

The Egregore





H. Spencer Lewis.



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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.



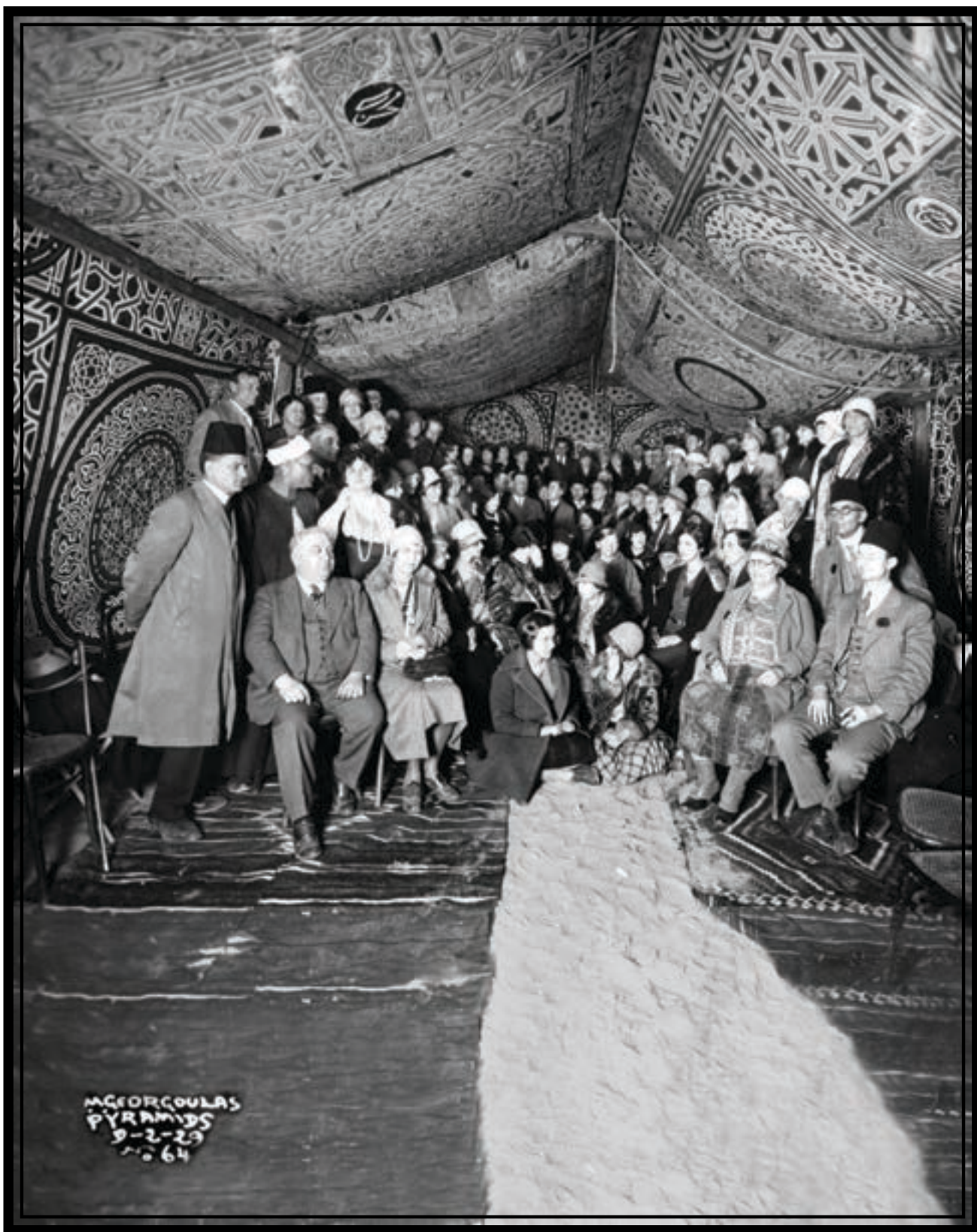
H. Spencer Lewis in Carmel, California in 1918. Note the map in his hands from which he found the clues as to the location of the buried records left by the mystics who came to the Pacific Coast with Vizcaino in 1602. In was on this trip that H. Spencer Lewis decided to move the headquarters of the Order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



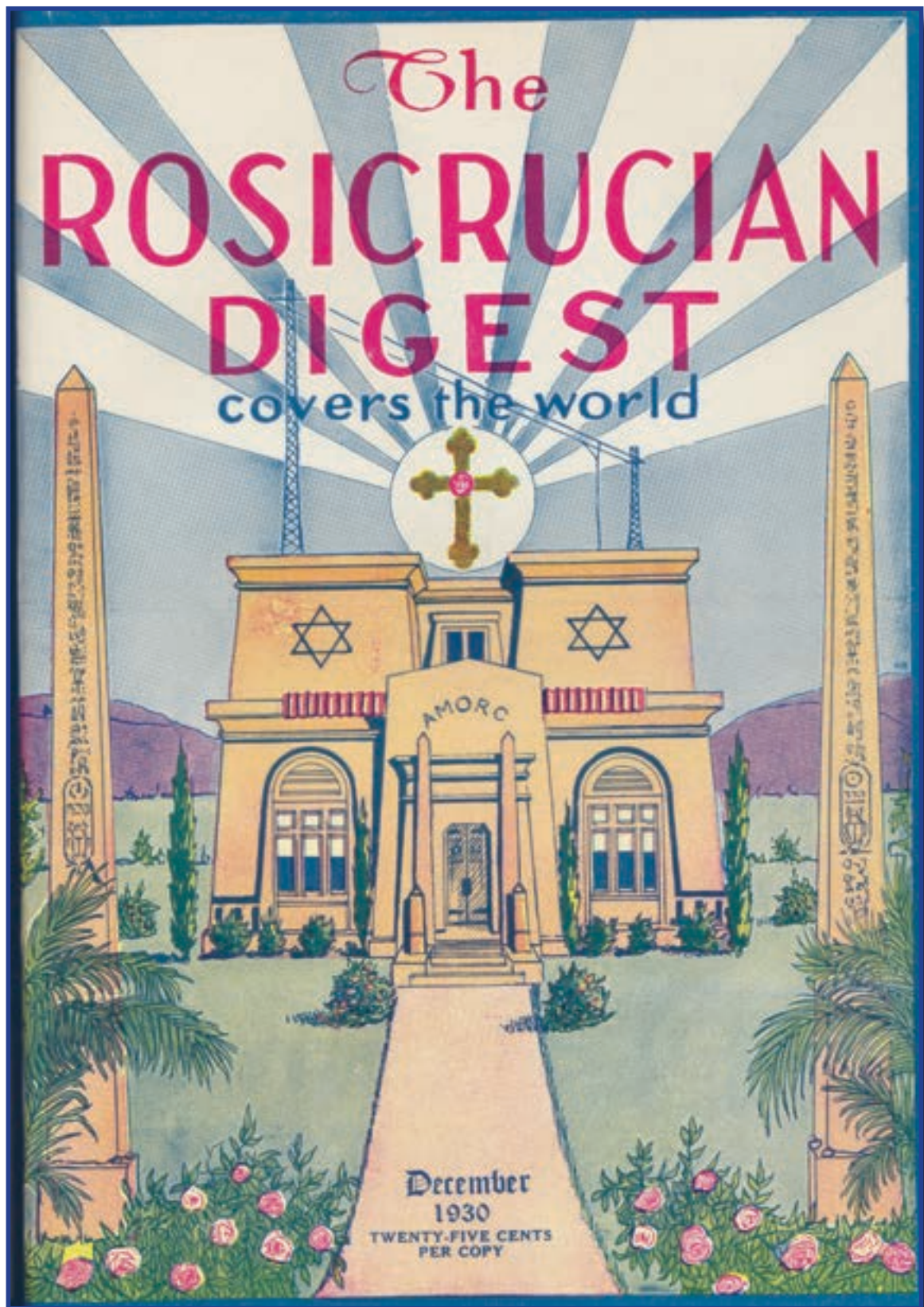
Ralph M. Lewis working from the headquarters of the Order in San Francisco, 1924.



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



Rosicrucian Initiatic Journey to Egypt, 1929.



Let us get acquainted

We are your neighbors here in San Jose,
We are known all over the World—but—
Do YOU know the Rosicrucians?



Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, F.R.C.
National Head of the Rosicrucians
a Resident of San Jose
and World Traveler and Lecturer

Hundreds of prominent men and women visit us yearly from all parts of the World, and reside here in San Jose for days. Hundreds of local residents visit our Oriental Museum and Egyptian Building monthly. We have made San Jose known to millions throughout the World—but there may be a few in this district who do not know us. What would YOU say to a stranger who asked you about us? Would your Civic Pride let you admit that you knew less about us than a man living in Europe?

Here are some very interesting facts YOU should know

What the Rosicrucians are—and are not.

The Rosicrucians and the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, constitute a fraternal organization of very old and honored history. The organization is NOT a Church nor a religious or sectarian organization.

In fact, the Rosicrucian Brotherhood is an order of a religious organization that the Rosicrucians, the Old Fellows, the Elders, and many other similar bodies. It is older than some of these, more universally organized in one body, and has different purposes, but its membership is open to women as well as men, and its members are of all ages, all tongues, and all religions throughout the whole civilized world.

It is a brotherhood devoted exclusively to the dissemination of knowledge that will enable men and women to live more abundantly, more successfully, more happily, and more peacefully. Its adherents have been the repository of the most precious knowledge of all ages, and this knowledge, so carefully preserved, is freely given to its members, but none else.

The outline of the Brotherhood is the cross with a red rose in its center. This is not a religious symbol. The cross is older than Christianity, and the rose is an ancient symbol of self-cultivation.

Famous in Early American History.

The Rosicrucians first came to America, at Philadelphia, before that city had a name, in 1694. Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson became officers of the organization after it had participated in the establishment of many of America's famous institutions. The Brotherhood has a glorious record in connection with the foundation of this Republic, as well as in the Congressional Library.

The Brotherhood first came to the Pacific Coast, near Carmel, early in the nineteenth century. Its first place of general headquarters was in San Jose. A later foundation was in this valley. That is why we have made San Jose the site of the headquarters for the whole of North America.

The organization had its traditional foundation in the United States before the Christian era, and during the life of Christ was well organized, and since then has been operative in every civilized land. Thousands of historical books refer to its great work in behalf of civilization, and the world's most eminent characters have been Rosicrucians.

Transmutation and other organizations have degenerated in their work since the time of the original Rosicrucians.

What the Rosicrucians freely offer to others.

The Rosicrucian Brotherhood offers to men and women an opportunity to become better acquainted with the highest faculties that remain dormant in each one of us until awakened and trained to perform the most marvelous achievements.

The organization offers a vast storehouse of practical and fascinating knowledge relating to our human possibilities—our ability to learn, fully realize our environment as we wish it, to dominate the elements in life's changing scenes, to control success, perfect health, and happiness. It reveals in simple and indisputable manner the truth of the power of inner-will to accomplish in life what the outer-will cannot hope to do.

For centuries the organization has been known to possess the most precious secrets of life, such as Lord Palmerston, Sir Francis Bacon, Leonardo da Vinci, and thousands of other great men and women of glory acknowledge the achievements of the organization in behalf of its members.

Practically every teacher and lecturer on the subjects of New Thought, Mental Science, Popular Science, Cosmic Power, Abundant Living, and Modern Applied Psychology, has derived his knowledge from the Rosicrucian teachings, for this organization is the originator and master of such teachings.

Free Oriental Museum and Egyptian Temple.

The museum holds thousands of new and ancient to the Rosicrucian headquarters on Naglee Avenue each year. These museum displays are free.

First, there is the new Oriental Museum. In this new museum, which is open to all, are many of the most valuable and rare objects of a higher civilization. These objects of art, science, and nature are of the most valuable and rare objects of a higher civilization. These objects of art, science, and nature are of the most valuable and rare objects of a higher civilization.

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Our printing plant is largest in the Valley.

In a private commercial printing plant, doing all the printing of our organization and for other firms wishing work like the best quality possible, we have the largest plant of its kind between San Francisco and Los Angeles, located on West Fulton Street near the paper warehouse. An editorial and business office is maintained in the First National Bank building.

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We Can Help YOU.

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A View of the Oriental Museum, Egyptian Temple and other Administration Buildings of the Rosicrucian Headquarters on Naglee Ave., near Park Ave.

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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 13th to 18th 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: H. Spencer Lewis, Victor Blanchard, 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, or "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.

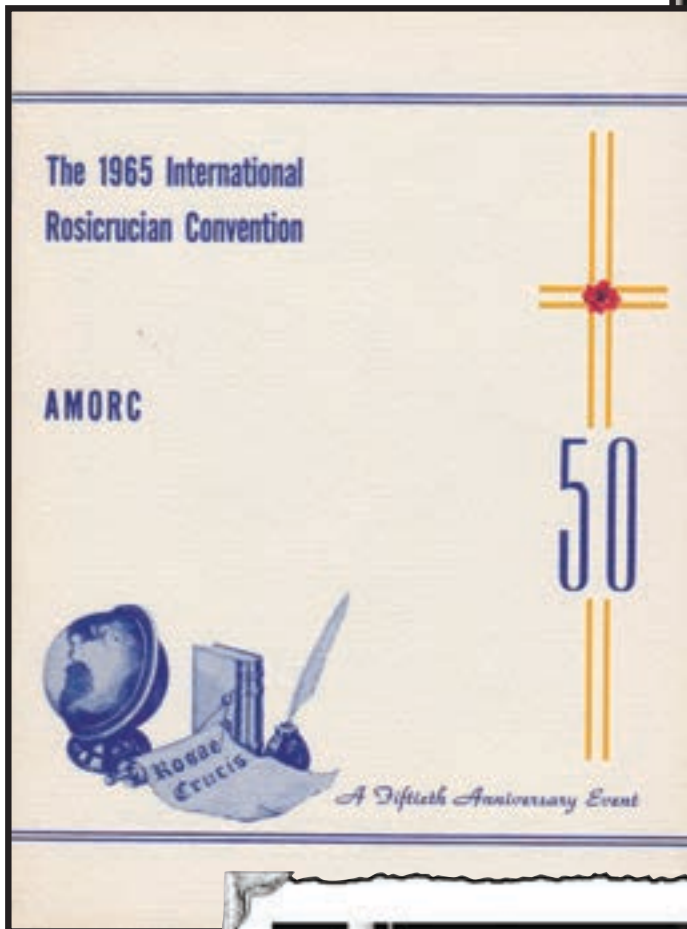




Imperator Ralph and Gladys Lewis with Rosicrucian members in the Caribbean.



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.

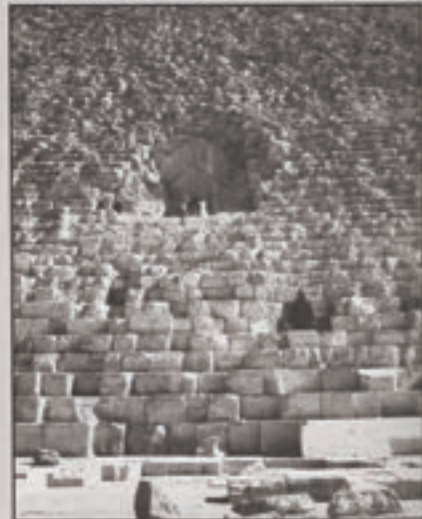
Standing before the great stone sarcophagus in the King's Chamber, intoning the vowels, is Frater Edward Lee of the Rosicrucian staff. He is dramatizing an occurrence which this King's Chamber must have often witnessed with pharaohs and high priests in attendance.

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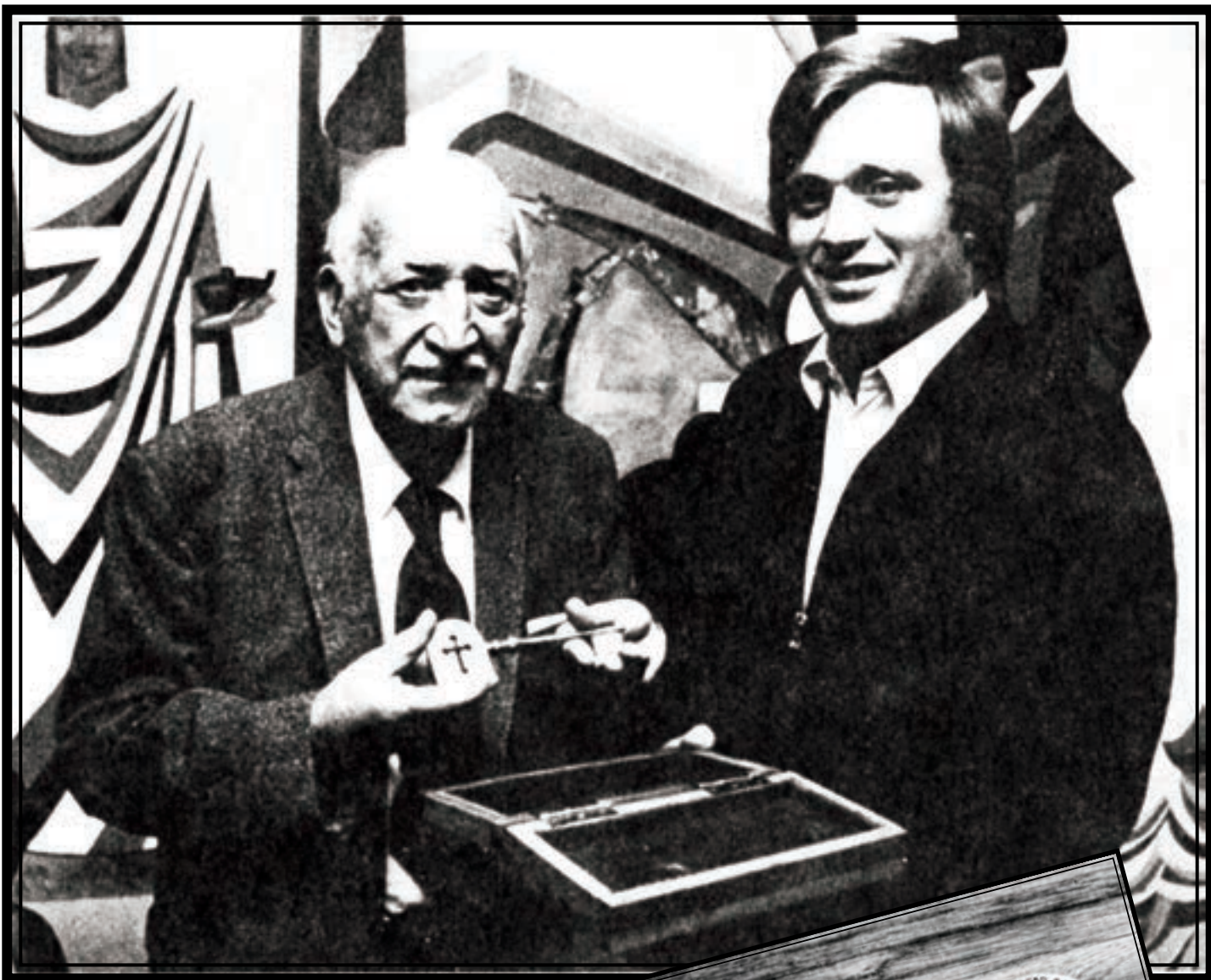
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Frater Edward Lee was on his way to a convention in Nigeria when Emperor Ralph M. Lewis asked him if he would stop in the Great Pyramid to record what would become the very well known "Vowel Sounds in the Great Pyramid" recording, 1972.



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 60th year of membership in the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.





Frater Christian Bernard installed as Imperator, 1990.

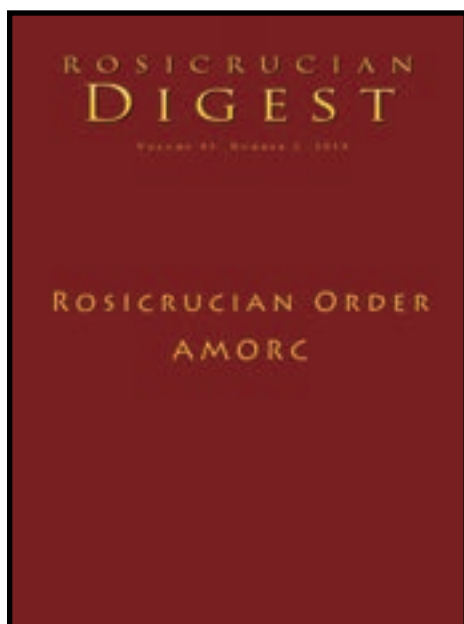
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AMORC's international, trans-disciplinary, peer-reviewed online journal, launched in 2004,
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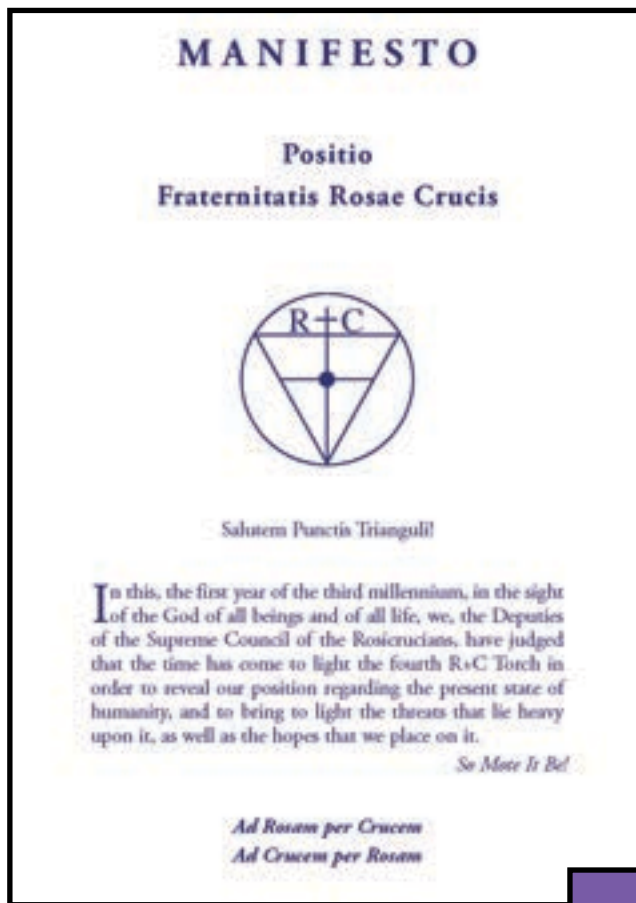


Rosicrucian Cultural Center of New York City, dedicated by Imperator Christian Bernard, March 2013.

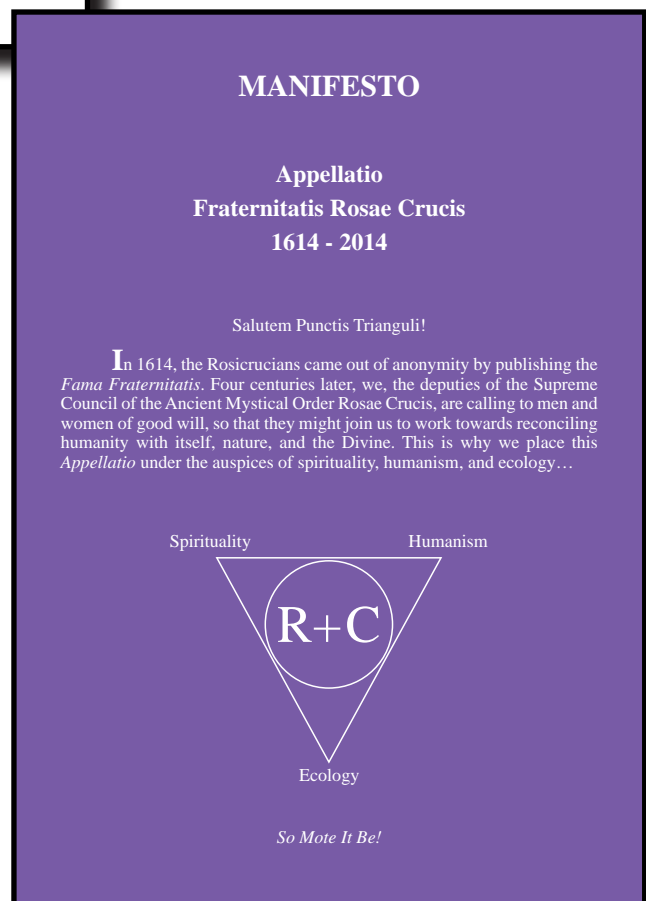


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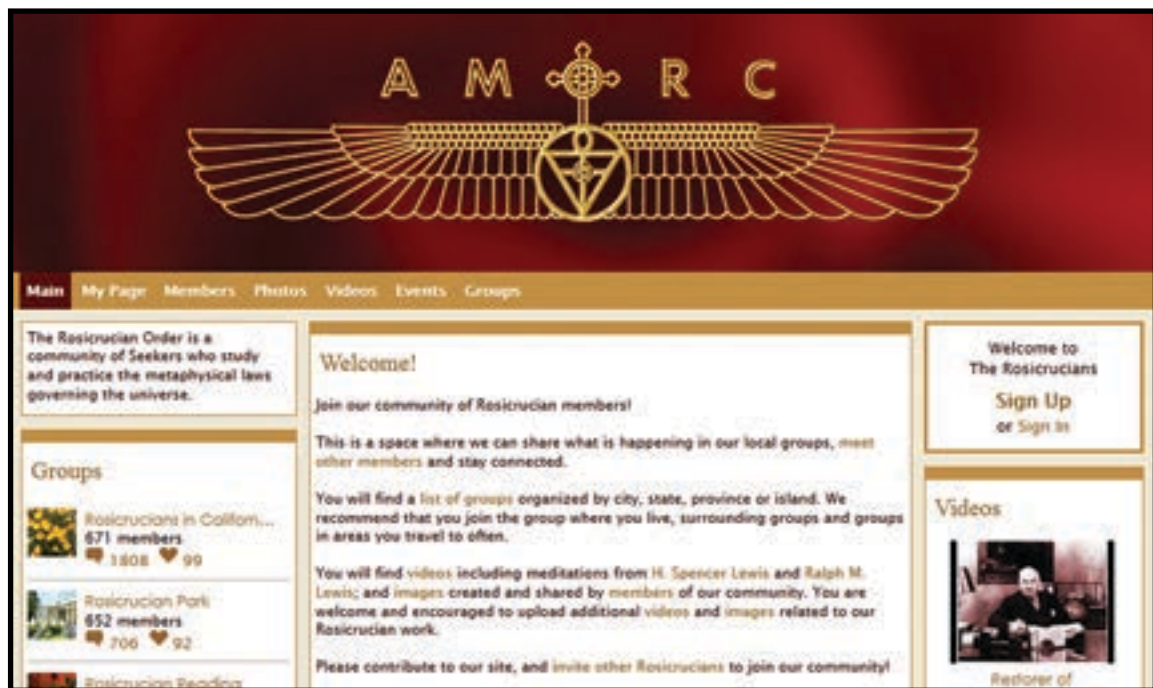
In 2014, the English Grand Lodge completed its series of seventeen issues of the *Rosicrucian Digest* featuring the most important traditions that have contributed to Rosicrucianism today, beginning with mysterious Atlantis and culminating with the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.



The fourth Rosicrucian Manifesto, 2001.



The fifth Rosicrucian manifesto, 2014.



Launched in 2008, www.rosicruciancommunity.org 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.