

THE CRAFT FREEMASONRY

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REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE

MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL

The Mother High Council of the World



The Masonic High Council met in London on Saturday the 16th of September 2006. This historic meeting was supported by Regular Grand Lodges from around the globe. The following selection of reports and information is to make you aware of the global reach that Regular Craft Masonry and particularly the Regular Grand Lodge of England has achieved in such a short time. This was the order of procedure:

09:00AM Receive the Official Representatives of foreign Regular Constitutions

09:30AM Opening of the General Grand Assembly of the Masonic High Council, thereafter.

- Report of the Secretary General
- Reports of the representatives of the International Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges
- To receive propositions and motions
- To appoint Grand Inspectors
- To sign the Treaty of London paper for the furtherance of Regular Craft Masonry
- To elect a Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of England
- To elect and appoint a Pro Grand Master and Officers of the Regular Grand Lodge of England
- Official Greetings

12:30 PM The Grand Master will host a Masonic Luncheon

Detailed report on the General Meeting of the Grand Assembly

13:30 PM The Grand Assembly of the Regular Grand Lodge of England will be opened followed by the opening of the inaugural Annual Communication of Grand Lodge by the Grand Master. This was the order of procedure:

- 1** – The Grand Master will open and address Regular Grand Lodge
- 2** – Installation of the Pro Grand Master and Grand Officers
- 3** – Pro Grand Master’s address to the Regular Grand Lodge.
- 4** – Propositions will be dealt with.
- 5** – The Secretary General will report to Regular Grand Lodge.
- 6** – Formation of the Fraternal Chain of Union followed by a minutes silence in memory of the recent tragic loss of life in the Lebanon, to be led by RW Brother Khaled N. Nachabe
- 7** – Greetings will be received
- 8** – The Grand Master will close Regular Grand Lodge

The Address of the Grand Master MW Bro His Royal Highness Philippe Paul Alexandre Henry, Prince of Araucania, K.E.S., OCS, K.C.A.:

Brethren All,

Firstly I wish to thank you all for coming on this most auspicious occasion and electing me to be the first Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of England. It is an immense honour and an obligation I will carry out to the best of my ability. It is unfortunate that we are only here today due to so many of us having become completely disillusioned over a number of years by the developments in the Craft in general but particularly we all feel, that the ancient usages of the Craft have gradually discontinued in most other Craft Lodges and are now practically forgotten by them. Along with these old customs and methods the Craft has lost much of its character. The policies of the United Grand Lodge of England regarding modern Masonry and particularly the one main form of ritual, makes it difficult for the old English lodges to maintain practices which have been handed down from time immemorial. Whatever value uniformity may have in some phases of life, it often leans towards a loss of things of importance and interest. How much more do we have to lose from those original speculative Craft methods before we take action to save the little we have left of this ancient tradition?

Its with great joy that we see ourselves as the traditionalists of the Craft and no doubt we shall soon be able to convince many other brethren of our aims for Craft Masonry and continue building membership and lodges.

Brethren, as I have already stated, it is with great delight that I accept the office of the first Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of England. I will do my best to serve our cause but a word of warning is also necessary. We have embarked on a new path for Craft Masonry. A path which will hopefully take us back to the roots. We should be aware that there will be many attempts to discredit us and many brethren will have doubts about approaching us. We must all ensure that we stringently uphold the true Masonic principals of brotherly love, truth and particularly tolerance. Let us all work together to show all Masons that the Regular Grand Lodge of England is a just alternative for those weary about trying to understand their present form of Masonry and those who are just disillusioned with it.

I hope you will support our Pro Grand Master, MW Bro. Nicklaus E. Schmidt and myself in the immense task which lays before us, that of charting a new path for the Craft and in promoting and uniting the Craft both in Britain and across the globe.

May the Great Architect be with you and look over you.
Philippe, Grand Master

The Address of the Pro Grand Master will be included in the next Newsletter.

The Report of the Secretary General RW Bro Rui A. Gabirro was given as follows:

My Dear Brethren,

As you all know we have decided to establish a new confederation of Regular Grand Lodges throughout the world. This is based on the universal adoption of original aims, intentions and principles of the Craft.

The last time a Grand Lodge was officially formed in England, that of the so-called "Antients" Grand Lodge, was 1751 after 12 years of preparation.

We should be very proud that that since the Masonic High Council was first established on the 25th of January 2005, the volume of work accomplished by everyone has been outstanding and this effort has been rewarded with significant growth, culminating in the formation of the Regular Grand Lodge of England here today. It is you that future generations will look up to and thank, for your dedication and determination in restoring and maintaining, not only the spirit of Masonry, but also with regard to promoting the ancient traditions of Craft Freemasonry in England.

We have a great deal of work to do, some which has taken place today and a variety of small changes have been implemented in order to ensure that brethren looking to us for the future, can fully understand our systems of operation. One of these is that the title of Secretary General has been replaced with Grand Secretary. This is in keeping with all Regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

We will continue to keep you all regularly informed of developments here in England as we grow our membership over the coming months. I can assure you all of my best intentions and availability should you have anything you might require assistance with.

RW Bro R.A. Gabirro
Grand Secretary

The following Grand Inspectors were appointed by the Pro Grand Master and are listed with their responsibilities:

Grand Inspector for the French Speaking Jurisdictions

MW Bro. J. Siegfried Tonje, MHC

Grand Inspector for the Italian Speaking Jurisdictions

MW Bro. Pasquale Cerofolini, MHC

Grand Inspector for the Indian sub Continent

RW Bro. Philip Fowler, MHC

Grand Inspector for the Portuguese Speaking Jurisdictions

MW Bro. Uatau Brasil de Azevedo, MHC

Grand Inspector for South America

MW Bro. Carlos L. Pacchioni Valdez, MHC

Grand Inspector for North America

MW Bro. Charles Mabry, MHC

Grand Inspector for Central America

RW Bro. Ricardo Rivas Andrade, MHC

Grand Inspector for the Middle East

RW Bro. Khaled Nachabe, MHC

Grand Inspector for the Greek Speaking Jurisdictions

RW Bro. Spyridon Nikolaos Andriotis, MHC

Grand Inspector for Slovenia, Croatia and the Slavic Jurisdictions

MW Bro. DM, MHC



THE REGULAR GRAND LODGE
OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

IN AMPLE FORM Assembled, according to the Old Constitutions regularly and solemnly established under the auspices of Prince Edwin in the City of York, England, in the year 926 A.D.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN

We the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World, of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England

SEND GREETINGS

KNOW YE That We the Founding Members of the Regular Grand Lodge of England assembled at London this day of our Lord the 16th of September 2006, have decided and agreed that in order to support and improve the Antient Usages & Customs of this Grand Lodge we now append our signatures to this,

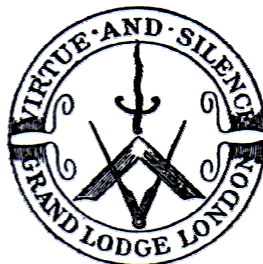
“TREATY OF LONDON”

WHEREAS all present signatories promise to foster the enlightenment of the Masons under this new Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges by means which ensure the Antient Landmarks and Usages of the Craft will not be diminished, to cultivate Masonic Research and to stimulate a high standard of Ritual Workings member Lodges, to generally foster Masonic good-fellowship, and to promote the true meaning of Brotherly Love upon which our Order is founded. Signed on the attached parchment to this treaty:

GIVEN under our Hands and the Seal of the Masonic High Council the Grand Lodge at London this 16th September A.L. 6006 A.D. 2006.

By command of the MW Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of England, MW Bro Philippe Paul Alexandre Henry, Prince of Araucania, K.E.S., OCS, K.C.A.

RW Bro Rui A. Gabirro
Grand Secretary



A full list of all Grand Officers will be included in the next Newsletter.

Communications from throughout the world:

COMUNICACION

ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL MASONIC FEDERATION OF REGULAR GRAND LODGES

ARGENTINA

We would inform you that the Masonic High Council of Argentina is now established with the foundation date of 20th of July 2006.



To the Regular Grand Lodge of England
MW & RW Grand Representatives from Grand Lodges

Brethren:

Greetings from the Masonic High Council of Argentina. We are pleased to send you our cordial and fraternal salutations and to join you in this International Conference.

We are a group of Brethren emanating from the Grand Lodge of Argentina. This Obedience is now in the middle of a shameful struggle - brother against brother - only motivated by selfish interests.

Our Masonic journey has been long. For many years we were trying to find out any Grand Lodge standing for traditional and regular Freemasonry but alas could find none. To our uttermost happiness, in 2005 we heard that the Regular Grand Lodge of England was being constituted.

We have been received by the RGLE with arms and hearts widely opened, being ourselves very proud to be part of this family, which represents the true and genuine Freemasonry.

We strongly believe that our Order should not be become a business club, but on the contrary should preserve itself with the same principles and tenets existing since 1717. We need to save our Order from the present disaster done by some so-called Regular Obedience's (responsible for jeopardising the very existence of Freemasonry) by going back to our own roots.

We are committed to work in this lawful task. For the sake of regularity.

Yours Fraternally in the Bonds of Brotherly Love

Buenos Aires, September 16th, 6006 (Anno Lucis)

M.W.Bro G. Aristófanes
Senior Grand Officer

R.W.Bro Olaus Petri
General Grand Secretary

Masonic High Council of Argentina (ACMA)

Grand Lodge of the Regular Masons of France
Masonic High Council for France and Jurisdictions Overseas
ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



Speech of the MW J. Siegfried TONJE, Grand Master of France
G.L.M.R.F.A.

I'm very happy to be able to speak to you for this particular occasion while keeping in mind the conclusion of the ratification of the Treaty of London. Undoubtedly all that we will say in such circumstances will be of some interest for a public curious to know more about what we really represent. Those who are listening to us are of course guided by their own personal motivations. For this reason I'll avoid to make allusions to what is specific in our craft, in order to make this message accessible to masons as well as to non masons. We have taken the crucial decision to constitute an international confederation of freemasons respecting the Masonic regularity and to place ourselves in the group of the Masonic organisations that we call "regular", along with the Regular Grand Lodge of England regarded as our Mother Grand Lodge as the Masonic High Council of England is our Mother High Council.

Our approach aims openly at removing from the Masonic world the concept pretending that just one regular obedience by country must exist. Such a disposition doesn't meet the universality of our institution and is just a matter of obsolete considerations based on totalitarianism and protectionism and is a source of all kinds of abuse. It has made us move forward and led us to question several aspects of our basic organisations.

At the risk of just being critical and at the risk of breaking our Obligation or of taking the wrong decisions of leaving the columns definitively to join the long lists of disappointed brethren or else join organisations which foundations don't meet our ideals, we have decided to take this new way following the lead of the Regular Grand Lodge of England. Our decision has been mainly dictated by the quality of the large following already in evidence for the Regular Grand Lodge and more particularly, the principles and aim behind it. We wish to leave behind the long list of inconceivable and long-lasting attitudes within the so-called regular Masonic organisations.

It is to be hoped that instead of heaping opprobrium upon us and condemning us, the brethren from these organisations will gradually approach us and support our decisions.

Our Masonic regularity can be proven by the fact that we scrupulously respect:

1. The initiation tradition by selecting the applicants on their personal qualification toward initiation, without paying attention to their social position or to some other interest.
2. Symbolism taken in it's spiritual sense and not under a social, moral, political or confessional angle.
3. The true and preached landmarks of Freemasonry.
4. Respecting the most authentic and purest ritual practice
5. Accepting that our lodges may practice the ancient rituals without any alteration or modification

These points have a deep meaning and all rulers of the so-called regular obedience's should make them the subject for meditation for their own conscience. Of course today many Masonic or quasi-Masonic organisations are existing, each with its own objectives.

I'm not concerned with the multiplication of these organisations. This masonry has itself as an enemy. Not willing to face its own mirror entails a great deal of desertion within its ranks.

The fault isn't for those who create such organisations. On the contrary. Responsibility rests on those who have forgotten that they have the duty to preserve and to pass on. How can the outside world have a positive image of organisations so discredited by the press because of the behaviour of a number of their members who unfortunately enjoy enormous powers?

Imagine people who have integrated an organisation because it was nobly reputed, staying there and finding corporatism, intrusion of business at a high level, even not concealed, arbitrary, the settling of scores (suspension, exclusion) striking off lists of unappreciated brothers or with whom there are conflicts in the profane world.

When these excluded brothers are more loyal or have a greater understanding of our Art than those who have excluded them, this means that the latter don't understand anything. Such abuse of power isn't bearable or isn't in accordance with the tradition. Is it normal that a brother meeting difficulties doesn't get any support from members of a brotherhood that is supposedly a charitable institution?

What kind of regular Masonry it is that authorises under its banner obedience's with political connotations? What kind of regular Masonry is it that continues to accept racial connotations (white and black Masonry in the USA). Where are the principles of universality and unlimited fraternity among humans?

Should we leave the monopoly of regularity to those who indulge in empowering political personalities of non-democratic countries? To those who shut their eyes when things don't go well, selling off Freemasonry to their unmasonic interests? The answer must be a resounding NO!

In our eyes and in our hearts we feel that this kind of Masonry has completely failed. By voluntarily omitting to instil Freemasonry to those who don't know it, it has contributed to the creation of a so-called regular Masonry in name only. Hence the decision to organise ourselves and to gather around our ideal all brothers conscious of the preservation of the principles of Regular Masonry.

From that came the decision to organise our international Confederation constituted by the union of the High Councils of each country and of all the Grand Lodges. We have developed faster than expected, as in one year we are nearly implanted in all the continents, what's makes us foresee a brilliant future. The most important thing for us is not the number of our members but their personal qualities. For historical reasons the Masonic High Council of England and the Regular Grand Lodge of England are mother institutions.

Our objectives are clear. We must re-vigorate traditional Masonry, practice the craft according to the ancient texts, preserve the Masonic ethics as our ancient brothers did and recognise the sovereignty of the lodges.

Don't forget that the lodges make the obedience not the opposite and that those who are presiding the lodges should take profit of the powers they have been endowed with by the leaders of the Order but without abusing. I want to point this to those responsible for presiding to the destiny of our lodges so that they will never have to forget the meaning of their obligations. Our leaders elected this day rely on the support of all of us. All of us, from each continent and each country must work hand in hand, meet regularly and coordinate our action for more efficiency.

I am particularly anxious to congratulate our Right Worshipful Brother A.R. Gabirro, now Grand Secretary, for his ingenuity and who is at the basis of our present process, by saying to him that you are no longer alone in England that from now on you are no longer alone in the world!

I thank all those who trust me so much by confiding me with heavy responsibilities, among older and more experienced brothers

The Grand Council of the United Grand Lodges of India

MW.GM of the Regular Grand Lodge, Brethren all,

On behalf of the Grand Masters and Brethren of the United Grand Lodges of India, we bring our fraternal greetings to you on this historic occasion. We are delighted that RW.Bro.A.Subramaniam, PDGM of the Grand Lodge of South India is also present as Senior Grand Officer of the MHC of India.

Freemasonry today faces many challenges. Falling membership worldwide, especially in the traditional strongholds of the Craft, discord and divisions between Grand Lodges resulting in the absence of a true "Universal Brotherhood" which we all profess to acknowledge!. Our principal task today is "to seek for that which was lost". To restore Freemasonry its true principals and precepts and to promote and establish the Craft as an ambassador of peace and harmony in a world sadly engulfed in conflict.

The desire amongst too many Masons to acquire the trappings of rank above our moral truths and virtues, forgetting that "Masons meet on the level", is one contributing factor for dissension in the Craft. Some GLs suffer from a superiority complex, based upon either their claim of antiquity or their superiority of ritual. A few still call upon their superiority of race. They look down upon their fellow GLs as their "inferior brethren" or in some cases as not Brethren at all, despite the fact that these Grand Lodges strictly follow and uphold the Antient Tenets and Landmarks of the Craft.

It is no secret that the UGLE practises a "colonial" style of Freemasonry, where it preaches the virtue of recognising only one GL in a country, but breaks its own rule across the globe to further its own interests of "dividing and ruling" the Craft. It calls regularly formed Grand Lodges worldwide, founded by brethren held in the highest esteem by their members, as supposedly "illegal", while it conveniently forgets its own historic past actions in illegally sponsoring schisms in GLs outside its own jurisdiction. The removal earlier this year of its very own Grand Secretary for allegedly interfering in the election of the Grand Master in another country clearly proves the point. Members in the former colonies of the British Empire experience a sterile, servile style of Freemasonry as they loyally labour for their masters sitting comfortably in Great Masonic Halls throughout the British Isles.

Consequently with the Craft is in global decline, especially in England, numerous papers on the subject have been written. Across the waters in America, "Mac Masonry" has become a contagious disease. The practise of making Masons in their thousands at a time, like instant coffee, without any individual experience of Initiation, has been universally derided and condemned as being utterly alien in character with the values and traditions and systems of our ancient fraternity. In yet other regions, the Craft has been taken over to serve political interests. Many of these so-called Grand Orients have no need for the guiding hand of the GAOTU in their work. We therefore have the "Imperialistic Colonial Masonry", "junk food" Masonry, racism and Godless political "Craftiness", masquerading as Masonry Universal. These species are fatal to the Craft. What firmly stands out as a disease is the selfish desire of some to perpetually rule over the rest forgetting that Masons must meet "on the level".

It is to restore the eternal truths that we must resolve and embark upon uniting regular Freemasonry. If we are to harbour pettiness and one-upmanship we will surely fail in our endeavours. One of our esteemed Brethren, a PDGM of one of our sister GLs, a former Grand Chancellor of a Grand Lodge and our official representative for Europe, was objected to by one of the MHCs. Another MHC has ridiculed the origin and virtues of certain Masonic rituals practised by other ancient GLs. This is not Masonic conduct. Every ritual has its Masonic virtues and every Grand Lodge that upholds the Antient Tenets and Landmarks of the Craft must be respected and it and its Brethren given every Masonic courtesy by our Confederation if we are to be true to the Craft and succeed in our grand endeavour, to restore to global Freemasonry, "that which was lost".

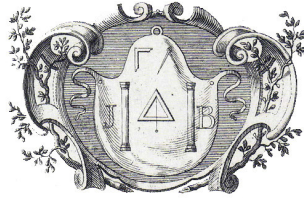
So let us seek to find in each other those virtues that unite us, rather than hunt for that which divides us. Let us practice the five points of fellowship as Brethren have so done since the inception of our ancient fraternity. Let the labours of the founder Brethren of this new Confederation be conducted in peace and harmony with the Great Lights of Freemasonry to guide them, so that we may eventually form a Masonic Chain encircling the globe whose links are unbreakable, to the glory and honour of the GAOTU. With our fraternal embrace

RW.Bro.Philip R.J.Fowler

Grand Secretary

The Grand Council of the United Grand Lodges of India.

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SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT
ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
LEBANON

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren

We Khaled Nachabe (S.G.O.) Nazih Nachabe (Sec.Gen) members of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free & Accepted Masons at the Masonic High Council of England send Greetings:

The Environment where we were born and grown up considered Patriotism and Honour as undisputable facts and Belief , under the strong influence of ancient customs and tradition we grew as Lebanese proud of the heritage and culture of our ancestors , proud to be the grand-sons of people who were the oldest operative Masons of the World.

Few are those who concentrate their research on the authenticity of the Facts, because Feint , Lie and Partiality have taken place of the Truth.

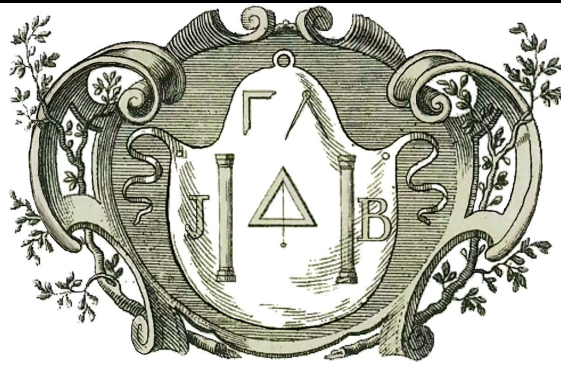
The M.H.C. & R.G.L.E helped us by encouraging our activities in Lebanon, with deep appreciation to our beloved Bro. Rui Gabirro.

We heartily thank you for exceptional interest that been gave to us, and we pray for prosperity of this great Institution.

We are grateful also to all Brethren who participate with M.H.C & R.G.L.E. and let all the people know that our and your Aim has never been but to bring our contribution to the realization of our Free Mason's Dream.

Given under our hands,
Khaled Nachabe Senior Grand Officer M.H.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Khaled Nachabe". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.



Gran Logia Regular de Bolivia

Masonic High Council of Bolivia

ANTIGUA Y HONORABLE FRATERNIDAD DE MASONES LIBRES Y ACEPTADOS

SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT

A L.:G.:D.:G.:A.:D.:U.:

MW Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of England

On behalf of the Regular Grand Lodge of Bolivia and the Masonic High Council of Bolivia, cordial greetings, at the same time we would like to present our excuses to the International Conference for the impossibility of attending this great event personally.

For us the Freemasons of the Regular Grand Lodge of Bolivia is a privilege to address these brief lines to members of this Grand Conference, and to convey our total concurrence to the conclusions that may arise in this historical event, that will be a landmark in the history of Freemasonry in this millennium, we know well that being part of the Masonic High Council, Mother of the World, we have an enormous task to preserve the traditions of our Order.

Although we are a young Grand Lodge, and have started practically from zero, the first Regular Lodge "Workers of the Light No. 1" was created under the patronage of the Regular Grand Lodge of England. We didn't have a temple, at the present time we have a small Temple in the city Santa Cruz, this Temple has many deficiencies but we have the faith that we are able to acquire additional terrain in the future near where our Temple and later on to see the ways of financing the construction of the Grand Temple of our Order. In La Paz, for example, other lodges are working independently and in the next few days, a brother will be traveling to La Paz to see the possibility to accept a building on loan, to be used temporarily as a temple and offices of the future Autonomous Regular Grand Lodge of La Paz. Also in other cities, conversations and commitments exist with many brethren to establish new lodges. Our growth could be faster, but lacking the infrastructure at the moment limits our working. It is not impossible, but it is difficult to compete with two Grand Lodges that have infrastructure in all cities, this situation in certain form it is a disadvantage, but it doesn't intimidate us, since we know that we can overcome it.

Valley of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, September 13th, 2006 A.:D.:

Fraternally,


M.:W.: Osvaldo Ulloa Peña
Grand Master
Regular Grand Lodge of Bolivia



**GRANDE ORIENTE ITALIANO FEDERALE ®
GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY FEDERAL ®**

Under the Auspices of the Regular Grand Lodge of England

G:.O:.I:.F:. ®

Dear Brethren,

In this our most sacred day on the Feast of Equinox of Autumn, I and all G:.O:.I:.F:. Brethren send our "Warmest Wishes" to all RGLE Brethren.

We send our "Warmest Wishes" to all our Brethrens of the Grand Lodges of the World that they are working Under the Auspices of the Regular Grand Lodge of England and I pray our Great Architect of the Universe for this our real dream of Freedom, Happiness, Peace, Love, Justice, Equality, Tolerance because it remains always in our Minds.

Zenith of Rome, 21st day of the 7th month of the Anno Lucis 6006

Sincerely and Fraternally

PASQUALE CEROFOLINI
Grand Master Federal



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Masonic High Council of Mexico**

Resp.: G:.W:.M:.

London, England, Sept. 16 2006

To each brother expanded throughout the world,

In 1717, John Pine, BLUEMANTLE Pursuivant at Arms, and Chief Engraver of Seals, &c./ To HIS MAJESTY, my great grand father, nine generations over me, headed the Heraldic College here in London, at one time he was the governor of the founding Hospital- later to become the British Museum, founding member of the Premier Grand Lodge at London. Painter and engraver, Marshall of Royal Processions, and an active Brother, almost 300 years ago, gathered efforts with his Brethren in this same geometric point, a group of brothers revolutionized the ancient principles of the operative masonry through the foundation of the speculative Craft.

At that time, the founding members were criticized and attacked by those who followed the older traditions, being all of them brothers.

In spite of adversities, they accomplished their goal. Mission accomplished then, and now, we have gathered here in a different time of history.....which repeats itself.

Our priority is to ponder the knowledge acquired throughout the past three hundred years. We might find so many opinions about our Craft as many members there are.

An organization is valid as long as it serves its purpose. Once its purpose is achieved, it becomes obsolete. I won't criticize our Craft or become a judge about the order principals, but as an institution, are we achieving our goal? I have some other questions.

What can we say about free masonry, has it served and accomplished its purpose?

Are we starting a new mission? Is this a new era within the evolution process of humanity?

Have we yet understood the message? Or maybe it is meant for us to make it happen? A change that will properly fit these advanced times.

There are no mishappenings; we must define our current goals and the level of commitment to achieve such goals NOW, in this endless present time.

Personally, I believe the Institution is evolving in a similar way as a baby grows into boyhood and until adulthood. Our Institution must step forward. How? By using the knowledge through the tool acquired since our first degree - "The philosophical doubt", through thesis-antithesis and synthesis - among others - in order to advance through our personal believes.

In this occasion, I would like you to meditate about the true meaning of BRETHREN. A way of life that is comprised by a well defined group of people struggling to achieve welfare of The Craft, humanity and each specific Lodge. We recognize ourselves as brothers and to earn such recognition, is our individual duty.

The Craft is vested of truth and Virtue, which are the foundations of our everyday thoughts, words and actions.

Let us realize we are brothers because each one is an extension of the rest of us, we are truly ONE with "The Grand Architect of the Universe", and we are ONE with ALL.

Once we reach this level of consciousness and using the philosophical doubt, the core value of the first degree, I invite you to consider the following:

1.- WE RECOGNIZE THAT CERTAIN OLD IDEAS REGARDING GOD OR LIFE, MIGHT NOT BE FUNCTIONING.

2.- WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT GOD OR LIFE THAT WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND AND WHOSE COMPREHENSION COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING.

3.- WE ARE OPEN TO NEW UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT GOD OR LIFE FROM NOW ON, UNDERSTANDINGS THAT COULD PRODUCE A NEW WAY OF LIFE IN THIS OUR PLANET.

4.- WE ARE WILLING TO EXPLORE AND ANALYZE THESE NEW UNDERSTANDINGS AND, IF THEY ARE ALIGNED WITH OUR DEEPEST TRUTH AND COMPREHENSION, INCLUDE THEM TO CHANGE, UPDATE AND EXPAND OUR SYSTEM OF BELIEFS.

5.- WE ARE WILLING TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN ACCORDANCE TO OUR BELIEFS.

Our beliefs are powerful. We have to be certain of our goals, so they will be manifested inevitably in its due time.

To make a simple recipe these are the ingredients:

LOVE As prime essence of our being

CREATIVITY To build and recreate a better world

BEAUTY For the delight of our senses and nourishment to our soul.

KINDNESS So that the good will is a constant in our Relationship.

UNLIMITED As there is plenty of everything for everyone always.

ABUNDANCE

EXPANSION To achieve betterment of our Beings and recognize ourselves as a drop into the Ocean

RECEPTIVITY To be open to new ideas, to update our beliefs

REMEMBER: WE ALL ARE ONE!

S&F,

RW Bro.: Ricardo E. Rivas Andrade, M.: H.: C.:

The Masonic High Council of Lebanon

Dear Brethren we are pleased to inform that a new Lodge has been formed in East Beirut, Lebanon under the auspices of the Regular Grand Lodge with the number 41 in our registry and number 2 in the Registry of the MHC of Lebanon the name of the new Lodge is King Solomon No.2.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARIS 4 NOVEMBER

The Masonic High Council the Mother High Council will meet in Paris, France on the 4th of November, to this historical meeting we have the pleasure to inform that the following delegations have already confirmed their presence, MHC of Italy, MHC of the USA, MHC of Slovenia, MHC of Lebanon, MHC of Mexico, MHC of England, MHC of Spain we are awaiting the confirmation of further MHC delegations to the Paris International Conference where the "Accord of Paris" will be signed.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SLOVENIA DECEMBER 2006

We are pleased to inform that the MHC of Slovenia will be hosting a Masonic International Conference in December 2006, the programme will be sent as usual to all members.

Enquiries should be sent to the attention of The Masonic High Council Secretary General:

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