at all. Which they did.

Unfortunately, as we can see from the above there were enough instances of questionable actions, that he could have been removed for cause.

It was suggested to us that we should discuss the issue of an open Tribunal with Gary directly. So, we did. He

did not answer us directly, but his organization indicated that Gary Stewart and the Board of his own organization intends to hold their own private tribunal.

The call to unity is certainly appropriate. The call for continued support for AMORC is understandable. Unfortunately, at this time it may be misdirected. But, as has been pointed out before, it is for each Student to study the issues and allow their Inner Self to indicate the Path best for them. It must also be noted that the current members have no voice.

Whether Gary Stewart "has successfully negotiated the personal trials which will qualify him as Imperator" remains to be seen.

One thing is certain, there has been no attempt to replace the millions of dollars that his actions have cost the AMORC or in any way repair the damage. Again he has apparently abandoned the AMORC members.

Letters...

"I hope this letter finds you in good health, and under the terrible circumstances, in relative happiness."

"The ROSICRUCIAN CHRONICLES have kept me and many members of my Lodge informed of the sad state of our Order which was caused by those who have egos larger than the state of California."

"I am distressed at the Nazi-like actions of the Imperator, Grand Master, and others who care only for personal power and financial gain. AMORC, under their leadership, has become another cult beset with organizational abuse and havoc."

"My decision to leave AMORC...is certain."

"I am deeply sorry for the countless members who will undoubtedly be hurt by this power play. May they find another path to lead to the Greater Light--surely the Light will no longer be reflected by AMORC unless there is a major house cleaning."

"Thank you (and the staff) for "doing something."

"Please feel free to use this letter in total or in part if you so wish. I have no fear of the tyrants and will in any way try to stop this insidious destruction of an excellent Order."

"Best regards...and keep up the fine effort of the CHRONICLES. Let us pray that some of this "light" will dispell the "darkness" of those who have caused this incident."

"In L.V.X."

"We would like to receive a copy of the Rosicrucian Chronicles each month. We have been members of AMORC for nearly 48 years and feel deeply about the happenings since Ralph Lewis transition."

"We appreciate learning about what has been happening behind the scenes."

Many of our readers have asked for reprints of past issues. There are 5 issues in Volume 1, 1992 and there are 9 issues, with this one, in Volume 2, 1993. If you would like copies any of our issues please send us your address, the requested issue number(s) and one dollar each to cover to cost of printing and postage to:

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