

Rosicrucian Chronicles

Serving the Ideals of the Rosicrucian Movement

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Letters...

"Dear Fellow Rosicrucians:"

"The Rosicrucian Chronicles have clearly stated the present problems within Amorc. They have given many examples of greed, poor management, and non-rosicrucians making that affect us all, etc. Recent history chronicles several Orders that initially worked under the wings of the Great White Brotherhood but later lost its support."

"The Theosophical Society brought a beacon into the world of illusion, but after the initial impetus and goals changed direction, the Brotherhood discontinued its support. Now the TS has forgotten their objective of leading the lost to the mountain top. Instead there is fractional infighting, pettiness, buying for personal power and a haphazard mixing of teachings."

"Then there is the Order of the Golden Dawn. Many great minds of the recent past were members of

this illustrious order: Aleister Crowley, Dion Fortune, W.B. Yeats, A.E. Wait, Paul Foster Case, Ann Kingsford. There came a time when the Brotherhood with drew their support, after this happened the remaining high initiates left the order. Today you may still find an occasional temple of the Golden Dawn and you can easily purchase a copy of their teachings. That which remains lacks leadership and goals."

"Members of the higher degrees are familiar with the Free Masons. In the later half of the eighteenth century the Masonic Order was loosing its sponsorship. The Martinist Order grew out of the efforts to correct the errors within the Masonic Order. Today you can easily obtain a copy of all its rituals and pass words. And it only takes a weekend to progress from the third degree to the thirty second."

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"The Rosicrucian Order, Amorc, is following the same destructive path as those listed above. Our leadership has lost contact with the traditions and founders of the Order...Without our teaching being copy protected, any one can copy, modify and sell our sacred trust for profit."

"There are three directions that Amorc can take:"

"First; it can continue with its present leadership on the course of degradation. This direction could transform the organization into a new age cult or the organization could flounder and splinter. We would function in a similar fashion to the current Theosophical Society."

"Second; If the present leadership is replaced by those who owe their allegiance to the Great Brotherhood and would sooner sacrifice their lives than violate the traditions. Then Amorc may recover most of what has been lost."

"Third; The Order may end either according to the law of silence (108 year cycle) or permanently."

"No matter what course the Order follows it is necessary for us, particularly those of the hierarchy, to form a game plan. We must decide what course is feasible and most in line with our oaths to protect the traditions. Next we must take tangible steps to carry out our plan. The Great Brotherhood cannot help us unless we help ourselves."

"Sincerely & Fraternaly,"
"Fratr U (Maryland)"

The Order will never end permanently - only the outer vehicle is transformed. There will be more on this subject in next month's issue.

Comments...

"I deeply appreciate your keeping my name on your mailing list."

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"You are performing an outstanding service!"

"I thank the Cosmic, a Soror friend and Yourselves for all the issues including September that you have kindly sent."

"Enclosed is my check...Please use the extra to help with your expenses- and keep me on your mailing list!"

"I am keen to receive any further issues."

"Thanks again for doing such a superb job in keeping us informed!"

"Thanks! Keep up the good work!"

"Why is Mr. Bernard pulling us apart? This way the Order in America will be weak, we have to remain together, it will make us strong."

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

"I will like to know more about what is going on with us, at this point we don't know where to turn or what to do. We don't go any more to the...Lodge...here."

"These are, indeed, times to test and try men's souls. I, too, am gravely concerned about both the condition that the English Language Jurisdiction of A.M.O.R.C. is in (especially in the U.S.A.), and the direction the Imperator is, or may be, taking the Order."

"Please include this humble brother on your mailing list for your future mailings."

"Your issue of the Rosicrucian Chronicles proved to be very interesting. Enclosed are some self addressed envelopes for other members for the next issue."

"We are all concerned about the Order and hope the Grand Lodge in San Jose isn't belittled too much."

"Thank you for the first issue of the Chronicles I am concerned for the Order and want to stay well informed, looking forward to more information."

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"I have been a member for many years. I have tried to think positively about the Stewart-Bernard situation and to visualize an outcome that is right for the Order and its on going success."

"Please use the enclosed check as you see fit. I am not knowledgeable concerning the past history but, on the face of your letter, feel that this line of revelation should be pursued."

"I am sending out a few copies of this first R+C Chronicles. It is difficult not to be anxious that enough is not being done. Let's keep positive."

It is my sincere desire that the teachings continue to reach all those interested and these will research conscientiously and become as knowledgeable as possible, therefore recording in our hearts and minds the beauty of the "legacy." This no administrative body (or lack of it) can erase."

"Thank you for the informative material."

"May you continue to bring the light. LVX"

Letters...

"Just a few thoughts in simple & direct communication."

"First: After what we've gone through in the past (and losing so many members) my intuition tells me another upheaval will bring disaster."

"Second: The thought of the Supreme Grand Lodge moving to Canada leaves a void where my heart is."

"Third: Already the American jurisdiction is asking for donations to keep going. (Sounds like you name it - other organizations)"

"Where has the real Rosicrucians gone???"

"Faith???"

"Responsibility???"

"Truth & Honesty???"

"Selflessness???"

"Dependability???"

"Justice??? (Moral)"

"And if our dues take a hike we will lose more members either by severance or demit!"

Sincerely a Soror

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"I just received and read your first copy of the Rosicrucian Chronicles. With all the recent goings on with Gary Stewart, the restructuring of the Grand Lodges, and the change of the Supreme Grand Lodge to Canada, etc. I and I believe a great many other Rosicrucians are subjected to a great many rumors, and are simply at a loss as to where the future and the truth lays. The Order suffered great membership losses because of these upheavals, but more importantly the Order suffered a great loss of trust and respect. I see no great effort by the Supreme or Grand Lodges to ease this confusion or to restore lost confidence. This lack of action leads to additional rumor, speculation, distrust and greater confusion. What the Order needs desperately is its own version of Glasnost, or openness, without which I too fear for the future of Rosicrucianism in America. While I applaud and support unbiased efforts to inform the membership, I find it quite sad that this effort has to come from the efforts of individual members."

"Also one last comment. To be well informed is great, but seeing as we, the individual membership, have no say in these goings on, I have to really wonder the value of being informed."

"With all good wishes for peace profound, I am sincerely and fraternally,"

Frater from the southwest

The Student can make the best decisions, only if they are informed decisions. Informed Students can decide whether or not to support particular groups. If they chose to support an organization, despite problematic behavior, they do so with their eyes open.

"I have received the Rosicrucian Chronicles and I found the contents very enlightening."

"Keep up the good work."

"Your news letter has been kept from the general membership of our [Lodge]...I just read it by chance - I am interested in what is occurring at the Grand Lodge, and would like to share it with other members of like interest."

"I have been enjoying the Chronicles from the beginning of their publication."

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"The highlighted portion of the second paragraph of the current Chronicles seems to call for a re-establishment of the Order. If so, what would that look like? Would it look like AMORC with an Emperor (Pope) and an organization beholden to the State? Would it be something that reflects and supports the G.W.B.? Both, or something else entirely?"

"Do *you* have a plan, or *you* looking for one? Are *you* looking for assistance? If so, of what kind? Though I am not an F.R.C., not having reached the Ninth Degree and my AMORC status currently being inactive, may I be of assistance?"

"Sincerely"

Frater from California

In order to best answer the Frater, first let me say that these concerns will be more fully answered beginning in the next issue.

We are not looking for a plan, though we are always open to constructive ideas. A plan has been revealed, it is in place and it is being carried out. It does now and will reflect the ideals and support of the G.W.B.

There continues to be some confusion concerning Emperorship. The title and practice began in Ancient Rome, when the white robed Senate was faced with the task of completing a number of large projects of various kinds. One of their number was placed in charge of the project and given the title "Emperor" until the project was complete.

Then, the rods of authority were returned to their stand in the Senate chambers and the Senators resumed their seats within the ranks of the membership. The Senate was the superior authority, not the Emperor. The Senate was permanent, the Emperorship temporary.

There is a similar pattern within the G.W.B., the Esoteric Orders and the projects involved in advancing the Great Work. The Lewis' have returned to the halls of the Great Lodge and taken their places among the ranks of the Great Masters. The symbols of authority and mantles of responsibility have been assumed by others, who, will in turn, complete their assigned projects and pass on the responsibilities to others. It is the Assembly of Great Masters that is the superior body, not the Emperors. It is the Holy Assembly of the Great White Lodge that is permanent, not Emperorship.

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It is a waste of energy to become overly concerned with titles per se. It is of greater concern to focus on the advancement of the Great Work.

As to the questions, "Are you looking for assistance? If so, of what kind?" and "may I be of assistance?" The answers are yes, to move the Great Work forward, yes. We are looking for sincere, loyal Students who have the courage to work with the forces of evolution and to neutralize the forces of de-evolution. More details will be discussed in the next issues.

"I have just finished reading the ROSICRUCIAN CHRONICLES of September 2. So far the issues have been given to me by other members. Please accept the enclosed contribution and put me on your mailing list."

"Before the difficulties surfaced in San Jose Gary Stewart struck me as an immature and ill prepared young man for the mantle of Emperor. From the out set Christian Bernard has evoked in me a much stronger intuitive feeling of concern about the Order in the hands of his leadership. While there has been much apparently happening that reinforces that intuitive anxiety, I must state: I am a Rosicrucian. I shall continue to be -- in this life and hopefully in the next."

"Service has always been a way of life for me. Now I must focus my first energies and available time to furthering the work of the Order. (Sometimes this seems to take more time than I think I have.) How I serve I must do in my own sphere and I hope in accordance with the deepest meaning and purpose of the Order."

"What should be kept uppermost in the minds of true Rosicrucians is that AMORC is a two-fold organization -- the non-profit corporate structure that exists for the purpose of furthering the Mystical Movement on which AMORC is based. There should be no other purpose for the corporate structure. It has gotten decidedly off base."

"Need I say that a non-profit corporation with a mission such as AMORC's must have fiscal responsibility and integrity? One way to insure this is to have a legitimate structure for members with a voice in the true business of the Order. This is not incompatible with the law."

There are a number of readers on our mailing list who have not indicated that they wish to continue receiving our newsletter. If you have not contacted us in some time and you wish to continue receiving the *Rosicrucian Chronicles*, please indicate your wishes by sending us a letter, stamps or donation. We will, otherwise, assume that you wish to be dropped from our mailing list.

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