



Grand Collège des Rites Ecossais
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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

The 2023-2024 (C.E.) masonic year is nearing its close, and all the Colleges of Officers of the Lodges of our Jurisdiction are being renewed. The same applies to our Supreme Council which has just re-elected its College of Officers on June 7th.

I wish to thank each and every one of you for his/her commitment. Your common Scottish Rite attendance at exceptional meetings organised by your Lodges, ranging from Meetings open to Master Masons in the Sectors to regional or national symposiums, made it possible to hold high the banner of our Jurisdiction. Let every one of you be thanked for his/her dedication at every level of our Jurisdiction, but also for your exemplary participation in the actions undertaken by our Obedience, to which we give our thoughtful support, at national as well as international level.

From high twelve to low twelve, we, Scottish Rite Masons, ought to keep an essential vigil over our own inner selves, helped in that respect by the whole Ritual of Secret Master, not forgetting the actions that we must conduct in the world, or, should I say, the sad reality of our world. One of our Rituals reminds us that “*The Temples of Masons have been thrown down, the columns are broken, the tools of Masonry are scattered,*” which is what we evoked in our letter calling for help for our Brothers and Sisters of New Caledonia after the riots of a few days ago.

The intellectual output of SOURCES, our national Areopagus of research with its latest volume on “*Violence and Freemasonry,*” is a further contribution to this debate.

We ought to remain watchful of all that is happening in our world. Our Rituals, our symbols in our beloved and polymorphous Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, enable us to have an analysis illuminated not only by reason, but also by

what we know of the repeated destruction of the bridges and temples of Mankind in the history of the world.

Such a disturbing reality is already at the doors of our Temples. Our feeling is that of a recurring plague that is striking again.

We are a long way from the “*Dry light*” which, in the words of Heraclitus, “*is the wisest and best soul.*”

Such dry light of Southern countries forges the wisdom of the best souls. Unfortunately, as Camus already wrote in 1948, “*We live in a time of watery souls.*”

Our action must take place in a permanent « South,» in which knowledge merges with commitment.

It will soon be midnight at the Zenith of our Order. All dreams are possible.

Please receive my most fraternal and friendly greetings, my beloved Brothers and Sisters, in the hopeful expectation of your numerous attendance in Nantes at our Great Autumn Meetings.

M.II.Br. Christian CONFORTINI, 33°
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CONFORTINI', written over a horizontal line.