

## THE NORTHEAST CORNER

Avete Fratres,

As I sit here composing this message, I am thinking about a number of things. First is the fantastic experience of our trip to Alexandria to participate with The High Council and presenting the Zelator Degree for our Rosicrucian Fratres from around the world. I cannot say how proud I am of the work we accomplished and the positive comments we received, especially from the Supreme Magus of SRIA. I sincerely appreciate those who made or attempted to make the journey South in such terrible weather. It was indeed a trial of endurance. Just imagine the thrill of working with Fratres of The High Council for the first time and finding out that what we had worked out for ourselves was correct. If you read the Secretary's minutes, you will have discovered that the College voted Honorary Membership to two of our Fratres for their service to New Hampshire College Wednesday and Thursday of AMD Week. My compliments to all.

Next is the anticipation of presenting the Degree of Theoricus at our April meeting. We have demonstrated to the world that New Hampshire College knows how to present ritual in a meaningful manner. I am looking forward to our next presentation for a couple of reasons - one, because it will be a new experience for us and two, because it means movement and growth for our Zelators in their journey in Rosicrucianism. I have no doubt that each of you participating in the work will demonstrate your usual high standards of work, and those receiving the deserved advancement will become more entrenched in the principles of the Society.

Also for the next meeting is our first Annual Meeting and election of Officers. I would remind everyone that there is no succession in SRICF and anyone of 4° or higher can express an interest in any position except Chief Adept. That position is filled by appointment by the Supreme Magus. I look forward to the elections, but not the Installation to follow. The CA is responsible for doing the work, but I have no ritual to work from!! Guess you will have to be satisfied with whatever I can generate from my fertile mind.

Finally, thanks to a suggestion from Fra. O'Sullivan, I bought an excellent book by Manley P. Hall called "The Secret Teachings of All Ages". I understand Fra. Alderfer has also purchased the book from Amazon.com and is willing to make a group purchase if anyone is interested. I have thoroughly enjoyed what I have finished to date, and have learned much about the background of our Society. Especially interesting to me were the chapters on how the Society communicated secretly with each other in manners that disguised their messages. Cipher codes of all kinds, secret alphabets, cryptograms of all sorts were employed to protect the alchemical secrets and philosophies most cherished by our Rosicrucian predecessors. As one who enjoys the thrill of a good problem to solve, I found the topic fascinating and hope I can find more time to devote to developing a better understanding of the process and the secrets protected. Apparently, almost anything could be and was coded with some message during the times when printed materials were hand set and designed. More difficult now, but not impossible. I encourage everyone to consider purchasing and studying the Manley P. Hall book.

Fratres, I cannot be more pleased with the progress New Hampshire College continues to make, and I sincerely look forward to greeting each of you personally on April 10.

Yours in the Mxxxxx Cxxxxx,

*Richard F. Cole, Jr., IX°*, Chief Adept

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