

## THE CRAFT FREEMASONRY NEWSLETTER No.21 FEBRUARY 2008

*TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF HEAVEN AND EARTH*



### THE MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL *The Mother High Council of the World*

**TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE**

#### **The Masonic Principles of Regularity**

A Masonic body to be recognized as regular has to hold in proud esteem the values and ancient traditions of the Craft and keep faithful to its principles.

Compliance with these principles both ritualistic and administratively lead to the so-called regularity of obedience on which the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World obtains its regularity.

The decision on who is regular or not is made by the Premier International Masonic Body of Regular Freemasonry in the World, the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World.

Truly regularity is only achieved by upholding the Traditions of the Craft; this must be kept and maintained regular in both aspects Administratively and Ritualisticly.

Masonic legitimacy can only be given by those who both, comprehend and understand tradition enabling them to be able to be transmitted to others; those Founding Master Masons who established the foundations of the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World had the necessary qualities to restore what once seemed a Tradition almost lost to future generations.

### **Masonic Rite and Masonic Workings**

There is misunderstanding over what is called the Masonic Rite and the Masonic ritual with traditions and customs.

First and foremost there is only one Masonic Rite. In England the practice of the Ceremonies of the Craft are known as the Masonic Rite. Which in different parts of the country or in each private Lodge this Masonic Rite can be influenced by certain local, practices, usages and customs. To this there are many differences, in the practice of the Masonic Ritual we call workings, but these workings can never suppress, eradicate or erase the true nature and basic principles of the sacred geometry on which the Royal Art of the Ancient Craft is founded.

So we therefore see that different Rites in masonry are merely different ways or working the Masonic ceremonies.

So what is the Masonic Rite, and what makes each Masonic working more authentic or genuine than others?

The Masonic Rite is composed of the following basic and fundamental principles:

- 1 – The Masonic Rite has an evocation to the Great Architect of the Universe. Which is the purpose of the Masonic Rite, to work to the glory and Honour of the Grand Architect.
- 2 – The Masonic Rite has a ceremonial opening and closing.
- 3 – The Masonic Rite has an initiation ceremony to the craft tradition, mysteries and the Hiramic legend suitable to each respective degree.
- 4 – The Masonic Rite has the presence of a Volume of Sacred Law in which can be found a description of parts of the Masonic Legend and the building of King Solomon's Temple.
- 5 – The Masonic Rite has the presence of candles where the burning flame is the simple of what connects this physical dimension to the divine world.
- 6 – That the Masonic Rite is preformed by officers in a Masonic Temple called a Lodge, these officers have a particular place in Lodge and the Place of the Senior Warden and Junior Warden are in front of the two columns has they represent those same two columns and there for since time immemorial that is there rightful and just place.
- 7 - And that the Masonic Temple or Lodge has the basic required allegorical symbols of the Ancient Craft. This is the tracing board placed in the centre of the Lodge surrounded by 3 candelabra. The Sun and Moon in their respective places among the Lodge furniture a sword and 3 gavels, a delta with the all Seeing Eye in representation of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

These principles are required to constitute the very basis of any Masonic Working; to be accepted in accordance and therefore be accepted as following the Masonic Rite.

The Masonic Order is an Order with both a conjoined material and spiritual component simultaneously enacted. To explain the principle of the existence of this duality in a Masonic Lodge there is representation of the sun and moon, the columns of the North and South, the cubic stone and the uncut stone, the white and black squares on the floor of the Lodge together with the square and compass.

We see then that Freemasonry is also an order with a spiritual component, which obviously will unavoidably refer to the glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe, for which the King Solomon's Temple was build.

By failing to make the invocation GAOTU, is to declare that the Freemasons who built the Temple of Jerusalem were imbeciles, because they were building a temple to something that did not exist. The Masonic Order makes no sense without invoking the GAOTU.

Someone can only be recognized among us as a regular Mason, if he is a member of a Masonic body firstly and foremost recognized by the governing body of Craft Freemasonry. The Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World, source of the regular Craft.

In these circumstances, an individual becomes a regular Freemason, for the natural and simple fact that this process of the Fraternity legitimises administratively and ritualistically the tradition, which is received, and the understanding of the tradition of the Masonic order whose own spirit is being inherited, here is the huge difference between regular and irregular Masonry.

### **The importance on depicting correctly Masonic Symbols**

After the revision of several books on the subject of Freemasonry my attention was taken to contemplate the correct content of the various symbols and Masonic drawings which in many cases were completely distorted or wrongly designed in regards to Masonic tradition, without any symbolic correspondence between the symbolic elements depicted on it, of which they were ultimately supposed to form an idea and be the means of expression used to transmit the knowledge of Masonic Tradition.

### **The importance of the Lodge Secretary; registrars and keepers of the Tradition**

Concerning the importance of the Secretary in a Lodge; it is of the utmost importance that the Master Mason who is elected to the office of a Lodge Secretary be well suited and fit for the charge of that office, as a good Secretary can make or break a Lodge; the person elected for that office must live up to the responsibilities, of such an office, and he must understand its role as it is of the utmost importance to enable that brother to fulfil the role to its fullness, therefore he who is chosen must be correctly instructed in all aspects required of his office as Secretary of the Lodge.

A Secretary of a Lodge must have a good understanding of procedure and be diligent in his recording of lodge minutes; these must always be a true record of events within the lodge.



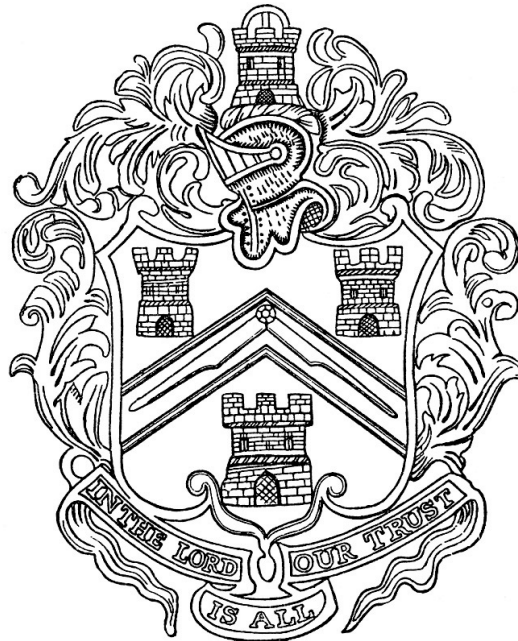
**Dimitrij Klinar, MHC  
Secretary General**

# COMMUNICATIONS



## MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL OF BENELUX

MW & RW Brethren, Officers of the MHC the Mother High Council of the World and Brethren:  
We should like to heartily congratulate our Brother RW Bro. Ruben Papian, in his official nomination has the Senior Grand Officer Masonic High Council of Benelux.



## REGULAR GRAND LODGE OF ROMANIA

MW & RW Brethren, Officers of the MHC the Mother High Council of the World and Brethren:  
We should like to heartily congratulate our Romanian Brethren on the, constituting of the Regular Grand Lodge of Romania in a regular ceremony on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2008, may the Craft Freemasonry flourish under the light and guidance of the newly formed Regular Grand Lodge of Romania.

**Grand Masters and Grand Officers**

# *Regular Grand Lodge of Romania*

**Masonic High Council of Romania**

**Member of the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World**

## **Grand Officers**

MW Dorian Orz, MHCS Grand Master of the Craft Romania

MW Ioan Lungu, MHCS Provincial Grand Master of Ardeal

MW Valentin Preda, MHCS Provincial Grand Master of Bucuresti

MW Region George Apostol, MHCS Provincial Grand Master Moldova

MW Cristian Cazacu, MHCS Provincial Grand Master of Dobrogea

RW Ionescu-Miu Adrian-Mihai, MHCS Grand Chancellor

RW Mateiu Codreanu, MHCS Grand Orator

RW Nicolae Alexa, MHCS Senior Grand Warden

RW Sorin Silaghi, MHCS Junior Grand Warden

RW Teodor Niculescu, MHCS Grand Treasurer

RW Marian Pirciu, MHCS Grand Chaplain

RW Ioan Lungu, MHCS Grand Expert

RW Alexandru Dragan, MHCS Grand Hospitaler

RW Ionel Iosif, MHCS Senior Grand Deacon

RW Arthur Orz, MHCS Junior Grand Deacon



Lodge Charles de Gaulle No.1 Bucharest

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Lodge Alexandru Papiu Ilarian No.3, Targu Mures

Lodge Lucian Blaga No.4, Sebes

Lodge Sfantul Andrei No.5, Constanta

Lodge Fred Kleiknecht No.6, Bucharest

Lodge Constantin Brancusi No. 7, Hobita

Lodge Helis Naparis No.8, Urziceni

Masonic Triangle Parang No.9, Petrosani

Masonic Triangle Gheorghe Pop de Basesti No.10, Baia Mare



## Regular Masonic High Council of Mexico

MW & RW Brethren, Officers of the MHC the Mother High Council of the World and Brethren:  
We should like to heartily congratulate our Mexican Brethren on the, constituting of the Regular Masonic High Council of Mexico in a regular ceremony in due on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2008, may the Craft Freemasonry flourish under the light and guidance of the newly formed Regular Masonic High Council of Mexico.

### ALTO CONSEJO MASÓNICO REGULAR DE MÉXICO

#### **LISTA PRINCIPALES OFICIALES**

MW Angel Roberto Ladron de Guevara Senties, MHCRM Presidente

RW José Alfonso Alcazar y López, MHCRM Vice Presidente

RW Ricardo Travis Arias Purón, MHCRM Secretario General

RW Richard Lawrence Saucedo Griffith, MHCRM Gran Tesorero

RW Jaime Borbolla Romero, MHCRM Gran Canciller

RW José Samuel Adams Ruelas, MHCRM Gran Oficial

RW José Luís Gordillo Morales, MHCRM Gran Oficial

RW Ángel Armando Ladrón de Guevara Senties, MHCRM Gran Oficial

**GRAN LOGIAS REGULARES Y ALTOS COSEJOS MASÓNICOS ESTADUALES  
AFILIADOS JUNTO AL  
ALTO CONSEJO MASONICO REGULAR DE MEXICO**

# *Gran Logia Regular de Morelos*

## **Logias federadas a la Gran Logia Regular de Morelos**

Logia Cuernavaca 23 No.1, Morelos  
Logia Morelos 27 No.2, Morelos  
Logia Xochicalco 32 No.3, Morelos

## *Alto Consejo Masónico de México Distrito Federal*

### **Logias federadas al Alto Consejo Masónico de México Distrito Federal**

Logia Tenochtitlan 52 No.1, México Distrito Federal



### **Masonic High Council of Serbia**

MW & RW Brethren, Officers of the MHC the Mother High Council of the World and Brethren:  
We should like to heartily congratulate our Serbian Brethren on the constituting of the Masonic High Council of Serbia in a regular ceremony on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2008, may the Craft Freemasonry flourish under the light and guidance of the newly formed Masonic High Council of Serbia.

### **Lodge Pobratim No.4, Belgrade**



### **THE MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

### **International Masonic Grand Assembly**

Lebanon (MHC Head Quarters Middle East)

From the 21<sup>ST</sup> to the 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008

With all the hopes of making this International event distinctive and special, we invite all our Beloved MW, RW and Worshipful Brethren, who are members of our Regular International Federation, to participate in this Grand International Assembly of the Craft, which is held for this, first historical occasion in our part of the globe, the birthplace of Hiram Habif.

Marching towards True, Ancient & Regular Craft Free-Masonry in the world.

You are all welcome in Lebanon  
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## *Regular Grand Lodge of California*

MW & RW Brethren, Officers of the MHC the Mother High Council of the World and Brethren:  
We should like to heartily congratulate our American Brethren of the Masonic High Council of the United States of America on the, constituting of the Regular Grand Lodge of California in a regular ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2008, may the Craft Freemasonry flourish under the light and guidance of the newly formed Regular Grand Lodge of California. Its Ceremony of Consecration of the Regular Grand Lodge of California is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2008.







*À GLÓRIA DO GRANDE ARQUITECTO DO UNIVERSO*  
**A Filosofia Maçónica e a Importância do Ritual**

O que procuramos na Maçonaria? Fraternidade?  
O que damos nós à Maçonaria? Filantropia?  
O que esperamos nós da Maçonaria? Espiritualidade?

Quais são as nossas reais expectativas desde o início dos trabalhos em Loja até o fim dos mesmos?  
Esforçamo-nos cada um de nós por cumprir ao máximo com as nossas tarefas ritualísticas e postura durante a sessão, glorificando O GADU e a Respeitável Assembleia de II.: em nossas Lojas?

Porque nos é pedido para adoptarmos posições respeitáveis quando estamos sentados, e movimentos pré-definidos para deslocação em Loja?

Entendemos nós a importância do Ritual que é praticado em Loja?

Como neófitos que fomos, e Eternos Aprendizes que somos, batemos três vezes para ser introduzidos no Templo, em busca de algo:

**BATE E ELA SE ABRIRÁ - A porta do Templo**  
**PROCURA E ACHARÁS - A verdade**  
**PEDE E RECEBERÁS - A luz**

As regras basilares da não discussão de política ou religião, a proibição de diálogo entre II.: em sessão, o pedido de palavra prévio aos Vigilantes para assegurar a ordem durante os trabalhos, e a postura correcta de todos quando sentados bem como o silêncio, visam potenciar a união entre todos os II.: assegurando o respeito da diversidade de opiniões, correntes e pensamentos de cada um de nós, a fim de que desfrutemos intensamente da sessão na maior pluralidade, espiritual e fraternal.

“Conhece-te a ti mesmo e conhecerás o todo, e os Deuses”. Hermes Trimegisto

Todos nós sentimos a sessão de diferentes formas, independentemente do tipo de trabalho masonico praticado. A busca é interior, e portanto individual embora o trabalho interior do Maçon tenha obrigatoriamente pontos de contacto com todos os NN.:QQ.:II.: durante o decorrer da sessão. Uma cadeia de vibrações positivas pode ser sentida através de um cumprimento correcto e escrupuloso do ritual, se comungado com um verdadeiro e sincero espírito fraternal.

O Aperfeiçoamento da execução do ritual deve ser uma das maiores preocupações de todos os II.: em Loja, a fim que construamos o nosso templo interior. Existem trabalhos maçônicos diferentes na Francomaçonomia para diversas correntes pessoais, no entanto, a União de uma Loja é tradicionalmente assegurada pelo Ritual Maçónico, bem como pelas características pessoais e empenho de todos os II.: e Off.:da Loja.

A Fraternidade pode ser sentida, e a Filantropia partilhada dentro e fora dos Templos Maçônicos. O Esoterismo é transmitido, assimilado e desenvolvido tradicionalmente em Loja e a espiritualidade masonica pode ser sentida, praticada e comungada no Templo. Todos entramos de forma igual na Maçonaria, todos sentimo-la de forma diferente, é isso que nos faz seres únicos; procuramos e recebemos de formas diferentes e só encontramos e recebemos individualmente se estivermos unidos fraternalmente e ritualisticamente em Loja.

**Luis David Damião, Lisbon, Portugal**

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## Masonic High Council of the United States of America

MW and RW Brethren,

We hope that this communication finds you all in good health and spirit. It is with great pride and honour that I submit this Official Report of the activities that transpired this month in Los Angeles, California. We had the pleasure to witness American Masonic History in the making.

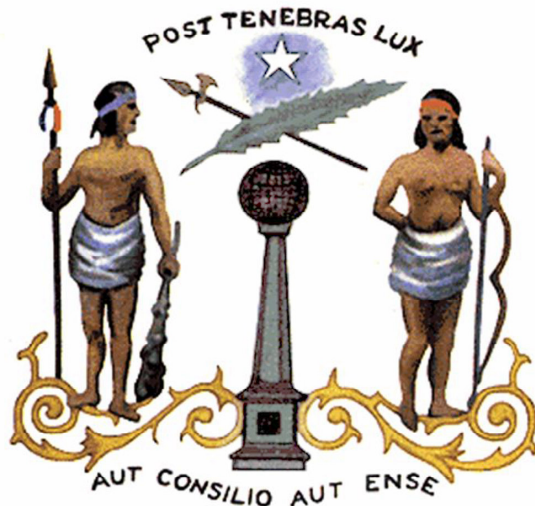
We were informed of the endeavours of the Masonic High Council of California in their desires for growth. With the recommendations of several brothers, among others the Grand Master of New York and the Senior Grand Officer of California MW Brother Antonio Villanueva, the MHCUSA was able to regularize over 20 new brethren forming 4 new additional Craft Lodges that will work under the dispensation of the Regular Grand Lodge of Nevada, until March 2008. At which time the MHC of California will petition in due form to the MHCUSA for a Warrant of Grand Lodge to establishment the new Regular Grand Lodge of California. Personally speaking for the first time in my Masonic career I was able to see a jurisdiction that has both English and Spanish speaking lodges working together in pursuit of several common goals.

The first is to establish the RGLCA the other is to become proficient within the workings of English Ancient Craft Ritual, the second goal is to be able to apply it to their daily endeavours. I look forward to working with these our Brethren in their endeavours as I charge and commend each one of you to do!

13<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Submitted in the bonds of the Craft,  
**MW Bro. Kelly I. Woods, MHCUSA**  
**Secretary General**





## Alto Consejo Masónico de Chile

### El escudo que hoy identifica al Alto Consejo Masónico de Chile

En el concierto mundial, corresponde al primer escudo nacional, establecido durante el Gobierno de José Miguel Carrera, en 1812 y responde a la necesidad de Carrera de desarrollar el interés de los sectores populares por la causa de la independencia.

“Se diseñó sobre un óvalo, en cuyo centro había una columna que representaba el árbol de la libertad. Sobre la columna se observaba un globo terráqueo; sobre el globo, una lanza y una palma cruzadas, y sobre éstas, una estrella. Junto a la columna, una pareja de indígenas de pie., con dos sentencias latinas: en la parte superior se leía: Post Tenebras Lux, que significa “Después de las tinieblas, la luz”, y en la parte inferior, “Aut Consilio Aut Ense”, que quiere decir “Por la razón o la espada” ó “Por consejo o por espada”).

Como el proceso de independencia fue obra de criollos burgueses (terratenientes, aristócratas, militares de profesión y la iglesia), y no una revolución popular propiamente tal (el pueblo, en ese entonces, sufría de un analfabetismo casi absoluto, y de constantes maltratos y discriminaciones por parte de los dueños de la tierra y el dinero), una de las razones principales por las que Carrera creó los primeros símbolos nacionales fue su deseo de despertar el interés de los sectores populares, hasta ese punto totalmente indiferentes, en la causa independentista.”

Queremos identificar con este escudo, nuestro interés de construir una instancia masónica nacional, multiritual que incorpore a todos los masones y logias que no se sienten representados o interpretados con las instancias oficiales en Chile.

En el ámbito mundial queremos que se nos identifique con la causa de la unidad masónica mundial, construyendo y recuperando los verdaderos intereses de la masonería, así como sus símbolos, usos y costumbres, queremos retornar a la tradición masónica.

**Llamamos** a los Masones, logias, etc., cuya residencia se encuentre en el territorio de la Republica de Chile, que sean de distintas ordenes o ritos y que por diversas razones, que no sean las de haber sido expulsados de sus respectivas ordenes, comunicarse para fortalecer el trabajo que esta realizando el Alto consejo Masónico de Chile a través de la Respetable Logia Pitágoras N°1.

**Celebramos** la incorporación al trabajo masónico en Chile de los QQ:.HH:.. José Ernesto Yáñez, Jorge E. Velásquez y José Francisco Alvarado Bretón, iniciados recientemente.

RW Guillermo Urquizar C.  
Secretario General

RW Alejandro Franulic Norambuena  
Senior Gran Oficial

# Gran Oficiales del Alto Consejo Masónico de Chile, visitan Perú



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## **Important News**

Dear Brethren,

Our Grand Secretary's staffs are working hard to ensure that this newsletter is prepared and sent out to all of you on a regular basis. We urge you all to send in all items, which you may, feel are of interest to the thousands of brethren who receive this newsletter. Although we cannot always guarantee publication we can certainly promise not to if you do not send it! Although we will not publish your name if you do not wish us to, please give your details.

We look forward to receiving many of your items.

**From the staff of the Office of the Grand Secretary, Regular Grand Lodge of England**

All enquiries, submissions and articles should be sent to the attention of the:

**Secretary General  
Masonic High Council**

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