



Newsletter n°200 - March 2025

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Dearest Sisters and Brothers,

Our Great Spring Meeting has just ended, celebrating the renewal of nature according to an immemorial tradition. We have shared the work of our lodges of Perfection resulting from a long maturation and many exchanges between our Secret Masters, both those who are well "seasoned" and advanced on the path of the AASR, and those who have just joined us in the Jurisdiction.

We must know how to receive these new Secret Masters, integrate them and accompany them on this new path, to make them participate in our commissions, in all the activities of the lodge and, ultimately, to know how to give them the necessary appetite to live happily their initiatory progression and our rite in a process of lucid and smiling wisdom: Why should Masonic work be sad?

We also had a long discussion during these days with our Sector Presidents and our T.P.Ms., on the best ways to support our new Secret Masters. Everyone will find in those a definite benefit for their sector or their Lodge of Perfection.

Moreover, this intellectual renewal, in which we are participating at the beginning of this year of true light 6025, is taking shape in the worrying global context that we are experiencing today, by means of a strong intellectual production. The most recently published number of *Sources* (n°15) on "*Imagination and Masonic Reality*"¹ and the beautiful book on the 220th anniversary of our Jurisdiction², are further proof of our vitality, in addition to the excellent work presented at our Great Spring Meeting and which can be found on our website.

These moments of exchange are a necessity to rouse us up from a possible sleepiness at the end of winter, even though the news of the world keep us a little more worried every

¹ « Imaginaire et fait maçonnique », *Sources* 15, AMHG, mars 2025 (published by commission 1 of the National Lodge of Research « Sources »).

² *220 ans du REAA du GODF*, collective work edited under the direction of Pierre Mollier. March 2025, Conform Editions (Paris).

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Indeed, despite the lessons of history, the hydras of totalitarian blocs are joining forces again to undermine all the principles that our Western democracies and our Republic proclaim and defend in the world: universalism, liberty, equality, fraternity and freedom of conscience guaranteed by secularism...

Our duty and our only hope consist, on the contrary, in Freemasonry, in "being peoples³".

We must therefore initiate and participate in a cultural, inter-obediential and inter-jurisdictional front, to try to convince as many people as possible to participate in the common sense of the protection and promotion of our values. The international and Masonic order cannot be reduced to a simple force field. We can, we must. We must be both a family and a society..

The organization of our inter-jurisdictional symposium on "*Universalism: a hope, a need, a will*" is proof of this with the participation of more than 350 sisters and brothers on a single day, on the eve of our Great Spring Meeting. Our Grand Master Nicolas Penin attended this common expression all day long and brilliantly concluded our colloquium. Knowing how to come together despite our differences and not to reproduce the mistakes of the Lausanne Convent of 1875 that we will discuss at our next conference, on September 5, 2025: this is also our duty. This conference will be entitled: "*The Convent of Lausanne: "Landmarks" for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite?*". A very full agenda.

Therefore, my sisters and brothers, if winter seems to be settling in for a long time around us, and if darkness obscures the paths of our hope, our rite, will endure, like the acacia, the laurel and the olive tree, symbols of rebirth and victory. To be oneself, in oneself, above oneself and oneself towards and for others! We must then think about the processes of action that reintroduce us into the living essence of the world and think together about new humanities in the spring. That is why I wish you all the most beautiful Scottish Rite Spring for this new year of True Light.

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³ Gérard Bras, *Faire peuples*, Edition Kimé,2024.