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# *The Mission*





In meeting duly Assembled

we, the undersigned Ladies and Gentlemen,  
of New York City, were formally con-  
stituted members of the

Supreme American Council  
of the  
Ancient and Mystical Order of the  
**ROSE CROSS**

in accordance with the Ancient Rites and Cere-  
monies, under the direction and approval of the  
Most Worshipful Grand Master General of America

**T**herefore be it known that: we hereby pro-  
claim the establishment of the  
**ROSICRUCIAN ORDER IN AMERICA**  
and Recognize such Officers of its Grand  
Lodge as are hereunto subscribed as  
being duly appointed, in conformity  
with the **FIRST AMERICAN MANIFESTO**.

**S**igned this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year 1915

*H. Spencer Lewis*  
Grand Master General

*Matre General*

*Nicholas Form.*  
Deputy Master General

*Thor Kjønnalickte*  
Secretary General



"Let there be Light," Fiat Lux

*The mission of  
the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC  
is to perpetuate the Rosicrucian teachings  
and to contribute  
to the evolution of consciousness.*





*The Appearance of Clemence Isaure (Golden Isis) to the Troubadours, by Henri Martin.*

# *The Founding*









In the spring of 1908, while in a deep meditative state, H. Spencer Lewis, then twenty-four years old, had a profound mystical experience in which a spiritual master instructed him to seek out the Rosicrucians. Following many tests and trials, in the summer of 1909 he was eventually led to the Rosicrucians in southern France.

While there, H. Spencer Lewis was initiated into the Rosicrucian Tradition, in an old chateau outside of Toulouse and on another plane of awareness. Following his initiation, he met with the Imperator of the Rosicrucians of France and other Rosicrucians, including the Grand Master of the Rose-Croix of Toulouse, who asked him if he would accept the responsibility of restoring the Rosicrucian Tradition in America.

He accepted.

H. Spencer Lewis was permitted to consult a collection of books and manuscripts in which the principles and major laws of the Order were represented. He was also allowed to copy the symbols and diagrams of the various Rosicrucian ceremonies. These would later become the basis for the Rosicrucian monographs, along with the wisdom gained through H. Spencer Lewis's later mystical experiences and insights.

H. Spencer Lewis was also shown symbolic aprons, an altar cloth, and various archival documents so that he could take note of the symbols belonging to the different degrees of the Order.





H. Spencer and Martha Lewis on their honeymoon, 1914.

At the conclusion of this meeting, H. Spencer Lewis was informed that he was now in possession of all the necessary instructions, but that other inner experiences were yet to come. He was also told that no Lodge should be opened in America until 1915.

Following this experience, H. Spencer Lewis wrote to his wife, Mollie, "...all my hopes on this trip have been realized, but not without many tests and trials . . . At last I am in the R+C, thank God, but the Oaths and vows are severe. How many in America will I find to keep them with me."

Over the next few years, H. Spencer Lewis prepared for the reemergence of the Rosicrucian Order in America. In 1913, Mollie went through transition following complications from a ruptured appendix and now, in addition to his

many other responsibilities, H. Spencer Lewis was the single parent of two young children – Vivian, then six years old, and Ralph, then ten years old.

In 1914, H. Spencer Lewis met Martha Morfier. A few months later they were married. Martha was so indispensable to



Martha Lewis.

the founding of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC that when the time came to initiate its first candidate, Martha was unanimously chosen for that honor.

She stayed closely involved with all aspects of the organization throughout H. Spencer Lewis's life and then later when her stepson, Ralph Lewis, succeeded him as Emperor. Her wisdom, focus, and generosity of resources and of spirit greatly contributed to the success of AMORC in ways that most members are unaware of.

When H. Spencer Lewis agreed to re-establish the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC in America he was specifically instructed to do so in the year 1915 and was told that

from time to time he would meet others who would add certain papers and devices until his working tools were complete.

Mrs. May Banks-Stacey was the person who most fulfilled this special mission. She had been introduced to the Rosicrucian Tradition in India, while traveling there with her son, an Army captain, and from there she was initiated into the Rosicrucian tradition in Egypt.

Mrs. Banks-Stacey, who had previously met H. Spencer Lewis at the New York Institute for Psychical Research, where he was the President, contacted him in the fall of 1914. Then on his birthday, November 25, 1914, she placed in his hands papers and a "mystical jewel" that had officially been transmitted to her.

H. Spencer Lewis stated that it was while May Banks-Stacey was in Egypt that the Rosicrucians there gave her this jewel (today on display in the Rosicrucian Research Library) and some sealed documents that she was to keep until another

person came along and presented her with an exact copy of one of the seals and called upon her assistance to establish the Rosicrucian Order in America.

The documents were some that the Rosicrucians of France had explained to H. Spencer Lewis in Europe in 1909 and which were promised to come to him by a special messenger at the time that he needed them most.

H. Spencer Lewis and May Banks-Stacey decided to pool their efforts

and on December 20, 1914 they published an announcement in the *New York Sunday Herald* inviting people interested in Rosicrucianism to join them.

May Banks-Stacey's contributions were so essential that H. Spencer Lewis always referred to her as the co-founder of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

Within a short time they met Thor Kiimalehto, who soon became one of H. Spencer Lewis's closest friends and later a Grand Master of the Order in America.

In February 1915, nine fratres and sores, including H. Spencer and Martha Lewis, May Banks-Stacey, and Thor Kiimalehto became the organizing committee of the Supreme Council for America. Following years of intense preparation, the



May Banks-Stacey.





Thor Kiimalehto.

Rosicrucian Order, AMORC was founded on April 1, 1915. H. Spencer Lewis was unanimously elected to serve as the Imperator and Grand Master General.

The Order was based in New York City until 1918 when H. Spencer Lewis traveled to San Francisco. While there, he had another mystical experience involving the same spiritual master who had contacted him in 1908, which inspired him to move the headquarters of the Order to San Francisco. He stated that moving to California, more than San Francisco, was the real objective as he had experienced some realizations of the Order's connections with nearby Carmel and the Rosicrucians who had landed there with the Sebastián Vizcaíno map-making expedition in 1602. Later research has substantiated much of what H. Spencer Lewis experienced in his meditative state.

In 1925, the headquarters of the Rosicrucian Order was briefly moved to Tampa, Florida.

Then, in late 1927, H. Spencer Lewis moved the headquarters of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC to San Jose, California, and began to establish what would become Rosicrucian Park. Even when Rosicrucian Park included just one small plot of land with the previous Administration Building and small temple, the Order's letterhead stated: Rosicrucian Park. As H. Spencer Lewis did on many occasions, he acted in the present in the belief of what would manifest in the future.

This is the story of the founding of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

The Rosicrucian Tradition and teachings have been perpetuated by individuals since the publication of the first Rosicrucian manifesto, the *Fama Fraternitatis*, in 1614, and through the long traditional lineage of the western esoteric tradition, since the time of the most ancient Mystery Schools thousands of years ago.

Some of these mystics gave their lives in order to perpetuate this wisdom. Many were persecuted or harassed. Most were tried and tested until found worthy of instruction.

In 1915, this wisdom – the Rosicrucian Tradition – was destined to be perpetuated in North America and from there throughout the world by someone. H. Spencer Lewis, and those serving with him, fulfilled their destinies, their Cosmic Missions, by perpetuating the Rosicrucian Tradition and we continue this mission with our participation as Rosicrucians today.

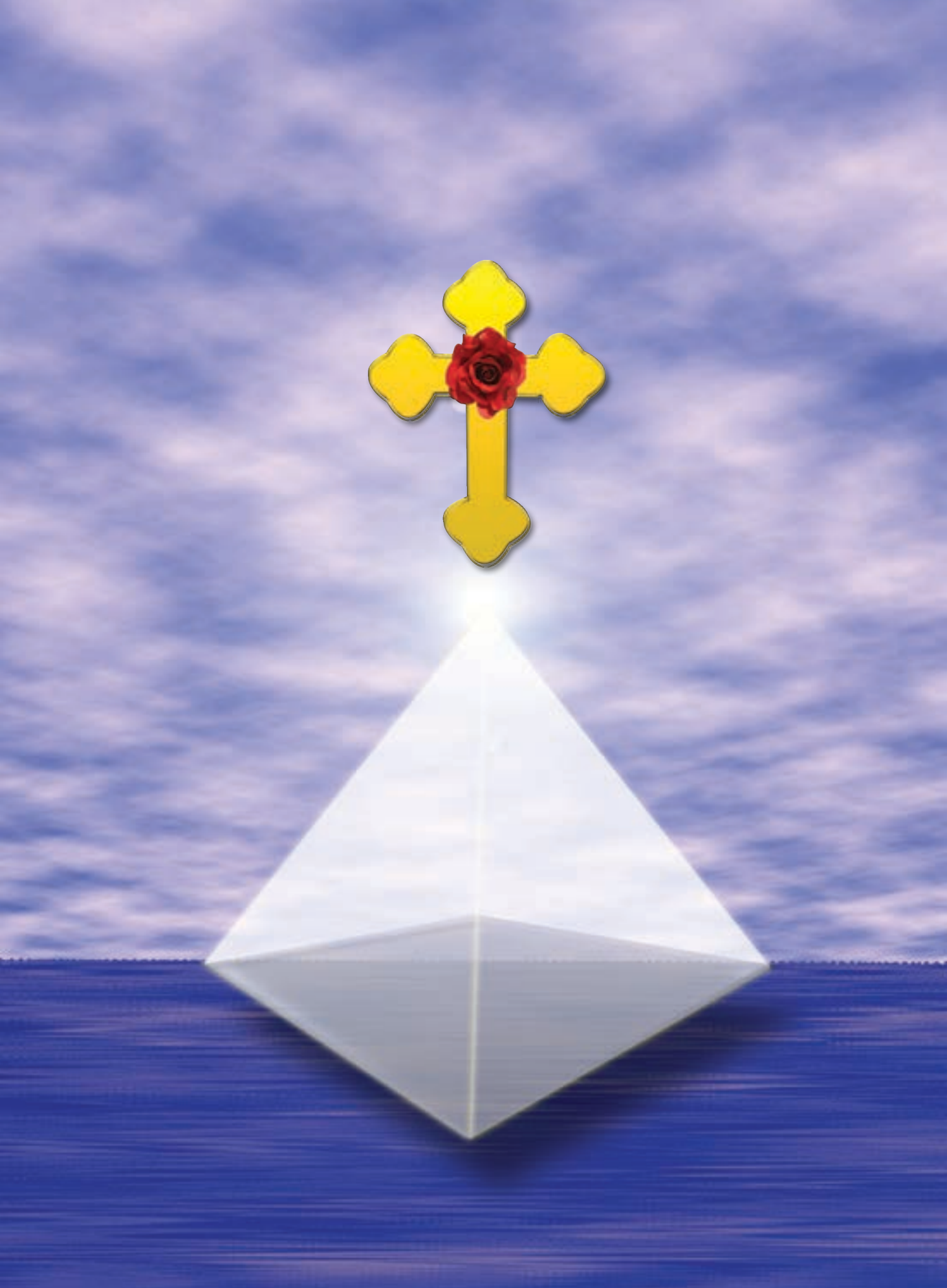
Let us ever be aware of the sacred light with which we are entrusted.







The Directors and Administrators of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC with Emperor Christian Bernard. From left to right: Ilkka Laaksonen (General Administrator, Finnish Administration), H lio de Moraes e Marques (SGL Director and Grand Master of the Portuguese Language Jurisdiction), Iakovos Giannakopoulos (General Administrator, Greek Administration), Atsushi Honjo (SGL Director and Grand Master of the Japanese Language Jurisdiction), Sven Johansson (SGL Vice President and Grand Master of the English Grand Lodge for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa), Marie Metzler (General Administrator, Polish Administration), Kenneth Idiodi (SGL Director and Grand Administrator for the English speaking West African Administration, including Nigeria), Klaas-Jan Bakker (SGL Director and Grand Master of the Dutch Grand Lodge), Maximilian Neff (SGL Board Treasurer and Grand Master of the German Grand Lodge), Emperor Christian Bernard, Akos Ekes (General Administrator, Hungarian Administration), Paul Panikian (SGL Director and Grand Master of the English Grand Lodge for Australia, Asia, and New Zealand), Julie Scott (SGL Board Secretary and Grand Master of the English Grand Lodge for the Americas), Claudio Mazzucco (SGL Director and Grand Master of the Italian Grand Lodge), Serge Toussaint (SGL Director and Grand Master of the French Grand Lodge), Hugo Casas (SGL Director and Grand Master of the Spanish Grand Lodge for Europe, Africa, and Asia), Live S derlund (SGL Director and Grand Master of the Scandinavian Grand Lodge), Roland Brisson (SGL Director and Grand Master of the Spanish Grand Lodge for the Americas), Michal Eben (SGL Director and Grand Master of the Czech and Slovakian Grand Lodge), Vladimir Koptelov (General Administrator, Russian Administration). Photo taken at the Rosicrucian Domain in Lachute, Quebec, Canada, 2014, at the Annual Supreme Grand Lodge Board of Directors meeting.



# *The Egregore*







H. Spencer Lewis.





## *The Egregore*

The Rosicrucian egregore is the cosmic energy field to which all Rosicrucians have access because of our affiliation with AMORC.

Whenever a Rosicrucian studies a monograph, conducts a mystical experiment, prays, meditates, participates in the work of the Council of Solace, devotes time to Cosmic Communion, or creates an inspiring work of science, art, or literature, he or she radiates into space positive thoughts and emotions which benefit all other members and humanity in general. Likewise, those who unite at Conventions and in the affiliated bodies during Convocations and Temple Degree Initiations, also set especially positive forces into motion. To this combination of individual and collective influences is added the energy that the Emperor and the Grand Masters constantly generate in the accomplishment of their respective functions.

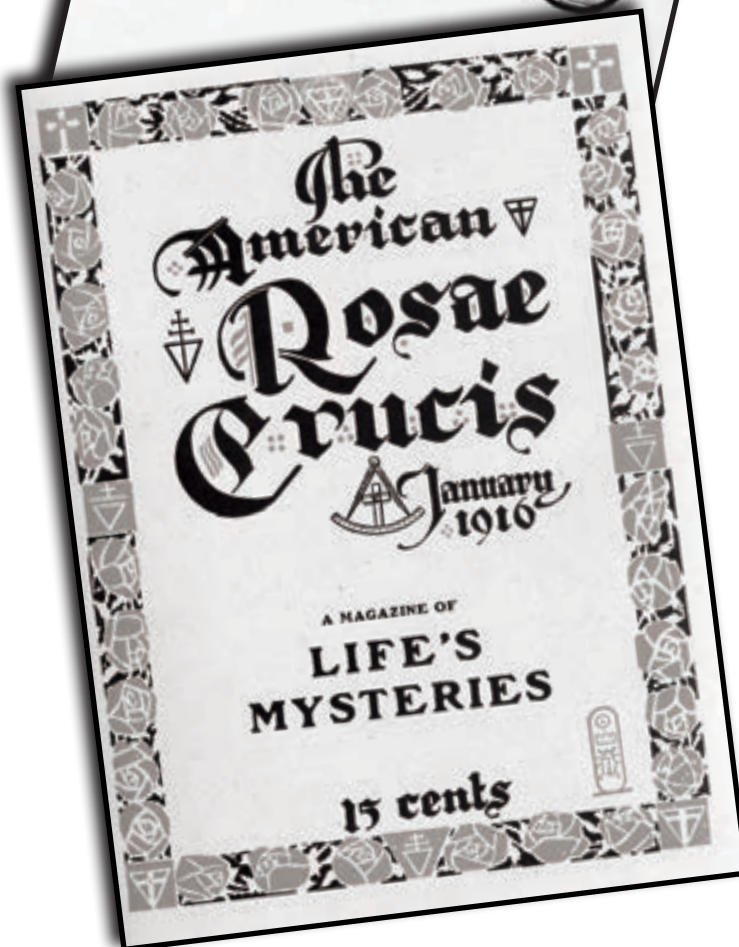
The egregore of the Order extends beyond the usual limits of space/time to include the mystics, philosophers, and traditions of the past, including those in the Mystery Schools of ancient Egypt and Greece who so richly contributed to our Rosicrucian teachings today; our Gnostic, Kabbalist, and Alchemist forebears; the Rosicrucians of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; and all members of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC from 1915 to today, around the world – those whom we know and those whom we will never meet.

The egregore also includes the Rosicrucians to come, including those who have not even been born yet.

The next pages honor some of the many people, events, and ideas that have contributed to the Rosicrucian Egregore over the past 100 years.



Oath dated May 1915, signed by Harvey Spencer Lewis, Thor Kiimalehto, May Banks Stacey, Martha Lewis, and other members.







H. Spencer Lewis in Carmel, California in 1918. Note the map in his hands from which he found the clues as to the location of the buried records left by the mystics who came to the Pacific Coast with Vizcaino in 1602. In was on this trip that H. Spencer Lewis decided to move the headquarters of the Order to California – first to San Francisco, then later to San Jose.

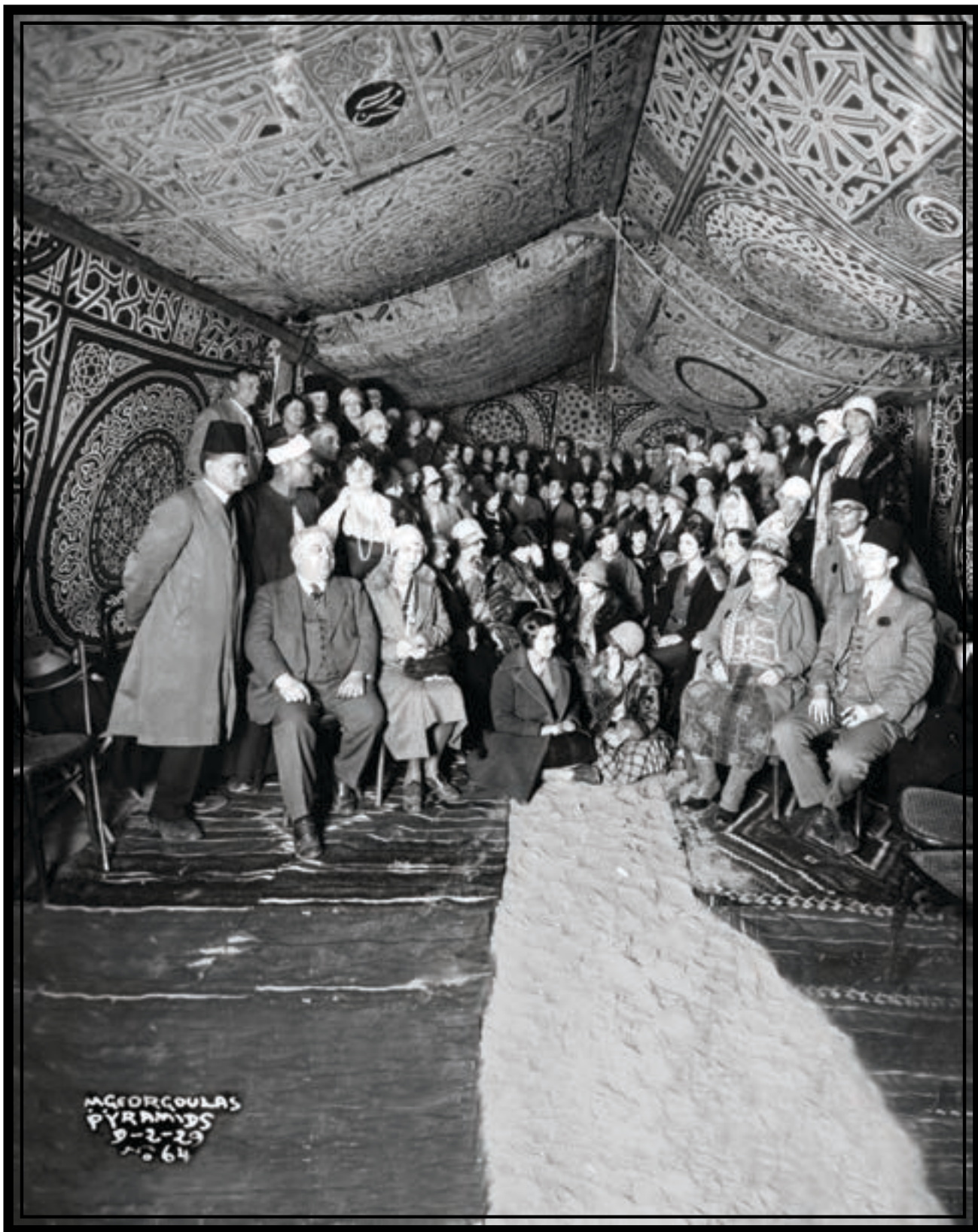


Ralph M. Lewis working from the headquarters of the Order in San Francisco, 1924.



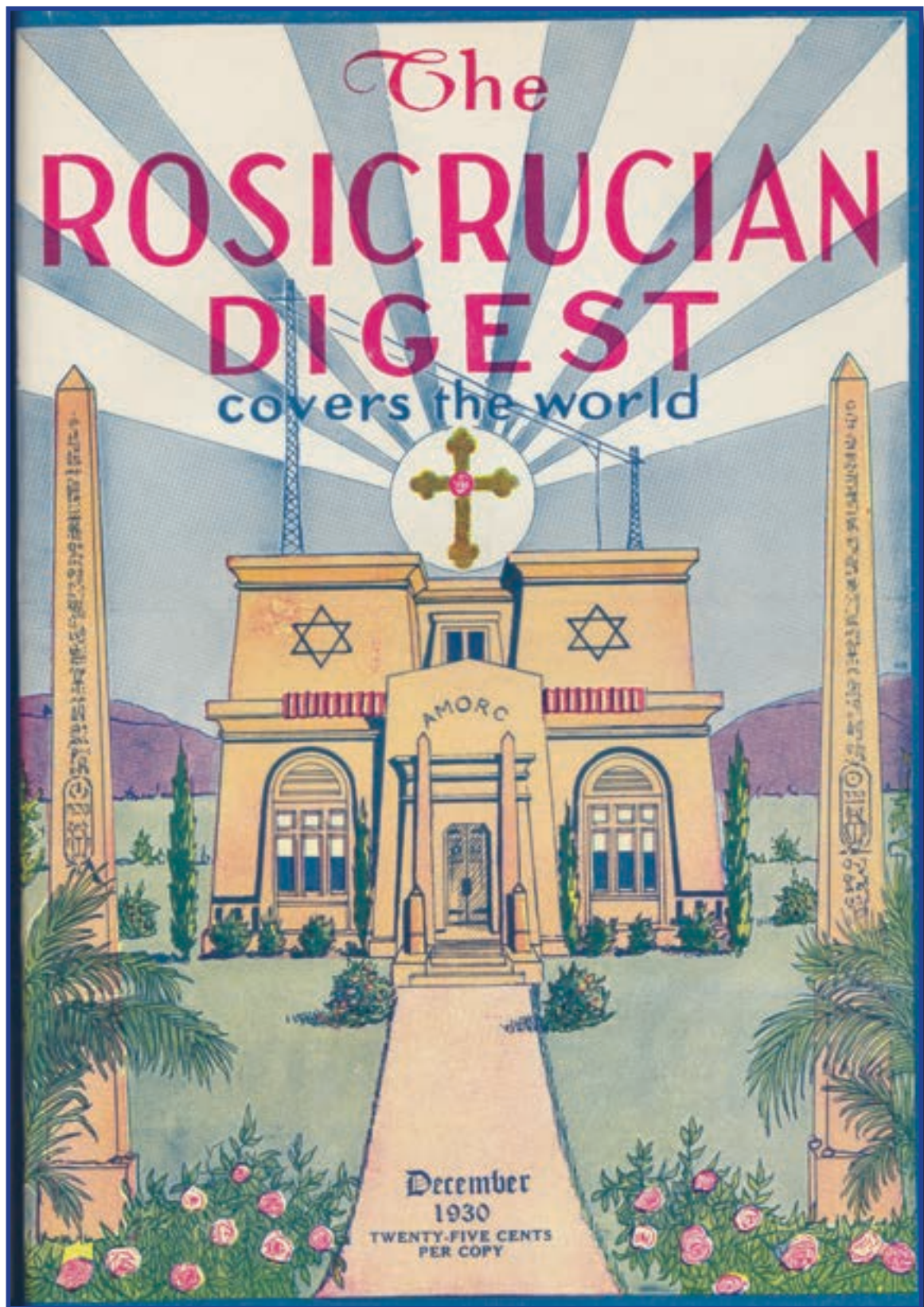
1929 AMORC Convention at Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California.





Rosicrucian Initiatic Journey to Egypt, 1929.











# Manifesto



Au Nom et Sous les Auspices de la PUISSANCE SUPRÊME

## CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL des ORDRES ORIENTAUX PAIX — TOLÉRANCE — UNION !

**I**t is decreed that :

Since the A...M...D...R...C... with its S.: S.: and Sec in the Valley of San Jose, California, is the only authorized sector of the ancient Fraternity of Rosicrucians perpetuating the true traditions and principles of the R+C in North and South America, with authenticity recognized by all the ancient Initiatic Orders forming this Conril International and Federation,

Therefore, the said S.: S.: and its Imperator (ad vitam), Th... Ill... Fratre H. Spencer Lewis, F... R... C... 33° 66° 95° S.: I., and his hereditary successors shall be the exclusive representatives and Sover... Officers for North and South Americas and their affiliated countries, of all the Initiatic Orders composing the FUDOSI, with authority to establish and maintain such Orders in the aforesaid countries.

This decree was unanimously endorsed by vote of all the Sov.: Officers and recognized delegates of the fourteen Orders composing the FUDOSI at its International Convention in Brussels, Belgium during the week of August 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 1934 A.D, and attested by the following principle officers of the said fourteen Orders who were personally present:

*[Handwritten signatures and names of officers, including: Victor Blanchard, H. Spencer Lewis, and others, with their respective degrees and affiliations.]*





Cecil Poole, Secretary of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and Ralph Lewis in front of the pylons being constructed at Rosicrucian Park.



Imperator H. Spencer Lewis depositing the time capsule in the sphinx in front of the newly constructed Rose Croix University International building.



Rosicrucian Planetarium Dedication, from the *San Jose Mercury News*, 1936.

Frater Ralph M. Lewis in the King's Chamber in the Great Pyramid in Egypt, 1936.



View of Rosicrucian Park down Naglee Avenue, San Jose, California, 1938.



Rosicrucian Research Lab, 1938.



## Rosicrucian Philosophy Buried In Crypt Until Year A. D. 8113

Archaeologists of 6060 years in the future will have made the most startling discovery in the history of man when they force their way into the Crypt of Civilization in Georgia.

The Rosicrucians, according to Jean De Paye of Sayville, a local member of the philosophical Order, have been asked to make an important—and one of the final—contributions to a project begun by Oglethorpe University, Georgia, for preserving today's knowledge for the civilization of the year A. D. 8113. The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, has sent from its archives at San Jose, California, upon the request of Dr. T. K. Peters, Archivist of Oglethorpe University, manuscripts containing the essence of its philosophical doctrines to be included with other chosen works of music, art, and the sciences, to be interred in the specially constructed vault and kept inviolate for over sixty centuries.

Jean de Paye further relates that the Rosicrucian manuscripts are being microfilmed; large pages of the text are being reduced to frames of a 35 millimeter film. By this process each page will be an image of but 1 x 1½ inches. The rolls of film are then placed in vitreous and asbestos-lined stainless steel capsules which, after they have been sealed and evacuated, have inert gas pumped into them. Fifty such capsules will be placed in the Time Crypt and they will contain 320,000 pages of knowledge in microfilm which can be projected to the original size, or larger.

Cecil A. Poole, Supreme Secretary of the Rosicrucian Order, said that the request for the Rosicrucian manuscripts was made because they represent a contemporary philosophy having its roots in the systems of thought which began centuries before the present era. The Crypt will be officially sealed in May of 1940.

From the *Suffolk Citizen* (New York) newspaper, March 1940.



The Rosicrucian Orchestra performing in Francis Bacon Auditorium, Rosicrucian Park, 1940s.



Rosicrucian member, 1944.





Alchemy class in Alchemy Lab at Rosicrucian Park, 1946.



RCUI Class at Rosicrucian Park with RCUI Instructor Erwin Watermayer, 1947.

DAY-LONG PROGRAM

# AMORC Temple Dedication Today

By MILTON PHINNEY

San Jose's "second Chamber of Commerce," the organization which keeps the English and Spanish speaking world continually conscious of San Jose, AMORC, at "Ancient Mystical Order of the Rosy Cross," today dedicates its new \$225,000 Supreme Temple.

In that little bit of Egypt dropped from out the sky one day in the black between Naglee Park, Chapman and Randall Sts., hundreds of the members of this strangely American — and yet Egyptian — lodge will gather to dedicate one of the most beautiful buildings in the city.

"We are a Lodge, and not a religion," Cecil A. Poole, Supreme Secretary, points out.

Yet, throughout the world, the advertisements of the organization explain their adherence to strange beliefs of the Egyptian ancients.

The new building, to be dedicated in a series of meetings starting in the morning and continuing throughout the afternoon, is a two-story structure, which from the outside not unpleasingly architecturally resembles a two-story, six-windowed building, which it is.

Outside, it is a brown sightless building with blind pillars at the two-story entrance. Inside it is a beautiful reproduction of an unroofed old Temple of the Nile.

Air-conditioned because of its windowless construction, it has a foyer, a large lounge, cloakrooms and other rooms at the front, but by far most of its 55 by 120 foot space is taken up by the lodge room.

The floor is entirely tiled, and to the center is the altar. On both sides are the lodge members' seats, and at the four sides of the room the officers' stations — the most imposing of which is at the North, where, in miniature, are the banks of the Nile and the burial grounds of the Egyptian kings.

The ceiling gives the effect of open space, open sky. About the walls are huge murals depicting

day can be depicted not only in the miniatures backing the altar of the Imperator, but throughout the great room.

Ralph M. Lewis, Imperator of the order, will preside at today's dedication.

AMORC, with this Temple, adds to one of the most unusual Lodge headquarters in the world.

From this place, month after month, a group of 160 employees are constantly at work sending out more than 1,000,000 pieces of mail, in answer to inquiries to the tremendous world-wide advertising campaign conducted by the Rosierucians.

One section of the administrative area is devoted exclusively to



ROSIERUCIAN HOME—Above, staff artist Diana Bovee Saylor traces detail of one of the murals she executed for the main lodge room for Cecil A. Poole, Supreme Secretary of AMORC. Below is the exterior of the Temple as it will appear in crowds attending dedication ceremonies today.

—Photos by Mercury-News Staff Cameramen.



San Jose Mercury News, July 17, 1949. Top photograph shows Diana Bovee Saylor working on one of the murals in the Grand Temple, with Cecil Poole watching.

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Rosicrucian members on a day trip to the Redwood Forest.



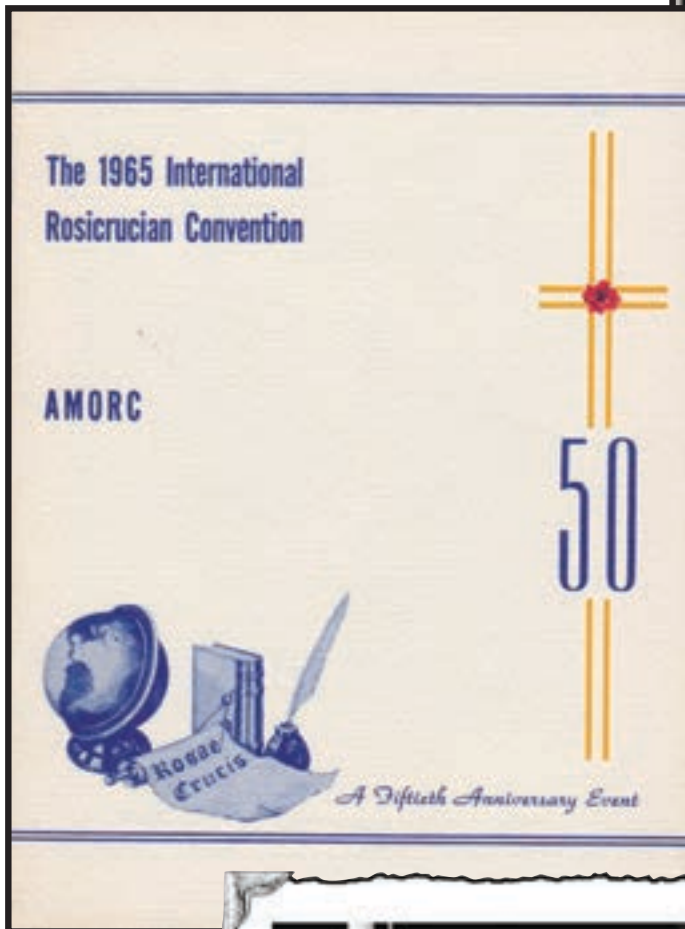




Imperator Ralph and Gladys Lewis with Rosicrucian members in the Caribbean.



Olive Asher, Inspector-General for Minneapolis (later TMO Administrator for the Grand Heptad), Lonnie Edwards, MD, Master, Nefertiti Lodge (later author of *Spiritual Laws that Govern the Universe and Humanity* and current Vice President of the Board of Directors of the English Grand Lodge), and Joseph Weed, Grand Councilor for the North Atlantic states (later author of the Rosicrucian book, *Wisdom of the Mystic Masters*), 1963.



1964 advertisement



Imperator Ralph M. Lewis and San Jose Mayor Joseph Pace at the opening of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, 1966.



From  
*Within The King's Chamber  
 of The Great Pyramid*



From the vast *inner* chamber of the Great Pyramid come sounds that stir the *inner* nature of man. The huge granite blocks *reverberate* with each intonation of the vowel sounds. It is as though they are again echoing the ritual liturgies that took place within this great chamber throughout the centuries.

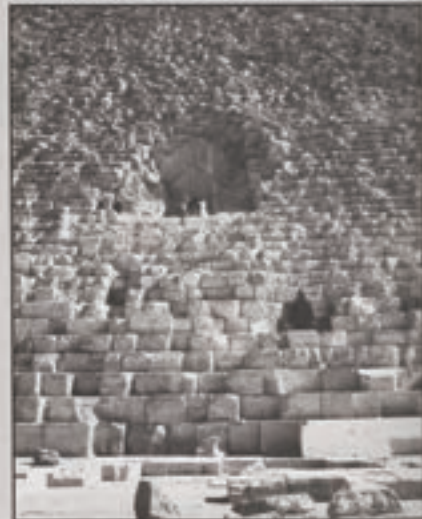
Standing before the great stone sarcophagus in the King's Chamber, intoning the vowels, is Frater Edward Lee of the Rosicrucian staff. He is dramatizing an occurrence which this King's Chamber must have often witnessed with pharaohs and high priests in attendance.

This cassette is the first recording of these traditional and significant intonations in the King's Chamber, of the Great Pyramid. The effect produced is both emotional and psychic. Side Two tells of a translation of an authentic Egyptian mystery school initiation.

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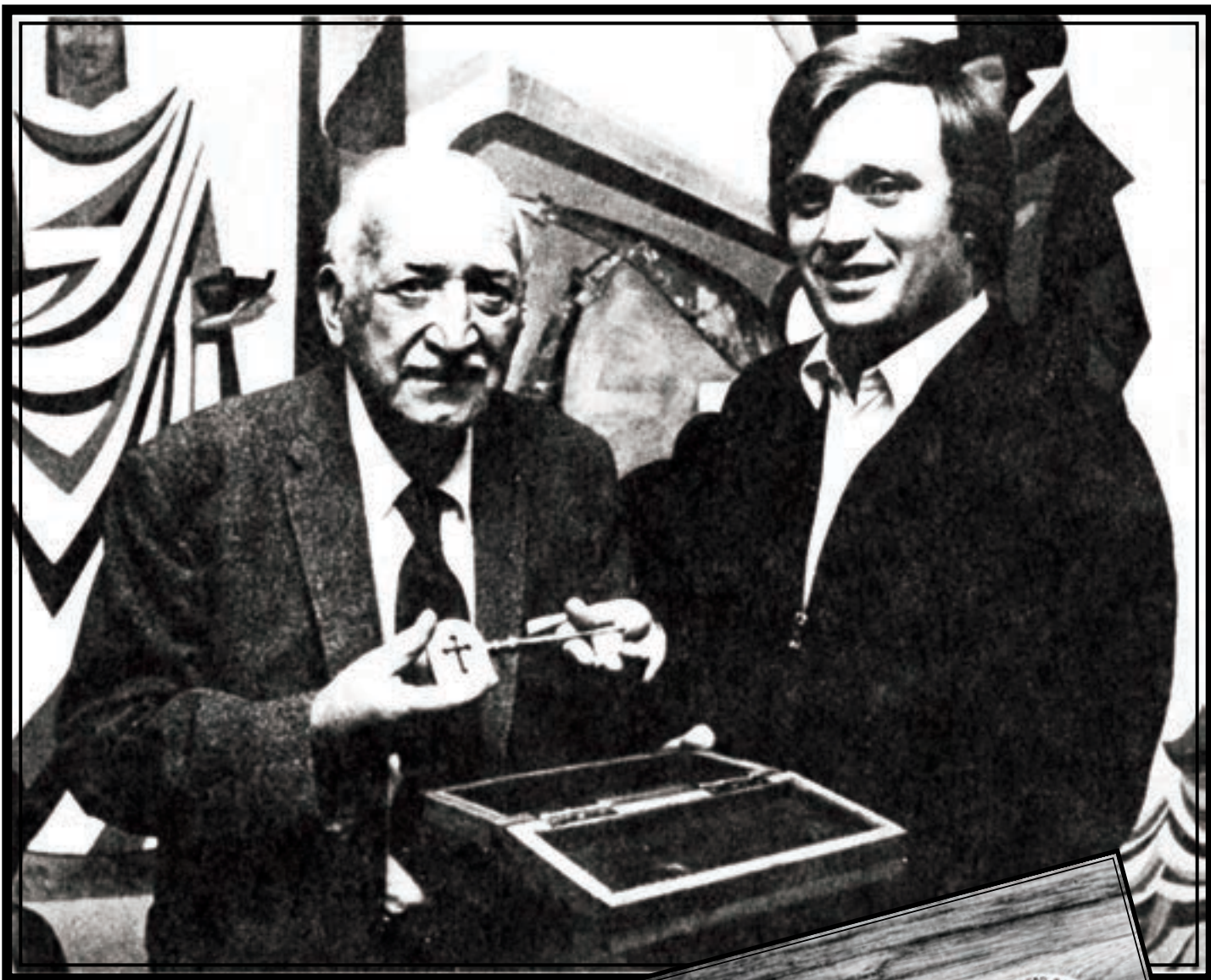
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Frater Edward Lee was on his way to a convention in Nigeria when Emperor Ralph M. Lewis asked him if he would stop in the Great Pyramid to record what would become the very well known "Vowel Sounds in the Great Pyramid" recording, 1972.





Frater Christian Bernard, then Grand Master of the French Grand Lodge, presents an inscribed key to the Gladys Lewis Auditorium in Paris to Emperor Ralph Lewis, on February 14, 1981, in honor of Ralph Lewis's birthday and his 60<sup>th</sup> year of membership in the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.





Frater Christian Bernard installed as Imperator, 1990.



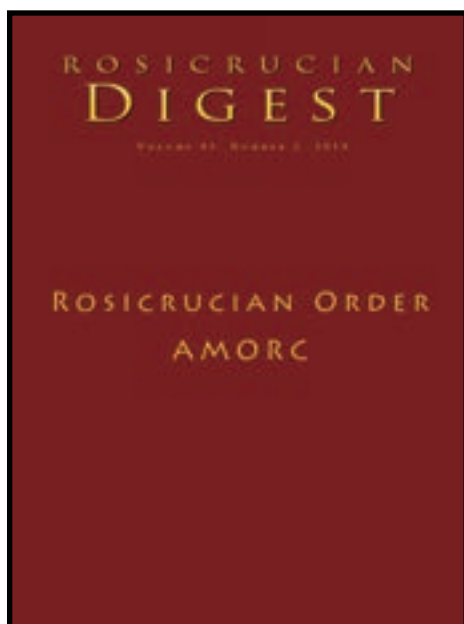
# ROSE CROIX

## JOURNAL

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[www.rosecroixjournal.org](http://www.rosecroixjournal.org).

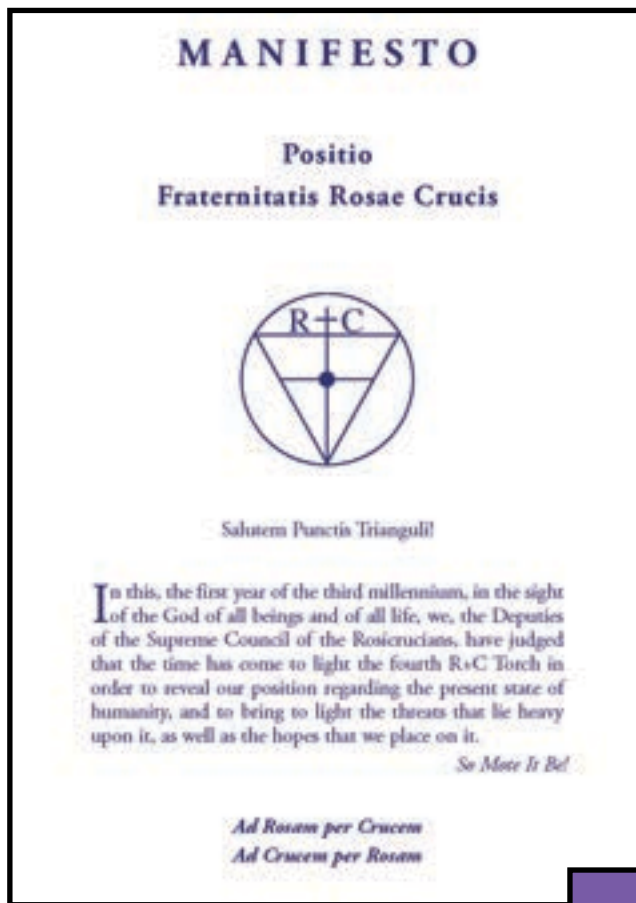


Rosicrucian Cultural Center of New York City, dedicated by Imperator Christian Bernard, March 2013.

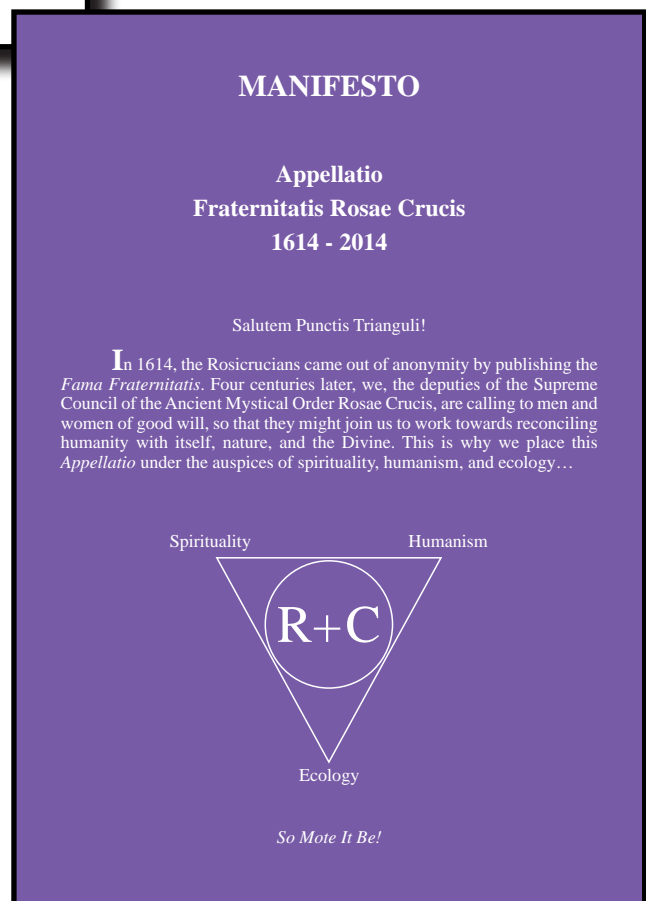


### Rosicrucian Digest

In 2014, the English Grand Lodge completed its series of seventeen issues of the *Rosicrucian Digest* featuring the most important traditions that have contributed to Rosicrucianism today, beginning with mysterious Atlantis and culminating with the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

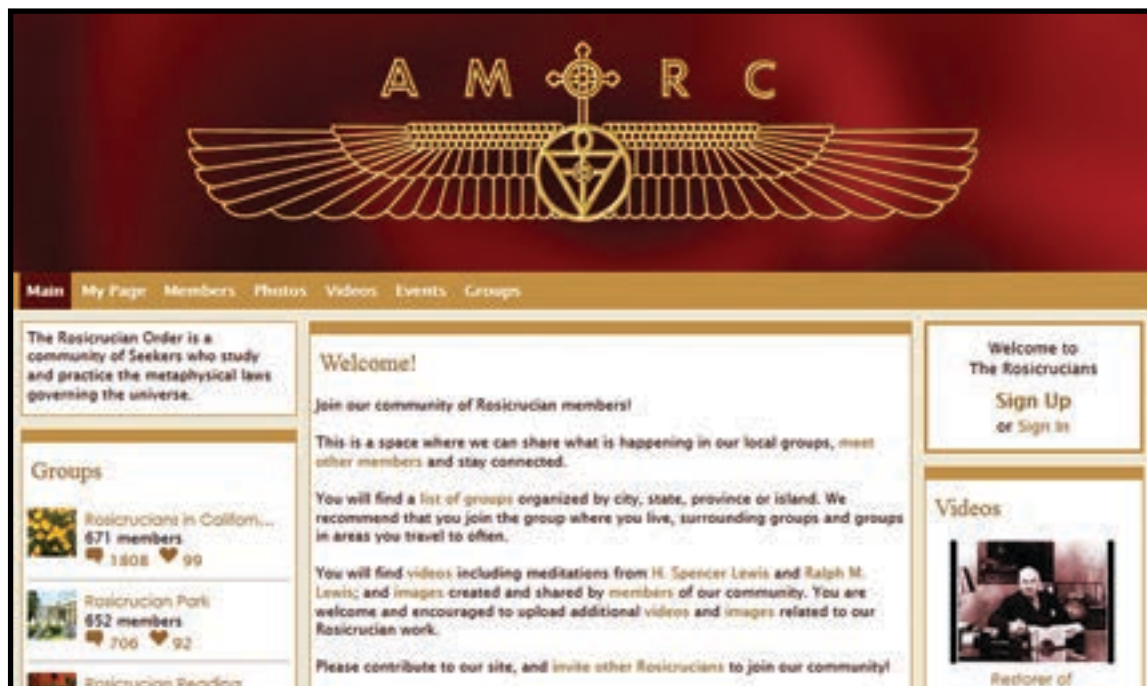


The fourth Rosicrucian Manifesto, 2001.



The fifth Rosicrucian manifesto, 2014.





Launched in 2008, [www.rosicruciancommunity.org](http://www.rosicruciancommunity.org) connects Rosicrucian Members from throughout the world.



Launched in 2009, AMORC's Facebook page now has over 249,000 followers.



Launched in 2009, AMORC's Twitter page now has over 7,000 followers.



Launched in 2015, AMORC's Instagram page is a place for guests to Rosicrucian Park to share their images of the beautiful gardens and museum collection.





The Board of Directors of the English Grand Lodge for the Americas of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. President, Grand Master Julie Scott, Vice President Lonnie Edwards, M.D., Treasurer Julian Johnson, Secretary Karen Wark.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 12, 2015

I am pleased to join in celebrating your 100th anniversary.

In America, history is not only made by presidents and generals. Change often comes when caring and engaged individuals join together to build a brighter, stronger future for themselves and for the generations to come.

For years, you have carried forward a proud tradition. By daring to imagine the world as it could be and working tirelessly to realize that vision, you are helping America reach a better tomorrow.

Congratulations on your anniversary. As you reflect on your years of service to your community, I hope you take pride in what you have achieved. I wish you all the best for the years ahead.



# *Rosicrucian Park*



## **Akhnaton Shrine**

The Akhnaton Shrine commemorates the lives of AMORC's founder and Emperor H. Spencer Lewis (1883 – 1939), Emperor Ralph M. Lewis (1904 – 1987), and other devoted members and officers of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. Rosicrucian members visit this shrine to meditate and honor the memories of these dedicated Rosicrucians.



### **Alchemy Exhibit**

In anticipation of the opening of the new Alchemy Museum at Rosicrucian Park, the new Alchemy Exhibit (curated by Frater Dennis Hauck) features a journey through the seven stages of the Alchemical process, a meditation chamber, and a full-size reproduction of an Alchemist's workshop.



### **Alchemy Garden**

The new Alchemy Garden at Rosicrucian Park features four elemental gardens, each representing one of the primary elements of Alchemy - Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. Each elemental garden culminates in a raised planter at the center of the garden, formed in the shape of the Alchemical symbol that represents that garden's element. Each planter contains plants associated with the respective element, for use in the Alchemy Laboratory.

All of the plants throughout the garden are native to northern California or are drought tolerant and represent characteristics of the respective alchemical elements, by showing the appropriate colors, characteristics, or ecological habitat associations. For example, native plants that are ecologically adapted to fire are in the Fire Garden, along with plants with red flowers, bark, berries, etc.

Alchemy is one of the mystical traditions that greatly contributed to the Rosicrucian Tradition and is studied by Rosicrucian students.





## Grand Temple

This beautiful and inspiring building is modeled after the great Temple of Hathor at Dendera in ancient Egypt. The Grand Temple was dedicated on July 17, 1949 with water from sacred rivers around the world and continues to be the spiritual and mystical home for Rosicrucians throughout the world.



### Obelisk

This obelisk is a three-quarter size replica of the original which stood before the House of the Sun at Heliopolis – the Biblical city of “On” – in 2300 BCE. Obelisks represented a connection with the Divine to the ancient Egyptians. The hieroglyphs say in part: Horus, the one born of life, King of the North and South, Kheper-Ka-Ra.



### Peace Pole

This beautiful hand-crafted monument displays “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in twelve languages. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles planted in 180 countries around the world - all dedicated as monuments to Peace.

Each year the United Nations celebrates September 21 as the International Day of Peace. Peacebuilders everywhere perform a powerful act of planetary acupuncture on this date by sending energy through all the Peace Poles around the planet for a Global Attunement of Peace.

At Rosicrucian Park we also celebrate the Rosicrucian Day of Peace on the fourth Sunday of June. All are welcome.





## Pythagoras Statue

Pythagoras (ca. 570 to 490 BCE) is one of the most important philosophers in the history of the Western world.

He deeply influenced astronomy, cosmology, mathematics, and philosophy – especially the Rosicrucian Tradition. The Pythagorean Way of Life serves as a model of moral and ethical values that deeply resonate with the Rosicrucian Tradition. His study of the universe was inspired by his desire to feel a closer connection with the Divine. This inquiry, initiated 2,500 years ago, can rightly be called the beginning of the scientific inquiry that continues to today.

This statue is an authorized reproduction of the original created by Nicholas Ikaris, which stands at the harbor of Pythagorio, Samos, Greece – the birthplace of Pythagoras.

As with the Magician or Magus card in the tarot and Hermes Trismegistus in the Hermetic Tradition (As above, so below), Pythagoras stands with his right arm extended upward and his left arm down at his side, holding a right triangle. Pythagoras gazes upward toward the *Cosmos*, a term that he coined to describe the great, harmonious whole. Cosmos means: Something beautiful to look at.



## **Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum**

Architecturally inspired by the Temple of Amon at Karnak, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum houses the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts on display in Western North America, including objects from pre-dynastic times through Egypt's early Islamic era, as well as Assyrian and Babylonian artifacts.

The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum continues to enrich the community with many cultural and educational activities.

### HISTORY

The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum began with one small artifact (see RC1 on next page), a Sekhmet (lion goddess) statue, which stood on the desk of H. Spencer Lewis, the founder of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

In the 1920s AMORC supported the excavations of the Egypt Exploration Society in Tel-el-Amarna (Akhetaten), the city of the Pharaoh Akhnaton. In gratitude, the Egypt Exploration Society donated several artifacts from their finds to AMORC.

H. Spencer Lewis encouraged members to add to this collection, which they did.

In 1927 H. Spencer Lewis conceived of a public collection. He had glass cases built for the artifacts on the second floor of AMORC's Administration building.

In 1929 AMORC sponsored an initiatic journey through Egypt, led by H. Spencer Lewis. This trip generated much enthusiasm, which resulted in additional donations of artifacts and funds for the Museum.

By 1932 the collection had outgrown its second-floor home, so an additional building was constructed – the Rosicrucian Egyptian Oriental Museum.

Ralph M. Lewis, H. Spencer Lewis's son and successor as Imperator of AMORC, directed the growth of the Museum over the next few decades.



By the early 1960s the Museum's collection had grown to more than 2,000 artifacts. A fully modern and larger museum facility was now needed.

In 1965 Ralph Lewis personally led the research team that explored many tombs and temples in Egypt, on which the new Museum building was modeled.

In November 1966 the new Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum opened.

Today the Museum, with over 4,000 artifacts, houses the largest collection of authentic ancient Egyptian artifacts on display in Western North America.

The Museum hosts more than 100,000 guests per year, including 26,000 school children.

The Museum highly values collaborative research and in recent years has worked on projects with: Stanford University, UCLA, NASA Ames Bio-computation Lab, the British Museum, National Geographic, the History Channel, and others.

The Museum's future looks promising with new exhibits, tours, and workshops, continuing research and scholarship, and a perennial commitment to education and service.



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This incense burner was used during rituals in an ancient Egyptian temple.



Sekmet statue – RC1 – the first artifact in the collection that would become the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum.

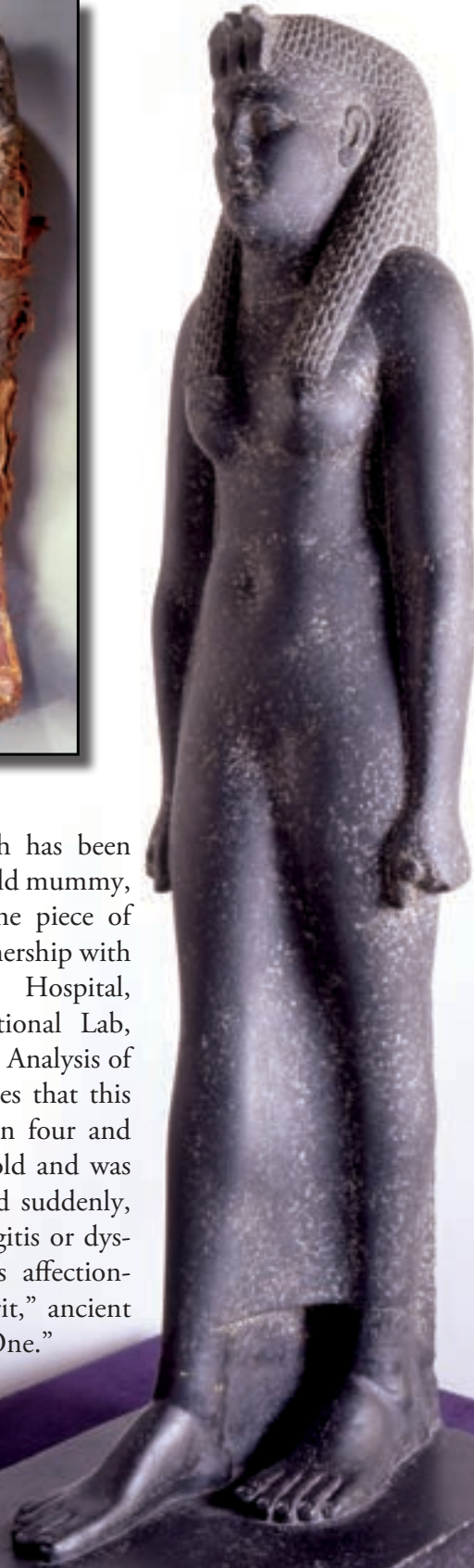


### Sherit

Extensive research has been conducted on this child mummy, without removing one piece of linen, through a partnership with Stanford University Hospital, NASA Bio-computational Lab, and Silicon Graphics. Analysis of the CT scans indicates that this little girl was between four and a half and six years old and was healthy until she died suddenly, possibly from meningitis or dysentery. Today she is affectionately known as “Sherit,” ancient Egyptian for “Little One.”



Akhnaton ring – This ring, on display in the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, once belonged to the Pharaoh Akhnaton, early in his reign, before he changed his name.



### Cleopatra VII

This is one of only five existing statues of Cleopatra in the world.





## **Rosicrucian Labyrinth**

The Rosicrucian Labyrinth is based on the design of the Chartres Labyrinth, which has inspired spiritual wayfarers for at least 800 years. Labyrinths around the world have been effective meditation tools for millennia.

The paths of the Rosicrucian Labyrinth are surrounded by native plants, which create the outline of the labyrinth design. The paths were built sufficiently wide so that guests in wheelchairs can easily navigate the turns. An oak grove, sacred in many of the ancient mystery traditions, surrounds the Labyrinth.

This beautiful Labyrinth, accessible to all and nestled within a sacred grove, provides the opportunity for the hundreds of thousands of members and guests who visit Rosicrucian Park each year to experience its tranquility in new and profound ways. It also demonstrates the benefits of living in harmony with our environment and our natural resources – a principle at the core of the Rosicrucian teachings and a practice especially important at this time in humanity's history.



### **Rosicrucian Peace Garden**

*What you see before you is a manifestation of the love Rosicrucians feel for this place that we call Rosicrucian Park and the commitment we feel toward the ideals of Peace and Tolerance.*

-Grand Master Julie Scott, Rosicrucian Peace Garden dedication speech, 2004

This beautiful educational garden, authentic to the Eighteenth Dynasty of ancient Egypt, is based on examples of gardens from the remains of the city of Akhetaton, now called Amarna. The ancient Egyptians would relax in a garden like this next to their home—a garden full of medicinal plants and beautiful and fragrant flowers.

Thoughtful attention was given to every detail in the Rosicrucian Peace Garden, creating a truly educational and inspirational experience for guests at Rosicrucian Park.

Rosicrucians and friends around the world celebrate the Rosicrucian Day of Peace on the fourth Sunday of June each year.

*I contribute to Peace when I respect Nature and preserve it for generations to come.*





### Rosicrucian Planetarium

This building of Moorish design (honoring the important contributions of the Arab astronomers) was the fifth planetarium built in the United States and the first to house an American-made star projector, designed and constructed by H. Spencer Lewis. Today complimentary space shows are presented daily.



Right: H. Spencer Lewis demonstrating the new star projector that he had personally made by hand. From *The San Jose News*, 1936.



## **Rosicrucian Research Library**

The collection of the Rosicrucian Research Library began in the early 1900s. The current building, envisioned by Ralph M. Lewis, was designed by his brother, architect Earle Lewis, and was constructed in 1939.

Dedicated to the pursuit of Rosicrucian knowledge, the Rosicrucian Research Library contains a remarkable collection of books and other research materials on most esoteric subjects, as well as cultural, scientific, and other fascinating material.

Rosicrucian members, visiting scholars, students, and interested members of the public are welcome to study here.

The new Rare Books Room displays some of the Library's most important works, including the Rosicrucian Manifestos of the early 1600s, rare books by Jacob Boehme, Michael Maier, Robert Fludd, Francis Bacon, Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin, and other exceptional works.

*Fama Fraternitatis, Confessio Fraternitatis, Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz.* The Rosicrucian Manifestos. 1616.

- *Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*, hand colored by Emperor H. Spencer Lewis.
- *Of Errors and Truth* by Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin, 1775.
- *Rosicrucian Reflections* by Emperor Christian Bernard. First edition, signed, 2012.





Rosicrucian Park has been organic since the year 2000 and since 2005 more than 5,000 native plants have been planted, replacing water-hungry lawns, resulting in a savings of more than 10 million gallons of water per year!



Grand Master Julie Scott receives a proclamation from San Jose mayor, Ron Gonzalez, celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum.



Alchemist Dennis Hauck, Ph.D., FRC, leading members and guests on a tour of the new Alchemy Exhibit at Rosicrucian Park at the Exhibit Opening, June 2015.



Grand Master Julie Scott and members at the Dedication of the new Rosicrucian Labyrinth, June 2015.



*Spreading the Light*  
*Rosicrucian Artists*

**H. Spencer Lewis**

(1883 – 1939)

Artist, writer, musician, mystic, and co-founder of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.





*Mother of the World.* Reprinted with permission of the Nicholas Roerich Museum.

## **Nicholas Roerich**

(1874 – 1947)

Prolific painter (he created almost 7,000 works of art), peace activist, writer, archaeologist, and philosopher, Nicholas Roerich served as the Rosicrucian Order's Legate in the Himalayas. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times, in relation to his proposed treaty for the protection of cultural treasures during times of both war and peace. This eventually became the Roerich Pact, which was signed by the United States in 1935 and is still in effect.





## Diego Rivera

(1886 – 1957)

This painting entitled, *Quetzalcoatl Serpiente Emplumada* (Quetzalcoatl Feathered Serpent) was painted in 1926 by Rosicrucian Diego Rivera for Quetzalcoatl Lodge in Mexico City.



## Leopold de Postels

(1910 – ?)

## Diana Boveé Salyer

(twentieth century)

The walls of the Grand Temple are decorated with beautiful murals created by Rosicrucian artist Diana Boveé Salyer, former staff artist of the Los Angeles County Museum. Soror Salyer created life size stencil drawings (still in our archives) which members used to draw the outlines of the images in the Grand Temple and then filled them in with color.



*Hatshepsut's Initiation*, in the Grand Temple, San Jose.



## Nicomedes Gomez

(1903 – 1983)

Nicomedes Gomez was a humanist, symbolist, artist, and philosopher. This painting, entitled “The Cathedral of the Soul,” was presented to Ralph M. Lewis at the third European Convention, in memory of H. Spencer Lewis. It received an Honorary Award from the City of Pau, with the Medal of Vermeil, in October 1963.



*The Cathedral of the Soul.* Nicomedes Gomez.

# Rosicrucian Writers

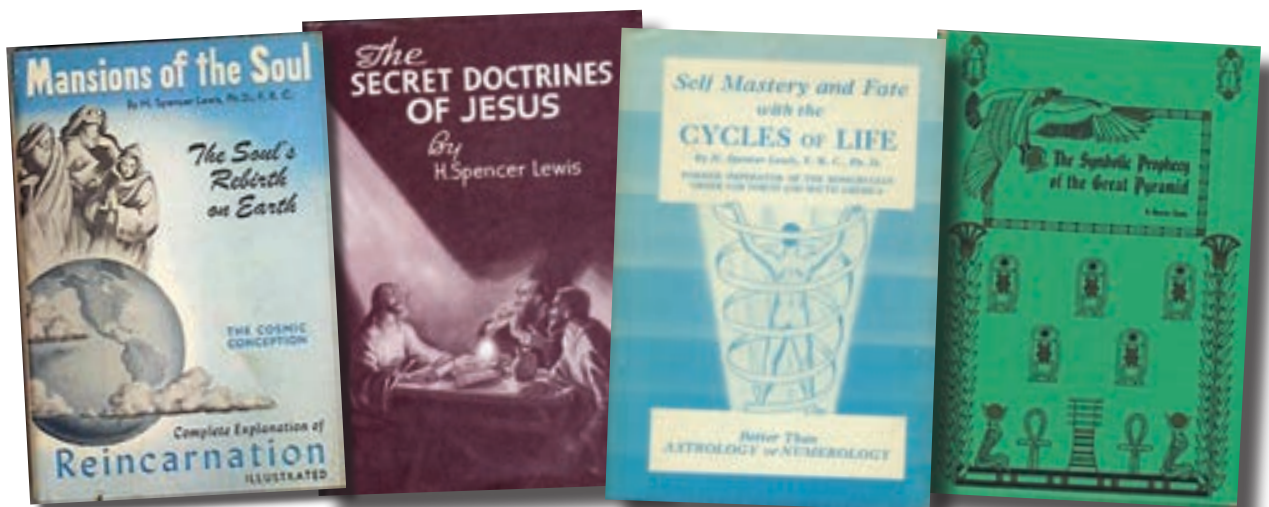


**H. Spencer Lewis**

(1883 - 1939)

*There is nothing so inspiring,  
so filled with peace, happiness,  
perfect health, joy, and contentment  
as the development of  
the spiritual nature.*

Co-founder of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, H. Spencer Lewis wrote more than two dozen books and booklets, many articles for magazines, which he also published, and the first monographs based on ancient manuscripts he had been allowed to view during his initiation into the Rosicrucian Tradition in France and through later inspirations.



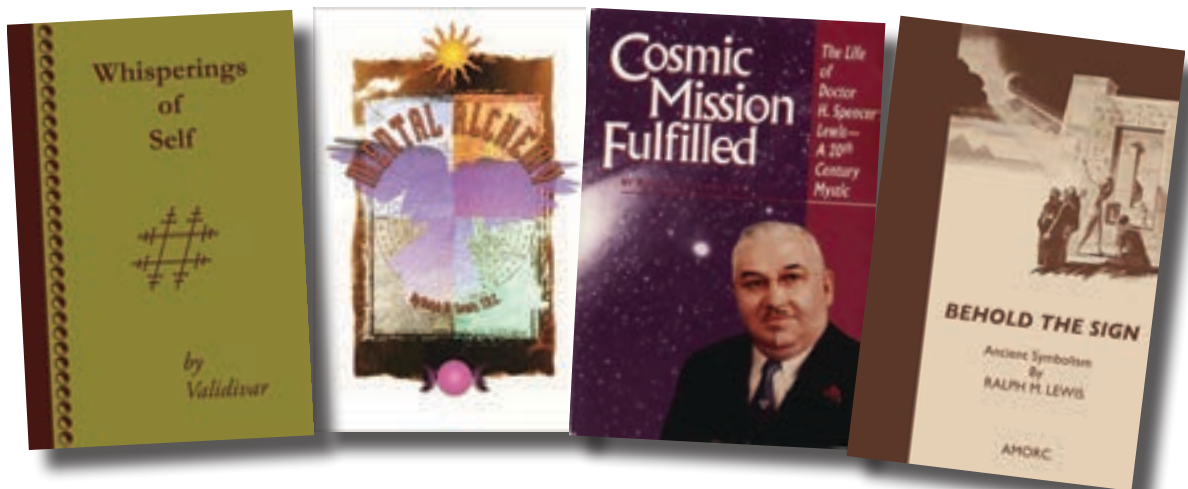


## Ralph Lewis

(1904 – 1987)

*Try to live life so that some part of each day will satisfy a healthy and natural desire. Ideally, contentment should be cumulative daily, not a sudden prize at the end of life.*

Author, photographer, humanitarian, and Imperator of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC from 1939 to 1987. He also wrote under his mystical name, Sar Validivar.



## Christian Bernard

(1952 – )

*Let us learn to let go, to not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the circumstances and conditions of this world. Let us constantly remember that at the heart of ourselves, as at the heart of all human beings, there forever stands a silent and watchful guardian: the Master Within.*



Christian Bernard has served as the Imperator of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC since 1990 and has devoted his life to working tirelessly for the Order for five decades. He has written two books, *So Mote It Be!* and *Rosicrucian Reflections*, numerous articles, and many programs and discourses presented at Rosicrucian conventions.





## Ella Wheeler Wilcox

(1850 – 1919)

*Laugh,  
and the world laughs with you;  
Weep, and you weep alone.*

These often-quoted lines were written by a young woman who was destined to become one of the world's most popular female poets as well as a great mystic and Rosicrucian. Ella Wheeler Wilcox served as a member of the Supreme Council of AMORC in its early days. Until her transition in 1919, Ella Wheeler Wilcox was instrumental in helping to establish the young Order in America.

This was her favorite photograph of herself.



## Marie Corelli

(1855 – 1924)

*Unhappiness simply means life  
being put to the wrong uses.*

Marie Corelli, a British writer and early feminist, was one of the most popular novelists of her time. Winston Churchill collected her works and she was Queen Victoria's favorite writer. Marie Corelli's father and grandfather had been prominent members of the Order in Italy. When she learned of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC in America, she became a member.





## Elbert Hubbard

(1856 – 1915)

*Character is the result of two things:  
mental attitude and the way we spend  
our time.*

Elbert and Alice Hubbard were progressive philosophers and leaders of the influential Roycroft Arts and Crafts movement of East Aurora, New York that began in 1895. Elbert Hubbard was a prolific writer, publisher, and artist. He and H. Spencer Lewis were close personal friends. Elbert Hubbard served on the first Supreme Council of AMORC. In 1915, he wrote to H. Spencer Lewis promising further support upon his return from a lecture tour of Europe, however, he and Alice died aboard the torpedoed ship, the *Lusitania*.

## Lonnie Edwards, M.D.

*Our thoughts are contagious and  
they create and manifest their own  
kind. To create an environment  
of mutual respect, right relations,  
happiness, and harmony, we should  
have the intention in our hearts that  
all human beings have the right to  
advance in life, and that they have  
the right to think and live the way  
they choose, as long as they do not  
interfere with the rights, privileges,  
and dignity of others.*



Lonnie C. Edwards, M.D. serves as the Vice President of the English Grand Lodge for the Americas. He is a frequent presenter, RCUI instructor, and the author of the popular book and DVD series entitled *Spiritual Laws that Govern Humanity and the Universe*.



# Rosicrucian Musicians

## **Sy Miller and Jill Jackson Miller**

(1908 – 1971) and (1913 – 1995)

Rosicrucians Sy and Jill Miller wrote the music and lyrics to *Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with Me* in 1955, sharing their dream of peace for the world and how they believed each one of us could help create it. Today it is one of the most recognized pieces of music in the United States.



## **Albert Ferber**

(1911 – 1987)

Albert Ferber was a classical pianist whose extraordinary international performing career spanned four decades. He recorded "Sanctum Concert" on the Rosicrucian label, which includes meditative pieces of music, such as "Clare de Lune" by Claude Debussy, also a Rosicrucian.

## **Edith Piaf**

(1915 - 1963)

The lyrics to *La Vie en Rose* were written in 1945 by Rosicrucian Edith Piaf, one of France's most well known and beloved artists. She wrote more than eighty songs during her career. Her recording of *La Vie en Rose* became like a national anthem to help France recover from the horrors of World War II. In 1957, Edith Piaf (front row, center), accompanied by her secretary and members of the French Grand Lodge, paid a visit to Rosicrucian Park.



## **Alvin Batiste**

(1932 – 2007)

Alvin Batiste was an avant garde jazz clarinetist who taught at his own jazz institute at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His performances included concerts at Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center and frequent performances in New Orleans. Many Rosicrucians remember his special performance at the 2002 AMORC Convention in Atlanta of his composition – *The Endocrine Song*, celebrating the most important Rosicrucian psychic centers.







# *The Future*







*The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC  
of the future perpetuates  
the Rosicrucian teachings and  
contributes to the evolution of consciousness.*



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