



Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

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Orient of Taiwan, on which the sun never sets

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A word from the Venerable Master



Dear brethren,

Happy summer!

Our Craft is in darkness in June and July, but there are work and challenges awaiting us when the summer is over. While we are still overjoyed by the success of the Spring conferral, the Fall conferral in Taipei is coming sooner than we thought! It will be held on Friday, 27th and Saturday, 28th of September, 2013 in Taipei. In order to achieve an equally successful event, we need as many helping hands as possible. Please look around brethren in your blue lodge and help to recruit candidates. The ritual teams need your participation, too. Please contact Brother Secretary Sir Knight Claude if you can help. Our Craft can only be advanced through the joint effort of all.

Looking forward to greeting many of you again in Taipei!

Fraternally yours,
Dennis Liao, 32°KCH
Venerable Master

Appointment



Due to health reasons, Ill. Tommy Weng has to resign from his position as Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Taiwan and China. His service and leadership for the years are highly appreciated. We sincerely hope his health will improve so that we may see him more often in our monthly meetings.

We have now the pleasure to announce the appointment of Ill. Norman Pin as a Deputy of the Supreme Council effective June 10, 2013. (See the appointment letter at end of this newsletter).

We congratulate him and look forward to his guidance and leadership in the many years to come.



The double headed Eagle

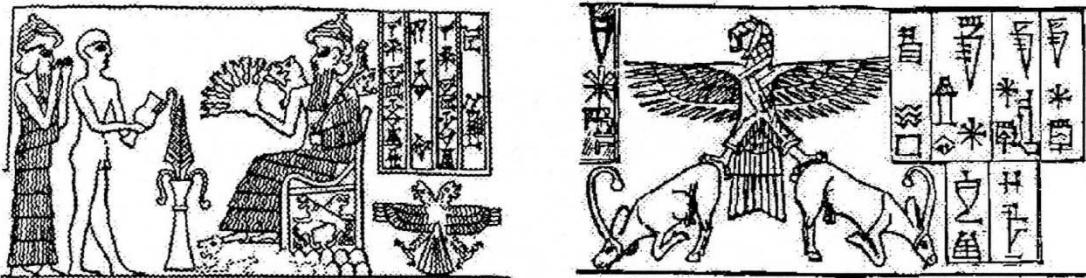
The eagle has carried since the remote antiquity a strong symbolism. Eagle, same as the lion, king of the beast, has been considered as the king of the birds, and accordingly carries a symbolism of power, and, flying high in the sky, a symbolism of height, security, and liberty. Represented with its wings displayed, it also symbolizes divine protection.

For these reasons it has been taken by the Roman Empire as emblem of power and protection. It was the only standard at the head of every legion. According to the legend, this choice was due to the fact that Romulus, the founder of Rome, first saw an eagle, when he was competing (in a sort of modern bird-watching exercise) with his brother Remus for who should be the founder of the new town.

The eagle is a solar symbol (like the pelican of the Rose-Croix). It may be because eagle is known as the only creature able to face the sun. In the Knight Rose Croix degree of his Moral and Dogma, Albert Pike wrote: "The Eagle was the living Symbol of the Egyptian God Mendes or Menthra, whom Sesostris-Ramses made one with Amun-Re, the God of Thebes and Upper Egypt, and the representative of the Sun, the word RE meaning Sun or King". It is a symbol of power and domination.

The double-headed eagle, contrarily to some monsters, is not a fabulous animal, but only the result of a combination of two eagles, looking in opposite directions. It appeared as such as the emblem of the Carolingian Empire with one eagle looking West towards Byzantium the other East towards Rome.

In fact, the eagle and even the double-headed eagle can be traced much earlier, in the old powerful Sumerian empire (the present Irak) as an emblem, in the city of Lagash, almost 2,000 years before the construction of king Solomon's Temple. Eagle was represented either simply, or double-headed, or with a lion's head.



The eagle was called the storm bird Imdugud, and was the symbol of the god of vegetation, Dumuzi, or Tammuz, or Abi, son of the mother earth, and lover of Ishtar or Astarte, to the glory of which King Solomon later erected a temple in Jerusalem. It must be also noted that some authors consider Tammuz as the father of Hiram Abiff.

The double headed appeared in Freemasonry with the development of high grades in France circa 1760 with the Order of the Royal Secret, the immediate predecessor of the Scottish Rite.

Fall Conferral

The Fall Conferral is scheduled in Taipei on September Friday 27th and Saturday, 28th, at the China Masonic Temple in Taipei. Should you know any possible candidate, please contact us for Application Form.

The initiation fee remains at 400 US\$ or 12,000 NT\$.

We hope that many of you can join us in Taipei to enjoy Taiwanese hospitality, and may participate in our rituals? We can propose you attractive hotel rates.

Contact us.

Dues.

The collection of 2014 dues is starting now, and shall be completed before December 31st, 2013. The Dues cards will be sent accordingly.

As a reminder, yearly dues are 2,000 NT\$ for local brothers, and 50 US\$ for overseas brothers.

Life membership is 10 times the yearly membership.

It is unfortunate to note that, in spite of several reminders, the 2013 dues have not been totally recovered yet.

The online payment remains a very convenient way to settle your dues (in US\$), so less excuse to be late.

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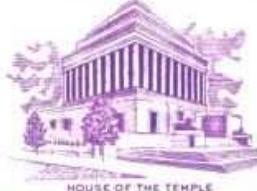
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FOR THE ATTENTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH RITE BODIES IN THE ORIENT OF TAIWAN AND CHINA

This is to inform you that I have appointed Illustrious Norman Li-ya Pin, 33°, as a Deputy of the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., in the Orient of Taiwan and China, effective June 10, 2013. Brother Pin prefers to receive his mail at the address listed below:

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I commend this distinguished Brother to the allegiance and obedience of all Scottish Rite Members of the Orient of Taiwan and China over which he will preside. I invest him with substantially the powers and prerogatives of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General as provided in our Statutes.

You will please give this appointment suitable publicity by communicating all the essential facts and any other information that you may properly add concerning Brother Pin.

Given under my hand and Official Seal this 27th Day of June 2013.





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