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Serving the Ideals of the Rosicrucian Movement

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Rosicrucian Chronicles
wish to thank everyone for their
support and encouragement
and we wish all of you
Joy and Happiness
during this holiday season
and during the coming year

Letters...

"16 October 1993"

"Dear Frater Thompson:"

"I have just finished reading the October 2, 1993 issue of the **Rosicrucian Chronicles**. May I join the many others in commending you on the important, although perhaps painful and sometimes frustrating, work of informing those who will listen about AMORC and its current state of affairs. As an active member and officer of an affiliate body, I read all of your newsletters."

"All during this time, I have continued to be an active dues-paying member of AMORC. I also have continued to attend meetings of my affiliated body, serve as a voting member of [a regional committee] of the Order, and participate in other related AMORC regional activities. In other words, while having serious concerns about the path the "exoteric" part of AMORC, I have resisted any temptation to simply drop out, or to force the incumbent officers to force me out. I continually remind myself, and sometimes it is hard for me to do this, that Emperor Bernard and all his carefully selected officers and grand masters are all but a temporary part of the exoteric part of AMORC. I have been a member too long (I first started in 1954 as a companion member of a close friend of my father before starting my current membership in 1981) to believe they can change or corrupt the fundamental esoteric nature and importance of the Order. As a Rosicrucian, I remain a walking question-mark. I take my studies seriously. I also take my close and dear friends, young and old, around me in the Order as too important to give up, even as a show of my concern about what is happening in San Jose and Omonville."

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"I completely agree that AMORC, the exoteric body devoted to furthering the "Mystical Movement...." has gotten "off base." I do not believe that the basic teachings, the vital esoteric message, have been moved "off base;" at least not that I can see. Since I have remained an active member involved with a good number of other active members at varying degrees along the path of learning, I see nothing that indicates the teachings have been corrupted by any recent fundamental changes. I am aware that apparently some lower-degree monographs have been "updated" to reflect current science and medical knowledge. I would like to know more about that, although I think that some updating and superficial clarification and better writing has long been needed. I am a journalist and teacher by profession, and most of monographs I have read could stand some editing and, in some cases, careful rewriting in light of new secular knowledge."

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"Since I am in agreement that the present leadership and direction of AMORC leaves something to be desired, what can be done about it? I was encouraged by a number of concerned Rosicrucians quoted in the **Chronicles** who are asking that. While maybe we are at that moment when the exoteric organization should "end either to the law of silence (108 year cycle) or permanently," as suggested by Frater U (Maryland), I wonder if, this is just the time when a strong and active Order, both exoteric and esoteric, is urgently needed. I suggest we are obliged to carry out the Great Work: We must reform or reconstitute the one to further the other."

"I hope that you will agree with me that this is not the time to quit. I do not mean this in any boastful or egotistic way, but I have never felt closer than now to the Great Brotherhood that transcends all exoteric bodies, from Theosophical and Golden Dawn, to AMORC and what may follow. In the quiet and peace of my sanctum, I continue to receive an important message: Find and use the great power that exists within yourself to overcome and help in the present struggle to overcome the obstacles that frustrate us and the essential mission originally assigned to AMORC."

"So I am prepared to do what I can to help in any effort that will preserve and further this Great Work of AMORC. I eagerly await your next newsletter in which you suggest you have a course of action. Don't misunderstand me. I only remain aboard the only ship I have known, loved and found useful. It remains afloat now, if not exactly in the greatest shape. When you, or someone, offers a better vessel, only then will I abandon this craft for what I am convinced is a better one prepared to carry out the Great Work."

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"Thanks for hearing me out. You may print ant part of my letter, if it will help. Just don't include my name, because I think I am of more value now to whatever is to be done, than I would be outside and isolated from AMORC. I have distributed issues of this newsletter to those interested, and we have informally discussed the situation in our affiliated body meetings. Most of us, however, believe we must for now remain a part of the organization, and await developments. The enclosed check is to help with postage, etc."

"My dad, who went through transition seven years ago, would be upset to think that his beloved AMORC would ever "ex-communicate" or intimidate any earnest, but upset member. He was a friend of Ralph Lewis. I am grateful that he missed out on most of this current state of affairs."

"With all good wishes for Peace Profound, I am"

"Sincerely and fraternally,"
Frater, FRC.

"November 2, 1993"

"Dear Frater...,"

"Thank you very much for your letter of 16 October 1993. Unfortunately, it appears that part of your letter was left out of the envelope when it was sent."

"What we have read of your letter is very interesting and we would like to read the remainder. We are not expressly encouraging members to quit AMORC. To the contrary, we have expressly stated to a number of members that it is important that sincere Students remain within AMORC, as many as are able to "stomach" the situation. We remain in contact with our Rosicrucian friends as well. We are only trying to keep them apprised of the current situation, so that all are able to make informed decisions."

"Regardless of the claims of San Jose, the "updates" do not reflect current science and medicine. They reflect a very questionable kind of manipulation that diverges seriously from the high ethical principles that we had come to equate with the AMORC of the Lewis'."

"Sincerely and Fraternally,"

"Kenneth A. Thompson, FRC"

"11 November 1993"

"Dear Frater Thompson:"

"I've enclosed a complete copy of my 16 Oct. 1993 letter. I appreciate your reply, and am encouraged by the fact you are not encouraging members to quit AMORC, although this has been the affect of your previous messages on some former members. I want you to know I appreciate your efforts to keep us informed...."

"I remain, however, definitely one of those who feels it is too important to give up, and will "stomach" the situation, and hang in there to continue the battle within the exoteric organization. I remain an active affiliate body officer and also an active member of the [local] Regional Committee. In this position, I not only have felt that I could contribute much to the good of the Order, but also learn more about what is going on."

"I want you to know that I generally agree with your comments about the so-called "updates" of monographs, despite my effort to convey what I understood to be the rationale behind this effort as I understood it when I wrote my original letter. What I do not understand is what I recently have learned is new policy concerning what I interpret as an effort to dump long time members, by telling them that they can "continue their studies" after they complete the 12th Degree by, in effect, starting over."

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"I've enclosed a copy of the interesting letter from Grand Master Knutson explaining the offer to "older members." Although I am only two-thirds of the way through the 12th Degree, several members close to me have completed all the monographs (one has been a member for more than 40 years and another has a 50 year pin!). Now, they are told, if they want, they may begin all over again, paying for the updated monographs, etc. I can tell you, this is not a well-received offer in my area. If they don't like that, they can just go inactive, seems to be the message. This is really insulting. If anyone wants to start over, and I frequently read my early monographs to keep my memory strong concerning earlier ideas. But I don't need a new set of monographs. Nor do the others, they emphatically have told me."

"Further, a memo to the regional committees from Knutson concerning the Grand Council Meeting June 26-27 in San Jose has further upset everyone in my group, including me. I assume that you have a copy of this Oct. 11 memo. I have so many questions about this latest series of decisions, I have neither the time nor space to summarize let alone to elaborate on them here. I definitely want to get more information from Kristie, first, just to be sure I have correctly understood what she is telling us. Sometimes she is not exactly clear, to put it mildly. I am therefore only calling your attention to what you probably, like myself, already am reading and digesting (and I hope your digestive system and stomach is goo and strong). I am involved in "mundane work" now and will need more time to work through all of this...."

"If all of this were not enough, I have received an interesting letter from [a soror], providing her reaction to "Imperator Gary L. Stewart's Response to Kristie Knutson's Statements" concerning her letter on the occasion of the "mutual dismissal of the 'AMORC Court Case'." this is a remarkable statement!"

"As in the case of the Regional Committee memo and directives, I am more puzzled than enlightened by what I think I detect behind the words. I again plead for more time to study and evaluate this material, before responding more. Obviously, you, writing in the **Rosicrucian Chronicles** will have much to report and comment on in the future. I look forward to that!"

"Mon Dieu! (as Christian Bernard might say) How do we keep up with all of this? Will this ever end so that we can get back to what AMORC was established to accomplish. I am looking forward to your positive ideas for carrying on the Great Work; but without the distractions, preoccupations and personal petty bids for power, money and self-righteousness. I know it can be done. It will not be easy."

Frater, FRC.

"9th Nov. '93"

"Dear Chronicle Fraters & Sorors,"

"This is to thank you for sending me the information about the Supreme Grand Lodge, of which I have such beautiful memories."

"Accept my understanding of all the challenges you have been facing."

"Being now in the Planes, where we are Light Bearers & Light Sharers, it is plain to me why you've had to act as you did."

"It was true what you thought. Most of the members over here had little or no knowledge of what was happening with you."

"One of my Martinist Friends told me a little about it whilst I was a member of their team. He said you were fighting to have the Lewis Monographs preserved."

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"All of your more long term members I know of have received their teaching from these."

"It seemed strange to me sometimes that the later Monographs did not mention God in the way ours did. We had them in our weekly Forums."

"I moved here in Oct. '91, so have now been 2 years in this flat (you call them apartments, we flats)."

"Unfortunately old time members from here have moved away, or had their transitions, & we have not now enough members to have a Pronaos."

"We need to work hard over here to support our English Grand Lodge, and members have helped there voluntarily. They lost so many trees there in '87, & the building was also damaged. We too, are short of money."

"It has always seemed to beautiful that we could serve freely, without payment. We serve best in how we live, don't we, wherever we are."

"Thank you for your courage & dedication. We can each only do as our inner selves guide us."

"Peace Profound."

"Sincerely & fraternally,"
Soror, England

Our readers have told us that they have shared many copies of the **Rosicrucian Chronicles** with others.

Rosicrucians on every continent, around the world, have been receiving copies the **Chronicles** for months now.

"Dear Rosicrucian Chronicles,"

"I have just obtained from somebody who is a member of AMORC the November 2, 1992 "Rosicrucian Chronicles"!"

"I am an ex-member of AMORC for all of the reasons, and more, which were published in the Nov. 2, 1992 issue of the "Rosicrucian Chronicles"."

"I would like to be placed on your mailing list to receive the "Rosicrucian Chronicles"."

"I first became a member when I was 18 in 1962 and probably was a member for about 20 years or so before I jumped the sinking autocratic Rosicrucian organization.

"First of all I was also in the Martinist Order. I almost got to the end of the 12th Degree when I told AMORC good-bye."

"I saw BIG problems everywhere as a member. Also other members who were my friends did too."

"And like I told AMORC a few years ago, The Great White Brotherhood has given the Supreme Lodge tests which they have failed. The Great White Brotherhood has seen all and is watching all."

"What is happening is that the bricks to the AMORC building are being taken apart bit by bit until no building will stand again."

Concerned Frater

"Sept. 13, 1993"

"SAR Bodhi Naga"

"Sovereign Director"

"Supreme Council"

"% Rosicrucian Chronicles"

"SAR Bodhi Naga:"

"There are many Rosicrucians who were happy to see your signature in the August 2, 93 Chronicles. Many of us have been waiting for someone in authority to present us with a *game plan* that included specific goals."

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"I have been working on a small plan that I will out line below and will TRY to carry out if you agree. My main concern is that all efforts are coordinated and toward a common goal. The Chronicles have done a good job at informing the membership. Now we need a course of **action** to follow."

"Preliminary Organization Plan"

"PURPOSE: We will organize a group of Rosicrucian members and former members to find means to oppose the degradation of Amorc."

"To fill the void left by Amorc through lectures and forums. The emphasis of these teachings shall be history and traditions, esoteric principles, and a familiarization with the Hierarchy."

"METHOD: Initially we shall oppose the degradation by increasing the number of people who are aware of the problems with in the Rosicrucian Order. We will enlist the help of those, who are both able and willing to work for the Hierarchy (lawyers, fundraisers, lecturers, etc.). There will be no passive members in our group."

"To implement the forums and lectures, we shall have two forms of meetings. First, we will meet regularly at a public location for general conversation. Second, a monthly meeting held at a secure location for prepared talks and updating of our game plan."

"EXPANSION: Once we have several quality discourses we may offer these to similar groups in other areas. We should help organize as many opposition groups as possible and coordinate their action. Our group should keep the lines of communication open with opposition groups in other countries and the membership at large. This can be done directly and through the Chronicles."

"We will draw into our circle as many members as possible by guaranteeing that we have access to the best lectures. We will obtain these articles through the Chronicles, also soliciting them directly from quality sources."

"CONTINUED EDUCATION: Many active members will hesitate from withdrawing financial support from Amorc since this will mean they cannot continue their lessons. To circumvent this problem we can copy the lessons then offer these to those who wish to continue their lessons during these trying times. Since the copy write has been lost and only if you and others agree. In essence we would act as though Amorc had entered its period of silence. In Actuality it already is silent."

"Our main concern is which direction Amorc will take and the preservation of as much as possible for the rebirth of Rosicrucianism."

"Before we can begin organizing in earnest we will need to establish our primary goal: Retaking Amorc from the occupational forces; The shutting down of Amorc; Or simply inform it's members that Amorc has lost all support from its founders and to search for light at another organization."

"I am confident that several competent individuals would aid in this enterprise particularly if they knew it was sanctioned by you. Of course, the plan above is both preliminary and general. Please change any items which you feel are inappropriate and add any that the plan lacks."

"Sincerely and Fraternaly,"

Soror, FRC (Maryland, USA)

"PS. If there is another plan in the works then I would be happy to support it."

Dear Beloved Soror,

There is a Plan. Part of which is different from what you have outlined, for reasons which shall be explained, and the remainder of which has already been accomplished.

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Thank you for your letter and your support. your insights and energy are deeply appreciated

As was noted, much has already been accomplished. The communications' networks, and all that that implies, are operating world-wide.

The specific and common goal, toward which we all work, has always been the Great Work, as stated in our original documents, to preserve, to perpetuate and to teach the knowledge and the "Teachings of the Ancient Rosaecrucians". A Secret Archive has been established.

Step 1; "to preserve", As has already been stated, it is very important to keep and protect all of your monographs, books and other related materials, to act as your personal Archive.

Step 2; "to perpetuate and to teach", From this Archive, make copies and provide them to those who wish to continue. From these sets of copies, compile as many complete sets of copies as possible, to act as your local Archive. There are 37 years of monographs. It requires 17 years to complete the 12th Degree and the 7 Planes require the remaining 20 years. Make it your goal to acquire a complete copy of each Degree and Plane. Study and share them "in Order".

Step 3; Be Tolerant and Open Minded. Realize that we are **not** forming another splinter group, per se. I know sincere Students within all of them. They and you are all doing a wonderful job. We are encouraging all Students to work within the exoteric group to which they are guided by their Inner Self, including AMORC. All that we ask is that they remain True to their Greater Self. The Order is not a religion, but perhaps an analogy using religion will be helpful. **It is not necessary to belong to a particular congregation in order to be a good Christian, or good Buddhist, or good Muslim, etc., or good Rosicrucian.** Reread "the purpose of the Rosicrucian Order", study and share the Rosicrucian Manual. Take what you find there to Heart.

On the other hand, if you feel that it is necessary to exclude members of a particular group; ask yourself the question, How would you determine their membership without seriously and unethically invading their privacy? You couldn't. Therefore, Please don't.

Whether we are to witness "Retaking Amorc" or "shutting down Amorc" is not important at this time. Therefore, please don't allow your natural zeal and concern to become hate or fear. It is far more important to remain an alert walking question mark, while remaining constructive and focusing your Energy on perpetuating the Teachings and Sharing the Light.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

SAR Bodhi Naga
Sovereign Director

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Please make note of our change in calendar. In 1994 we will begin publishing the *Rosicrucian Chronicles* on a **Quarterly** basis beginning with the **first issue on March 21, 1994.** The *Rosicrucian Chronicles* will then be issued **four times a year** on the **Equinoxes** and the **Solstices.** Look for it in your mailboxes then.

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AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

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