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Messages from Past Masters

"Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God"
- Thomas Jefferson

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Part 1:

The concern that is to be discussed next, is the thoroughly fraudulent statements that continue to be issued "officially" by the those who are attempting to hold the AMORC hostage. I will begin with the example of the "Member Review Committee Report" as printed in the Winter 1992-93 Rosicrucian Digest published in February 1993.

First, allow me to share that I have been a loyal active Rosicrucian for more than 25 years, have held almost every kind office possible in the Order. In addition, I have extensive training and experience in business, financial analysis and non-profit organizations, all thoroughly documented. During that more than 25 years, I was able to closely observe and analyze what was occurring in the Order, from a time well before Mr. Lewis' transition through to the present.

I held several positions at the Park, including Affiliated Body Administrator for the English Language Jurisdiction and India, Class Master, Director of the Council of Solace, Master and

Ritual Director of the Supreme Temple, President of the Rose-Croix University, Sovereign Director of the T.M.O. and Supreme Secretary of AMORC. Because of my previous experience in financial analysis and "fraud busting", it has been painfully easy to discover the facts behind and document the true actions of those who are currently occupying the Park. Because I know that the true facts are so very different than they are being presented in the report, I personally find it exceedingly difficult even to look at the Digest and write this article without being overwhelmed with sadness and pain.

Everyone who has seen the report and has talked to me about it, has expressed the opinion that it is an obvious and outrageous insult to the membership, as well as an obvious attempt at a cover up. They also indicated that they feel the same deep pain of betrayal that I feel at this very moment as I write to you.

Allow me to strongly suggest that everyone obtain a copy of the Winter 1992-93 issue of the Rosicrucian Digest and study pages 14 and 15 for themselves. Then, we can review it together paragraph by paragraph. I do not have the time or the space here in the Chronicles to teach a course in financial analysis, non-profit corporation law or the legal obligations of directors. But, I will do my best to clarify the issues for our readers.

The first paragraph claims that "the tradition was

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restored of allowing members to review the English Grand Lodge's administrative and financial operations on an annual basis." As we shall see, this claim is a false one.

The false claims begin in that very first sentence. The "tradition" is to hold a thorough review of all of the AMORC's operations not just the EGL. A complete review of all of the AMORC beginning with the Supreme Grand Lodge and continuing with a complete review of all of the Grand Lodges' operations. Please note that they do not say "complete operations" or "complete review". These individuals persistently and pervasively use every type of word game to mislead and to try to hide their use of half truths. It is as important to pay attention to what they do not say as it is to pay attention to what they do say.

The second paragraph makes unsubstantiated claims concerning the committee selection process and is stated in such a manner as to give

the false impression of more continuity than exists.

Paragraph three sentence one, according to members of the committee and others, is misleading in the extreme, again in its use of half truths. The committee members did see some documents of the types listed. But, the set of documents was exceedingly incomplete and there were a number of highly questionable entries that they were not permitted to research. In a valid review, a committee would have been allowed to go anywhere they wanted, at any time they wanted, to see anything they wanted and to copy anything they wanted. A valid committee would insist. This committee was not allowed to do any of the above. Some of the committee attempted to insist but they were stalled and ultimately refused the opportunity to examine the requested materials. A valid committee would refuse to issue a report under these circumstances. There is evidence that the committee did not issue the report in the form that we see it here.

Also, please note that since last summer most of the remaining member employees have been fired and multiple sources have reported that the non-member "Personnel Director" George Salerno has forbidden anyone from hiring members into AMORC. There have also been a number of other changes the result of which is that the AMORC reviewed last June bears no resemblance to the current AMORC. This is gross misrepresentation.

Paragraph three sentence two, is also both false and misleading. The individuals in question do not have the training or the experience to give an "in-depth presentation" on any business or financial matter and have never done so. One of the reasons they are working so hard to silence and discredit me is that I found it so easy to expose their incompetence.

"Grand Master" Kristie Knutson and "Chief Financial Officer" John Hinton were completely unable to explain their own financial reports in our monthly SGL meetings. When asked normal questions concerning such reports, instead of answering they would bumble, bluster and change the subject. When I insisted that they explain themselves, they admitted that they

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did not know how the report was prepared or what the numbers meant. They then begged for time to revise and return with valid, supportable figures. Christian Bernard and company always agreed. But, they never returned with such a revision and Christian Bernard etc. increased their efforts to hide the incompetence. They never submitted one valid report to the SGL or the government.

We are still discussing paragraph three sentence two. For a group being audited to give such a self-praising, self-serving presentation of its condition can only be considered extremely suspect. Any experienced auditor would view such an occurrence as an extremely suspicious conflict-of-interest situation. Such a valid auditor would most likely take the extra effort either to re-audit the group and examine every detail with special care or to turn the project over to another auditor, one famed for their rigor and tenacity. No re-audit occurred.

Paragraph four is an excellent example of the phrase "double talk". In paragraph one they say that they are "allowing members to review the..." EGL's "...financial operations...". Then, in paragraph four sentence one, it is stated that "The purpose...is not [my underline] to provide a financial audit...". First they pretend to give you something and then they take it away. The sentence goes on to say that they have an auditing firm "to prepare accurate and rigorous financials". Implying that the use of the accounting firm, makes a committee review unnecessary. Even assuming that the "financials" are "accurate and rigorous", the committee should have been allowed to review those materials as well. The fact is that none of AMORC's administrations has provided one single accurate or "rigorous" financial document since Ralph Lewis passed through transition.

Every non-profit organization is required to engage an independent auditing firm. The last one that was engaged was Arthur Anderson and Co.. One of the most well known and prestigious accounting firms in the country. In their reports they strongly protested the removal of the normal accounting safeguards by Burnam Schaa and Irving Soderlund. Christian Bernard and Co. then fired Arthur Anderson for doing an honest job. Just as so many other honest

people who have worked for the Park, have been removed for fulfilling their responsibilities. The fact is that, an indispensable part of the "the tradition" and any valid review is an audit of the auditing firm's report. This is an exercise necessary to ascertain whether there has been any collusion between the accountants and the administration. As well as to determine whether the administration even knows how to choose a competent accountant.

Any experienced auditor would look at the "Report of the Committee" statements as extremely indicative that the administration, it's lawyers and accountants have been "cooking the books" in a vain attempt to conceal all of the conflicts of interest and self-dealing transactions. The report is given on material that is more than two years old and material that is unverified and unverifiable. All attempts at verification were blocked vigorously. If the administration is truly highly capable and competent, they would have provided fully audited materials for all of the years and would have done so a long time ago. As usual they will blame many others for the shortcomings. The fact is that the lack of complete materials proves their incompetence. The embarrassingly obvious methods that they are using to attempt to hide their lack of preparation is indicative that they are far too immature and dishonest to be in any position of responsibility.

As it is, none of the data can be checked or verified, and deliberately so. The "document" does not contain a single dollar figure and it clearly demonstrates that the current administration is violating the law in a number of ways. Beginning with the fact that they are years behind in preparing the necessary financial and other reports for the government.

The analysis of the section entitled "Findings of the Committee" will require more space than is available this month. Therefore, that portion of the discussion will be continued later and we'll skip to the last section. The first three items listed under the "Recommendations..." section are already required by law. They are not just things that might be nice to do, (like curtains with ruffles.), they are requirements of the law. Additionally, the law requires that the financial reports be available, at all times, to anyone who

asks for them, not just members.

One of the purposes of the Chronicles is to give honest, loyal Rosicrucians the information that they need to protect themselves. In that spirit, it is strongly recommended that the Committee members sue Sandra Huff, Kristie Knutson, Burnam Schaa and Robin Thompson, etc. for misrepresentation and the fraudulent use of their names. Otherwise the Committee members will very likely be held financially responsible for the AMORC's losses. The SGL/EGL is planning to use this as one method of avoiding their own prosecution.

In summary, please take particular note that this "financial report" contains no financial information at all. In its entirety this "document" is not a report at all, it is an exercise in deception and misrepresentation. It is purposely designed to conceal rather than to reveal. Otherwise it would contain financial and other data that could be checked and verified. Also, please keep it in mind that these individuals have taken great pains to avoid answering every charge that has been leveled. If we had been deceiving you, they would have filed charges against us long ago and they have not. As it is, they know that once charges are filed, all of their crimes will be revealed in open court and to the news Media. Then, it will really hit the fan.

There are a number of books on the subject in the stores and the public libraries. I strongly suggest that you arm yourselves with as much data from objective sources as possible. The data from the current AMORC is presently unreliable in the extreme, at best.

One note concerning the legal obligations of directors. Directors are required, by law, to actively seek out complete and accurate information concerning their organization's activities and to move against misconduct of any kind. A reminder to all of the directors of the SGL and the EGL, ignorance is no defense against charges of wanton and criminal negligence. Simply taking people at their word without verification is also an insufficient defence against negligence. As directors you have the fiduciary responsibility and financial losses will be recovered from your personal property.

The End

Reflections...

By Curt Warren

Thoughts, opinions and reminiscences of a student on the Path

For decades AMORC's advertisements have carried the notation, "Not a religion". And, this is true for AMORC as a non-profit, philosophical fraternity. But, there was a time-- a long time-- when AMORC sponsored a sister organization called The Pristine Church of the Rose Cross.

The first Church was established in New York City, probably concurrent with the establishment of the Order there, circa 1915. The Church was active until late into the 1930's. The leadership of the Church centered on the "Rev. H. Spencer Lewis, F.R.C., Ph.D., Archbishop of The Pristine Church and Master of the Temple."

It is my belief that Emperor H. Spencer Lewis was aware that while a philosophical school, such as AMORC, has a broad appeal to a large audience, there exists within that audience a smaller group that takes the totality of the teachings, the hierarchy, and the rituals another step and applies the term "religion" to it. For many members, AMORC is a religion; or, at least, an adequate substitute that replaces what they deem as inadequacies in most traditional religions of Western Culture.

Though the Church was probably moribund shortly before his transition, it certainly was after the death of H. Spencer Lewis. But, its legacy survived within the framework of AMORC as we know it. The Appellation Rite, the Rosicrucian Wedding Ceremony, and the New Year Feast are derived from the ceremonials of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross. These rituals, the Emperor's Averment states, "shall be perpetuated." This is one, very important reason for why I have been constantly pressing AMORC's leadership -- especially Christian Bernard -- on the issue of his duty to have signed this Averment prior to his taking of the office. The Emperor's Averment, in another part, states: "The word spiritual shall mean, in the Rosicrucian sense, a recognizing of a transcendent Universal Oneness of all Reality;

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the awareness thereof being the ultra state of consciousness of which man is capable." Compare the content of this statement by Emperor Ralph M. Lewis to that of his father in this, the first article of religion of The Pristine Church: "I know that there is but one living, true and Infinite God, creating and sustaining all things, visible and invisible; whose Essence is diffused throughout the Universe and whose Mind and Consciousness are the soul of Man." The first statement is philosophical and neutral; the second, is religious and personal. Yet, both express the same basic ideas; that is, that there is One, and every human is connected to that One. All they need to do is to open themselves to that inner reality.

Many of the older members of AMORC reading this may have been members of The Pristine Church, others may have heard of it, and for still others, this may be their first exposure to the idea that AMORC had a religious aspect. For these latter, I remind them that the Rosicrucian Movement as we know it -- circa 1604 A.D. -- was concurrent with and connected to the Protestant Reformation. Among the first manifestoes of the Order was the book Fama Fraternitatis, circa 1614/15, which describes the Order as composed of a "Father" and seven "Brothers"; in other words, of an Abbot and seven brothers. The description is of a small order of contemplatives, both mystical and religious.

In the next month's column, I shall present an outline of the Pristine Church derived from its literature, and present its seven Articles of Religion.

The End

In order to strengthen our network we encourage you to copy this newsletter and send it to Rosicrucians (active or not) whom you know.

Easter - Resurrection to a New Understanding

By *Susanne N. Mohs*

... In Christian terminology death is indeed the expression for the state of deepest spiritual wretchedness, and yet the cure is simply to die, to die to the world."

Soren Kirkegaard - The Sickness Unto Death

The journey towards spiritual understanding is an ongoing atonement to the higher (inner) self. For most individuals, the spiritual journey is exemplified by a wandering in and out of different religious or spiritual establishments. It is a constant reforming and reshaping of our beliefs, it is a continuing spiral where we progress from one conception of truth to the next. We evolve by letting go of our old conceptions. In other words we die to the old concept and can then be resurrected (lifted up) to a new level of understanding. This is the drama of Easter with the crucifixion, the death and the resurrection of Christ as the allegory of the spiritual evolution.

Don't you realize I have the power...

When Jesus was taken before Pontius Pilate, Pilate said: "Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or to crucify you?" Jesus answered: "You would have no power over me, unless it were given to you from above." (John 19, 10 & 11) The power from above refers to our own higher consciousness. To conform to doctrines without question, to accept doctrines as indisputable, to blindly trust in something or someone, is to have given our power away to speak and judge for ourselves, diminishing ourselves to mere subjects in the hands of the will of others.

Fundamentalism or the Search for Truth

As mysticism shows us, there are many paths to the truth and many truths. To believe in one doctrine, such as AMORC's, shows that the search has ended. Once the search is over, there is no journey - only validation of our adopted beliefs.

Spiritual and personal growth is an action of expansion and renewal. When we exclude ourselves from outer influences, we seek to protect our present beliefs against those we see as threats, who's intent may be to bring new ideas. We ridicule and feel superior over other paths and believers to maintain our unshaken belief in our doctrines. They mean so much to us, because we have given them dominion over ourselves. In other words, we have become fundamentalists.

I believe that this is the current path of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, which is not sparked by renewal. The leadership have withdrawn into rigid fundamentalist attitudes and are as far from the Rosicrucian ideas as christianity is from christian mysticism. AMORC'S Officers are holding the order in a spiritual dungeon -- forcing AMORC into dogma. By not giving all Rosicrucians a choice of AMORC'S direction, and by maintaining supremacy over all AMORC properties, funds, artifacts and teachings (that the leadership regards as their own to with as they please), they will pillage and destroy until everything is gone.

When an organization retreats into the past, it is doomed. No organization can flourish under such circumstances. The key element of the mystical and alchemical processes, is transformation, not petrification.

A Hollow Icon

Kristie Knutson states in her most resent donation plea of March 1, 1993: "With your gift...you will guarantee that AMORC continues to offer the world the priceless gift of ideas -- ideas which broaden minds, which focus talents, and which set humanity free from the limits of intolerance, ignorance, superstition and fear." This is indeed the noble purpose of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, but in the hands of the current Rosicrucian leadership it has been turned into a hollow icon. This icon is a fusion between their rigid fundamentalism and the gift of ideas, which broaden minds, set us free from intolerance, ignorance and fear.

They use Rosicrucian allegories so that we'll believe Rosicrucianism still exists in the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. If we still have our

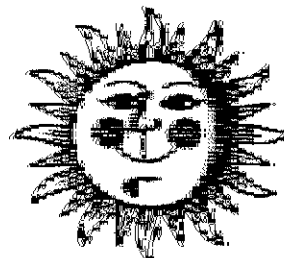
power, we will not be deceived and can say as Soren Kirkegaard did "...it would indeed be blasphemous to praise the ideal and not strive after it oneself..."

Trust

The former Dutch Grandmaster, Beusekamp-Fabret spoke to me after the removal of English Grandmaster, Donna O'neill in March 1991. She urged me to have complete trust in the leadership of AMORC and trust that they are doing the best for AMORC. A few month ago Grandmaster Buesekamp-Fabret left her position. I never gave the leadership my trust, trust must be earned! There is something wrong with an organization that does not strive to earn trust, but demands trust from its membership. A fine example of this hypocrisy is the financial statement in the Winter issue 1992/93 of the Rosicrucian Digest, which is examined in Kenneth Thompson's article (pages 1-4 in this issue). It is easy and comforting to believe that all is well in the beloved Order, to believe the excuses for economical, organizational, and spiritual discrepancies. But it is hard to question and even harder to face the truth.

Easter symbolizes the death of old concepts and a birth of a new ideas. We are fastened to the cross with the nails of our own misconceptions. When we refuse to expand our minds and give up old ideas, our spirit suffers. We hope some doctrine will come and pull us down, but we hang there until we face our misconceptions, until we stop seeking outside ourselves. Once we turn inward, we die to the world (our old concepts) and we plunge in darkness until we realize that the truth was always within. When that happens, we are resurrected to a new level of spiritual understanding.

With these thoughts I wish you all a glorious Easter.



Throughout history, cultured civilizations have instructed their members through the use of signs and symbols from which they derive an interpretation of the meaning of life. The higher the regard for a symbol, the more profound its effect upon the evolution of human consciousness and manifestation of social structure. One such symbol of power is that of the bird.

Most birds, by their very nature, can fly into the air and rise above everything. Therefore, such birds as the eagle, the skylark and even the tiny hummingbird have become symbols of freedom, perceived as images of spirit and revered as manifestations of a Supreme Being. To adherents of biblical tradition, the dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit and becomes the image of enlightenment and peace, representing an ancient covenant between God and Man as depicted in the story of Genesis. A flaming dove symbolizes the fiery power of the Cosmic which descends from highest realms to invite the soul-personality into its Ommeity. It is this Bird of Fire which speaks to the heart and soul of every sincere Rosticrucian. This flaming dove is our beloved Colombe.

For the purpose of concentrating upon the image of Colombe in the mirror of Self, and recognizing essential truth pertinent to serious concerns of today, it is well to venture upon an allegorical journey.....

Having been born and reared in a large family, you evolved from infancy to adulthood within the bonds of love and learning. You were taught to harmonize with all things as you grew from one stage of life into another, and you were comfortable in the old homestead with its familiar furnishings, sounds and aromas. You knew your way around with your eyes closed, and could maneuver the labyrinthine estate with ease. Your needs were always met with abundance, and when you returned at night, the lights were always on for you. There was joy and peace, and deep contentment in your family.

As an adult you ventured out into the world and traveled far to see new places and learn new things. Using your talents, you found suitable employment and produced many wonderful things for all to share. Drawing from the familial bond from which you grew, your self-confidence led you to even greater adventures into unknown opportunities for advancement and enrichment of life. The love of your family was a light to your path, and you knew no fear. But you yearned to return home and savor once more that kinship which had always warmed your heart. You decided to make the journey back to the old homestead.

It was evening as you approached the home of your youth. The yard and pathway still looked much as it did when you left, but you sensed a strangeness in the air. All was dark and no one seemed to be around to welcome you. Your key fit the door and you opened it slowly, stepping into the darkness. As the latch clicked shut behind you, you groped for a light, but the lamps were not where they once were. You stumbled over objects which blocked the passages you had known, and a feeling of cold and loneliness swept over you. What happened to your home? Where did

your family go, and why was there no warmth? Cherished memories of a happier time flooded your mind with sad longing, and you stumbled again, falling into a musty closet. Huddled there on the cold floor in the darkness, you groped again for a lamp. Finding none, you explored unseen paneling and pulled open a drawer which contained a small candle and some matches. Upon lighting the wick, you winced in pain as the tiny flame momentarily blinded you. Rising to full stature, you walked out into the large family room and turned on the house lights. It was quite clear that the old family members had gone and others unknown to you had moved in. The house was remodeled and redecorated. Nothing you had known was left. With the knowledge of love and guidance you were once given, you took the small candle and walked out into the night toward a New Dawn.

Certainly this allegory evokes myriad images in the minds of many readers. It portrays a life experience and also symbolizes the changes which have taken place within the parameters of AMORC, especially at what was once (and still could be) the Worldwide See of the Order. However, the lesson of this story reaches far beyond the mundane. Our allegorical candle is, of course, the Colombe bearing light to the sacred Shakinah of human consciousness. Just as the presence of a ritualistic Colombe is essential to Rosticrucian Temple Work, so too, is the esoteric dove, the Bird of Fire vital to the unfolding of each individual mystic rose upon the cross of this earthly plane.

As we ponder the ever-changing face of the institution of AMORC, we must work positively for the protection and preservation of pristine teachings and sacred initiatic tradition handed down from time immemorial through the legacy of Harvey Spencer Lewis and all who have labored in loving fraternity toward the attainment of the Greater Light.

Change is a great universal law. All things change, and just as our allegory shows, there is no such thing as going home if indeed home means "the good old days" because nothing stays as it was either exoterically or esoterically. We have the freedom to increase our knowledge and understanding, to move about and effect new circumstances that evolve into new manifestations of growth, all the while retaining the silver cord of arcane knowledge which feeds intuition and mental discernment for right action. We must ever seek the Light from the Colombe Within, the Bird of Fire if we are to evolve on the Path. I encourage all who are disheartened by recent turn of events within AMORC to light that inner candle, allow the Flame to burn ever more brightly as our Torch is courageously carried forward to new horizons, and to lend support to the restoration of our fraternal bond.

We cannot go home to the "good old days" and therefore, must not waste time and energy lamenting the loss of what might have been. Let us be a Flame of Light, Life, and Love to one another so that, in turn, we may stand as a symbol of Truth for the illumination of the world.
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But first, in order to give everyone a better idea of the vast scale of the betrayal of those who have seized the "amorc", the following is offered.

This week marks the opening of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC and marks the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising against the nazis. In the spirit of the memorials being held around the world this week, allow me to share a portion of "Sar Hieronymus' Opening Address" to the first meeting of the

F.U.D.O.S.I. following World War II:

"Message of the Emperor of Europe"

"In opening this Convention which, once more, brings together the Representatives of all the Initiatic Order of the world associated with the F.U.D.O.S.I., I want to express my fraternal greetings and to bid welcome to all the Initiates of all the Orders, and I pray the Almighty to grant His blessings unto this Assembly and to spread on all of us His profound Wisdom and Cosmic Light.

First of all, I want to associate to this Convention, in the Invisible, those who, since our last Convention, have been called to Eternal Peace by the Sovereign Master of all things:

Sar Ludovicus, F.. Colonel Fitau, Consul of Chile, Engineer, Grand Master of the Order of Hermes for Chile, Delegate of the F.U.D.O.S.I. and member of the Supreme Council, who died in Brussels at the end of October 1939.

Sar Pascal, F.. Hunin, F.R.C., formerly Archon of the Foreign Relations of the Order of Hermes, arrested by the Gestapo in Cherbourg (France), condemned to deportation and conveyed to the Camp of Neuengam where he died in February 1945.

Sar Ignis, F.. Nico Wolff, general Scribe of Hermes for Belgium, arrested by the enemy on March 5, 1943, condemned to deportation and

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sent to the Camp of Flossenburg and murdered on April 22, 1945, after suffering incredible tortures.

Sar Apollonius, F.R.C., F.. Rochat de l'Abbaye, Grand Master of the Rose+Croix Universitaire in France, who died in Paris in August 1944.
Sar Eques Rosae Caritatis, F.. Georges Lagreze, Grand Inspector of the F.U.D.O.S.I. who died in Angers (France) in April 1946,"

"and finally the Imperator of F.U.D.O.S.I., the Very Illustrious F.. Augustin Chaboseau, Grand Master of the Traditional Martinist Order, who died in Paris, on January 2, 1946.

Let us collect ourselves...and pray the Lord to open to our departed brothers the Kingdom of Glory and Light.

After eight long years the Almighty has granted unto us the privilege of meeting again so as to proceed with the great plan of renovation of

Humankind which He has entrusted unto us as a special mission, this great plan for the protection and harmony of spiritual values which is the Divine Plan.

Eight years ago we were assembled together in the secrecy of this Temple; the world was living in anxiety; and the Message which was conveyed to you had been received as an inspiration from on High and announced the imminence of war and practically the complete destruction of Europe.

As far back as 1934, it was in view of this impending calamity already threatening Humankind that the leaders of our Orders had deemed it absolutely necessary to constitute again a selected body of Initiates, like unto those of ancient times, to combat materialism and selfishness in all their manifestations, to save...civilization and to collaborate in the Divine and Universal Work of spiritual restoration." July 1946.

Noting the enormous sacrifices made by the previous generation, it is all that more painful to watch as the forces of tyranny, materialism and selfishness have invaded and occupied "amorc".

With all of that in mind, let us now continue with our analysis of the "Member Review Committee" report, specifically the section entitled "Findings of the Committee":

Section "1. Reliability of Information Presented:", has been reported as anything but reliable. Away from the Park, Committee members often commented that the presentation of the information was held in secret, loaded with restrictions and the presentation could not in any fashion be described as being given in a "forthright manner". The members where not allowed to verify the accuracy of the any of the information and therefore, the Committee could not possibly determine what the information reflected nor what "the true condition of the Grand Lodge" was for any period.

Section "2. Opinion of Current Condition:", the first half of the sentence is correct, but that same statement applies even more strongly to the current "management". Stability has not been achieved, membership continues to drop. There

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are so many problems with the "administration's" behavior that a valid analyst would overwhelmingly conclude that it could not possibly be true that "responsible fiscal management is now in place."

Substantial reports continue to come from the Park that the impostors continue to act in the most self-serving, reckless and irresponsible manner, as they have during all of their time in the Order. The information continues to come out despite attempts to "cleanse" the Order's administration of loyal, honest people.

Section "3. Opinion of Current Management:", contrary to the statement in the "report", the fact is that the "management" has been unable or unwilling to provide audited statements for any of their time in office, shows that they are operating on the lowest level of competence and are not assuming full responsibility for the Park. They have been afforded more than ample time, staff and resources to compile the necessary information and they continue to fail to do so.

In the light of the above, it is impossible for anyone to have an accurate awareness of "the current financial condition" and therefore, it follows that, it would be impossible for anyone to have "developed a meaningful plan of action to restore it to financial health and balance...". This statement does indicate that even they know that "amorc" is, in general, out of balance and financially ill. The section finishes with the phrase "...thus allowing it to fulfill its purpose". How can "amorc" possibly fulfill its purpose when it is being invaded and held hostage by those whose actions are totally opposite and alien to the Order's purposes.

Section "4. Prospects for the Future:", the "management" has failed to provide complete information and has acted with evasion and deception. In no way could a valid Committee conclude that the "...prospects for the future of the Grand Lodge are good..." nor would they be able to determine if the changes were needed or handled properly.

Finally, "Recommendations of the Committee", the fourth "recommendation", the "management" has failed to provide any of the information necessary in order to competently

review the membership dues or to establish a basis for making adjustment recommendations. In paragraph one they say that they are "allowing members to review the..." EGL's "...financial operations...". Then, in paragraph four sentence one, it is stated that "The purpose...is not to provide a financial audit...Rather, the purpose of the Committee is to provide an evaluation of current management." It is not possible to complete an accurate evaluation of management without engaging in a complete financial audit.

The fact is that an indispensable part of the true "tradition" is a complete financial audit. Again, please take particular note that this "financial report" contains no financial information at all. In its entirety this "document" is not a report at all, it conceals all and reveals nothing, therefore, it is an exercise in evasion and misrepresentation. Otherwise it would contain financial and other data that could be checked and verified.

Again, everyone who has seen the report continues to express the opinion that it is an obvious and outrageous insult to the membership, as well as an obvious attempt at a cover up.

Again, the actual "tradition" is to hold a thorough review of all of the AMORC's operations not just the EGL.

Again, these individuals persistently and pervasively use every type of word game to mislead and deceive. In a recent letter from the S.E.T.I. in France they also noted "...the impostors use all the tricks they can for their defence." Therefore, it continues to be as important to pay attention to what they do not say as it is to pay attention to what they do say.

And finally again, there is overwhelming evidence that the committee did not issue the report in the form that we see it here.

In the light of great sacrifices that have been offered up in order to ensure the Order's continuance, it remains a wonder how these people can work so hard to destroy "amorc" and have such a good time doing it. This article entitled "Member Review Committee" is meant

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to rub the loyal members' noses in the fact that these impostors are getting away with ransoming their hostage, for now.

The End

Reflections...

By Curt Warren

Thoughts, opinions and reminiscences of a student on the Path

The religious aspect of the Rosicrucian Movement was expressed under the sponsorship of AMORC -- circa 1915/35 -- in The Pristine Church of the Rose Cross under the leadership of the "Rev. H. Spencer Lewis, F.R.C., Ph.D., Archbishop of the Pristine Church and Master of the Temple."

The literature of the Church provides the following outline:

"The Pristine Church of the Rose Cross is a part of the Church Invisible, which has existed since the dawn of civilization; hence it is truly Pristine in its very nature and spiritual essence."

"Its present esoteric or physical organization and body is the result of many years of preparation by those who have devoted their lives to the dissemination of the true doctrines and principles of spiritual unfoldment, and the Pristine Church is still unfolding like a Rose upon the Cross of man's labors and trials on this earth plane. Therefore the Pristine Church is evolving, growing and maintaining its early and crystal pure principles in harmony with the evolution of man's Soul and the awakening of the Age."

"The first Church was established in New York City many years ago, and the foundation of this great ecclesia is laid in every large city of the United States. It is sponsored by a Brotherhood of Masters forming one of the most extensive

and intensive uplift and spiritual movements in America. It is not associated with any other religious movement or Church, it is free for foreign dominion, and it has no features resembling the ritual or creed of any other form of religion."

"The Pristine Church of the Rose Cross is non-sectarian in the common understanding of the term, though naturally embracing all fundamental truths and principles in their Pristine purity. The services are inspiring in their oriental or ancient ritualistic ceremony and intense occidental spiritual effulgence. This feature is intended to place the worshippers at once in attunement with those forces which bring Divine Illumination and Inner Comprehension. The Discourse at each service is instructive and helpful in its revelation of practical laws and principles making for advancement and uplift in our daily lives. The Vision of the Church is Universal, its practice immediate, and its authority is revealed in its symbols and ceremonial service."

While the Pristine Church had neither a formal creed nor a system of dogmatic beliefs, it did possess certain convictions that were expressed as seven Articles of Religion:

- "1. I know that there is but one living, true and Infinite God, creating and sustaining all things, visible and invisible; whose Essence is diffused throughout the Universe and whose Mind and Consciousness are the Soul of Man."
- "2. The Unity of God's creation manifests in three expressions; in the Macrocosm, Life, Light and Love; in the Microcosm, the Soul, ego and body; in the material creation, the three forms of synthesis, thesis and antithesis. These are symbolized by the Sacred Triangle."
- "3. The Divine Wisdom of God, as made manifest by the laws of nature, constitute our Knowledge and Faith in the Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Goodness, Love and Mercy of the God of our existence."
- "4. When at birth, God breathes into the body

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of Man the Breath of Life, Man becomes a Living Soul, a segment inseparable of the Soul of God resident within a mortal body, for various purposes. Hence, in all that is real and vital, all Mankind is a Brotherhood."

- "5. That the flesh alone may err, and mortal mind may sin; and for each error or sin, flesh or mortal mind must compensate; for man is born in Soul-goodness but in mortal ignorance, and from the ignorance alone must Man be redeemed and saved."
- "6. The visible Church is the Divinely inspired school for the Illuminating of the mortal mind and the joy of the Soul. It's unquestioned Authority is found in the joyous response of the Soul of Man and in the inspiration and direction received from God and the Cosmic Assembly."
- "7. The Masters of the temple, as duly ordained Priests of the Church, under the Direction of the Hierophant, the Archbishop and the Bishops, are the representatives of the Invisible Master of The Great White Lodge of the servants of God."

"Salutem Punctis Trianguli!"

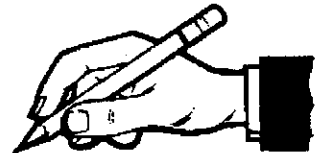
In next month's column, we will look further at the Pristine Church and begin to examine its implications for a renewal of the Rosicrucian Movement. Inasmuch as AMORC, under the leadership of its irregularly installed Imperator, is in an inexorable decline in both scope and

In order to strengthen our network we encourage you to copy this newsletter and send it to Rosicrucians (active or not) whom you know.

relevance, it is now time for the appearance of a fresh vehicle to carry the Rosicrucian Movement into the 21st Century.

The End

Letters from the Readers



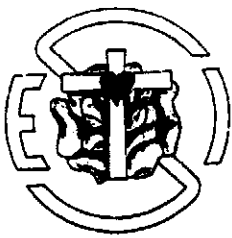
A soror from Canada writes:

At last, a voice of light in the darkness! For two years I meditated on the knowledge given to me when I went to San Jose for an "Installation". I came away in despair knowing that the temple had been desecrated & the power at the Park no longer had the force of my visit in 1988. Only the shrine and the little fountain with the maiden at the north side held Peace. The grounds were parched, metaphorically reflecting the lack of spirit. One would hardly think it was the same place.

My experience paralleled that expound in THE INQUIRY [February Issue] those to whom I wished to remain in the security of a "Chapter". Finally your mailing address was shared, along with concerns, by a frater. I am grateful that you chose to send me the Chronicles even without the "stamped" envelope.

A frater from Canada writes:

First, I would like to thank you for your good work in publishing and distributing your informative newsletter. Secondly, I believe the newsletter provides a forum, where all Fraters and Sorores can share comments and get more information concerning the tenuous state of the Rosicrucian Order.



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March, 26th 1993.

Dear Brother,

Thank you for your letter from March 10th 1993, and for the documents enclosed.

You mention that you have been disappointed by certain people : that is not surprising, in our struggle for the renewal of rosicrucian ideals our honesty has to be put to the test.

You have chosen to trust us and you will not regret it. I understand the concern of those who advise you and want to know how your documents will be used.

If we had had any malevolent intentions as far as you are concerned, we could have sent your first letter to the members of AMORÉ. It was explicit enough to give credit to all your assertions, but at the same time it exposed you to any attack from "the people at Comonville Castle"... We have not done anything like it, for our purpose is to recover, together with our American brothers who have remained faithful to the Rose-Croix, the original values supported by Harvey Spencer LEWIS, and prepare a genuine Rosicrucian Order for the 21st century.

As for the use of the documents you sent us, which is your legitimate preoccupation, I must tell you that we are in direct contact with Inland Revenue Officials, that is the reason why we understood long ago that the leaders of the Order had taken a path which was not a mystical one anymore.

Our struggle started as soon as 1989 and we were the initiators of the sudden awareness of a number of Rosicrucians all over the world.

The official representative of the fiscal administration, who is also a member of Seti, wishes to remain anonymous, but however, if you ever come to France we can put you into direct contact with him.

We have brought everything into play so that Truth may prevail and Justice be rendered; the documents you sent us were immediately passed on to the administration, but time is running short for the epilogue of this affair is near, and the impostors use all the tricks they can for their defense.

If you have a possibility to bring a light to justice, please hurry and send us the most important documents or let us know what you intend to do to help Truth manifest itself.

As for our future collaboration, it seems essential to me to determine the bases on which we could carry on the work undertaken by our brother H.S.L at the beginning of this century. We detain a great

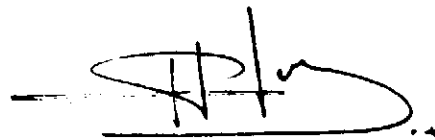
quantity of ancient documents which already allow us to put a genuine and original teaching at the disposal of our members.

In the spirit of the old *Fudosi* we officially regard you as the legitimate representatives of the *Rose-Croix* on American ground and we are convinced that our mutual recognition will allow the English speaking seekers and the French speaking ones to gather into a fraternal assembly.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely and Fraternaly.

The President of S&CJ.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J.P. Gully', written over a horizontal line.

J.P. GULLY

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Reflections...

By Curt Warren, F.R.C.

Thoughts, opinions and reminiscences of a student on the Path.

The dues go up and the services go down. The Digest, Forum, Bulletin, and most importantly, the Monographs, are all reduced to quarterly mailings. A California non-profit organization cannot pay a dividend or benefit to any group or individual, but it can pay out salaries, and those salaries have no cap on their range. In this time of AMORC's financial difficulties, it would be interesting to see the salaries and their increases for the top leadership for, lets say, the past five years.

There are now, apparently, two corporations for the Supreme Grand Lodge (SGL): one organized under California non-profit laws, and one in Quebec, which we were told was for the purpose of "taking advantage of certain legal and financial benefits not enjoyed by non-profit organizations in California". They don't tell us what advantage occurs; and, from a members point of view, it is know that California law is more rigidly protective of members rights than is Canadian Law. Again, what advantage? Two corporations mean two sets of accounting records. How are they rectified

and by whom? The SGL should publish the accounting firms report, including all recommendations. We were also told: "...while it's legal address will be at the Domaine of Silence in Quebec, no files or administrative offices will be located there". They do not tell us where the administrative offices and files are located.

Last year we were also told: "...the Brazilian Grand Lodge has offered to handle the bulk of our printing needs. Their facility in Curitiba houses a full-scale printing operation". My sources informed me that the one time we did avail ourselves of having them bid on a job, the cost was double the norm and the quality was reduced. I was also informed that the Brazilian Grand Lodge itself does not actually own the printing service; that service is, in fact, owned by AMORC's Vice President, Charles Parucker. I sincerely hope that they are misinformed, and that some member in Brazil will check on this and let me know the results. If true; if Charles Parucker does possess a financial interest in some printing service connected with AMORC -- which may be perfectly legal under Brazilian law -- the membership should know this. Then it is only a question of ethics.

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Almost everyone is aware of the financial debacle that occurred during the Gary Stewart regime, and the Rosicrucian Chronicles have raised serious questions about the current administration. The dues go up and the services go down; the membership declines and the salable-items list increases; and the communications from the Park read like Pollyanna and the "spin-doctors".

In the recent past, many members have left the Order because they recognized that the Rosicrucian Order was no longer Ancient and Mystical, but rather Angst-ridden and Material.

It is in the spirituality of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross that we find a remedy to the ills that infect AMORC. The counterpoint to AMORC's materiality exists in the Church's spirituality.

Without dogma and official creed, but with seven principles as a foundation, the Pristine

Church was ecumenical in scope and appeal. From a Church Ritual:

"Let us pray:

*Oh Thou who art the Way of Lao Tze,
The Equilibrium of Confucius,
The Braham of Brahma,
The Truth of Buddha,
The Unity of Zoroaster,
The Ra of Amenhotep,
The I AM of Israel,
The Christ of the Christian,
The Cosmos of the Rose and Cross,
And the God of our Hearts,*

*Hear Thou our prayer that we may know
Thee as Brothers and Sisters in Thy great
Family of being, and in Divine
Consciousness as one together and with
Thee in member-ship in this Holy Church
under the direction of the Masters visible
and invisible. So Mote It Be!"*

Where AMORC provided a mystical philosophy, the Church provided a religion of mysticism. The ancient and perennial wisdom of the mystery schools of Egypt, Greece, Rome and so many more, flowed not only in the design of AMORC but also in the Pristine Church. The tradition of such a Church would make it a Church of the Mysteries, the mysteries of the exploration of natural law, and the more important mysteries of Self. These are the mysteries that call to us in answer to those -- Oh, so human -- questions: Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? What is my purpose here? What is the nature of God? What is my relationship to God, to the World, and to my fellow humans? Passing the transition of death, what shall I find? Or, shall I return? These are true mysteries which we must all, individually, face. In the ancient mystery schools, there was the adage: Know Thy Self. This the greatest mystery of all; and in its answer we discover not only the Self, but the God of our Hearts. And, they are One.

The End

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Letter from Reader...

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March 18, 1993

Dear Frater, Soror,

I am concerned over the issues brought up in the last chronicle (Vol.2, No.3) regarding the status of AMORC. Specifically, it says that "... Bernard and company have changed AMORC's legal status. AMORC has not legally been a fraternal organization for some time."

Do you have evidence of this which you can send to me so that I can address the issue with a few facts. I would like to approach the Regional Monitor and/or Grand Councilor with some specifics, rather than hear-say, if I could.

Whatever you can send will be appreciated. Like yourselves, I want to see the good of the order done. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Letter from:

Frater, FRC
California

Answer to Reader...

April 22, 1993

Respected Rosicrucian,

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 1993. Your question has induced a great deal of thought concerning the manner in which it can be best answered.

There is no difficulty in supplying you with copies of documents which support our statements (a copy of the January 1991 SGL Articles of Incorporation is included). No statement in the Chronicles is "hear-say".

It is our intention to include this and a great many other documents in the newsletter, but we have been severely limited by space.

I continue to ponder what you might say to the officers of AMORC. Those individuals should already have copies of the enclosed document and the previous Articles. They should also have extensive familiarity with the information that follows.

Though, I am certain that these officers do not have such knowledge and, more importantly, I feel certain that they are not prepared to discuss this matter with the intention of addressing any irregularities.

Please notice that AMORC is only registered under section 501(c)(3). In order to legally operate as a Fraternal organization, a group must also be registered as a "Domestic Fraternal Society" section 501(c)(10). As you can see AMORC is not.

Additionally, the previous registration pledged to maintain and teach the metaphysical and physical philosophy of the Ancient Rosaecrucians in perpetuity. As you can see, it is now only pledged to teach the public about such things and the phrase "in perpetuity" is pointedly missing. These actions were not taken in ignorance. This is a significant difference in legal language, especially from individuals who engage in a continual process of misinformation and disinformation.

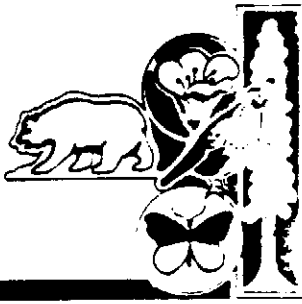
Please share copies of this letter and the enclosed document with anyone who may be interested.

If you do, in fact, discuss these issues with officers and members please be so kind as to share the discussion with us in a future correspondence.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

 FRC

Kenneth A. Thompson, FRC
President, Rosicrucian Chronicles



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Christian Bernard and Donna G. O'Neill certify that:

1. They are the president and secretary, respectively, of The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, a California non-profit public benefit corporation.
2. The Articles of Incorporation of this corporation are hereby amended and restated as set forth in the attached Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.
3. The foregoing amendment has been duly approved by this corporation's board of directors.
4. This corporation has no members.

We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true of our own knowledge.

DATED: January 9th 1991
 City: La Tuquesay
 State/Province: Quebec (Q110)
 Country: FRANCE

Christian Bernard
 Christian Bernard, President

DATED: January 11, 1991
 City: San Jose
 State/Province: California
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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
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I

The name of this corporation is The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis.

II

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B. The specific and primary purpose of this corporation is to engage in educational and charitable activities, within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), which educate the public about the metaphysical and physical philosophy of the Ancient Rosemasons.

III

A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3). Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(e)(2), 2055(a)(2), 2106(a)(2)(A)(i), 2522(a)(2), or 2522(b)(2). All section references are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

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