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THE MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL *The Mother High Council of the World*

COMMUNICATIONS

From the Craft Where Reigneth Peace and Silence

“The Light Shined in Darkness and the Darkness Comprehend It Not”

*"The man, whose mind on virtue bent,
Pursues some greatly good intent
With undiverted aim;
Serene, beholds the angry crowd,
Nor can their clamours, fierce and loud
His stubborn honour tame".*

BLACKLOCK

Principles of the Regular Craft Freemasonry

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, are themes on which we here expatiate.

By the exercise of Brotherly Love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and low, the rich and poor; who, as children of the same Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support, and protect each other. On this principle, Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion; and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

Relief is the next tenet of the profession. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe calamity, alleviate misfortune, compassionate misery, and restore peace to the troubled mind, is the grand aim of the true Mason. On this basis he establishes his friendships, and forms his connections.

Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good men and true, is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavour to regulate our conduct: influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown in the lodge, sincerity and plain-dealing distinguish us; while the heart and tongue join in promoting the general welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITALY

Grande Oriente Italiano Federale Regolare

GIUNTA Straordinaria e GL Straordinaria

CATANIA il 22.06.2008

ore 9:00 - ore 10:30 et ore 10:45 - fine lavori ore 12:30

Prego i GGMM della GLDI MU PG, GLSI, GLRE, di presentare al GMF l'elenco delle LOGGE e TRIANGOLI attivi al 22.06.2008 per le comunicazioni AUTORITA', documenti firmati dal GM.

ODG GIUNTA Straordinaria Grande Oriente Italiano Federale Regolare, Alto Consiglio Dei Liberi Muratori d'Italia Regolare

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ODG GRAN LOGGIA Straordinaria Grande Oriente Italiano Federale Regolare, Alto Consiglio Dei Liberi Muratori d'Italia Regolare

Ripresa lavori di GL Straordinaria

Ratifica decisioni deliberative GIUNTA e Ratifica Cariche e/o Conferme Cariche Gran Magistero e Dignitari

Intervento del Presidente Alto Consiglio Dei Liberi Muratori d'Italia Regolare

Interventi dei GGMM delle GLL costituenti il Grande Oriente Italiano Federale Regolare, Alto Consiglio Dei Liberi Muratori d'Italia Regolare

Interventi dei FLLMM max 5 minuti ognuno

Comunicazione GM Federale

Sospensione lavori di GL Straordinaria

PARAGUAY

Gran Logia Regular Multiritualistica del Paraguay

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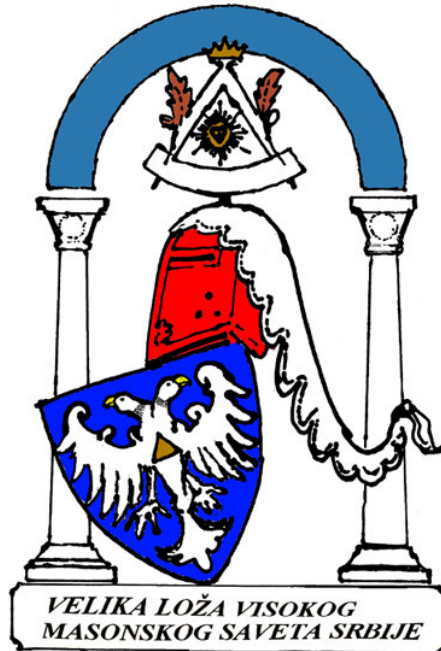
Logia Independencia No.1 - Rito Inglés
Valle de Asunción - Reunión días Jueves 20:00 Hs

Logia Luxor No.2 - Rito Antiguo Y Primitivo
Valle de Asunción - Reunión días Martes 20:00 Hs.

Logia Constructores Del Nilo No.3 - Rito Antiguo y Primitivo
Valle de Asunción - Reunión días Lunes 20:00 Hs

Logia Republica No.4 - Rito Antiguo y Aceptado
Valle de Luque

SERBIA



Address of the MW Grand Master Borko Ziravac at the Ceremony of Installation of The Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia

31st May 2008

Most Worshipful Brothers, Grand Secretary of the MHC Confederation,
Grand Dignitaries, Right Worshipful and dear Fellow Brethren all,

For all of us the time has come. The time in which we finally can work with the full beauty of our own Light of the Craft, in our country.

We, truly inspired by those who started the same process in England at the end of 2004 and beginning of the 2005, with the idea and the strength of the Brethren around our RW Brother Rui Alexander Gabirro.

Approximately a year ago we came in the cradle of our Slovenian Brethren. We felt that this was the right way to continue and we also believed that our future is certain on this path and righteous course which aims to restore the shine to the Craft.

Since I have joined the Brotherhood 13 years ago, I was dreaming of the equal and progressive society of the equal men. Now we are at the aim of this idea and also on the gate of a whole new perspective. We have tried, and we shall prevail on this our specific path of Masonic Orthodoxy and Craft Regularity. Hopefully, we will open the gate for the future of our sons and others to join.

Having this historical and enlightening day for our Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia, we gain the perspective for the principles and basics of Regular Ancient Craft Masonry in Serbia, with our Warrants, Rituals and Ceremonies issued by the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World.

We have Installed in due and regular form today all four Lodges: Pobratim Or Belgrade with Serbian and Slovenian Brethren, St John Or. Sremska Mitrovica, Dositej Obradovic Or. Kragujevac, and Carpatica on the Orients of Serbia and Romania with our MW Bro. Adrian Ionescu Miu and all Officers of the Regular Grand Lodge of Romania and members from both countries, in a true spirit of the Brotherly Love among the Masons of Both nations. This will lead us to further gain the spirit and essence of the unique universality of our Craft.

Most dear and Worshipful "founding fathers" of our Craft and our New Obedience, thank you for the passion that you have given us and the understanding that you have brought us here together.

On this most historic and glorious date you will be remembered as founders of our Obedience. Above all, I'd like to give a special thanks to our always-remembered RW Bro. Rui Alexander Gabirro, which I meet and encourage since 2005. My special thanks to our MW Bro. D M who gave us hope and friendship, to our RW Br. Dimitrij Klinar and RW Bro. Boris Otis who have guided us so patiently, and another very special thanks to my very dear friends and life long Brothers J. Z. and J. B. who lived and prayed with us in this our most noble of endeavours.

Once again thank you all and let The Great Architect of the Universe lead and enlighten always our path and be vigilant in our work.

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GRANDE ORIENTE ITALIANO FEDERALE REGOLARE®
GRAND ORIENT ITALY FEDERAL REGULAR®
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Zenit of Rome, Italy

31st day of the 3rd Month of the Lucis Year 6008

Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia

Address to the Regular Masonic Ceremony of Consecration of the Grand Lodge of Serbia
31st of May 2008

Dear MW Bro. Borko Ziravac, Grand Master of RGL of Serbia,

Dear all Serbian Brethren,

All of us Italian Brethren of the Federal Regular Grand Orient of Italy (GOIF-R) of the Regular Masonic High Council of Italy (MHCI-R) are very pleased to be close to your hearts and minds during this important Sacred Masonic day in which is done the official act of Consecration of the new Grand Lodge of the MHC of Serbia.

If you are agreed with me, I wish to dedicate this wonderful and sacred day to our MW Bro Khaled Nachabe of Lebanon that at the moment is always in recovering in Hospital and all together we must pray to the GADU to bless him in this hour of need.

We must work, in our interior research, to achieve the worldwide Triumph of the Universality and of the Brotherhood in the Tradition of the Masonic Order, by respecting our spiritual and intellectual diversity.

We must held the Masonic Flag to the service of Peace and Love.

Only in so doing, the Harmony and the tangible and proactive Synthesis of our diversities will be the cement that will allow us to build the Temple of the Ideas for the victory of virtue and the defeat of vice.

May the Grand Architect of Heaven and Earth bless you all, your families and countries.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Pasquale Cerofolini, Grand Master GOIF-R Italy
Vice President of the MHC Mother World



IGMAAU
CRAFT MASONRY

Message to the MHC Brethren from around the World

5th June 2008

East Bucuresti

Brothers from around the World, once that Regular Grand Lodge of Romania was recognised from Regular Grand Lodge of England, we are placed with joy in grand Masonic chain of Regular Grand Lodges of the World. We use this opportunity to thank for the trust you show to us.

We sincerely wish to help from all our strengths, to form other Regular Grand Lodges. Actually, in three months from joining the Federation, we succeed already two participation to very important events:

- On the 29th of March 6008 the Delegation of Regular Grand Lodge of Romania, formed by four Brothers, was part of the Lodges who enlighten the Regular Grand Lodge of Middle East. There was also present the Delegation from the Regular Grand Lodge of Slovenia and the Grand Conservator General, Brother Rui Alexander Gabirro, and the obvious delegations from the neighbouring Arab States.

- On the 30th of May 6008 the Delegation of Regular Grand Lodge of Romania, formed by 21 Brothers, was part of the Lodges who enlighten the Regular Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia. There was also part of the event the Delegation of Regular Grand Lodge of Slovenia and the Delegation of Grand Orient Regular and Federal of Italy.

We strongly believe in the need for the creation of regional Masonic structures, powerful, who can achieve even more strength for Craft Masonry in his own Works. In this respect, it was created the Lodge "Carpatica", formed by both Romanian and Serbian Brethren, under the sponsorship of the Regular Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia. We wish to continue this our process in all Southern Europe and we will work with states like Slovenia, Italia, Serbia, Bulgaria and many others.

We also believe in the need for the return to the real morals and values of the Tradition of Regular Craft Freemasonry and its Royal Art, of which so much is written in the early history of our Fraternity, and so little is seen in our days else where. We also aim to continuously improve the mortal and intellectual ways of our Brethren.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Dorian Orz, Grand Master
Regular Grand Lodge of Romania

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Mesaj catre Fratii Români
05 Iunie 6008
Orientul Bucuresti

Frati romani, acum inainte de vacanta masonica 6008 trebuie sa facem o recapitulare a evenimentelor care au avut loc in Romania si a planurilor de viitor pe care le avem.

Cel mai important eveniment este fara tagada crearea Marii Loji Regulare a Romaniei, eveniment care a avut loc la 16 Februarie 6008. Acest eveniment are o foarte mare importanta pentru Romania. A fost astfel recunoscuta munca noastra din momentul infiintarii si pana acum. A fost inca o dovada ca drumul pe care am pornit este unul corect si drept si ca l-am parcurs fara sa ne abatem. Am intrat astfel in Federatia Marilor Loji Regulare din intreaga lume care numara la ora actuala cel putin 60 de Mari Loji. Acest fapt a largit orizonturile Marii Loji Regulare a Romaniei catre intreaga lume. Imediat dupa acest eveniment Marele Secretariat a inceput sa primeasca mesaje de felicitare de la Marile Loji componente ale Federatiei care isi exprimau bucuria de a ne avea alaturi si de a lucra impreuna.

Facand acest important pas masonic ne-am asumat responsabilitati mai mari fata de Fratii romani si unele noi fata de Fratii din intreaga lume. Suntem responsabili din acel moment sa ajutam si pe altii sa gaseasca drumul pe care noi am pornit la fiecare nivel in parte. Suntem de asemenea responsabili sa pastram traditia masonica si sa evoluam spiritual si moral cu fiecare zi care trece.

Tinand seama de toate aceste responsabilitati asumate, in numai trei luni, am reusit sa avem doua participari la evenimente similare celui din 16 februarie de la Bucuresti.

In data de 29.03.6008 delegatia Marii Loji Regulare a Romaniei, formata din patru Frati, a participat la crearea Marii Loji Regulare a Orientului Mijlociu. Acolo a mai fost prezenta delegatia Marii Loji Regulare a Sloveniei.

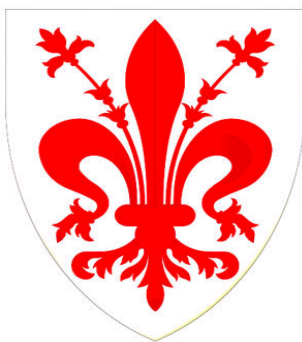
In data de 30.05.6008 delegatia Marii Loji Regulare a Romaniei, formata din 21 de Frati, a participat la crearea Marii Loji Regulare a Inaltului Consiliu Masonic al Serbiei. Au mai participat la acest eveniment delegatia Marii Loji Regulare a Sloveniei si Delegatia Marelui Orient Regular si Federal al Italiei.

Cu aceasta ocazie s-a creat si prima Loja "Carpatica", formata din Frati Romani si Sarbi, sub Obedienta Marii Loji Regulare a Inaltului Consiliu Masonic al Serbiei.

Pentru viitor trebuie ca Regulamentul General al Marii Loji Regulare a Romaniei sa fie aliniat cu Regulamentul General al Marii Loji Regulare a Angliei pastrand insa specificitatile romanesti, trebuie sa crestem standardul calitatii umane a Fratilor si sa intensificam perfectionarea lor morala si intelectuala.

De asemenea trebuie sa pastram linia asumata de a participa la cat mai multe evenimente de creere de Mari Loji in Europa in mod special.

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GRANDE ORIENTE ITALIANO FEDERALE REGOLARE ®
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Zenith di Roma – Italia

6° del 4° mese dell'Anno Lucis 6008

Il Gran Maestro GOIF-R Pasquale Cerofolini

UNIVERSALITA' MASSONICA
Alto Consiglio Massonico Madre del Mondo

Venerabili e Cari fratelli di tutte le Grandi Logge Regolari e dei Grandi Orienti Regolari del Mondo, costituenti l'ALTO CONSIGLIO MASSONICO MADRE DEL MONDO, credo sia giunto il momento dopo tre (3) anni di intenso, duro e meraviglioso lavoro massonico che ci vede impegnati costantemente in tutti i paesi dell'Est, dell'Ovest, del Nord e del Sud del nostro pianeta, fermare per un attimo le nostre menti ad una semplice ma importante riflessione:

Siamo sulla giusta direzione per la costruzione della Regolare Universalità Massonica nella
TRADIZIONE?

Io credo che mai, nessuna operatività speculare massonica mondiale, abbia costruito con tanto amore e rispetto dei Landmarks un universo di fratelli massoni regolari, al di là del colore della pelle, dei loro credo religiosi e politici, dove non esiste superiorità di alcuni rispetto ad altri, dove il minimo comune denominatore è il cemento nel rispetto della regola massonica, dove Grandi Logge e Grandi Orienti , convivono in un autogoverno denominato Alto Consiglio Massonico Madre del Mondo.

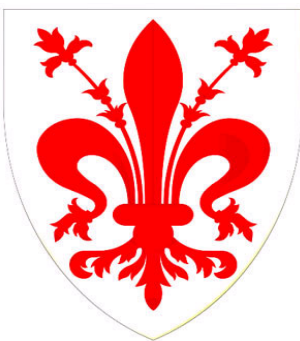
In questo Alto Consiglio Massonico Madre del Mondo alcuni fratelli di differenti Paesi si alternano elettivamente nelle cariche e funzioni per concretizzare l'abbattimento del vizio e l'elevazione della VIRTU', nel rispetto da parte di tutte le organizzazioni mondiali massoniche facenti parte, della più corretta Tradizione Regolare Iniziatica!

... credo, che è stato realizzato il sogno filosofico e/o teoria filosofica e sociale, chiamato "Krausismo", del fratello massone e filosofo tedesco Karl Christian Krause (1781-1832), in cui si opera affinché si possa realizzare tra gli uomini del pianeta un clima di autentica "comunanza" e, in altre parole, realizzare quell' Alleanza Universale nella quale Krause, individuava la terza (3°) ed ultima fase della Massoneria, dopo quella operativa (1°) e quella speculativa (2°) ...

Convinto di interpretare i sentimenti di ognuno dei fratelli del mondo, all'obbedienza delle Grandi Logge e Grandi Orienti costituenti il Masonic High Council Mother of the World, mi unisco con un ideale ed universale abbraccio fraterno al nostro amato fratello Mw Bro Rui Alexander Gabirro, al quale va il nostro ringraziamento per avere visto per primo all'inizio del nostro terzo millennio, la concreta possibilità , oggi realizzata nell'essenza dell'interiorità speculativa, di questa Unica Fratellanza Mondiale nei valori della Regolare e Universale Legittimità Iniziatica.

Vostro fratello Pasquale Cerofolini, GM GOIF-R
Vice President of the MHC Mother World

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GRANDE ORIENTE ITALIANO FEDERALE REGOLARE ®

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Zenith of Rome – Italy

21st day of 4th month of the true Light Year 6008

To all MW, RW, Worshipful and Brethren all,

GRAND OFFICER'S INSTALLATION OF THE MHC OF MEXICO
Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges, Board of Grand Masters
REGULAR MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL OF MEXICO

Dear MW Grand Master Brother Angel R. Ladron De Guevara, MHC

All Italian Brethrens under the authority of the Grand Orient of Italy Federal Regular (GOIF-R) the Regular Masonic High Council of Italy (MHCI-R) are very pleased to be close to your hearts and to your minds during your Grand Assembly of Installation of Grand Officer's of the Regular MHC of Mexico.

In this sacred day, of the Summer Solstice of 6008, I with all the Italian Brethren, wish to send to all our Mexican Brethren, our most heartfelt wishes of continuous prosperity of the Regular Craft under our Jurisdiction in Mexico, and we pray that the Grand Architect of Earth and Heaven may bless you, your families and your country.

We all must work together very hard because only in so doing our "diversities" will be the cement that will allow us to build the Temple of the Ideas for the Victory of the Virtue and the Defeat of the Vice.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Pasquale Cerofolini, Grand Master GOIF-R Italy
Vice President of the MHC Mother World



Dragi i Vrlo poštovani Veliki majstori,
Draga i Poštovana Braća Starješine,
Dragi veliki oficiri i oficiri svih prisutnih loža
Dragi predstavnici Masonskog Visokog saveza Sveta in Velikih Loža,
Draga Braćo!

Danas, 31. maja 2008 godine svetlo je uneto u 3 Srbske lože Pobratim (Orient Beograd, , Sveti Jovan (Orient Sremska Mitrovica) i Dositej (Orient Kragujevac), u zajedničku ložu Karpatika (orient Beograd) I u Veliku ložu masonskog velikog saveta Srbije.

Ovo je vrlo značajan dan i istorijski događaj.

S punim pravom možemo danas konstatirati, svetski se masonski lanac slobodnih zidara Masonskog visokog svijeta dopunio se srbskom braćom.

Pred našom braćom, članovima loža u krugu Velike lože visokog masonskog saveta Srbije još je puno posla. Morat će produbivati svoje znanje, postepeno brojčano rasti i delovati uklađeno sa temeljnim etičkih, socialnim i filozofskim ciljevima MHC Sveta.

Pri tome treba imati na umu, da masoni trebaju otvarati svoja vrata slobodnim zidarima na dobrom glasu, bez obzira na rasnu, vjersku in nacionalnu pripadnost ili svjetonazor. Načela masona su: živi časno, budi pravedan, poštuju zakone svoje države, uvijek radi za dobrobit čovječanstva i poštuju ljudska prava.

Dužnost svakog člana Masonskog visokog saveta Sveta je, da se brine in bori za ostvarenje pomenutih načela u profanoj javnosti.

Sretan i ponosan sam, da imam to čast, u ime Velike Regularne lože Slovenije, po kraćem vremenu rada pod njenom zaštitom, unjeti svetlo u 3 ovdašnje lože i Veliku ložu visokog masonskog saveta Srbije.

Sa današnjim danom Velika loža visokog masonskog saveta Srbije je samostalna, neovisna i suverena.

S tom porukom Braći Velike lože masonskog velikog saveta Srbije želim uspješan rad u kraljevskoj umetnosti i širenju našeg lanca na području Srbije i svugde gde žive ljudi na dobrom glasu. Kod toga ćete Braća i dalje imati potporu Braće iz Slovenije, Slovenačkih loža i Velike regularne Lože Slovenije.

Danas možemo reći: "Rad je uspeo!!"

Najlepša zahvala svoj braći, koja je radila, da bi se postigli ti cijevi.

Jako bi bio zadovoljan, da možemo za koju godinu reći: "Rad se uspešno nastavlja" a kasnije, da možemo reći: "Rad ne može više biti zaustavljen".

Želim svoj Braći po svijetu i posle današnjeg događaja posebno Srbskoj braći, da i dalje uspešno radi, napreduje u posticanju pomenutih Framasonskih ciljeva.

Čestitam Najčastivrednijem velikom majstoru Velike Lože visokog masonskog saveta Srbije, bratu Borku Žiravcu, svim velikim oficirima, i svoj Braći iz Srbije na vašom brzom I uspešnom radu u kojeg ste uložili ogromno truda i znanja. Obećajem, u ime slobodnih zidara iz Slovenije, da ćemo vas podupirati u vašem budućem radu u zajedničkom bratskom lancu.

Neka nam na tom putu pomogne Veliki Neimar Svih Svetova.

Sremska Mitrovica, 31.5. 6008

Tako neka bude.

Veliki Majstor Velike Regularne Lože Slovenije
Potpredsednik Masonskog visokog saveta Sveta

Address of the Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Slovenia at the occasion of the Consecration of the Grand Lodge of the MHC in Serbia

Most Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren,
Grand Officers and officers all Lodges of our International Federation presented and Representatives of
Masonic High Council Mother of the World

Dear Brethren all!

Today, on the 31st of May 2008, the light is brought to three Craft Serbian Lodges: Lodge Pobratim (Or.: Beograd), Lodge Sveti Jovan (Orient Sremska Mitrovica), Lodge Dositej (Orient Kragujevac) formed and in due and regular form constituted into what is now the new Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia, following to the letter our Ancient uses costumes and traditions.

This is a day for us of utmost symbolic importance and an historical event for the Craft. We can conclude today with good reason: that the world chain of Regular Craft Free Masonry or orthodox masonry of the Masonic High Council is now complemented with our esteemed Serbian brothers.

A lot of work still lies ahead of us, and all the members of the Lodges of the new Grand Lodge of Masonic High Council of Serbia. They shall deepen their knowledge, live honourably, respect the laws of the country, be righteous, love your neighbours, respect human rights and always act in the interest of humankind.

The duty of every member of any Lodge of the Masonic High Council is to fight and give his best for attainment of these mentioned principles within the profane public.

I'm proud to have the honour, on behalf of the Regular Grand Lodge of Slovenia, to bring the light into three Craft Lodges and in regular and time immemorial form consecrating and constituting them into The Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia.

With this day the Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia is Independent and Sovereign.

With this message I wish a very successful work in the Royal Art and to the Craft may prosper under your loyal dedication and may you be able to strengthen our chain of Freemasonry in Serbia.

I want you to know that you will always have and can count with the continual dedication and support from your neighbour Slovenian Brethren, and all the Slovenian Lodges united in under the Regular Grand Lodge of Slovenia.

We are right to conclude today: that the Masonic international chain of the Masonic High Council of the World is complemented by the integration of our Serbian Brethren.

"The task was completed successfully!"

Thank you very much, to all of those Brethren who have work hard to achieve this goal.

I will be very pleased, if we can say after one year: "the work is continuing!" and later to consider: "the advancement of the Craft is a wonderful task in the development of the society and an asset for humankind and a benefit for the advancement of civilization".

I wish all the Brethren, all over the World, and after today event, and especially to the Serbian Brethren, all the success in their future work, and to gather among their ranks honourable men devoted to the mentioned goals of the Craft Freemasonry.

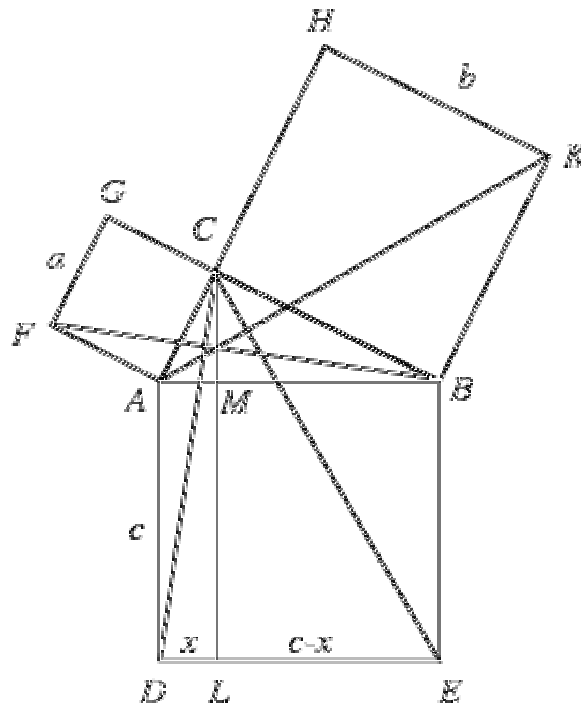
I congratulate the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic High Council of Serbia, our MW Brother Borko Žiravac, and all Grand Officers, and Brethren from Serbia on their work so far accomplished, for which they have invested the great of efforts and knowledge, I promise, on behalf of the Craft of Slovenia, to support them in their future aims in our fraternal chain.

Let the Grand Architect of Heaven and Earth help us on this our path of enlightenment,

So moted be.

Sremska Mitrovica, May 31, 6008

Grand Master Regular Grand Lodge of Slovenia
Vicepresident of the Masonic High Council of the World



An Account of Pythagoras

RW Bro. William Preston

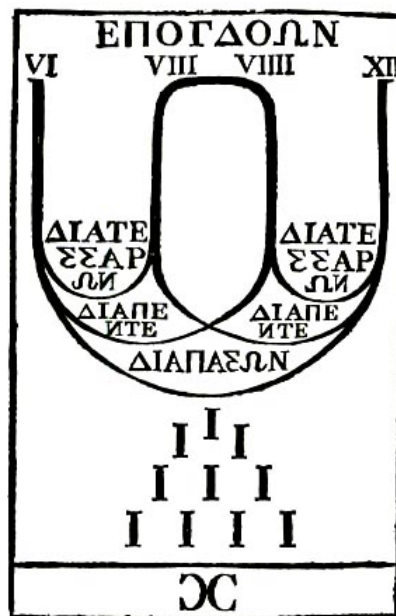
The records of the Fraternity inform us, that Pythagoras was regularly initiated into Masonry; and being properly instructed in the mysteries of the Art, propagated the principles of the Order in other countries into which he travelled.

Pythagoras lived at Samos, in the reign of Tarquin, the last king of the Romans, in the year of Rome 220; or, according to Livy, in the reign of Servius Tullius, in the year of the world 3472. He was the son of a sculptor, and was educated under one of the greatest men of his time, Thercydes of Syrus, who first taught the immortality of the soul. On the death of his patron, he determined to trace science to its source, and to supply himself with fresh stores in every part of the world where these could be obtained. Animated by a desire of knowledge, he travelled into Egypt, and submitted to that tedious and discouraging course of preparatory discipline, which was requisite to obtain the benefit of Egyptian initiation. When he had made himself a thorough master of all the sciences that were cultivated in the

sacerdotal colleges of Thebes and Memphis, he pursued his travels through the east, conversing with the Magi and Indian Brachmans, and mixing their doctrines with those he had learnt in Egypt. He afterwards studied the laws of Minos at Crete, and those of Lycurgus at Sparta. Having spent the earlier part of his life in this useful manner, he returned to Samos well acquainted with everything curious either in nature or art in foreign countries improved with all the advantages proceeding from a regular and laborious course of learned education, and adorned with that knowledge of mankind which was necessary to gain the ascendant over them.

Accustomed to freedom, he disliked the arbitrary government of Polycrates, then tyrant of Samos, and retired to Crotona in Italy, where he opened a school of philosophy; and by the gravity and sanctity of his manners, the importance of his tenets, and the peculiarity of his institutions, soon spread his fame and influence over Italy and Greece. Among other projects, which he used to create respect and gain credit to his assertions, he concealed himself in a cave, and caused it to be reported that he was dead. After some time he came abroad, and pretended that the intelligence which his friends gave him in his retreat, of the transactions of Crotona, was collected during his stay in the other world among the shades of the departed. He formed his disciples, who came from all parts to put themselves under his direction, into a kind of republic, where none were admitted till a severe probation had sufficiently exercised their patience and docility.

He afterwards divided them into the esoteric and exoteric classes: to the former he entrusted the more sublime and secret doctrines, to the latter the more simple and popular. This great man found himself able to unite the character of the legislator to that of the philosopher, and to rival Lycurgus and Orpheus in the one, Pherecydes and Thales in the other; following, in this particular, the patterns set him by the Egyptian priests, his instructors, who were not less celebrated for settling the civil than the religious economy of their nation. In imitation of them, Pythagoras gave laws to the republic of Crotona, and brought the inhabitants from a state of luxury and dissoluteness, to be eminent for order and sobriety. While he lived, he was frequently consulted by the neighbouring republics, as the composer of their differences and the reformer of their manners: and, since his death (which happened about the fourth year of the 70th Olympiad, in a tumult raised against him by one Cylon), the administration of their affairs has been generally entrusted to some of his disciples; among whom, to produce the authority of their master for any assertion was sufficient to establish the truth of it without further inquiry.



The most celebrated of the philosophical notions of Pythagoras are those concerning the nature of the Deity, the transmigrations of souls into different bodies (which he borrowed from the Brachmans), and the system of the world. He was the first who took the name of philosopher, that is, a lover of wisdom. His system of morality was admirable. He made unity the principle of all things, and imagined that between God and man there were various orders of spiritual beings, who administered to the divine will. He believed in the doctrine of the metempsychosis, or transmigration of souls and held that God was diffused through all parts of the universe, like a kind of universal soul, pervading every particle of matter, and animating every living creature, from the most contemptible reptile to mankind themselves, who shared a larger portion of the divine spirit.

The metempsychosis was founded on this maxim, that as the soul was of celestial origin, it could not be annihilated; and therefore, upon abandoning one body, it necessarily removed into another, and frequently did penance for its former vicious inclinations in the shape of a beast or an insect, before it appeared again in that of a human creature. He asserted that he had a particular faculty given him by the gods, of remembering the various bodies his own soul had passed through, and confounded cavillers by referring them to his own experience. In his system of the world, the third doctrine which distinguished his sect, was a supposition that the sun was at rest in the centre, and that the earth, the moon, and the other planets moved round it in different orbits. He pretended to have great skill in the mysterious properties of numbers, and held that some particular ones contained a peculiar force and significance. He was a great geometrician, and admitted only those to the knowledge of his system who had first undergone a probation of five years' silence.

To his discovery is attributed the 47th proposition of the first book of Euclid, which, in geometrical solutions and demonstrations of quantities, is of excellent use; and for which, as Mr. Locke observes, in the joy of his heart, he is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb. His extraordinary desire of knowledge, and the pains he took to propagate his system, have justly transmitted his fame to posterity.

The pupils who were initiated by him in the sciences and study of nature at the Crotonian school brought all their goods into a common stock, contemned the pleasures of sense, abstained from swearing, and ate nothing that had life. Steady to the tenets and principles, which they had imbibed, they dispersed abroad, and taught the doctrines of their preceptor in all the countries through which they travelled.

TREATY OF LONDON
Signed on the 16 September 2006



**WE, THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS**

IN AMPLE FORM Assembled, according to the Old Constitutions regularly and solemnly established under the auspices of Prince Edwin in the City of York, England, in the year 926 A.D. viz:

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN

We the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World, of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons

SEND GREETING

KNOW YE That We the Founding Members, Senior Grand Officers of the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World of Craft Freemasonry, Assembled at London this day of our Lord the 16th of September 2006 have decided and agreed that in order to prevent the dilution and any further

loss to our uses and customs this Grand Assembly of Senior Grand Officers have decided to sign this, "TREATY OF LONDON"

WHEREAS All present signatory, the Masonic High Councils of France, Italy, Lebanon, Slovenia, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, United States of America, Middle East, India, Albania, Madeira, Brazil, Mexico and Greece promise to foster the enlightenment of the Masons under this new Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges by the means of Papers upon History, Antiquities, and Symbols of the Craft, to cultivate a desire for Masonic Research, and to stimulate a high standard of working in local Lodges, and to generally foster Masonic good-fellowship, and to promote the true Landmarks of English Craft Freemasonry and the Grand Principles upon which our Order is founded.

GIVEN under our Hands and the Seal of the Masonic High Council the Grand Lodge at London this 16th September A.L. 6006 A.D. 2006.

BY COMMAND OF THE SENIOR GRAND OFFICERS OF THE MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL THE MOTHER HIGH COUNCIL OF THE WORLD



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Important News

Dear Brethren,

Our Grand Secretary's staffs are working hard to ensure that this newsletter is prepared and sent out to all of you on a regular basis. We urge you all to send in all items, which you may, feel are of interest to the thousands of brethren who receive this newsletter. Although we cannot always guarantee publication we can certainly promise not to if you do not send it! Although we will not publish your name if you do not wish us to, please give your details.

We look forward to receiving many of your items.

From the staff of the Office of the Grand Secretary, Regular Grand Lodge of England

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**RR.:HH.: de la M.:R.:Gran Logia Regular de Serbia
Sremska, Mitrovica.**

Con gran alegría y entusiasmo recibimos la noticias de la Ceremonia Masonica de Instalación de la Muy Respetable Gran Logia Regular de Serbia, que se celebrará este próximo 31 de mayo del 2008 e.:v.:, por lo que por medio de estas sencillas lineas nos unimos al jubilo mundial de que un grupo de Respetables Hermanos, en busca del retorno a los antiguos usos y costumbres de nuestra Orden, se constituyan en una nueva Gran Logia Regular.

Por lo anterior, este Alto Consejo Masonico Regular de México, se une al jubilo de todos los Altos Consejos Masonicos y Grandes Logias Regulares por la Instalación de esta nueva Gran Logia Regular de Serbia, rogando al Gran Arquitecto del Universo, los colme de bendiciones y los guie por el camino que él tiene destinado para los hombres de pensamiento libre, acciones concretas, pero sobre todo, visiones eternas.

Son los mejores deseos de vuestros Hermanos de México, en quienes siempre tendran un amigo....UN HERMANO.

Fraternal y Sinceramente



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