



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



Sovereignty News & Reflections

My Dear Brethren

It's a great pleasure to reach my Brethren from all over Brazil. In May we attended the XVIII World Conference of Supreme Councils. Each five years it happens in a different country, this time in Canada, at the city of Toronto, when members of almost all Supreme Councils of the world. In our Delegation, which I had the honor to preside, were Bro. **João Antonio Aidar Coelho**, 33°, Active Member, Grand Standard Bearer and Inspector General 1st Region of S. Paulo, and **Victor Conde do Nascimento**, 33°, Inspector General 5th Region of S. Paulo and Grand Captain of the Guards, both with their wives – **Elenice** and **Vera**. Bro. **Roilton Cunha**, 33°, Supreme Council Head of the Secretary, was also with us. We were warmly greeted by the Canadian Brethren, specially by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. **Matthew F. Todd**, 33°. It was a very important meeting. Among its propositions one was approved unanimously by all conferencists, viz a Supreme Council cancel recognition of other or other Supreme Councils without present reasons, justified by its sovereignty. Who can add can subtract.



Mentioning sovereignty leads us to reflection. In his *Dicionário Houaiss da Língua Portuguesa*, **Antonio Houaiss** states in verbis: "that which exert power or supreme authority without restriction or neutralization". Those who exert power or supreme authority without restriction or neutralization is by chance subject to outside interferences? That's precisely the case of the Grand Lodges and the Supreme Council. Each are exempt of any outside interferences. Only internal decisions are valid, immune to any actions from without. There's also a decision approved in another *World Conference* which clearly states the impropriety of any external interference or meddling in the affairs of a Supreme Council, under the penalty of it losing its own recognition by other Supreme Councils. Obviously that's not what we want for our Masonic Institutions. We'll be back to this matter, which deserves bigger and, if possible, better comments.

*May you live in the Peace of
T::G::A::O::T::U::*

Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Grand Opening

Bro. **Roilton Cunha**, 33°
Head of Secretary of the Supreme Council
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March 25/27 – The city of S. Luís, State of Maranhão's capital, celebrated both the 181st Anniversary of the *Supreme Council of Brasil* and the 50th Anniversary of its Grand Lodge of the State of Maranhão. At the Grand Opening, the Grand Master **Raimundo Nonato Santos Pereira**, 33°, the honorable and kind host, received Sovereign Grand Commander **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, leading the *Supreme Council's* Active Members, the foreign authorities attending the meeting, and the Grand Masters from all Grand Lodges and regular Masonic Bodies of Brazil.

In alphabetical order, here are the Active Members of the *Supreme Council*: **Adelman de Jesus França Pinheiro**, 33°; **Ayla Quintaes Freitas Lima**, 33°; **Carlos Antonio de Almeida Deveza**, 33°; **Carlos Roberto Roque**, 33°; **Cyrillo Leopoldo Carvalho da Silva Neves**, 33°; **Francisco Antônio Gonçalves Dias**, 33°; **Francisco Bezerra de Araújo Galvão Neto**, 33°; **Francisco "Bonato" Pereira da Silva**, 33°; **Jorge Luiz de Andrade Lins**, 33°; **João Antonio Aidar Coelho**, 33°; **José Alves de Alencar**, 33°; **José Francisco Ribeiro Lopes**, 33°; **José Linhares de Vasconcelos Filho**, 33°; **Licínio Leal Barbosa**, 33°; **Maurício Soares**, 33°; **Nelson Gonçalves Correlo**, 33°; **Rubens Marques dos Santos**, 33°; **Rui Silvio Stragliotto**, 33°; and **Wilson Filomeno**, 33°; além dos Membros Eméritos **José Soares Filho**, 33°; **Orlando Marinho da Silva**, 33°; e **Paulo Fernandes da Silveira**, 33°.

From 26 out of 27 States came the following Grand Masters: **Pedro Luís**

After 37 Years...

Newton Soares Ferreira, 30°
Orator,
Lodge of Perfection "Nilo Peçanha"

In January 1973 the Lodge of Perfection "Nilo Peçanha" in the Valley of Barra do Piraí, hinterland of Rio de Janeiro, went dormant. It had been founded in May 16, 1949.

Now, 37 years later, in March 6, 2010, thanks to the efforts of worthy Brothers, it is working again, near the Lodge *Mário Moacyr Salgueiro* No. 15, of the *Grande Lodge of Rio de Janeiro*.

Under the Trice Ill. Mater, Bro. **Antônio Carlos Machado**, 33°, the Lodge opened for the Secret Master degree work fully furnished and carefully prepared in a ceremony attended by Bro. **Nelson Gonçalves Correlo**, 33°, Active Member and Inspector General for the 4th and 6th Regions; Bro. **José Francisco Ribeiro Lopes**, 33°, also an Active Member, as well as many invited guests.

Our hearty congratulations to the enthusiastic Brothers responsible for this notable revival.

*Lessons from
Moral and Dogma*

Knight of the East, of the Sword or of the Eagle

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Our Bicephalous Bird

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Thanks to the Grand Architect... for my Diplomas

Adelman de Jesus França Pinheiro, 33°
Grande Secretário Geral do S.:I.:

Yes, thanks for allowing me to follow my Masonic path inside the laws of our Supreme Council.

I've talked to **Adoniram**, **Hiram Abiff**, **King Solomon** and **David**, of the Ark of the Covenant. I was given the Ivory Key and had access to the building of the Temple.

I saw **Prince Zorobabel** draw his sword fighting for the freedom of his enslaved people in the *Bridge of Gabara*, giving them the liberty to think.

I'd climbed the ladder of the Masonic Degrees, my guides fortifying me in my studies. With the Bro. Zelator I saw *Celestial Jerusalem*. I walked with Stolkin, true arm servant of **King Solomon**, throughout the Temple and the Mysteries of the Higher Degrees, learning from extraordinary Master, most of them gone to the *Grand Celestial Lodge*.

These Certificates represent but years of study and research. Undoubtedly they will be preserved by my family as evidence of the life I've dedicated to Masonry.

Lasting Peace.

Investiture in Minas Gerais

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February 6 – In the main Templo of the *Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais*, in Belo Horizonte, the 33° Degree was conferred to 58 Masons in a ceremony presided by SGC **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°; **Jorge Luiz de Andrade Lins**, 33°, Grand State Minister ; **Adélman de Jesus França Pinheiro**, 33°, General Grand Secretary; and **Carlos Roberto Roque**, 33°, Active Member and Grand Inspector for the 1st Region of Minas Gerais.

Attending the ceremony, beside our host, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais, Bro. **Janir Adir Moreira**, 33°, were Bros. **Marcus Vinícius Nascimento Oliveira**, 33°, 9th Region / MG; **Jorge Alfredo Félix Buttrós**, 33°, 10th Region / MG; **Fernando Izabel Nunes**, 33°, 12nd Region / MG; and **Francisco Feitosa da Fonseca**, 33°, 14th Region / MG, as well as over one hundred Brothers from the State.

Consistory "Venâncio Igrejas"

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March 12, 2010 – The Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret "*Venâncio Igrejas*" was founded at the Valley of S. Miguel Paulista, attended by the Bro. **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, SGC; Bro. **Adélman de Jesus França Pinheiro**, 33°, Grand Secretary; and Bro. **João Antônio Aídar Coelho**, 33°, Inspector General. Also present at the meeting was Bro. **Silvio Clóvis Corbari**, 33°, GM of

the Grand Lodge of São Paulo and many Brothers belonging to the Higher Degrees Bodies of S. Paulo.

Sponsoring the Future

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Our *Supreme Council* brought to Brazil the *Order of DeMolay* and also the *Order of Job's Daughters*, also sponsoring the first Chapter and the first Bethel in South America, both named Rio de Janeiro.

We plead the support of our Brothers of all Brazilian States to the these Orders, inviting all to visit Chapters and Bethels, cradles of education, social life and citizenship for boys and girls. It's a sure way to contribute for a better, courteous and loving Brazil.

Inspectorate Office inaugurated

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March 22 – the *Inspectorate Office for the Valley of Maranhão* was inaugurated in one room at the Grand Lodge of Maranhão own building by courtesy of the Grand Master and bearing the name of our Sovereign Grand Commander. Both SGC **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, and GM **Raimundo Nonato Santos Pereira**, 33°, attended the inauguration, who marked the beginning of the celebrations, as well as Brothers **Bolivar Marques Vieira**, 33°, Deputy GrandMaster; **Antônio Evaristo de Lima**, 33°, Grand Inspector General for Maranhão, and **Malba Tahan Macedo Santos**, 33°, Secretary of the Inspectorate for the Valley of Maranhão. A wall plaque celebrates the event.

Longo, 33°, from Acre; **Ivanildo Marinho Guedes**, 33°, from Alagoas; **José Odair da Fonseca Benjamin**, 33°, from Amapá; **René Levy Aguiar**, 33°, from Amazonas; **Itamar Assis Santos**, 33°, from Bahia; **Juvenal Batista Amaral**, 33°, from Brasília; **Etevaldo Barcelos Fontenele**, 33°, from Ceará; **Aídes Bertoldo da Silva**, 33°, from Espírito Santo; **Ruy Rocha de Macedo**, 33°, from Goiás; **José Carlos de Almeida**, 33°, from Mato Grosso; **Jordão Abreu da Silva Júnior**, 14°, from Mato Grosso do Sul; **Janir Adir Moreira**, 33°, from Minas Gerais; **José Nazareno Nogueira de Lima**, 33°, from Pará; **Marcos Antonio de Araújo Leite**, 33°, from Paraíba; **João Carlos Silveira**, 33°, from Paraná; **Dimas José de Carvalho**, 33°, from Pernambuco; **Reginaldo Rufino Leal**, 18°, from Piauí; **Luiz Carlos Rocha da Silva**, 33°, from Rio Grande do Norte; **Gilberto Moreira Mussi**, 33°, from Rio Grande do Sul; **Juscelino Moraes do Amaral**, 33°, from Rondonia; **Lindberg Melo da Silva**, 33°, from Roraima; **José Domingos Rodrigues**, 33°, from Santa Catarina; **Silvio Clóvis Corbari**, 33°, from São Paulo; **José Valter Rodrigues dos Santos**, 33°, from Sergipe; and **Jair de Alcântara Paniago**, 33°, from Tocantins.

From the *Confederation of the Brazilian Grand Lodges – CMSB* came Brothers **Nathaniel Carneiro Neto**, 33°, Secretary; **Vanderlei Freitas Valente**, 33°, Deputy Secretary; **Manif Antônio Torres Júlio**, 33°, Foreign Relations Secretary.

Representatives of several foreign Supreme Councils also attended: SGC **Eduardo Paradis**, 33°, from Argentina; **Roberto Neumarkt**, 33°, Past SGC, also from Argentina; **Noel Jesus Jarquin Moran**, 33°, SGC from Nicaragua; **Jorge Aníbal Goldenberg**, 33°, SGC from Paraguai; **Alejandro Dedoff**, 33°, Deputy Grand Chancellor Adjunto from Paraguai; **Agostinho Fernandes Garcia**, 33°, SGC from Portugal; **Stellan Nistor**, 33 °,

Grand Hospitalary from Romênia; and **Salameh Nawaf**, 33°, from SC of Romania.

From the *Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch of Brazil* came GHP **Rosselberto Himenes**, 33°, and **Dagomar Ruas Silva**, 33°, PGHP.

From *The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International*, came Bro. **João Guilherme da Cruz Ribeiro**, PGSS, 14°, Deputy GGHP - Latin America.

Representing the regular *Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay* came Bro. **Carlos Eduardo Braga Farias**, 19°, Grand Master.

Non Masonic authorities also attended: **Carlos Alberto Pinheiro**, from the Brazilian Postal Service; Lt. Col. **Carlos Henrique Guedes**, from the Brazilian Army; **José Maria Silva**, Assessor of S. Luís Mayor; **João Castelo Ribeiro Gonçalves** and **Sérgio Tamer**, Secretary for Human Rights representing **Roseana Sarney Murad**, Governor of Maranhão State.

Commemorative stamps of the Anniversaries of both Masonic Bodies were launched at the occasion, which included the obliteration and the signing of the stamps. During the event, the *8th Masonic Stamps Exhibition* took place at the outside Hall, in which issues of Masonic Stamps and postmarks were shown to the public.

Not only *First Day Covers* but also Medals and Certificates were given to all dignitaries attending the celebration, which ended by pronouncements by the Sovereign Grand Commander **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, and Grand Master **Raimundo Nonato Santos Pereira**, 33°.

A Citizen of the State of Maranhão

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The *House of the Representatives of the State of Maranhão* conferred the title of *Cidadão Maranhense* (Citizen of Maranhão) to Sovereign Grand Commander **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, during the special Session of March 25, presided by Representative **Marcelo Tavares** and attended by many authorities.

In his speech Representative **Tavares** emphasized the importance of bestowing the title of *State Citizen* on someone not born in it. Citizens, being law abiding members of society, influence and are involved in it and its destiny. Bro. **Luiz Fernando**'s outstanding 48 years career in the public service and his wise leadership in the regular *Brazilian Supreme Council* more than justifies this title awarded by the House of Representatives of the State of Maranhão. Citing Maranhão's low economic, development and life indicators, Representative **Tavares** exhorted Bro. **Luiz Fernando** to use his wide influence to help this promising State. A rich State with many people in dire needs, Maranhão needs his help to achieve its deserved place among Brazilian States, both in citizenship and quality of life. That's the main reason for this title at the very moment when the *Supreme Council* commemorates its 181 years of fruitful existence.

Answering Rep. **Tavares**, Bro. **Luiz Fernando** thanked the honor, pledged his support and talked about his affinities with the State of Maranhão, where some of his ancestors lived. For him the title of *Cidadão Maranhense* is a travel back in time and a magic encounter with his own origins.

Investiture in Maranhão

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Still part of the celebrations of the 181 years of the Supreme Council and the 50 years of the *Grand Lodge of Maranhão*, 34 Brothers from the States of Maranhão, Ceará, Amazonas, Pará and Rio de Janeiro were invested as Inspectors General. Sovereign Grand Commander **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, presided the ceremony with Bros. **Raimundo Nonato Santos Pereira**, 33°, Grand Master, and **Antônio Evaristo de Lima**, 33°, Inspector General for the Valley of Maranhão.

Also present were the Delegations of the Supreme Councils of Argentina, Paraguay, Nicaragua, Portugal and Romania, the Grand Masters of most Brazilian Grand Lodges, Inspectors General and authorities from all over Brazil.

Congratulations to the new 33° Brothers!

Pontifex Maximus

Bro. **Jorge Luiz de Andrade Lins**, 33°
Grand Minister of State
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Bro. **Geraldo de Souza**, 33°, our Lieutenant-Commander, observed to Bro. **Carlos Deveza**, 33°, that SGC **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, 33°, has been constantly praising and honoring all members of our *Supreme Council*, but the Active Members had never presented him with a token of their tribute. That talk reached me, Bro. **Jorge Luiz de Andrade Lins**, Grand Secretary of State, and motivated the Active Members to act.

But what could be given to someone who has all titles and honors in the *Supreme Council*?

After much thinking and reasoning it was decided to honor him with a exclusive medal and certificate to be signed by all Active Members.

Remembering Bro. **Luiz Fernando**'s patient work, how he diligently established the foundations to bridge our *Supreme Council* to century XXI, the very bridge became the chosen symbol of our homage. In ancient Rome there was a title, *Pontifex Maximus*, designing the high priest of the priests' college, from *pons + facere*, meaning bridge builder, and *maximus*, meaning higher or supreme.

Important for us it is not only the physical bridge, but the spiritual one, linking men and gods, present and future, archaic and modern. Without this capacity any bridge is worthless: what good is it to link nothing to nowhere?

So that's background to this exclusive and unique medal, one of a kind, that represented the pledge of fidelity by the Active Members of the *Supreme Council of Brazil* to honor the leadership of a Commander who patiently wiped out old tricks and worked unerringly to establish the possibility of Union for all Brethren.

All Members signed the Certificate:
Geraldo de Souza, 33°; **Jorge Luiz de Andrade Lins**, 33°; **Adelman de Jesus França Pinheiro**, 33°; **Carlos Antonio de Almeida Deveza**, 33°; **Francisco Antônio Gonçalves Dias**, 33°; **José Alves de Alencar**, 33°; **Licínio Leal Barbosa**, 33°; **Francisco Bezerra de Araújo Galvão Neto**, 33°; **Joaquim Takao Tano**, 33°; **Ayla Quintaes Freitas Lima**, 33°; **José Linhares de Vasconcelos Filho**, 33°; **Cyrilo Leopoldo Carvalho da Silva Neves**, 33°; **Carlos Roberto Roque**, 33°; **Francisco "Bonato" Pereira da Silva**, 33°;

Rubens Marques dos Santos, 33°; **Wilson Filomeno**, 33°; **Nelson Gonçalves Correlo**, 33°; **José Francisco Ribeiro Lopes**, 33°; **João Antonio Aidar Coelho**, 33°; **Maurício Soares**, 33°, and **Rui Silvio Stragliotto**, 33°.

So is stated in the Certificate:

"We, Active Members of the *Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry for the Federative Republic of Brazil*, regarding the leadership in the constructive work of the solid bridge from which this *Supreme Council* will depend in the future, and in recognition to the merits of the SGC, Ill. Bro. **Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres**, by the power in us invested, we thank him and declare him our *Pontifex Maximus*, as shown by this Certificate and this Metal, conferred in the City of S. Luís, in March 26 A.D. and Nissan 11, 5770, A.M."

A just and fair praise from the Team of the Supreme Council to their Leader and Statesman.