



Partial view of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite headquarters in Brazil



My Dear Brethren

I'm writing this message precisely in the day of the 181st Anniversary of our Supreme Council, March 12, 2010. In the same day in 1829 our first Sovereign Grand Commander received, from the Supreme Council of the Low Countries, the authorization to establish a Supreme Council in the then Empire of Brazil.

At that time, Bro. Francisco Gê Acayaba de Montezuma, 33°, was exiled in Europe for political reasons. Only in November 12, 1832, back in Brazil, he could accomplish his historic mission. This explain the controversy arising from these two dates: March 12 is the date of Foundation and November 12 the date of the establishment. We will start celebrating tomorrow, March 13, here in our Headquarters, with the Investiture of 37 new Inspectors General from Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo.

The Festivities will proceed in the city of São Luis do Maranhão, one of

UNESCO's World Heritages, seat of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maranhão, whose hardworking Brethren, under the leadership of the Grand Master, Ill^o Bro^o Raimundo Nonato Santos Pereira, are doing their best to organize the meeting. Indeed, they will be preparing a glorious double celebration – the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maranhão and the 181st Anniversary of our Supreme Council. Grand Masters and Brethren from all over Brazil will attend the meeting, a clear testimony of the harmonious relationship between the Symbolic and the Higher Degrees of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Brazil to the benefit of Universal Masonry in Brazil.

The Great Architect of the Universe observe us.

Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Many Brethren and one heart in São Luís do Maranhão

Joaquim Farias de Oliveira, 33°
General Coordinator
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S. Luís is a city in an island, a beautiful city with a unique history. Though founded by the French it is a uniquely Portuguese city by its architecture, a World Heritage recognized by UNESCO. It has some 3500 houses from XVIII and XIX centuries, now carefully preserved and kept, mainly in the São José de Ribamar, Paço do Lumiar and Raposa districts.

The people of Maranhão is well known by their hospitality and the State by its touristic places and attractions. Among the first we have the *Fonte das Pedras* (Stone Fountain), the *Pedra da Memória* (Stone of Memory), a remind of the Majority of **D. Pedro II**, the second Brazilian Emperor, and the *Museums of both Visual and Sacred Arts*. São Luís is justly famous by its many cultural manifestations, the *Bumba-meu-boi*, a folk tale turned into a big popular celebration, being the most preeminent one.

In the mainland we find many ecological sites and some 32 km of beaches. Some 317 km from it there is one of the most incredible landscapes, the *Lençóis Maranhenses*, a desert where white sand dunes intermingle with some thousand clear water lagoons.

In this magnificent scenery the *Supreme Council of Brazil* and the *Grand Lodge of Maranhão* will celebrate, respectively, their *181st* and *80th Anniversaries*.

Grand Master **Raimundo Nonato Santos Pereira**, 33°, and his team of capalbe and untiring Brethren expect Grand Masters and many Masons from all over Brazil,

including Ill.: Bro.: **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, specially to open the new installations of the Grand Inspector for Maranhão and preside an Investiture of new Brethren to the 33°. Dignitaries from several foreign countries will also attend the meeting, turning the event into a fraternal celebration of Universal Masonry.

Geraldo de Souza, a Legend

Adélman de Jesus França Pinheiro, 33°
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Geraldo de Souza was born in the city of Alegrete, in the *Pampas* region, in Rio Grande do Sul, son of **Ventura de Souza** and **Felícia de Souza**. In October 30, 1937, he married **Honorina da Silva e Souza**. They had one son, **Carlos Antonio Silva e Souza**, a Brazilian Army high ranking officer, and two daughters, **Marilene** and **Marília Silva e Souza**, everyone of them nobly raised. He was initiated in *Santanaense Lodge*, in Livramento, RS. Later, due to his professional career, he came to Rio de Janeiro, where he affiliated to *Silence Lodge*, to which he belongs still today. Geraldo de Souza, 33°, entered the Higher Degrees of the Scottish Rite in May 7, 1965, and climbed to very important positions in our Supreme Council through study and dedication, as is witnessed by his membership in the pioneer *Brazilian Masonic Academy of Letters*, founded by General **Morivalde Calvet Fagundes**, 33°, decades ago. Along his distinguished carrer, well known by his natural dignity and tolerant character, he has accomplished much, always in close relationship with our Sovereign Grand Commander **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°. By his services and exemplary conduct Brother

Geraldo de Souza, 33°, received the title of Sovereign Grand Commander of Honor. What a noble example to follow! I wish I could say more about someone I cherish as a father, but things like Love are beyond the possibility of words to express. May the Lord of the Worlds bless him with a still longer live under his light and protection.

2009 full of important Events

Roilton Cunha, 33°,
CEO of the Secretary

Investitures to the 33° Degree

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In 2009, from September to December, **284** Brethren were invested into the 33° Degree all over Brazil: **33** in Belém, PA; **38** in Curitiba, PR; **12** in Cuiabá, MT; **38** in Santa Maria, RS; **101** in Santos, SP; **12** in Teresina, PI; **20** in Camboriú, SC; **31** in Londrina, PR; and **16** in Campo Grande, MS.

The ascencion to the highest Degree of the Scottish Rite demonstrates the prestige of our Supreme Concl and testifies our honourable rthrd position in the world ranking.

This editon of *Astréa Magazine* is a **directory** showing the Members of the Administration, the Active Members, the Presidents of our Inspectories of all States and all Inspectors General made in 2009, presenting the Investitures by dates, places and Consistories where they were invested.

Our hearty congratulations to all new Inspectors General!

DeMolays under new leadership

Francisco Feitosa
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By educating the youngers we will not have to punish the adults, said **Pitagoras**. That's what the Order of DeMolay has been all about in he last 30 years in Brazil, leading some 60.000 youngsters through comradeship to the path of goodness, rightness and beauty. Fortunately, after many difficult years, it started a new and promising cicle in Rio. In November 7, more than 300 guests attended the Auditorium "*Venâncio Igrejas*", in our Supreme Council headquarters, to witness the installation of the Grand Master 2009-2011 for Rio de Janeiro, Bro.: **Juliano Coelho Braga**. A well ofrganized ceremony had many distinguished guests, among them Ill.: Bro.: **Jorge Luiz de Andrade Lins**, 33°, Grand Minister of State, representing the Ill.: Bro.: **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, Sov.: Gr.: Commander, as well as many Supreme Council Officers and the Grand Master of the *Supreme Council for the Order of DeMolay for Brazil*, **Carlos Eduardo Braga Farias**, and his Deputy, **Éderson Pereira Velasquez**. Many State Grand Masters of the Order also attended the meeting. The Brazilian Rite was represented by Bro. **José Dile da Guia**. Many civil authorities were also present. One very emotional touch was the homage to Bro. **João Alexandre Rangel de Carvalho**. First as a DeMolay then as a Mason, João Alexandre, through his dedicated services, became an icon in the Order. Much is expected from this new cicle, including the renewal of the pivotal role of Rio de Janeiro in the Order of DeMolay.