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Brothers and Sisters;

In a little less than a year from now, next October, the OMCE, CR+C, and the BMO will be hosting an international Convention/Castrorum here in North Texas. I most certainly would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to attend if you are so inclined and if it is at all possible within your schedules. Truly, your presence, attitude, the sharing of your thoughts, and personal participation in our group work will go a long way to help all of us to accomplish our goals in both the physical and spiritual realms. It has been awhile since I was able to attend any of our ongoing events held throughout the world, so I am most certainly looking forward to participating in this one as well as to share with all of you the work and research in which I have been conducting over the course of the past several years. There has been a lot going on about which you should be updated.

I have been able to speak at a number of Castrorums via Skype and I am hoping to be able to continue that activity, not only at the annual events in each jurisdiction, but also at Commanderie and Lodge meetings where possible. We are now beginning that activity in Brazil, and hopefully will be able to do so in other countries as well. But one constant theme which seems to be recurring when I am able to speak with our brothers and sisters is one of concern regarding our world and the human condition. It seems as if we see many who are feeling oppressed and depressed about what they feel, hear, or observe around them. But those feelings are basically from those who don't have a lot of direction from within themselves. Those who do have an inner sense of direction and peace and who do have the mindset and attitude to look deeply into events and who are able to see many different variables or paths to take in any given situation, I think, see things quite differently. When one can see from a different perspective, they find the freedom to act as they choose rather than to have their actions manipulated by sources outside of their own thoughts and conscience. Such is what we, as spiritual beings, have and such is what we can offer to the world as a gift.

We, as a Confraternity of three Orders, are different in approach, attitude, and manifestation from many other Orders that exist now or have existed over the course of the past few centuries. Our spirituality is not of the type or norm that one often experiences in a chosen esoteric or religious affiliation. Why? I think because we emphasize what we are within ourselves over what affects us overtly. An outside influence generally causes one to think in a certain, pre-established way regarding an Order or a particular religion in which one may choose to affiliate. Speaking generally, when we observe the history of a faith, an Order, or even society, etc., I think it fair to say we are observing and experiencing things or events which have caused us to react to those outside influences. We do not see the purity of Truth or Light from things made from without, rather we are observing conditions that have been made through a parasitical historiography -- that is, the taking or borrowing from one tradition to be added to a new thereby reshaping and redefining the original intent -- a process that is handed down from generation to generation. Such is not an act of Truth, but rather an act of falsification. If we can see that, we will be able to learn how to reverse that course which has affected humanity through the centuries. To start that process of reversal is simple. We merely need to take personal responsibility for our own beliefs and spirituality and to have the confidence to be able to act from within rather than to form our actions based upon an artificial, outside influence. As Spinoza writes in his closing words of "The Ethics": "How would it be possible, if salvation were ready to our hand, and could without great labour be found, that it should be by almost all men neglected? But all things excellent are as difficult as they are rare." We are not almost all people, we are unique and have a vision and commitment to accomplish. Our Castrorum/Convention is but one tool which can help us realize that. I hope to see you there!

With best regards and in Light,