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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

The meetings which were held last March on the occasion of the Grand Lodge of Perfection led to fruitful exchanges on the three topics which have been for three years at the core of the “rainbow” project: co-optation, integration, initiatory progression.

Beyond the interests and legitimate expectations voiced by the participants, it is plainly visible that making the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite one’s own, both in its structure and in its contents, is an essential issue.

Such commitment to an appropriation of the Rite is largely shared by the Supreme Council. In view of the support of the members of the Jurisdiction, as defined in 2019 at the Saint Briec seminar. The Supreme Council has been studying the question for many months within four of its commissions:

- Commission of the rituals
- Commission of Ecossism
- Commission ATREAA (support and transmission AASR)
- Commission “History” of the Lodge of Research *Sources*.

Those commissions are not supposed in any way to produce a jurisdictional *doxa* as to the meaning of the rituals and the interpretation of symbols, for which each mason must preserve his complete freedom of thought. Instead, the outlook is pedagogical and aims at providing everyone with those tools which make for an enlightened and critical approach of the documents on which our ritual activity is based, with a particular focus on their sources.

Freemasonry, as a construction work, unfolds in time. It is, therefore important to avoid uncertain interpretations. Understanding where we are going depends on knowing where we come from.

Please rest assured of my fraternal feelings.

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