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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Our Grand Meetings have just been concluded, after the closing of the Convent of the G . : O . : D . : F . : , in the warmest and more than fraternal atmosphere. More than 900 Brothers and Sisters of our Jurisdiction were gathered together with a great many friendly Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, international French, and far-eastern, in the presence of the new Grand Master and a strong delegation of the Governing Council.

The fact is that in 1773, our Jurisdiction took part in the creation of the Grand Orient of France by adding a Scottish stone to its foundations. Baron Joseph-Félix de TOUSSAINCT, whose name was chosen for this year's list of recipients of the medals of recognition of the Supreme Council, was the first ever Secretary of the new G . : O . : D . : F . : . He was a member of the Council of Emperors of East and West, the higher degree structure which had given Etienne MORIN his patent for spreading the Rite of Perfection which is at the origin of our present day Scottish Rite, thus being already present as early as the first appearance of the G . : O . : D . : F . : in its definitive form.

Those Grand Meetings owe their success to you all, thanks to your reports and your attendance. They mark the end of the summer rest and announce the resumption of our activities.

Such return to our labours ought not to make us forget that although our Scottish practice, in its symbolic, philosophical, and spiritual approaches, leads us towards our own transformation, it also prepares us to open ourselves up to the world and to commit ourselves to it with all our might in order to fight all forms of exclusion, and to safeguard as best we can the future of our planet.

The bulk of the remarks and reports brought forward at our Grand Autumn Meetings reflect this preoccupation and invite us to engage in a genuine universalism of thought and action of which our Rite can be a binding factor above and beyond any particular clan.

The Great Universal Charter of Scottish Rite Higher Degrees proclaimed in Istanbul on December 14th 2019 and signed by more than thirty Jurisdictions which share that same essence of free spirituality, should be a groundwork for the bringing together of what is still scattered, and for representing a true unifying force beyond every geographical or spiritual border.

In the face of world chaos, in the face of the challenges before us, “our world is dying because of persistent pretending” as our Brother Raphaël LIOGIER, member of our National Areopagus « Sources » reminds us in his latest published work « Khaos. La promesse trahie »¹.

¹ Khaos, La Promesse trahie de la modernité, éditions Les Liens qui Libèrent, août 2023.


From “I am what I am” – the naked transcendence of the search for our own spiritual self – we have to go through all our trials to finally connect with the other: the living other, the other human, that Human who is and must remain our only horizon.

Everything in our Scottish approach invites us to it.

It is never too late to react.

I wish you all a fine return to our labours.

Please share my fraternal and friendly feelings.



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