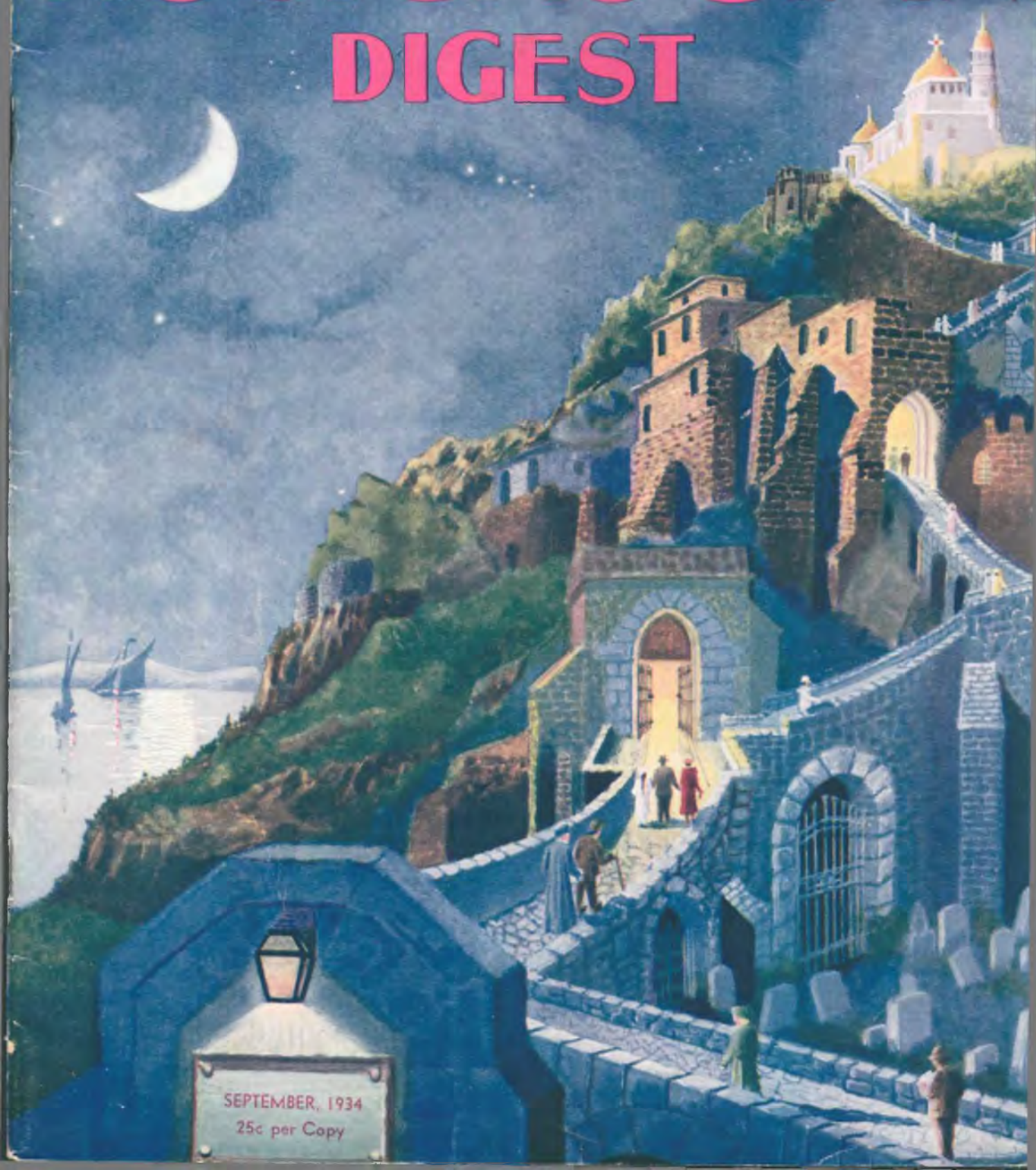
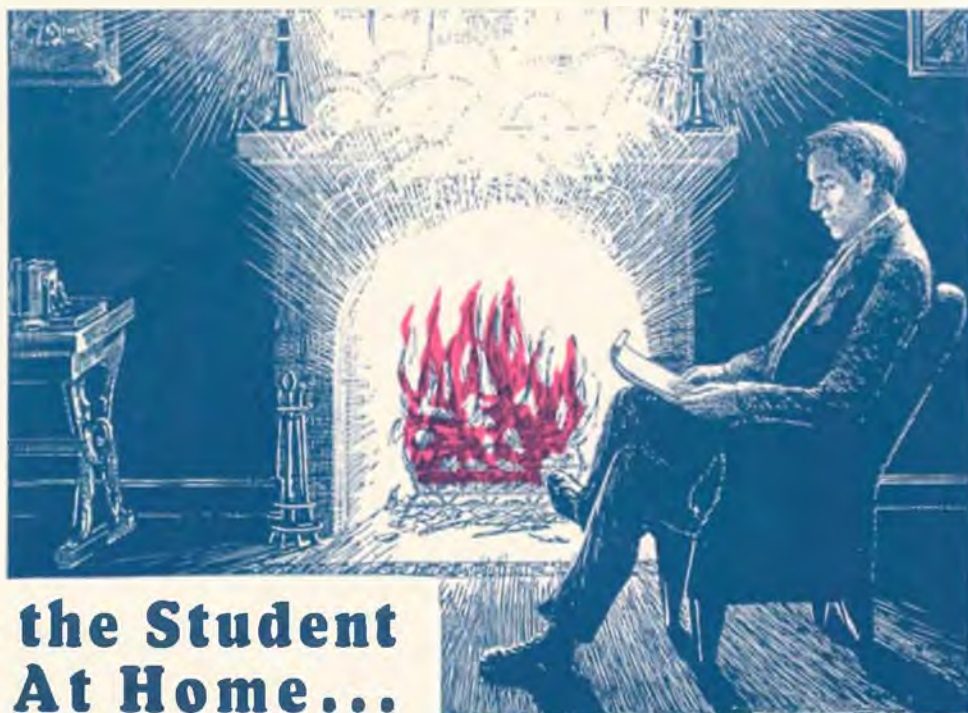


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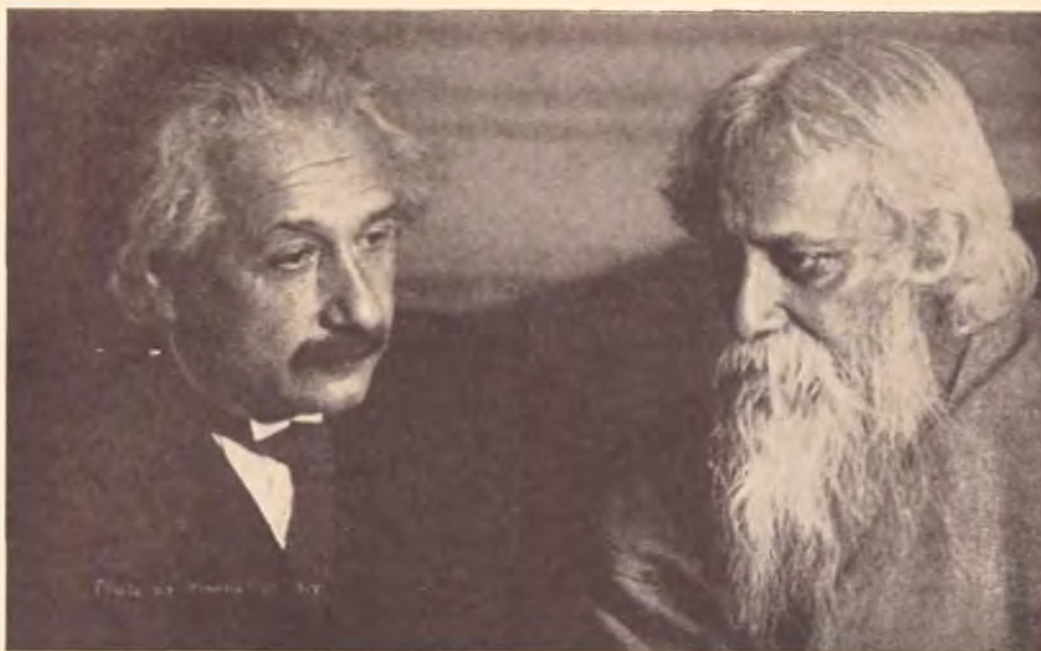
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The Emperor of the Rosicrucian Order, Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, in full ritualistic regalia upon the occasion of the dedication of the new Rose-Croix Science building, is seen here depositing a scroll hermetically sealed in the heart of a Sphinx mounted in front of the building. The scroll contains fifteen of the Order's most important philosophic principles. On his left is Dr. Clement Le Brun, Grand Master of AMORC, recounting the ancient ceremony, assisted by Miss Emily Lanini of the statistical Department.

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The THOUGHT OF THE MONTH EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES

By THE IMPERATOR



AM writing these thoughts on a bright invigorating afternoon in June, after having wandered around for a while in the various parts of Rosicrucian Park watching the many workmen putting the last finishing touches to the

Rose-Croix Science Building in order that it may be ready for dedication and examination by our hundreds of visiting delegates and members a few weeks hence. I have been observing the masterful way in which artists and mechanics have been applying the laws of science and the arts in completing this unusual structure with its many unusual rooms and departments of research, and I have been looking at the shrubbery and flowers, the trees and the bushes, and the newly-planted grass seeds which will bring the green carpet to the grounds around the new buildings.

I have been up on the roof of the new building watching the construction of the newly-devised and elaborate instrument which will catch the sunrays at every hour of the day and will convert them in a shaft of light downward through the attic and upper floor of the building into the color chamber on the main floor of the science building, thus creating a spot of brilliant light in the center of the black room. And from this brilliant spot of light there will be thrown upon silver and beaded screens the colors of the spectrum, and the many

mysteries of the sunlight and the sun's rays.

As I lifted my eyes heavenward to observe the magnificent clouds and deep blue depths of space beyond them, I thought of the newest experiment for exploring the mysteries of the universe that will be attempted in a few weeks in the Black Hills just outside of the little town known as Rapid City of South Dakota. Here the ingenuity of the most advanced scientists in various fields of research will be applied to the construction and operation of the world's largest balloon in which Major William E. Kepner, and Captain A. W. Stevens of the army, hope to reach heights not hitherto attained by man, and explore regions in the universe hitherto a dark mystery to man's comprehension.

No stratosphere balloon was ever so large and never were the hopes of mankind so great as in this instance. With a most curious and varied assortment of elaborate instruments man is seeking to know more about the Cosmic rays, and the other great beams or radiations of energy and power, life and vitality, light and color, that affect the universe and particularly affect this planet upon which we live.

The attention of the scientific world is going to be directed toward this beautiful little city in South Dakota that has nestled so long in peace and tranquillity in the fascinating hills of this part of the state and its peaceful and unruffled character will be greatly disturbed by the presence of the curious, the learned, and those who report and record the achievements of man. Only a few years ago a little known and extremely dig-

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nified village in the mountains of Switzerland was greatly disturbed by the sudden dropping into its midst of the first stratosphere balloon which was forced to come to earth suddenly after having ventured in the dangerous regions of the moon. Man truly is ingenious. He dares to dig deeply into the earth and to venture under the waters of the sea and the oceans. He burrows a pathway deeply beneath them, and then comes out and builds structures that tower far above the tallest of growing things, rises rapidly through space at enormous heights annihilating time and distance, and now invents a balloon that will take him beyond all reason and beyond all safety into the mysterious and unoccupied space beyond the earth's field of magnetism.

Long before man dared to do these things physically and actually he dreamed of doing them. In his imagination these strange burrowings and flights were already accomplished. Jules Verne accurately described the sensations that one would experience by going leagues beneath the waters and venturing into the sky, and all of the ventures of mankind since then have verified what his dreaming imagination intuitively comprehended. It cannot be said, therefore, that man dreams idly or uselessly and to no avail. Man's dreams are as unlimited in their flights and in their depths as his imaginations, his desires, or his necessities. Man has risen from the position of slave to the earthly elements to mastership of all that he surveys—except one field which he has ventured the least and has just begun to dream about.

There are in scientific laboratories throughout the world today more magnificent photographs showing in minute detail and with precise mathematical calculations the strange markings of the fields and areas of localities on the moon or other planets than there are photographs anywhere of the areas of man's brain with the same precise and minute detail. Man is learning more today about the various rays of energy surging through the distant atmospheric spaces of the universe than he has learned about the same rays and same beams of the same power that is surging through his own being.

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Man need not go to the source of a beam of light to study its nature and its effects, for at the other end of the beam its power, its influence, and its purpose are made manifest. Whatever may be the source and cause of sunlight, we have learned to understand its magnificence through observing some of its benefits, some of its power, some of its majestic vitality at this end of its rays. Whatever may be the source and course of Cosmic rays, man's best interests will be served more efficiently and in a more startling manner by analyzing the influence of its rays right here on this earth.

We have learned to know of God and of God's mercy, love, and power through our experiences resulting from his indwelling presence and the effect of his consciousness and creative powers upon us. We would know less of God today if man had confined his explorations into the field of Supreme Directorship of this universe by venturing to sail into the vast spaces to find Him, or by concentrating his analytical study on the subject of his personal being.

The one great exception to man's vast explorations is the human consciousness of man, his dual existence, his real identity with the supreme forces of the universe, and his latent and undeveloped powers and abilities.

Explorations of the space around us and an examination of the nature of the Cosmic rays in their purest form as they pass through space, are most certainly essentials in man's accumulation of true knowledge, but to ignore the mysterious fields of research here close at hand and within our own beings and lift our thoughts to great heights along purely materialistic channels, hoping to find physical evidence of the invisible powers of the universe, appears to be a most illogical plan at the present time.

By turning the searchlight of inquiry upon our own inner selves, by looking within to find the Kingdom of Heaven, man will enter the most mysterious fields, the most profitable branch of research. Through this will come mastership of life, the revelation of great truths, and withal an understanding and comprehension of man's great possibilities, the least fraction of which man has not yet discovered.





New Honors for the Grand Master

ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WILL REJOICE IN THIS
PLEASANT NEWS

By THE SUPREME SECRETARY



feel that it is fitting and advisable to speak of this matter through the pages of our magazine so that all members will rejoice with us in this new honor that has been bestowed upon our beloved Grand Master.

The honor is in the form of a large parchment certificate issued in the name of the American College in Chicago, Illinois. The citation on the certificate reads as follows:

"Since it is fitting that those who surpass their fellow man in learning be decorated with the well-merited laurel of victory. Therefore, be it known that Dr. Clement B. Le Brun, F. R. C., having demonstrated his knowledge of Art, Science, and Philosophy, and having

distinguished himself in the Healing Arts in America, and Foreign Lands, and because of his untiring devotion to Humanitarian Causes, excellent moral character and reputation, we have reposed especial faith and trust in him. In recognition thereof we, by authority vested in us by the State of Illinois, confer upon him the Honorary Degree of Dr. of Physiological Therapeutics (D. P. T.) Together with all of the rights, privileges, and honors thereto pertaining.

"In testimony whereof we have issued this diploma duly signed by our hands and affixed the seal of the college this 9th day of July, A. D. 1934."

Although Grand Master Le Brun has many honors from American colleges and universities, such as Cornell in New York State, and many in foreign countries, in addition to those of a Rosicrucian origin, he looks upon this newest honor with considerable pleasure because it recognizes the efforts that he has put forth for so many years in assisting the unselfish work of the Rosicrucian Order. We also look upon this new honor as not only justly merited by our beloved Grand Master, but as a proper recognition of the accumulated wisdom and power which he is so beautifully and so cordially applying to the

aid of our members in North America. It is fitting that the Grand Master of our Order in North America, like our Imperator, should be one who has attained certain degrees of understanding and earned certain honors of recognition in many fields of human effort in order that such high representatives of our Order today, like the highest representatives of the Order in ancient times, might typify the broad learning, broad experience, broad recognition of the

countries of the world. Both of these highest officers in our organization hold high honors and certificates of special recognition and citation from foreign and American institutions and esteemed organizations.

We are sure that all of our members in North America will congratulate Dr. Le Brun upon his well-earned and well-deserved document of honorary recognition.

THE IMPERATOR'S VISITS TO LODGES AND CHAPTERS

The Imperator will visit three sections of the United States and talk to members exclusively after his return from the great International Rosicrucian Convention in Belgium. Because of the very important matters that will be waiting his attention at Headquarters he must return as promptly as possible to San Jose. But enroute from the eastern coast to the West he will stop to lecture to the members only at the following places.

On Friday evening, September 21, at 8:00 o'clock there will be a meeting of all members at the Pythian Temple, 70th Street just east of Broadway, New York City.

On Sunday evening, September 23, at 7:30 o'clock there will be another meeting of members at Pierce Hall, 15th and Harvard Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

On Wednesday evening, September 26, at 7:30 o'clock there will be the third and last of the meetings held at the Masonic Temple, 32 West Randolph Street, Hall C-2, 12th Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

Every member in good standing of any grade or section of our organization is entitled to attend these meetings and meet the Imperator, his wife, and other members of the official staff. Do not miss this opportunity to hear the Imperator give an official address. Those living near these above-mentioned cities or who can be present are invited to attend.

Naturally, there will be no admission charge or fees for attending these sessions, but each member will be asked to make some small contribution to a collection which will be taken to meet the hall rental. No appointments can be made for interviews, as the Imperator's stay in each of the above cities will be very brief and aside from the lectures which he will deliver, his only appointments will be with the officers of the Order in each of the cities.

OUR NEW GRAND TREASURER

We introduce to you this month Frater Harvey Miles, the Grand Treasurer, duly appointed by the Supreme Grand Council. Frater Miles has been a member of the Order for over a period of ten years, having been first initiated in what was the Grand Lodge in San Francisco. He has been always very active in the affairs of the Order, having instructed and directed members of a number of the different degrees of the Francis Bacon Lodge of San Francisco, and finally having attained by election the Mastership of that Lodge. Frater Miles has had considerable experience in the business world, and will become a very valuable addition to the Grand Lodge staff.





Our New Cover

ITS MYSTICAL SYMBOLISM INTERPRETED IN AN ESOTERIC SIGNIFICANCE

By FRATER S. J. MARX



S Plato has rightly written, "To die is to be initiated." We, as Rosicrucians, might reverse the order and say, "To be initiated is to die." But it is only to die so as to be reborn under better conditions. "That which thou sowest is not quickened,

except it die." (1st Cor. 15:36), is a reflection which must have occurred to man from the day when he conceived the idea of a higher life in the sacred world. We find this notion wherever initiation ceremonies exist, and the true meaning of initiation is not simply in the forms and ceremonies through which the Neophyte is conducted, but rather in that inner initiation which comes from a true comprehension of the principles involved. It therefore becomes obvious that initiation is literally a re-generation, and this is what must have inspired the artist who painted our new cover design.

Let me conduct you on a journey through the impressions which must have occurred to our artist and formed what he intended to convey to our inner consciousness.

At the lower left hand corner we see a lantern, which is the symbol of piety, shedding its rays so as to form a material conception of the rays, these rays finally culminating in a lighted square, giving the thought that there must be a foundation on which we can solidly build our progress. The blue color is of course a symbol of heaven, which can be translated as the innate faith in spiritual precedence of our basic interpretation of everything in the Universe. The green color used is a symbol of HOPE, that our aspirations may be completed in their fullest sense. The golden color used in the picture is a symbol of the "Light" that will be shed in our advancement, and the splashes of red indicate an expression of ardor and zeal, which must accompany our travels; and, finally, the white is a symbol of innocence and purity that are the acme of mystical initiations and understanding.

The first two figures at the lower right of the picture are a man and a woman, representing the negative and positive dualism of the universe, starting past the graveyard, where are buried all past experiences, and from which these two Neophytes are starting another incarnation of advancement. The past is over, its lessons have been learned and if they hesitate on this bridge in their fears and misinterpretations, so will their progress

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be retarded and they will live in the "graveyard of the past" and miss all the inspirations and joys of the future. The "Path" upon which they tread is the only one that bridges "death."

The complex of fear has been overcome by the next two figures, yet they look at the closed gates of the graveyard, not walking uprightly as yet; and one of the figures has in his hand a cane or staff which symbolizes a mind that requires some moral support and is not yet freed from the material creations of the objective mind. They see not the pure blue of eternal heaven, but see the tinge of violet, the symbol of pain and passion. Let us hope they will successfully pass this test.

Three figures, a man, a woman, and a child are entering the rays of the golden light of the first Temple on the Path, and are becoming sanctified on their journey; and their faith has opened ajar the gates of the Threshold of the future. Note the child dressed in white, a symbol of the innocence and purity of the thoughts of this child, while the man has not yet doffed his hat in humility to the creative influences now beginning to work. All three figures hold hands signifying the perfect contact that symbolizes negative and positive transferring their united and perfect dualism to a pure manifestation. These three symbolize the "family" united in the Great Work.

The next four figures are painted in white and it is difficult to determine their sex, for they symbolize the purity of the dualism finally blended in its perfection; they need no assurance of the guiding hand; the unseen fingers which they feel ever on their wrists. Here the four figures indicate the positive, the negative, the manifestation, and the transition to another plane of understanding.

Two figures are shown in the doorway of the Threshold of the next Temple, one a man and another a woman, the woman in red showing a positive understanding and ardor combined with wisdom, while the man, symbolizing the negative influence, is painted in black indicating his wavering ability to appreciate that he has passed the first test and must change his color to white and thus come to an understanding of

his high station. Yet, even here, if he looks about him, he will secure a sign of hope, for, to the left on the cliff, painted in green, is a face looking upward towards the Moon, a symbol that he must lose his personality before he can advance further. How symbolical this is of the sign for which man has asked, and yet he does not follow the injunction in the Scriptures, and LOOK that his eyes may see what the Cosmic ever sets out for him.

Having passed the second Threshold you will note nine figures all dressed in white approaching the Temple of Light at the top of the mountain of Illumination. The number nine has its esoteric meaning of perfection. Faintly there are two other figures indicated with these nine, and their colors are not the pure white of innocence, these two figures being a reminder that even when we advance to the higher stage of initiation, the Cosmic does not compel us to obey its mandates of harmony, indicated by the number 9. Ever are we free to follow the "guiding hand of the Unseen One" or to refuse this spiritual help and reject what has not become a part of us in an inner and esoteric sense. Many authors have symbolized this in what has been termed "fallen angels," and we must remember that in writing there is just as much symbolism as in painting.

Finally on the "Heights" is the Temple of Peace Profound, higher than the Moon of personality in the heavens, yet not reaching the stars which are outside the orbit of the Zodiac of our Solar World composed of the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Only two luminaries and eight planets are indicated in the material conception of this solar world, yet the small triangle to the left of the Temple of Peace Profound indicates there may yet be other members of this Cosmos.

Much more can be written on the physical symbols in this picture, of the strength of the stonework, indicating that the Cosmic builds only on imperishable foundations; of the narrow path leading up to the "Heights of the mountain," indicating that we must guide our inner selves ever higher and upward; of the thought conveyed that we do not



travel on this Path in solitude, but that there are many more travelling the same path with us; hence a further indication that we must have due tolerance and patience in their catching up with us. The two boats which are sailing away from this haven of test and delight, indicate that all humanity is not yet prepared for the joys and peace of Love, Light, and Life, and have set their

sails to the barren shores seen in the distance, indicating that in their misunderstanding they go back to a place where the environment is selfish, mis-knowledge, and unhappiness.

The ruined, abandoned temples at the side of the Path of Light, symbolize man's vain and false attempts to create tempting places of sin and error for the seekers of Eternal Light, Life, and Love.



Highlights of the 1934 Convention

By THE CONVENTION SECRETARY



NOT only was this Convention widely announced in our official publication for many months, but every member in the whole Jurisdiction paying dues to Headquarters received a personal invitation by mail, many weeks in advance.

It was stated in various announcements that important matters would be considered at this Convention and that every member's suggestions and recommendations would be welcomed.

And how the members came! An official roll call was taken at the first business session and almost every section of every state and province was represented.

The members themselves acclaimed this the most completely representative and enthusiastic Convention ever held.

And, were they happy? There were tears in the eyes of all, as they heard the Imperator close the Convention on Saturday evening, July 14th.

The Junior Order was excellently represented, too. The display of banners, art work, and hand-made symbols sent by the various Junior sections, was admired throughout the week.

There was romance, too. A couple, having met here last year, renewed their attraction this year, and eloped to Oregon during the last days.

Never before at any of our Conventions were so many resolutions offered and voted upon. Between sessions groups by the scores met in every nook and corner composing resolutions. All of them were unanimously adopted by the whole Convention without a single dissenting voice. All of them were constructive and for the benefit of the Order, its members, officers and executives.

Grand Councilor Marx of Philadelphia, representing one of the largest sections of our membership, was an enthusiastic advocate of the many plans made by the members to protect the organization against the unjust criticisms of its few enemies. As a certified accountant, a high officer of other fraternal bodies, and a long-experienced business executive, he came a week in advance of the Convention and made an independent audit of all the corporation and Grand Lodge books, and analyzed every department of administration. His report was enthusiastically received by the Convention and the Supreme Officers. He stated in many of the sessions that there was not a single suggestion that he could offer to improve any of the systems being used in every department.

A large committee voluntarily composed of business men from every section of the North American Jurisdiction, also examined all the financial books, records and systems of the Supreme and Grand Lodge, and after several days' exhaustive work, rendered a report approving and endorsing every feature. This was unanimously adopted by the entire Convention.

And, while a dozen of other voluntarily formed committees were analyzing the lecture, editorial, legal, documentary and authorization departments, independent examiners of all the records were busily at work. Every financial, historical, editorial, recording and other systems of books were open daily and hourly to inspection by every member.

One large group of members composed of those familiar with the legal nature and genuineness of fraternal documents, patents and charters, examined the files of papers and documents granted and issued in years past, along with letters and certified correspondence pertaining to the origin and authenticity of the AMORC in North America. The report of this Committee was that the authenticity and legal claims of AMORC were "indisputable".

The choir and other musical artists rendered the most brilliant and perfect music ever heard at our Conventions. There is quite evidently within our ranks more celebrated musicians and artists than we have ever suspected.

All agreed that the new Rose-Croix Science Building was the most beautiful example of Egyptian architecture ever built in western lands; and the many interior laboratory departments are a joy to the heart of every research student.

Probably never before was there such an outdoor pageant in oriental splendor as on the evening of the dedication of the Science building. Everyone said it would never be forgotten. Think of it! A university founded by over ten thousand Rosicrucians who contributed to it, and dedicated in the presence of over a thousand witnesses.

The new Grand Master, Dr. Clement Le Brun, was one of the busiest of the officers, with private interviews for the members every few minutes from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. each day. And he was ably assisted by his charming wife.

Telegrams, cables, and special letters were received from all the Rosicrucian districts of the world, all containing greetings and well-wishes to the Convention.

The new Grand Council, composed of advanced members in nine sections of Canada, the United States, and the Spanish-American countries, were enthusiastically cheered after being elected. They were, unquestionably, the unanimous choice.

Perhaps no other incident of the Convention brought the members to their feet in a rousing cheer of approval as did the unanimous vote that all the autocratic power and authority previously possessed by our Imperator be immediately restored in the new Constitution of the Order adopted and ratified as of July 13, 1934. Although many honors had been conferred upon the Imperator at this Convention, this restoration of one of the ancient landmarks was unanimously considered as the Order's most sincere compliment to him.

The scientific demonstrations of auras and the dancing vibrations of music and the human voice were the most fascinating and instructive incidents of the week.

Many members won beautiful prizes through the various contests. If there is any one word, or thought, however, that will remain in the minds of the members as typifying the many humorous and comedy plays of the week, it is "injunctions".

And, someone early in the Convention week started again the term "flap-doodle," in memory of the famous stupid retort of an editor of a small monthly magazine in Canada, who thusly labelled the persons who attend our Conventions. However, he would not have been pleased with the *flapping* of their wings at this Convention.

The weather was magnificent, and everywhere on the lawns of Rosicrucian Park, under trees of all varieties, or in the shade of many Egyptian columns and around the pool and fountain, small and large groups of members congregated before, between and after the sessions in the large auditorium, from 8 A. M. to twelve and one o'clock in the morning. Basket lunches, refreshments, games, discussions, testing of the prin-



ciples of our teachings, comparisons of personal experiences and other interesting matters occupied most of these golden and moon-lit hours.

Reports from every district showed that during the past year, and even through the two preceding years of *depression*, the Order in North America had more than doubled its number of initiates. No wonder this Convention was larger in number of registrants than ever before, and larger than any one dreamed of.

The Convention sent a telegram to the United States Flag Association, un-animously endorsing its war on crime and offering the assistance of the Order.

The only sad note in the whole Convention was the dedication of the Fountain of Living Waters, designed by our Imperator, as a memorial to our very greatly beloved past Grand Master, Charles Dana Dean, whose ashes lie beneath the colored waters. There was not a dry eye among the many hundreds who stood beneath the starry heavens that night and listened to the story of the love and esteem for Frater Dean held in the hearts of all who knew him.

Every Christian (Roman Catholic and Protestant) denomination, and many non-Christians, were represented by large numbers. The roll-call also re-

vealed the presence of many different races. All stood beneath the flags of twenty-six countries, and all in united peace, harmony and love.

The chairman of the large "Grievance Committee" stated at the end of the week, "We report that we have nothing to report", and how the Convention cheered!

But there were serious hours. No one will forget the tenseness, the minutes and hours of careful thought, analysis and deep discussion at the very long session devoted to adopting the new laws to be made effective at once and incorporated in the new Constitution of the Order.

Again there were about as many men present as women, and it was a notable fact that the Frateres represented more of the highly professional walks of life, than at any previous Convention.

Only one thing was lost, a purse, which was quickly located and returned. Only one thing found, a ten dollar bill, and no one claimed having lost it, so it was divided among several forms of welfare work. No one suffered any accident or illness coming to, or during the Convention, and all acclaimed that none was disappointed, but rather, more than delightfully pleased. Can any Convention claim a better record?

OUR NEW CONSTITUTION — OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

All members are hereby advised that at the recent Convention held in July a motion was made by the delegates and members and unanimously carried to the effect that the present constitution of the Grand Lodge as affecting all of the members in North America should be altered, modified, amended, or completely rewritten and to embody a certain number of important landmarks, laws, and principles of administration and government, and that the changes thus voted upon became effective as of the date of the passing of the resolution, July 13, 1934. All members are requested, therefore, to read the report of the Convention as contained in this issue of *The Rosicrucian Digest* and note therein the important modifications in the constitution that were recommended by the Convention and adopted at once by the Supreme Grand Lodge as binding upon all members. This notice, therefore, becomes an official proclamation by the Imperator of the Order for North America. As soon as possible, late this Fall, the new constitution will be prepared embodying the recommendations of the Convention and printed copies of it will be available to all members. In the meantime, the former constitution, ratified in 1930, remains active insofar as its provisions are not in conflict with the new principles adopted by this recent Convention, and the same applies to the present statutes of the Grand Lodge which are not in conflict with the new laws adopted.

(Signed:) H. SPENCER LEWIS, Imperator.



The "Cathedral of the Soul" is a Cosmic meeting place for all minds of the most advanced and highly developed spiritual members and workers of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. It is a focal point of Cosmic radiations and thought waves from which radiate vibrations of health, peace, happiness, and inner awakening. Various periods of the day are set aside when many thousands of minds are attuned with the Cathedral of the Soul, and others attuning with the Cathedral at this time will receive the benefit of the vibrations. Those who are not members of the organization may share in the unusual benefit as well as those who are members. The book called "Liber 777" describes the periods for various contacts with the Cathedral. Copies will be sent to persons who are not members by addressing their request for this book to Friar S. P. C., care of AMORC Temple, San Jose, California, enclosing three cents in postage stamps. (Please state whether member or not—this is important.)

RELIGIOUS FERVOR



WE HAVE said much in connection with the Cathedral of the Soul about the importance and value of religious devotion and religious study. As we have intimated a number of times, every investigation clearly shows that people of the Western World especially are not becoming lax religiously, as many of the critics claim, but probably less active in connection

with definite forms of religious study and devotion. In other words, it would appear from an unbiased point of view that man is either progressing or rapidly retrograding in his religious beliefs and unfoldment. One thing is certain, he is becoming less orthodox and less bound by creeds and dogmas. To those of the orthodox religions this would appear to be a backward step while to those who look at the matter very broadly and from a universal point of view it would seem that man is making a forward step by turning his religious contemplations inwardly instead of outwardly.

In other words, man is beginning to think of himself as a divine being at-



tuned with the consciousness of God and the very best medium, therefore, for the interpretation or translation of God's religious messages. More and more men and women of the Western World are beginning to feel that certain doctrines and creeds created in the past centuries are not applicable to the present time and that the preachers of these creeds are attempting to give to modern man an interpretation of God's messages which do not fit the modern consciousness.

An important fact is that truth is always truth whether it was first spoken or revealed to man centuries ago or in modern times through the improvement of science, the revelations of the laboratory, or the inspirations of God. And a truth spoken through the lips of an orthodox clergyman or priest is just as great a truth as one spoken by the so-called broad-minded student of natural and spiritual law.

However, the world is not going backward in religious appreciation or in the appreciation of spiritual values, but is retrograding in regard to its support of religious institutions and of the churches especially. There is no question about the fact that the coming together of those who are seeking to know more about God and His ways is an advantage over the methods of remaining at home and merely contemplating upon these things in silence without guidance or instruction. Congregations of worshippers do benefit by assembling in this manner and there can be no denial of the advantages gained from having the proper guidance and instruction through sermons and preachments.

These facts being true, there would seem to be no reason why every person interested in his own spiritual advancement and in the improvement of his morals and religious character should not affiliate with some church or some denomination of religion and support the collective activities and group work. Because thousands are wandering away from their churches and are failing to give the same support to these institutions that they formerly gave, some reason must be found and some explanation discovered. On the one hand we find those who say that religion has be-

come entirely too systematized or reduced to a business-like institution dealing too greatly in monetary matters, real estate, and other material things to be the purely spiritual thing that it should be.

Others argue that there is too much argument about the differences of man-made creeds and doctrines or man's interpretation of universal creeds and principles and, therefore, the division of religion into too many denominations, most of which will not agree with one another and are in opposition to one another on unimportant points. These persons point to some interesting facts that cannot be denied. They say, for instance, that in the last great national census taken of religious sects in 1926 it was shown that there are less than 55 million persons in the United States recorded as church members and that this was approximately half of the total population. In the previous census taken in 1916, ten years earlier, there were only 42 million church members recorded. The increase of 12 or 13 million members in ten years is looked upon as a very poor showing. As an explanation of this these analytical minds point to the fact that there is a total of 213 groups, or denominations, or religious bodies represented in the United States in 1926 and these were divided into almost 214,000 congregations. Then it was pointed out that more than 200,000 of these organizations have their own individual church buildings and often other additional structures representing a very large expense in material construction and valuation all out of proportion to the number of persons being served.

In other words, the fact that 53 million people require 200,000 churches aside from other church buildings appears to be a large and unnecessary dispersion of funds and material assets explainable only on the basis that there are so many divisions of religious thought where the members cannot come together harmoniously and agree upon fundamentals. In other words, if there were but a slight difference of opinion in regard to religious fundamentals these millions of church members could meet in and occupy a much smaller num-

ber of buildings and thereby reduce the great expense that is attached to religious worship. For instance, it is estimated that the total value of the religious edifices in the United States is almost four billion dollars. Think of that sum being put into material structures in order that so many hundreds of organizations of religious worshippers might have their distinctive and separate forms of devotion. Not only is this a vast amount of money in assets, but the operating expenses of such an elaborate scheme is an item to be considered especially in times when two-thirds of the Western World public finds it necessary to be careful and economical.

The statistics of 1926 show that the churches of the United States collected and expended in that year a total of almost 815 million dollars. That certainly is a huge sum to be devoted to the material side of religious worship.

Comparing all of these figures with the simplicity of religion advocated by Jesus, the Christ, and by even some of the great leaders of the Oriental religions, we are instantly impressed with the fact that the upkeep and cost of religious worship in the Western World is not only out of proportion with the results attained but so greatly unnecessary.

It is true that an edifice of some kind in which the worshippers may be seated in comfort and hear all that is said without annoyances and find protection in the case of storm and strife, constitute absolute necessities in connection with religious worship, but when it comes to building enormous spires and covering the church with exterior ornaments and adding to the elaborate and costly features for the sake of extreme impressiveness, one wonders how far from the simplicity of religion and the sincerity of spiritual worship the whole scheme is developing. These are the points which affect the reasoning of the millions who do not go to church and whether we conclude that these persons are right or wrong in their thinking, we must also conclude that their thinking is keeping them away from the churches and if we want to bring them back into organized religious worship

and assist them with the greatest efficiency in their spiritual development, we must give some thought to their arguments and their beliefs even though we may feel that these are not absolutely correct. To take the attitude that such arguments are foolish and that such persons are wrong in their thinking does not solve the great question that confronts the religious organizations of the Western World today.

On the other hand, those who do remain at home and worship silently and privately around the fireside or elsewhere do not form a new and unique group by any means. In ancient times these persons were called heathens and the word heathen was developed from the idea that the persons preferred to worship at the hearthside or, in other words, remained away from the churches and had religious discussions in their homes that were considered unorthodox or non-conforming. These persons who worship at home and spend a few sacred hours each week in religious contemplation and spiritual meditation are not to be classified as undeserving of consideration as religiously inclined, nor should they be refused any valuable help or assistance merely because they do not leave their homes and go to certain specific places for worship. If they will not come to hear religious instruction and guidance which can be given to them, such instruction and guidance should be brought to them if we are to continue developing the religious side of human nature and to save the world against a purely materialistic tendency.

Through the Cathedral of the Soul and its great plan of home worship, the opportunity is offered to those who do not go to churches to lay aside the material things of life for a time and enter into a great Cosmic kingdom of spiritual light and guidance. Many thousands are finding the Cathedral of the Soul intensely beneficial and helpful in this regard, and if you have neglected your religious studies and your religious meditations, do not be deceived by thinking that life will continue to be what it should be for you unless you change your methods of thinking and attune yourself with the spiritual values of universal existence and benefit by



the wisdom and sublime guidance that can come to you through spiritual attunement.

If you can associate yourself with some church or some religious denomination whose teachings and doctrines are in accord with your own convictions and beliefs, do so by all means and give that organization or institution, church, or conclave your support in every sense of the word and help it to carry on

its great work. If, on the other hand, you cannot do this, then do not fail to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Cathedral of the Soul. Read the little book *Liber 777* and set aside a period for religious devotion and attunement several times a week or once a day and derive the marvelous benefit that comes through this opportunity of bringing food and nourishment to the soul and enlightenment to your mind.



ANCIENT SYMBOLISM



Man, when conscious of an eternal truth, has ever symbolized it so that the human consciousness could forever have realization of it. Nations, languages, and customs have changed, but these ancient designs continue to illuminate mankind with their mystic light. For those who are seeking light, each month we will reproduce a symbol with its ancient meaning.

THE ALL-SEEING EYE AND THE TRIANGLE



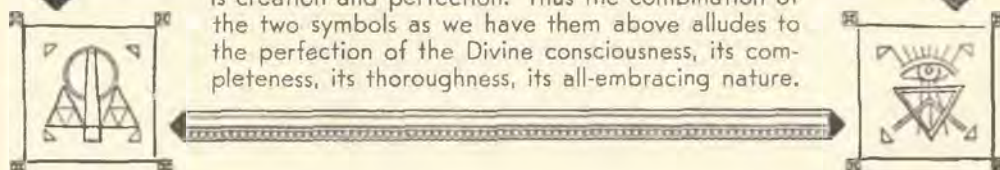
These two symbols combined constitute one symbol which is the most enduring of all — that is, its significance today is just the same as it was centuries ago. It is not a symbol which had a meaning for a certain time, brought enlightenment to men's minds, and then was discarded in preference for another symbol or symbols, which more nearly approached universal truths. A true sym-

bol portrays a definite law or a definite truth of nature or of the universe, and thus changes but slightly in its form with time. The All-Seeing Eye, as we find it inscribed on the Obelisk or the walls of grotto temples in Egypt, or even as we find it used today, has always meant the all-pervading consciousness of God or the universal vision of the Deity. No matter where man may go, across the face of the earth, he can never evade the Divine consciousness represented by the All-Seeing Eye, or is he outside of the vision or Divinity of its system of laws.

The triangle is a symbol of perfection. The law of duality, being a universal law, is represented by two points of the triangle. When two different forces or phases of nature are brought together throughout all of nature, a third condition or thing arises at the point where they will be brought together. That third point or point of materialization

is creation and perfection. Thus the combination of the two symbols as we have them above alludes to the perfection of the Divine consciousness, its completeness, its thoroughness, its all-embracing nature.

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Report of the National Convention

INTERESTING FACTS AND PERSONAL COMMENTS
MADE DURING THIS HAPPY WEEK

By THE CONVENTION SECRETARY



THE first session of the National Convention of Rosicrucians for 1934 has just ended. It is just past the midnight hour of Sunday and in every part of the City of San Jose little groups of members are engaged in excited conversation and enthusiastic expression of their interest in the great work, and their joy at being present on this momentous occasion. In the tea-rooms, ice cream parlors, restaurants, and other places where these little groups can meet in seclusion and relaxation, the hundreds who were assembled in the first session have now dispersed themselves until they cover a large area of this valley.

It was the largest attendance that we have ever had on the first and opening night of our Convention. I remember that last year, and the previous year, we anticipated a smaller attendance because of the economic depression that had swept across the continent, and we were greatly surprised to find on each of these past occasions that the regis-

tered attendance at the Convention had increased instead of being decreased. But this year the attendance has gone beyond any hopes or anticipations that even the most optimistic may have had. Knowing as we do that several hundred are still on the trains or are in automobiles within the State and out of the State on their way to this city, and that many have been delayed and will not reach San Jose until the end of the week, nevertheless, the large Francis Bacon Auditorium was packed to its doors with many standing in the aisles and around the rear part of the auditorium on the opening of this first session. They began to arrive throughout last week and early Sunday morning we realized that a vast throng would be present. They came in groups of five, ten and twenty, from different sections of the country.

One of the very pleasant and interesting groups was that from New York City headed by Grand Councilor, Thor Kiimalehto, one of the first Inspectors-General of the Order in North America. He brought with him fifteen delegates and members from the northeastern section of our jurisdiction in a special, large, comfortable bus which they engaged for several weeks and are using out here for sightseeing. Banners covered both sides of this bus proclaiming

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that they were on their way from New York to San Jose, and traffic bureaus informed them that they were the first touring party in a large bus to make such a cross-country trip to this city. All were smiling and happy as they alighted from the bus and declared the entire trip to be thoroughly comfortable, enjoyable, and convenient. They had many pleasant stops in the eastern and midwest states and in some of the interesting places of Texas, and finally enjoyed part of a day in Los Angeles before reaching San Jose. One week of joy and profitable discussion along with inspiring sightseeing and helpful companionship made the trip really worthwhile, and others are looking forward to joining them on their return trip.

Everyone seems to be intensely interested in the new Science Building erected from the donations made by the members throughout North America as their contribution to the Rose-Croix University. The new building is completed as was planned, and is ready for dedication, and in front of its large and inspiring Egyptian facade is the sunken plaza containing the memorial fountain dedicated to our beloved past Grand Master, Charles Dana Dean. The new lawns and shrubbery around the new building and fountain and sunken plaza appear as though they had been set under the hand of some Master many months ago, and there is not the slightest indication that this is a new product of the creative power of our membership.

Many other new features in Rosicrucian Park are interesting the members, and of course the Oriental Museum comes in for its hourly visitations. Through all of the administration offices the members have been passing in long lines all day long, stopping before groups of employees in the many different departments, and asking questions, watching their next week's monographs being prepared and put into envelopes and mailed, noting the office where the mail is being segregated, sorted, answered, typewritten and mailed, and all of their other needs and requirements studied by different department chiefs and employees, and finally sent to the shipping and mailing departments for delivery.

Our new Grand Master, Dr. Clement Le Brun, is the center of much attraction not only because of his very pleasing personality and his ability to speak to many of the members in French as well as English, but because of his great storehouse of knowledge, his very convenient offices, and his great willingness to grant interviews from early morning until late at night.

At eight o'clock on Sunday evening, July 8, the Supreme Secretary, acting as Temporary Chairman, opened the Convention and then asked the Convention assembled to elect a permanent chairman, and on this occasion Frater Carl Anderson of Redwood City, California, was elected, and to him fell the duty of carrying on the work of this great Convention. The rules and regulations under which the Convention was to be carried on, and which provided for every member as well as every delegate and officer to express his opinion, to make comments on the floor of the Convention and offer recommendations, were read and adopted by the Convention without a dissenting voice. Then the Chairman proceeded to appoint the Sergeant-at-Arms, and other associate officers in the direction of the Convention, and finally introduced as the opening incident, Frater T. W. Kuhn, the representative of the AMORC at Washington, D. C., and Judge Percy O'Connor, active in one of the courts of this valley, as the public official to greet the Rosicrucians and welcome them in the name of this city and State.

Judge O'Connor stepped upon the platform wearing his overseas military uniform, and his many war decorations and medals. He made an enthusiastic speech in which he said that not only the city of San Jose and its people, but the law officers of this valley were delighted to welcome the Rosicrucian delegates who came to this city not only at every Convention but throughout the year, and they were delighted in seeing the registration cards worn by every member representing so many sections of the North American Continent. He spoke of the high esteem in which the AMORC was held by the city and State, and praised the work of the executive officers and the other officers of

AMORC for their participation in the constructive work of good citizens.

At this point Frater Kuhn stepped forward and stated that he had been commissioned by the United States Flag Association, headed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, the President of the United States, as President-General, and Colonel James Moss, to present to the Emperor of AMORC the highest honor that is conferred upon an American citizen by the United States Flag association; namely, the *Cross of Honor*, and with this bronze decoration he desired also to present a certificate of distinguished citation. With an appropriate speech he transmitted these honors to Judge O'Connor to officially present to the Emperor. At this point the audience arose as the National Anthem was played and a color guard carrying the United States Flag and the colors of the Legion Post stepped down the aisles of the auditorium and upon the stage, and with guns and banners stood at attention while Judge O'Connor read the official citation from Washington. Then with an appropriate speech and salute the Judge stated that he and the people of the State of California saluted the Emperor, and pinned upon him the bronze medal which made him not only a life member of the organization known as the *Order of the Flag*, but conferred upon him the title of *Knight of the Flag*.

The citation read from the printed certificate was as follows:

"H. Spencer Lewis. — An American whose loyalty to the ideals, principles, traditions and institutions symbolized by the Flag of the United States is an inspiring example to others. He rendered during the year 1933 greater service than did anyone else to The United States Flag Association in its efforts to combat crime, further American patriotism and otherwise make stronger and more secure the foundations on which the Republic is established. Through his active and helpful participation in the work of the Flag Association, which has already inspired many others, especially Rosicrucians, in all parts of the country to co-operate in the activities of the organization, a new and vital force has entered into the life of the United States Flag Association. The award of the cross of honor invests the recipient

with the title of Knight of the Flag and carries life membership in the Order of the Flag, headed by Charles Augustus Lindbergh as the first to receive the cross of honor and become a member of the order."

It was a tense moment and all that the Emperor could do was to bow his head in appreciation and signal his thanks to the audience and to those assembled on the stage and retire into silence for the moment. Later, in his speech of the evening, the Emperor stated that in accepting this unusual honor he did so not as an individual but as a Rosicrucian and in the name of the Rosicrucian Order, and he said he was happy that the citation called attention to the fact that the Rosicrucians throughout the United States were devoting their help and interest to the great work of the United States Flag Association. He called attention to the fact that in the early history of the United States the Rosicrucians played an important part in the laying the foundation and contributed very greatly to the establishment of true American patriotism and good citizenship, and that the early records of this country, as preserved in Congress and other historical museums of the East, contained many references to the fact that the Rosicrucian Brotherhood was closely associated with the establishment of this American Republic. He said, therefore, that it was only fitting that in this new and second cycle of Rosicrucian activity in America and in the first quarter century of its rebirth it should again be recognized and one of its high officers recognized as leading in the work of good citizenship, American patriotism, and the higher evolution of the nation.

After the presentation of this medal and the welcoming speech by Judge O'Connor, the Chairman introduced Grand Master Clement Le Brun who made a few brief and hearty comments of welcome to all of the delegates. He was given a rousing cheer by the members rising to their feet and plainly indicating that the Convention was unanimous in greeting the new Grand Master at the first American Convention which he has attended, although he has been a member of the American Jurisdiction for over four years while living in



France for most of that time. Other members of the staff were then introduced, including Frater A. Leon Bat-chelor, Soror Ethel Ward, the Secretary of the Junior Order, Soror Carol Bradley, the Editor, Soror Daphne Daniels, the Secretary to the Emperor, Soror Lucile Theurer, the Personal Secretary to the Emperor, Frater Alfred Williams, the Comptroller of the Administration Departments, and Frater Kendall Brower and James Whitcombe in charge of the correspondence executive work. Each of these made a brief speech of welcome to the members and then the Emperor was introduced to deliver the opening address.

After paying tribute to the patriotism of the early American Rosicrucians and others of the present time, the Emperor called attention to the fact that all of the Conventions of the Rosicrucians had always opened and closed in peace and harmony and that each and every one of them had been typified throughout all of their sessions by this same harmonious attitude and action on the part of every delegate, officer, and member. But he also called attention to the fact that on this occasion the clouds of the darker forces had closed in and had attempted to cast a shadow over the Convention through the attitude on the part of the few enemies of the organization, attempting to prevent the peaceful operation of the Convention and to harass and annoy the executive officers at such an important time. He read from certain legal documents recently issued by the courts which clearly showed that the few unfriendly persons back of such plans had made new and unwarranted criticisms. For the first time in the history of our Conventions the Emperor permitted the members to actually discover and become familiar with the precise nature of the extremely unfortunate, undeserved, and unwarranted embarrassment that these few conspirators had brought into the lives of the executives of our organization. The result was that the delegates, Grand Councilors, District Commissioners, and members of the Order representing all of the states, provinces, and sections of North America, rose in one united body to protest against the continuation of such undesirable activities as had been

carried on for a number of years and especially during 1933 and 1934 by these several critics of the organization. Especially were the delegates, Councilors, Commissioners, and members moved to extreme protestation when it was discovered that on some of the legal affidavits filed in court in an attempt to control the organization, these few wholly unqualified and unrecognized persons claimed that they represented the entire membership of the organization and were bringing their undesirable actions to light in the name of the entire membership and not in their own individual names.

It seemed for a while as though the entire Convention would voice itself in a petition of protest and in a resolution to take immediate legal action to prevent the continuance of such false misrepresentation on the part of the critics. It was then revealed that one or two of these conspirators were associated with other so-called brotherhood organizations in North America which had not only assisted or cooperated with these conspiring individuals but had spread their propaganda and encouraged them and attempted to make meat of the fact that the AMORC might become embarrassed during this Convention time.

The result of the resentment on the part of the members and delegates present was that a number of resolutions were adopted and these resolutions were passed unanimously without a single dissenting voice, although the Emperor for long periods at a time solicited and implored any member, delegate, officer or other person within the auditorium and registered as a member of the Order and who had criticisms to make or any dissenting comment to offer in regard to the resolution, to stand and make himself or herself known without any restrictions or embarrassing conditions.

These resolutions and amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge and to the constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge, voted upon unanimously by all of the members, delegates, Grand Councilors, Commissioners, and others registered at the Convention, were to the effect that no member in the Order had any reason to believe or to claim that he believed himself to be a member of the Supreme Grand Lodge unless he

or she was one of the duly elected, qualified, accepted, and recognized Supreme Officers; and that all others but the Supreme Officers, no matter what their titles might be, the length of their membership in the Order, or their location in this jurisdiction of the Order, were members of no other part of the Order of AMORC in North America but the Grand Lodge and as such had no rights or privileges and no interest in any other part of the Order than the Grand Lodge, which the Convention, by its unanimous vote declared to be a subordinate body of the Supreme Grand Lodge, created by the Supreme Grand Lodge for the benefit of the members and not a part of the corporate, legal body known as the Supreme Grand Lodge; that despite the claims of the few who attempted to disorganize the financial standing and spiritual and moral integrity of the Order, no member in the Order outside of the Supreme Officers or Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge had any financial interest, share, or mutual interest or participation in the financial assets, disbursements, possessions, or liabilities of the Supreme Grand Lodge and could not, therefore, participate in or interest themselves in any of the financial or material activities of the corporate body or of the Order itself, or of the Grand Lodge, nor be held responsible for the debts and the liabilities of the Supreme Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge of the Order generally nor assessed for any of its responsibilities; that the real material, physical, financial, worldly business administration and direction of the entire Order of North America was vested in the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge as a corporate body and not in the Grand Lodge as a purely esoteric, ritualistic organization, and that the said Grand Lodge did not have control over nor any interest in the administration of the Order's activities or of the activities of the incorporated Supreme Grand Lodge; that despite any far-fetched misinterpretations of the printed constitution of the Order or its lodges or any of the statutes and regulations recently adopted or prepared for adoption, the ancient landmarks and fundamental principles of the organization relating to the autocratic form of government were still re-

tained and recognized, ratified, and indorsed by the Convention on behalf of the entire membership in North America and that, therefore, the Imperator as the chief executive official had the same autocratic authority as was possessed by him under the older constitutions and intimated in all of the modern constitutions, and that the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge constituted the sole voting power and administrative power of the Order in North America.

Other resolutions passed and unanimously carried without a dissenting voice were to the effect that at all of the previous Conventions of the Order, especially those held in 1930 and thereafter and up to the present time, the members assembled at the Conventions in San Jose, duly registered from all parts of the country and all of them having proper membership cards showing themselves to be in good standing, had duly elected the Grand Councilors who are to be elected each year of the Convention in proper manner by unanimous vote, and that various committees had been appointed at each Convention, voluntarily composed of members from all parts of the country who were invited to inspect the administration records, financial systems, and other permanent and temporary records kept by the corporation and the Grand Lodge, and that these committees had made their investigations and rendered their reports favorably and in keeping with the claims and principles of the AMORC of North America; and that these reports had been accepted by unanimous vote, and that at no Convention at any time had any member claimed that he had been refused the privilege of examining any of the records of the corporation or the privilege of auditing its books and records or that he had discovered any error or unbecoming conduct on the part of any officer or director; that at each Convention the various committees had rendered their reports and the Convention had unanimously adopted a resolution of approval of the methods of administration of the Order and an indorsement of all of the methods being used by the executives of the Order and of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

I do not know of any other Convention when so many resolutions were dis-



cussed and composed from the floor of the Convention with the assistance of attorneys, business men, and others specialized in fraternal matters, and so enthusiastically adopted without a dissenting voice.

Attention was called to the fact that for a number of months *The Rosicrucian Digest* that goes to every member of the Order and which is to be found every month in fifteen hundred or more libraries of North America had announced the date and place of this Convention and cordially welcomed any and every member of any degree of the Order to be present without restriction or limitation so long as he held a membership card in good standing, and implored each and every member or officer of any part or section of the Order or any of its activities in North America who had a criticism, recommendation, or constructive resolution to present to either be present at the Convention and offer his statement or to transmit it to the Convention through his local Rosicrucian Commissioner, Grand Councilor, delegate, or visiting member, so that all of these matters might be freely discussed in the open sessions of the Convention. Yet, when the Emperor called upon the Commissioners, the delegates, and the Grand Councilors who were present from various parts of the country, from various communities, states, and counties of the United States, to offer whatever communications or criticism and constructive change or modification had been given to them, they announced that there was not a single resolution or suggestion brought to their attention that dealt with administrative matters but purely with ritualistic matters or matters of instruction and Rosicrucian illumination which would be cared for by the various ritualistic or educational departments of the organization.

The first session of the Convention closed at a late hour with the utmost enthusiasm and happiness because of the solidarity, the unity, the thorough cooperation and undivided support that each was willing and ready to give to the organization. There were many statements frequently made throughout the evening and later very frequently expressed in the many group meetings being held throughout the city by dele-

gates and members, to the effect that individuals who had derived so much benefit and so much help from the organization were ready now and at any time in the future to sacrifice their homes and their business and material assets and worldly possessions and everything they held dear in life to maintain the integrity of the Order and support its present administration, perpetuate its present and future activities and prevent any individual or any group of individuals from trying to destroy or injure the good work and good name of AMORC in North America.

I cannot state these things too positively nor with any undue impressiveness, for the most that I could say in enthusiastic expression of these resolutions and comments would be meagre, indeed, as compared with the words and heated comments solemnly and sacredly made on the floor of the Convention and on the grounds of Rosicrucian Park at the close of the meeting. Having in mind the unfair attacks that have been made recently, and the very false and malicious statements made by these enemies in their own defense in their recent appearances in court, I could not feel otherwise than that these assembled members, truly representing the organization, were justified in the indignant position they took regarding three or four suspended members daring to claim that they represented the entire membership. A Membership Defense Committee previously formed in California was immediately nationalized by this Convention, and the power-of-attorney granted to this Committee by all of our lodges and groups throughout the country was indorsed by unanimous vote of the Convention, thus completely negating the claims of these suspended members and their cohorts.

Monday Sessions

All day Monday various groups forming themselves into voluntarily organized committees and various large committees officially appointed by the Chairman of the Convention, and voted upon by the Convention itself, carried on their constructive activities in special meetings held in the different buildings and ante-rooms of the administration

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departments. Resolution after resolution was passed and hundreds appeared before a notary public on the grounds who took their own sworn statements. By noontime the whole Convention was thoroughly organized into a national defense body as well as a group of enthusiastic supporters of the new principles, and many improvements were announced as underway in connection with the lectures, teachings, and general work of the organization.

Throughout the day new delegates and members arrived and registered, and during the afternoon session an open forum was conducted during which several of the officers answered various questions pertaining to Rosicrucianism, its teachings, and practices. Several times during the day special temple services were held for the practice of the vowel sounds and other mystical principles, and at seven o'clock a special musical program was conducted in the auditorium.

At eight o'clock, Prof. A. Cartland Bailey, the new President of the faculty of the Rose-Croix University, delivered an excellent address on "The Physical World About Us," in which he revealed the surprising and profound knowledge which he possesses of both the physical and psychic world, and the relationship between the material affairs of life and the Cosmic principles. Prof. Bailey was one who received not only the Rockefeller Scholarship because of his profound work in the field of physics and chemistry, but was thereafter commissioned by the King of Siam to take charge of the new science departments in the University of Siam, and for years contacted there the great mystics and others in their work as well as developing a greater proficiency in the scientific fields. He later united with the experimental work in the departments made famous by Prof. Millikan in southern California and from that great field of research he came directly to us to take charge of our laboratories and our experimental work because of his interest in Rosicrucianism for a number of years. Prof. Bailey's address was enthusiastically received and highly indorsed by the many hundreds present.

At the close of his address the Emperor was introduced again and he

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made comment upon the psychic side of the physical principles in the universe and then dealt with the mysterious subject of human auras. After making plain the principles involved in the cause of the human auras, and the method of its development, he was assisted by his associate workers in the Rosicrucian laboratories in presenting to the members a new form of color screen for revealing the auras of the members of the Order. This huge screen occupied the center of the platform and after standing before it and giving many demonstrations of his own aura, which were commented upon very enthusiastically by the audience, he permitted member after member and most of the officers of the organization to come and stand before the screen and have their own auras revealed in various colors and shades of light in a startling manner. This unique scientific demonstration, probably never attempted before in a lighted auditorium before so many hundreds of persons and with unquestionable scientific precision, created unusual interest and closed the evening session. Again the auditorium was so crowded that an additional hundred folding chairs had to be squeezed into every nook and corner; and outside of the long auditorium, at all of the open windows and doors, there were portable seats arranged so that others who could not get into the building, but who were duly registered, might participate in the Convention.

Tuesday, The Third Day.

Throughout this morning of Tuesday, July 10, the members continued to visit the Egyptian Temple, the Museum, the administration departments and offices. The various committees that were voluntarily organized such as the Grievance Committee, Administration Investigation Committee, Credential Committee, Statistic Committee and others were busy making their examinations, recording their findings, making photographs and comparing statistics. Special services were held in the Temple for mystical practices, and at ten o'clock a special session was held in the auditorium by all of the District Commissioners from all parts of North America comparing notes as to activities, preparing reports,



and establishing new and better ways of carrying on the activities of the District Commissioners everywhere. At two o'clock the afternoon session was opened by the Convention Chairman again with various announcements; then for one hour the Emperor conducted his interesting period of Convention analysis. He proceeded by calling upon the members and delegates from every State in the Union to rise in turn and give the name of the State and the district represented. It was finally disclosed by the Convention itself that the city of San Jose had less representatives present at the Convention than many of the other cities and sections of the country in spite of the malicious statement that has been made to the effect that the affairs of the Convention were always dominated by the preponderance of purely local members. Regardless of the fact that there are several thousand members within a very short travelling distance of San Jose, the actual number of registered delegates from this valley at the Convention on this occasion, as on previous occasions, was less than that from the State of Washington, and many other cities and states throughout the country represented an equal number of delegates. Texas had the second largest representation at the Convention. And there were delegates and members as far north as Alaska and as far south as Mexico and the Central American States, as far East as New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Boston and other Atlantic Coast cities, and from all parts of the West. Every person present held a membership card, everyone had duly registered, and everyone was a member of the Order in good standing. All Delegates and Commissioners, Grand Councilors or officers, were properly qualified with their credentials and approved by the Credential Committee. In this tabulation made this afternoon over seven hundred members, Delegates, and special representatives properly registered were thus classified. It was also found by the analysis of the Convention by the members rising and identifying themselves, that there were a large number of persons active in the Roman Catholic religion and in all of the various denominations of the Protestant Christian religion, and there were Christian Scien-

tists and members of the Unity and other metaphysical organizations and members of the Buddhist religion and of many of the religions known to the world.

An interesting feature of the decorations of the auditorium during this Convention is the group of twenty-seven flags spotted throughout the entire auditorium and sent to us by members of the International Rosicrucian Council living in foreign countries. With each of these flags representing a foreign country in which there are Rosicrucians came letters of greetings to the Convention, and in the center of this group of flags hangs the famous Roerich Peace Flag which has been adopted by most of the civilized countries of the world. The members all felt proud and happy to be seated beneath these waving flags as though ensconced by a universal bond and tie of Rosicrucian brotherliness.

Following the Emperor's enlightening discourse, the Chairman of the Convention introduced our new Grand Master, Dr. Clement B. Le Brun, who addressed the Convention, giving first his greeting with an appropriate salutation to all the illustrious masters, officers and members, followed by his deep and profound address on "Your Divinity," listened to in profound silence and attention, and terminating with his special benediction with all the members standing reverently. The Grand Master and his wife welcomed the members personally at the end of the meeting in order to give each one an opportunity to get acquainted with them.

Long before the evening session opened it was very evident that additional chairs would have to be secured and placed not only inside of the auditorium but on the outside, for all day long and especially late in the afternoon, Delegates continued to arrive and register.

The first feature for the evening was a musical program given by the Rosicrucian choir of the Grand Lodge at Headquarters under the direction of Soror Cowger, a highly efficient and professional pianist and vocalist. Twenty-five carefully selected and trained voices united in singing from the stage of the platform a number of anthems and then rendered for this special occasion three Rosicrucian numbers, two of which, "Sweet Rosae Crucis," and "The

Voice in the Silence," are anthems written by Rosicrucians and dedicated to the Order. The third Rosicrucian number was the ancient Rosicrucian Latin chant that is not only beautiful in its mystical wording but complete with all of the mystical vowel sounds used by the ancient mystics. The music was magnificently rendered along with violin and vocal solos and the entire Convention was profoundly moved by the mystical setting on the stage, the mystical lighting, and the unusual combination of musical tones. It was announced that these Rosicrucian numbers are only a few of a collection of Rosicrucian songs, anthems, and chants of piano and organ numbers that are being collected for publication in a music album that will be offered this Fall to all of the members, and the Emperor urged that the members here at the Convention carry back to their lodges, chapters, and groups the impressive manner in which these songs were sung in order that they may aid in training their own members to sing these on special occasions.

After the musical program the Chairman called upon Frater Reuben Brown, Chairman of the Council of '76 of the Los Angeles District, to explain to the Convention the activities of the United States Flag Association in its war on crime. His enthusiastic address resulted in the pledging of the Convention and the membership of the Order generally to the support of the good work of the United States Flag Association.

He was followed as the principal speaker of the evening by Thor Kiimalehto, the Grand Councilor and Inspector-General of the New York District of the Order. Frater Kiimalehto outlined very carefully and with much amusing and impressive detail the early trials and tribulations encountered in forming the first Council and advisory board of the Order in its present cycle, between the years 1909 and 1916, and then of the creation of the first lodges and the establishment of the work generally throughout the country. He was the first Grand Master of the Order under the present regime and the first Supreme Secretary and later became the Grand Master of the New York Grand Lodge.

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He especially dealt at great length on the incidents relating to the time when he and the Emperor called upon the late May Banks-Stacey at her request in 1916 when she duly notified the Emperor that although he did not know her he was to come to her and receive officially from her certain documents, papers of authority, jewels, and other matters which had been promised him at the time of his authorization in France in 1909, and which she had been delegated by the Rosicrucian organization in India to present to him in the year 1916.

Frater Kiimalehto explained that first interview with Mrs. Stacey in great detail and repeated in many different ways the fact that he is today the only living witness to the conversation that passed between Mrs. Stacey and the Emperor and the acts that occurred at the time. He stated that he could testify to the accurateness of those facts as outlined in the AMORC official history of the foundation of the present cycle of the Order in North America and to other references which would be found in the Rosicrucian Manual and magazine articles, and he stated that regardless of his present or future connections with the Order or anything that might occur in his life, he would ever remain a faithful witness to the occurrences on that occasion and pledge his life to the guarantee of the correctness of the report of those incidents as a disinterested party.

He referred to other occurrences which verify and support the claims which the Emperor made in those days and which have been proven true in recent years. His impressive manner of speaking and his positive assertions were perceived by all of the members present and he concluded his address by identifying the number of delegates and members who had accompanied him from the New York section of the membership to this Convention. Frater Kiimalehto always was and undoubtedly always will be one of the highly respected and beloved members of the Order because of his great knowledge of the Rosicrucian teachings and his charming and sincere personality.

The next feature on the program was a very illuminating, impressive, and carefully prepared address on the sub-



ject of mystical symbolism given by Frater S. J. Marx, the Grand Councilor and Inspector-General for the mid-eastern states. Everyone was deeply impressed by his marvelous knowledge of symbolism and the manner in which he connected all symbols with the great fundamentals of truth. He was given a rousing ovation and everyone was glad to have this representative of such a large section of our membership in the United States present to speak in their behalf.

The Emperor then concluded the evening session by dealing with the transference of thought and ended with a long discourse on the value of the study of mysticism and the resulting unfoldment that is assured our members through the special lectures contained in our Rosicrucian curriculum. He likewise petitioned the Convention to establish the custom at each Convention of devoting three minutes to silent concentration and loving thoughts to the memory of those members of the Order who had departed this life and passed through transition during the preceding year, and called attention to the several principal officers of the organization in North America whose transitions had occurred recently.

This was undoubtedly one of the most impressive sessions of the Convention, closing at a late hour, but even so, the members remained on the lawns and grounds of Rosicrucian Park until long after midnight in groups and small gatherings for the purpose of further discussion in regard to the welfare of the organization.

During the evening hours I discovered that the District Commissioners from all over the North American Jurisdiction had held a number of formal and informal sessions throughout the day and that they had rendered their reports to various committees and to the Membership Defense Committee recommending ways and means of preventing any future disturbance of the peaceful activities of the membership throughout the North American Jurisdiction.

ular with all the members and delegates for there was a long line of those waiting to have personal interviews, and the members of the different chapters and lodges had arranged for group receptions. This greatly relieved the burden that usually falls upon all the other officers and gave them more time for looking after the details of the Convention sessions.

This morning there was also a trip made to Mt. Hamilton to visit the great astronomical observatory and a large number of members were taken up the mountain side to this beautiful spot by the large bus that brought the New York delegation to San Jose.

Also there was a session during the morning hours of all the Junior members of the Order who could be brought here individually or in groups from various cities. The display in the ante-rooms of the Convention showing the wonderful work done by these Juniors in the form of carved Rosicrucian symbols, painted and embroidered, and other decorative and useful things were greatly admired by all of the visitors. The large chapter of Juniors in Chicago presented to the Emperor and Supreme Secretary beautiful examples of their carving and symbols and according to the reports there will be sufficient Junior members at our next Convention to fill the auditorium for one grand session of special exercises. We are certainly proud of our Juniors all over this North American Jurisdiction.

In the afternoon there was a lecture given in the auditorium by Dr. Stanley Clark, formerly a surgeon in the Henry Ford Hospital and now carrying on specialized surgery in Canada. His subject was "Rosicrucian Healing Methods and the Physician." He emphasized the value of our principles in connection with the work of the physician and surgeon and recited how he had witnessed many remarkable cures under his own care through the application of such principles. He closed the lecture by saying that as long as he lived he would be happy to unite with other physicians who are devoting their lives to the furtherance of Rosicrucianism and the advancement of its ideals and principles. His lecture was greatly applauded because of the learned manner in which he spoke and his pleasing personality.

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He was followed by Frater Elrod Ward, former Master of the Francis Bacon Lodge in San Francisco, who gave a very fine explanation of our principles.

Between the morning and afternoon sessions and at other times in the day a large number of members have assembled in the Supreme Temple and participated in the special service of practicing the vowel sounds and other mystical principles taught in the lectures under the guidance of some of the special officers at Headquarters. These special concentration and practice services have become very popular at all of our Conventions and have proven very helpful to the Masters and directors of the work in other cities in carrying out their management of similar exercises in the lodges and chapters of the Order.

At the evening service many important matters of business were attended to, for after all, the real importance of the National Conventions is to take care of certain problems and matters of promotion and practice throughout the Order so that the organization in its physical form may be strengthened and made more efficient.

On this occasion the Membership Defense Committee, formed voluntarily by a number of advanced members in California for the purpose of protecting the best interests of the general membership against any of the critical attacks made on the organization supposedly on behalf of the general membership, through its executive committee produced signed papers from the Masters or secretaries of every one of the lodges, chapters, and groups in North America showing that in certified statements the executive committee of the Membership Defense Committee had been duly and legally authorized with the power-of-attorney to represent the entire membership of North America. Similar papers signed and sealed by the Grand Councilors throughout North America, District Commissioners, and other representatives were also produced. This committee, then, with indisputable power to make recommendations in behalf of the general membership placed itself on record before the Convention with letters of indorsement and approval of the

present administration of the Order and then offered to the Convention and its registered delegates and members a long resolution recommending that the Supreme Council or Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC take immediate steps to amend, revise, or create anew a constitution and set of statutes for the Supreme Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the Order which would hereafter restore the ancient landmarks and constitutional principles of the Order in place of the errors that were made in this regard in the constitution recommended by the members assembled at the Convention in the summer of 1930. The constitution which was submitted to the members in 1930 as adopted by the Supreme Grand Lodge and which the Convention ratified by unanimous vote, had been prepared by an attorney who assured the organization that it was perfect in every sense and met all of the desires and requirements of the Order. Since then, however, practical tests of it in various court actions brought by the few enemies of the Order proved that this new constitution had some weaknesses in it and so-called *loop holes* which the enemies knew of and quickly appropriated. It was for this reason that the Membership Defense Committee investigated the matter by contacting the general membership through the official lodges and chapters and discovered that the members desired immediate improvements in the new constitution and a return to the ancient landmarks and fundamentals of administration. The new resolution offered this evening by the Membership Defense Committee especially recommended that some twelve or more important and fundamental principles be clearly and positively defined in the new constitution, and that these fundamental principles be accepted by the Supreme Grand Lodge and considered as sincere recommendations from the members and adopted and made effective as of this date, July 11, 1934.

The resolution, after being carefully read and reread, and analyzed paragraph by paragraph, was proposed by Frater Stevens of San Francisco as president of the Membership Defense Committee, and seconded by Frater



Charles Such, of Oakland, California. One member rose to his feet and demanded further enlightenment and discussion before the resolution was voted upon and a long time was spent in the reanalysis of every paragraph and sentence of the resolution during which time the members of the Convention were asked to make their comments and to speak freely and without restraint of any form. At the conclusion of this long period of analysis and discussion the Chairman of the Convention put the resolution to vote and it was carried unanimously. The Emperor had stepped upon the platform and warned the Convention members to the effect that each and every member present in the auditorium (which was packed to every door and in all of the aisles with the largest assembly of delegates, officers, and members ever brought together at a Convention in this country) that he would consider it a personal favor if any delegate, officer or member within the auditorium hall who had a criticism or doubt, or any form of hesitancy regarding the adoption of the resolution, would stand upon his feet and speak in order to prevent any future criticism of the vote. The Emperor went so far as to exercise his autocratic authority in such matters and suspend the Convention rules and regulations to admit anyone to speak freely. He implored those who had any doubt in their minds to express it and said that if it were necessary all the remaining sessions and all of the remaining hours of the entire Convention week would be given to a free and open discussion and analysis of the proposed resolution. Despite these statements on the part of the Emperor every member, without a single exception, expressed enthusiastic approval of the adoption of the resolution.

On Tuesday afternoon a poll had been taken of the registered delegates and members present at the Convention showing that in every state where there were groups of members or a large number of members every district of those states was represented by those present at the Convention. Before permitting this resolution to be voted upon the Emperor inquired if there was a single individual within the auditorium who did not hold a membership and

who had not duly registered and who had not been properly accepted with credentials here as a delegate or member. He called attention further to the fact that this Convention had been freely advertised and publicized in *The Rosicrucian Digest* and in other matter mailed to every member of the Order in North America for many months prior to the Convention, and that such advertisements were in the form of an invitation to every member in good standing of any degree, branch, or section or division of the Order to be present and speak freely, and that he had published in *The Rosicrucian Digest* a special invitation to every District Commissioner, to every Grand Councilor, to every member and officer of the various branches, to transmit any criticisms, corrections, recommendations, or suggestions to their local Grand Councilors, local District Commissioners, or other officers to be presented at this Convention. He called attention, also, to the fact that *The Rosicrucian Digest*, announcing this Convention for many months and asking for such suggestions and comments at the Convention, was to be found in every one of the large libraries throughout the country and that all members of the Order knew of the coming Convention and the opportunity that they had to be present and express their approval or disapproval of any resolution or motion that was proposed and voted upon. Asking the assembled members and delegates to correct him if his statements were not in accordance with fact, and receiving from the Convention a unanimous indorsement of his statements in regard to the wide-spread knowledge of the Convention and the opportunities it offered to every member to speak and vote, he allowed the resolution to be voted upon, and it was unanimously adopted, without a single objection.

Important Points

Among the many important points recommended in this unanimously adopted resolution and constituting the desire of the members themselves in regard to the fundamentals to be contained in the new constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge were the following:

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1. That the Supreme Grand Lodge as an incorporated body was a distinct entity composed exclusively of the five present active members of the Board of Directors whose position and authority had been ratified by previous Conventions and was ratified by this Convention; and that the members of the Order had never in the past or at the present time considered themselves as any part of the membership of the Supreme Grand Lodge nor as holding any affiliation or representation of membership in the Supreme Grand Lodge which is composed exclusively of the five Supreme Officers now holding such position as Directors of the corporation.

2. That the general membership of the Order in North America was affiliated exclusively with the Grand Lodge and that no member of any standing or of any degree or any length of time in the Order had ever been considered in the past or present, or was to be considered in the future, as having any membership in the Supreme Grand Lodge, a separate corporation; and that the Grand Lodge as an unincorporated membership body was created as a lodge by the Supreme Grand Lodge as a subordinate body, with its own officers, and was subservient to the rules and dictations, the control and direction, exclusively of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

3. That the sole voting power of administration, direction, and control of the Supreme Grand Lodge and of all of the administrative, legislative, and judicial powers of the Order of AMORC in North America was vested exclusively in the Supreme Grand Lodge and its Board of Directors.

4. That the Emperor was elected for life at the first National Convention of the Order held in Pittsburgh, Penna., in 1917, and that such appointment to office had been ratified by the various succeeding Conventions and was so stated in the constitution and ratified by the Convention in 1930, and is again ratified by this Convention; and that all of the members of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge, including the newly elected Supreme Grand Master, Dr. Clement Le Brun, are ratified in their positions as duly qualified and properly elected.

5. That the autocratic authority granted to the Emperor by the constitution adopted in 1917 in accordance with the ancient landmarks of the Order and similar to the autocratic power granted to all Emperors of the Order in other lands in other centuries, is ratified by this Convention, and such autocratic authority was to be made again a landmark of the constitution to be adopted by the present Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

6. That the new constitution when completed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge should be announced to all of the members through *The Rosicrucian Digest* and copies of it made available to those members who desired copies in addition to those which would be sent to all officers of the various lodges and chapters.

7. That these new rules and laws be effective as of July 13, 1934.

This resolution containing the foregoing and many other recommendations was not only unanimously adopted but it was signed later by the persons who moved it and seconded it, and by the Chairman of the Convention, the president and the secretary of the Membership Defense Committee who also appeared before a notary public and swore to the statements of attestation regarding the unanimous adoption of the resolution.

All of this should set at rest any future discussion as to the position of each and every member of the Order and relieve the Masters, officers, delegates, and other representatives in various jurisdictions of the danger of being held responsible for any of the financial transactions of the organization or burdened with any of the general administrative matters of the organization.

During the remainder of the evening other resolutions were adopted spontaneously offered from the floor of the Convention and unanimously approved by vote. These authorized the members of the Board of Directors to spend certain sums of money in the defense of the organization and in the defense of their activities to maintain the integrity of the ancient landmarks and the integrity of the position they held, while other resolutions voted the confidence of



the entire Convention in the present administration, and still others dealt with the approval of all of the other activities of the various officers.

At the close of this long and tedious session all of the members present at the Convention assembled in the grounds of Rosicrucian Park to witness the dedication of the new Rose-Croix University Building.

With the procession of the ritualistic officers associated with the Egyptian Temple of the Supreme Lodge and with the assistance of a group of Colombes in their white robes, an Oriental pageant was held on the plaza in front of the new Rose-Croix Science Building and around the memorial fountain erected to the memory of our past Grand Master, Charles Dana Dean.

Appropriate speeches were made by the Emperor and the Supreme Secretary and several scrolls sealed in a specially made copper container were deposited within the breast of a large Sphinx placed before the new building, and this was sealed with due ceremony by the Grand Master with the assistance of the other officers. Within this container were placed the principles of the Rosicrucian teachings as voted upon by the members throughout the country and other matters to be preserved for future generations, thus making the Sphinx in Rosicrucian Park the depository of great wisdom as was the one built in Egypt many centuries ago.

The memorial fountain was allowed to demonstrate its magnificence for the first time with its playing waters and colored streams of light, and as the Emperor said, it was a "fountain of living water" memorializing the ever-living vital power of the man who had done so much to extend the scientific achievements and researches of the Order in North America.

One of the Colombes in Oriental costume gave an interpretative dance of an Egyptian nature around the fountain while colored lights played on her and while music filled the entire grounds. A thousand or more members and delegates witnessed the long ceremony while fully two thousand residents of San Jose and near-by towns, having read of the dedication ceremony in the newspapers, were present on adjoining parts

of the lawn surrounding Rosicrucian Park, and all expressed the idea that it was the most magnificent outdoor pageant under a typical Oriental sky and delightful weather, that they had ever witnessed in this part of the country.

At the close of the dedication the new building was opened and over a thousand filed through all of its departments examining the physics, chemistry, and other laboratories, the radio broadcasting room, the craft work shop, the special laboratory for demonstrating the effects of light, color, and music, the lecture auditorium, Emperor's office, the art room and other features. It was announced that throughout the remainder of the Convention members would be escorted through the various departments and lectures given in the laboratories by some of the professors who will be identified with the instruction in the future.

Thursday Sessions

This morning while hundreds were viewing the new Science Building and other hundreds were having interviews with various officers and still forming resolutions and making affidavits which they were swearing to before a very busy notary public, a large number who had never seen the Rosicrucian Press building, where all of our books, pamphlets, magazines, and other matters are printed, visited the printing plant in relays and were shown through every department. They were all surprised by a feature that had been especially arranged for that very purpose, namely, the printing and binding of the August issue of *The Rosicrucian Digest* purposely prepared a little earlier than usual and containing the new and very mystical cover, painted by our Emperor and which all of you have already seen and undoubtedly enjoyed. As each one lifted one of the covers of the magazine and studied it there were expressions of delight in the wide field for speculative interpretation to be found in the design and pictorial effect of the new cover. Undoubtedly, you will want to analyze it also and from what I have heard it seems to me that there must have been a thousand different inter-

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pretations of the symbolism to be found in that picture.

At one o'clock all of the members were called together by the Convention Chairman to arrange themselves upon a huge circular platform that had been built in front of the Convention auditorium and other buildings for the taking of the official Convention picture. The attendance at this Convention being larger than ever heretofore, a real problem in building a stand large enough and of proper form confronted the photographer, but the picture was taken and from proofs already seen it is a magnificent picture of the largest number of Rosicrucians ever gathered together in North America. You will be proud of this picture, I am sure, and it is very large, fully three feet in length, and ten or twelve inches in width, and shows the many hundreds of faces very clearly. If you have an opportunity to buy one of these photographs through the Rosicrucian Supply Bureau, be sure to get one to show your friends and acquaintances who may want to know who attended this Convention and what type of persons represent the general membership of the organization.

After the taking of the picture the members assembled in the Auditorium to listen to an address by Soror Ward entitled, "Our Responsibilities as Rosicrucians." Her lecture was thrilling and decidedly instructive and was greatly applauded, for Soror Ward is an excellent speaker and highly advanced in our work and trained in the care of special departments of our activities.

She was followed by the Deputy Grand Master of Vancouver, Canada, Frater Merritt Gordon, who gave an intensely interesting address on "Pitfalls the Student Must Watch," and recited from examples coming within his attention as a Master and Deputy Grand Master of the Canadian Jurisdiction, the many temptations, errors, mistakes of judgment, and misunderstandings that often cause grave concern or disappointment in the advancement of the student. He was roundly applauded and complimented for his excellent advice.

Then followed special three- and five-minute messages and addresses given by the various delegates. In all of their comments and statements there was

naught but hearty approval for the teachings, administrative practices, and the growth of the organization in this country. Each delegate declared that the members in his district and in his group and lodge were enthusiastically supporting the organization and its administration.

Evening Session

Thursday evening is always an especially important and interesting evening at every Convention. As usual, the first feature on the evening program was the Special Honorary Temple Initiation for those who joined the guild of Temple Builders by making a small contribution to the special fund for the upkeep, repair, improvement, and decoration of the temple buildings, the grounds, lawns, shrubbery, etc. This initiation is always conducted by the Emperor and the full staff of Supreme Lodge officers with Egyptian costume, and with a brief Egyptian ritual. It is a very impressive and sacred Egyptian ritual. It is a very impressive and sacred ceremony for all who participate and each one is given later a certificate indicating such special honorary initiation. Just preceding the initiation a special ceremony for the acceptance of Colombes and Colombes-in-waiting was conducted.

During the initiation a session was being held in the auditorium for the hundreds of delegates and members who were not participating in the initiation. The auditorium session was opened with a musical program during which a number of Fratres and Sorores from different cities participated and all thoroughly enjoyed the excellency of the renditions.

The musical program was followed with a lecture by the Supreme Secretary entitled, "Abstract Metaphysics." For over an hour the Supreme Secretary held his audience in close attention, and the enthusiastic applause indicated how instructive and beneficial his address really was. At the close of his address the initiation in the Supreme Temple had been completed and all the members, officers, and delegates participating in it turned to the auditorium and there was a brief intermission for a few minutes during which the stage was prepared for another one of the scientific



demonstrations arranged by the Imperator and his associate technicians in the laboratory departments.

This particular demonstration was for the purpose of revealing to the large assembly that every musical note, whether produced by instruments or the human voice, and every vowel sound spoken or sung, produced vibrations of color, rhythm, symmetry, and geometrical form. A large screen was arranged on the platform and amplifiers arranged in the audience so that music from phonograph records, radio, piano, and voice would be amplified greatly enough to affect a beam of light, and as this beam of light was thrown upon the large screen the colors of the notes and the beautiful geometrical designs produced marvelous effects, sometimes enveloping the entire end of the auditorium. The Imperator showed that by pronouncing the various vowel sounds used in our exercises very beautiful designs in white and color were produced, and showed that every time the same note was pronounced or played upon a musical instrument in the right pitch and tone, the same design was produced. It was the most impressive and convincing demonstration of the effects that result from vowel sounds in music that a large audience of any kind has ever witnessed.

At the end of this interesting demonstration the Imperator conducted his usual mystical hour, which has become a very important feature at every Convention. For one hour, ending at midnight, the Imperator demonstrated many of the extreme psychic principles of our teachings such as the projection of the aura, the floating of the aura into space, the projection of the consciousness into the aisles and seats of the auditorium, making definite physical contacts with hundreds of members which they felt and realized in a perfectly objective manner, and in producing changes of atmosphere from extreme cold to warmth, and many other of our typical Rosicrucian principles. Once again the astonishing mystical demonstration was given whereby the Imperator standing upon the platform caused the handwriting in the signature of a letter held and examined by a number of the members to be changed in its chemical composi-

tion. This same demonstration of the effect upon chemical elements from a distance has been an interesting feature of each one of the Conventions for a number of years, and in every case has been not only very successful but conceded as a fact and as a proven principle by all who participate in it.

During this mystical hour the entire assembly maintained a very sacred and quiet attitude, and hundreds of the higher degree members were delighted in meeting two of the Great Masters who stood on the platform on either side of the Imperator.

The Friday Sessions

During the morning hours the large bus that brought the members and delegates from New York conducted a bus trip to the Santa Cruz mountains and the Pacific Beach, and those who had never visited our beaches enjoyed this trip among many others conducted by the bus and the many automobiles that were available here to all of the members.

At ten-thirty there was a special session directed by Frater Marx, Grand Councilor, acting as Chairman. The session was opened by the Colombe lighting candles to the accompaniment of appropriate music, followed by an invocation given by our young Reverend Johnson. Frater Marx then gave a brief explanation of the application of numbers and cycles to daily affairs, associating these laws with the important events of the Convention.

He then introduced Grand Master Clement B. LeBrun, who addressed the Convention on the Rosicrucian healing principles, as learned by him through his contact with our Order here and abroad, and interestingly explained because of his previous training and preparation as a physician and metaphysician. This special session on the application of Rosicrucian principles was put on the program of the Convention by the Imperator at the special request of hundreds of members who desired to have the Rosicrucian principles of a healing nature demonstrated and applied in their presence. Undoubtedly this will be a special feature of every convention hereafter. The session closed with a benediction by Frater Earl Johnson,

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Priest of the Pristine Church of Minneapolis.

All day long before, between, and after the sessions of the Convention the members were being escorted in small groups through every department of the new science building and permitted to see the many scientific instruments that prove both the physical and metaphysical laws in our teachings. A special interest was shown in the light and color laboratory created by the Emperor which brings a beam of sunlight from the roof into the darkroom, which is then broken up into all of the prismatic colors and revolved upon a screen in a most fascinating manner. The demonstrations by Professor Carl Anderson, a member of the Rose-Croix University faculty, which he conducted each morning and afternoon in the lecture hall of the Science Building, also proved of great interest and benefit. He caused to be thrown on the large screen in the science auditorium the moving objects of actual living parts of cell life which were for the moment under a microscope, or upon a microscopic glass. The members realized through this wonderful scientific demonstration how important the work of the Rose-Croix University will be when the classes are started next year.

Afternoon Sessions

During the afternoon sessions in the large auditorium, Grand Councilor Brian Casey of St. Louis spoke on "The Creative Effect of the Rosicrucian Principles." Here again the members were made enthusiastic by his very practical explanation of the creative effects to be found in the use of many of our exercises and experimental principles. His address was roundly applauded and the members were very appreciative.

After his address the Chairman of the Special Investigation Committee, appointed to investigate the administrative departments of our organization, read the report. This committee was voluntarily formed during the Convention by business men familiar with administrative systems and recording systems from every section of North America. The committee arose while the chairman read the report which stated that a careful

and critical examination of every feature of the administration and recording departments carried on throughout the preceding days had revealed that all of the systems used were the most modern, that they were audited every year by certified auditors not associated with the organization, and that every method was used to keep accurate records and to administrate the affairs of the organization in a proper manner, and that nothing was done to prevent them or restrain them in any way in making their investigations, and that they heartily indorsed and approved of every point and part of the entire group of systems being used. Since a number of other committees also made investigations of special departments, and since a number of auditors' reports had also been read, and since every member at the Convention had been invited to make his or her own examination of the books, records, or department systems, the Convention enthusiastically and unanimously voted to accept the Special Investigating Committee's report and approved of it.

This was followed by a number of official reports, the passing of resolutions, and making of special announcements during which the Emperor stated that the present Board of Grand Councilors for North America would meet at seven o'clock in the evening to render their annual report, and to retire prior to the election by the Convention of the new Board of Grand Councilors. He then read the report of the nominating committee appointed at last year's Convention, offering the names of those nominated to be the Grand Councilors for the coming year, and advised that all present at the Convention give consideration to these nominations and be prepared to make other nominations at the evening session. He read extracts from the constitution and its amendments showing how these Grand Councilors were to be elected by the Convention, and advised all to be prepared for that important matter in the evening.

The rest of the afternoon session was spent in listening to the reports of individual investigators or members and delegates who had made examination of books, records, and systems, and of



those committees that were voluntarily formed to make recommendations in regard to the improvement of the lectures, the magazine, and other matters. Many of these committees and most of the members attending the Convention visited the Rosicrucian Press Thursday morning, and this tour to the Printing Department afforded an excellent opportunity to arrange for suggestions and improvements in many of our departments in an understanding manner, and this was indeed helpful to the Supreme Officers.

Friday Evening

The evening session was preceded again by an interesting musical program, and then followed by an address by Frater A. Leon Batchelor entitled "The New Deal," which was amusing and instructive to all of the members. Then the Emperor stepped on the platform and announced that certain business matters must be attended to on this occasion. He again read the constitution and amendments thereto pertaining to the election of the new Grand Councilors, and once again read the nominations submitted by the nominating committee and asked if there were any present who desired to make further nominations. After a long pause and a repeated invitation for such nominations a motion was made by several of the delegates that the nominations be closed. This was immediately seconded by a score of the delegates, and upon vote was approved unanimously. The Emperor then declared that by the closing of the nominations the original list of nominees automatically became elected but, nevertheless, he submitted the list and had the nominees voted upon. At the close of the election it was found that every one of the Sorores and Frateres listed by the nominating committee had been unanimously elected as Grand Councilors for the coming year. The Grand Councilors thus elected were: Soror Marie Clements of Boston, Frater S. J. Marx of Philadelphia, Frater Brian M. Casey of St. Louis, Frater Thor Kiimalehto of New York, Dr. Stanley Clark of Toronto, Frater T. W. Kuhn of Washington, Frater O. G. O'Delius of Chicago, the Honorable Manuel Rod-

riguez Serra of Puerto Rico, and Frater Reuben Brown of Los Angeles.

At the close of this election the Emperor stated that it was customary at every Convention for the Supreme Lodge and the Emperor to confer certain honorary degrees or titles upon those who have served the Order and who can serve the Order in an outstanding manner in the future years. He, therefore, directed that Frateres Marx, Casey, Kiimalehto, Clark, and Kuhn come before him. Upon these he conferred the Knighthood of the *Sovereign Military Order of the Temple*, under authority granted him by the ancient Knighthood of Europe. He announced that these officers would represent the Knighthood in the higher activity of the *Militia Crucifera Evangelica*, which is the military body of the Order in North America, and which had been established a number of years ago and had a large membership. He explained that every member in the Order who distinguished himself or herself by special services of a defensive and protective nature, or who rendered special services in the advancement of the ideals and principles of the Order, was honored by the title of *Chevalier* and made a member of the Militia, and that from among those in the Militia there would be selected from time to time those who rendered additional, special service and who would become knighted as *Knights* or *Dames of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple*.

The selection of the time and place for the next Convention was discussed and the motion was made by one of the delegates that the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge be authorized to select the time and place for the Convention of 1935, and the recommendation of the Convention was that it be held in San Jose as usual, and that the Board of Directors select such nominating committees and Convention committees as they deemed advisable to function at the next Convention. This motion was seconded by a large number and was unanimously adopted.

Then followed many closing speeches by the various Supreme Officers, each in turn stepping upon the platform and commenting upon the wonderful achieve-

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ments of this Convention and of the peace and harmony that prevailed.

The Emperor announced that the Convention would not close until Saturday evening, and that certain committee meetings and other official meetings would be held during the evening and during the next day. Immediately following this session there was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge held in the auditorium for the purpose of adopting the many resolutions and recommendations made by the Convention throughout its business sessions. One of the important matters voted upon by the Board of Directors was the adoption of the long resolution which had been unanimously adopted by the Convention, and which provided for the revision of the constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge, and the inclusion in these constitutions of the very definitely worded laws and principles outlined previously in this Convention report. By the action of the Board of Directors in adopting the provisions of this resolution and making them effective as of Friday, July 13, the entire organization in North America becomes subject to these new laws and principles which are binding upon all members and officers in North America.

Saturday Sessions

It was not intended that there should be any general Convention sessions on Saturday morning or afternoon, the day being left open to the meetings of various committees voluntarily formed and the special committees appointed at the previous Convention. The members continued to remain in Rosicrucian Park, however, throughout the day, and the auditorium was quite active all day long with small groups of members demonstrating and testing the principles and carrying on independent lectures and discussions. In the sanctum of the Emperor, the Grand Master called a meeting of the newly elected Grand Councilors, a majority of whom were present. They ratified the various resolutions that had been passed by the Convention, and put on record their approval of the new principles adopted by the Board of Directors on the previous evening, and made many valuable suggestions, the principal one being that the plan of

having annual elections in all of the lodges and chapters throughout North America subordinate to the Grand Lodge should be eliminated, and that instead of annual elections for new officers, the Supreme Grand Lodge should appoint the Master and several other officers, and each lodge thus do away with any political electioneering or any other form of activity that is of an unimportant nature to the members. The Supreme Officers consulted with the Grand Councilors in connection with a number of changes in the personnel that are to be made in the Grand Lodge during the coming year, and there was unanimous approval on the part of the Grand Councilors in regard to these changes. Thus began the year's activities of the new Grand Council all of whom will be consulted from time to time throughout the year in regard to changes in administration or improvements in the Order's activities, and each one of whom promised to keep the Supreme Grand Lodge well-informed of the desires and recommendations of the section of the Order located in the districts allotted to them.

In the afternoon a special service was held for the depositing of the ashes of our beloved Fratres Daniel Wallace Gordon, and Reverend Francis Brunner, in two special locations in the beautiful lawns surrounding the new Science Building. Appropriate rose trees were planted above the ashes, and the Emperor in conducting the ceremony explained that the Divine principle that the dust of the body should return to the dust of the earth was thus being fulfilled, and that through the regenerative power residing within the ashes the rose trees above them would be fertilized and strengthened and thus the rebirth of the body, typifying the rebirth of the soul, would be made manifest in the unfolding of the beautiful roses that would come on the trees from year to year.

The Evening Sessions

In the evening at six o'clock the members, delegates, and officers began to assemble at the St. Claire Hotel in San Jose, the largest hotel in the valley, and it appeared as though the walls of the hotel would have to be pushed outward to take care of the very large num-



ber attending this banquet. Every available inch of the large dining room, the large coffee shop adjoining, and the very large outdoor patio nearby was filled with tables and guests. There was not room for another person to be seated. A microphone stood on the speaker's table before the Emperor and other officers, and amplifiers throughout the various rooms enabled the members to hear every word that was spoken.

As usual there was much fun and comedy connected with many carefully-planned incidents to amuse the members and delegates, along with a number of important announcements and concluding resolutions and voting. The choir sang again two Rosicrucian numbers, the first being the anthem entitled, "Sweet Rosae Crucis," and the second the ancient "Rosicrucian Chant," which the Emperor is very anxious to have all the members become proficient in singing during the coming year. One of the very pleasing incidents of the evening was the presentation of a very large and beautiful silk flag with gold fringe and cordelier on a beautiful standard. It was presented to the Emperor and the Supreme Lodge to stand permanently on the auditorium platform as a gift from the Convention in expressing its appreciation of the patriotic honors that had been conferred upon the Emperor at the opening session whereby he was made a *Knight of the Flag*, and given the great Cross of Honor by the United States Flag Association. Frater Elrod Ward, former Master of the Francis Bacon Lodge in San Francisco, accompanied by several of the members who are Legionnaires, made the presentation speech. The entire assembly in all of the different rooms of the hotel arose and sang in unison the American Anthem. Grand Master Le Brun made the closing address. He entered into the jovial spirit of the occasion and delivered one of the wittiest, amusing, and yet delightfully charming speeches that he has ever made. His wife added to these very pleasant comments as did the wife of the Emperor and other officers. Various soloists entertained us during the banquet, and again we were greatly pleased with the cornet solos by Frater Curtis of Wyoming, who has made this a very pleasing feature at each Convention, and the vocal solos by Soror

Johnson of Los Angeles.

The Emperor announced the various Grand Council and Director meetings that had been held during the day, and thanked the Convention for its vote of good will and bon-voyage for himself and his wife, and others who will attend the International Rosicrucian Convention in Europe, and then, with everyone in a sad mood and with tears in the eyes of every member and delegate, the Emperor declared this Convention ended. Although there was still to be the dance for those who desired to attend it, it was a sad mass of human beings who filed out of the hotel at 9:30 this evening.

Your Convention reporter has never seen a larger group of finer, cultured, enthusiastic men and women assembled in any place, although he has been at many Conventions of various organizations in a score of years. At no time was there any boisterous attitude on the part of any individual or group of individuals, and at the various hotels and restaurants throughout the city there was the same report in regard to the good conduct and the genteel, refined character of the persons proudly wearing the Convention ribbons.

Throughout Sunday and Monday many remained to visit around the city, to go to the astronomical observatory on the mountaintop, and to have personal interviews with the officers.

Sunday evening a special initiation was held in the Supreme Lodge by the officers of the Francis Bacon Lodge of San Francisco for the purpose of conducting the Ninth Degree Initiation for those visiting members who did not live where there was a lodge to confer this degree, and who desired to have it during the Convention week. Through the courtesy of the Emperor the Supreme Temple was granted to the Francis Bacon Lodge and almost fifty members enjoyed this rare privilege. Thus ended the sixth annual Convention to be held in San Jose, and the one which marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Order in its new cycle in North America.

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