



Gran Conclave Imperiale per l'Italia
dell'Ordine Massonico e Militare della Croce Rossa di Costantino ed
Ordini collegati del Santo Sepolcro e di San Giovanni Evangelista

Address by the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign

Worthy Knights,

On April 20th 2002, M.III.Kt. [REDACTED], G.C.C., Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave for Germany of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine officially signed the Charter of the Grand Imperial Conclave for Italy and installed as its first Grand Sovereign the M.III.Kt. [REDACTED].

Thanks to the support provided by the German G.I.C. we were able to establish an Italian Conclave and to let it grow until we've had the possibility to create our own Grand Conclave.

This is what has happened 19 years ago and I admit that I am very excited in remembering this events and in particular what has been done by the previous Grand Sovereigns, [REDACTED] and of course, last but not least, [REDACTED].

Thanks to them and to their ideals, the Order has grown, it has developed, it has had its troubles, as it is normal, but it has always been able to go on.

Nineteen years ago the Red Cross of Constantine was already well known in many Countries, but not in Italy, where we had to face a lot of difficulties, i.e. the confusion between Orders and Rites that is still an important and often unclear issue. Our Order has a complex structure and here, in Italy, it could give rise to misleading interpretations.

We had to move to Italy a "body" based on new motivations and values, a reality that was very different from that of the already well known Rites. It is not difficult to guess which were the difficulties of working in these conditions.

This is our background, according to which we are still trying to let the Order develop and consolidate, spreading the principles of masonic chivalry which represent the core of the habits of each Knight. That's the reason why we are also trying to work on the instruction of all the members of the Order.

Being sure that teamwork is very important, we had started to promote the cooperation between some nearby Conclaves, so that they could support each other; the pandemic has unfortunately stopped that project but we are now using virtual meetings to meet twice a month to discuss various items, such as symbolism, history and rituals. We will then collect all these discussions in a sort of pamphlet that will surely be useful for us and for those who come after us too.



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We are also trying to heal the relations with foreign G.I.C.s who usually reciprocate with affection and friendship, thus representing for us an important example. To this end, we are now going to establish full recognition and amity with other jurisdictions, such as the G.I.C. for the State of Maine and the G.I.C. for Mauritius, and to re-appoint Grand Representatives for both the G.I.C. of Germany and Queensland. So, it is my pleasure to inform you that I recommend the following Knights for appointment as Grand Representatives:

- Grand Imperial Council for the State of Maine: R.III.Kt. [REDACTED], K.C.C.
- Grand Imperial Conclave of Germany: M.III.Kt. [REDACTED], G.C.C.
- Grand Imperial Conclave for Queensland: V.III.Kt. [REDACTED]
- Grand Imperial Conclave for Mauritius: Ven.Kt. [REDACTED]

Moreover, I cannot stress how grateful we are to the G.I.C. of England for the support we have always received.

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Concerning our dearest Slovenian Knights, we are sorry that the pandemic has stopped their project for the Consecration of their own Grand Conclave; anyway we know that the plan is only postponed. When the time comes we will be happy to act as well as the German Knights 19 years ago.

There is no doubt that what has been done is important, but what we have to do is even more important. We are sure we will do it thanks to our enthusiasm, as the will of the Order knows no obstacles.