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My beloved Sisters and Brothers,

Since time immemorial, violence and sacrifice have been permanent features in human history. Cain kills his brother and this seed, according to legend, will spread evil throughout all mankind. As for sacrifice, it is present in all the myths and epics of our rituals: Enoch and his descendants, Tubal-Cain, Noah, Hiram... the consequences of whose sacrifices are developed in our Scottish Rite from the 4th degree onward.

It was necessary, in the cold of this month of November, to evoke the massacres that affected millions of families; unfortunately, one cannot mention them all: the list would be endless. The "Great War", the terrorist attacks in Paris, and those on the "*Bataclan*" on November 13, 2015, and all the violence that, throughout the world, destroys human relations made of respect and dialogue, invite us to a high degree of awareness beyond all the necessary commemorations of this month.

The Grand College of Scottish Rites - G.:O.:D.:F.: has long been aware of the *brutalization* of the world which breaks the relationship between the self and others: the *Essais Écossais* - N° 3 "*Violence and the Sacred*", N° 25 - "*Violence for Peace*", as well as *Sources* N° 14 on the theme of "*Violence and Freemasonry*" bear witness to this¹.

On another level, immediately under our eyes, we also witness, every day, disrespectful, violent attitudes that all too often affect women and children. This subject is disturbing and yet it is also of burning topicality. The *Pelicot affair* and that of the *Notre Dame de Betharram* boarding school have brought this to light and have so touched our individual and collective consciences, that we can no longer continue to look the other way. Today we must

¹ Available on the website and bookshop of AMHG.

have the courage, alongside our Obedience, to make ourselves, more than ever, fully aware of all those ignominies.

The extent of this violence, both within families and in society, has long been commonplace, and too many very often look the other way in a cowardly fashion. All this violence clashes head-on with our Masonic and civic values.

On November 15th, in Cannes, our Jurisdiction organized a theatrical performance on the theme of "*The degree above zero*", a poignant monologue, a show-conference performed by one of our sisters, followed by a debate in front of a packed room of more than 250 Masons and profanes, in the presence of the Deputy Grand Master in charge of the issue of "Republic–Laïcité- Citizenship" who participated in the round table, as well as the *Conseiller de l'Ordre* in charge of "violence".

Our Jurisdiction thus acts in accordance with its thoughts, with the purpose of making Eros prevail over Thanatos and to make everyone aware of the sad reality of the world. All our rituals commit us to fight against evil and against all the moral or physical violence that proliferates at the doorstep of our Temples.

Despite the hial night, the hope of a new path of light must guide us against all odds, and all the frost of the world is an invitation to double our watch.

"We do not reach the impossible, but it serves us as a lantern² "

We must take hold of this lantern, it will illuminate the most beautiful path, that which leads to Freedom!

I embrace you all, my beloved Sisters and Brothers very fraternally.

November 16, 2025.

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² René Char, « L'âge cassant », 1965