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Taipei Bodies News

Orient of Taiwan, on which the sun never sets

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A word from the Venerable Master



Dear brethren,

After the darkness in summer, we have received much light which has been truly motivating!

First of all, I want to express my sincere gratitude to brethren who contributed to our office renovation project. I am truly touched by all your generosity. The surplus will be kept as fund for future improvement. With all your support, our craft will be able to move on with style. Thank you!

At the same time, we were busy organizing the fall conferral and reunion held on 27 and 28 September. With limited actors for the cast, many brethren had to take on several roles in various degrees. Although we seemed short-staffed, the event has proven to be successful and impressive. It is the result of the synergy and devotion of all brethren. Thank you all who have worked together on this! You have taught us the true meaning of fraternal love and dedication.

I sincerely congratulate and welcome the new brethren of the 2013 Class of Infinity. The impressive rituals and the wonderful fellowship are just the beginning of an adventurous quest. We will continue the education through lectures at our monthly stated meetings and newsletters. Please join us with enthusiasm on our search for further light in Masonry.

Be proud of being a member of the Taipei Bodies!

Fraternally yours,
Dennis Liao, 32°KCCH
Venerable Master

Fall Conferral

The Fall Conferral took place on October 27 and 28. On the Friday 27th, the fourth, fourteenth and eighteenth degrees were performed in long form, as well as the thirtieth and thirty second on the Saturday 28th. The other degrees were conferred in short form, reading synopsis and .

Eight brothers from Singapore, China and Taiwan, constituted in the class Infinity were initiated.

Further to the Conferral, 3 brothers were invested with the rank and decorations of Knights Commanders Court of Honor, and 4 Knights were crowned Inspector General Honorary.

The ceremonies were completed by a brotherly banquet, gathering brothers and their lady, at the well named Brother Hotel.

We were glad to welcome many visitors from abroad.

A few pictures are appended to this letter.

The thirtieth degree



Although this degree, the last of chivalric degrees, is basically related to Templars, their dramatic end, and the revenge, it makes a great leap backward in the times with the appearance of two special roles in the second apartment, the Hierophant and the Sacrificer.

The Hierophant comes from one of the oldest initiatic societies, the Eleusinian mysteries in Delphi in Greece. The Hierophant was in charge of receiving the candidates and explaining the mysteries. He is in fact the expert.

That brings us back to ancient Greece and the Eleusinian mysteries which are many times referred to in *Moral and Dogmas* from Albert Pike.

But these personages bring us also back to the Celtic and Roman civilization in which the oak, symbol of power, and the mistletoe, symbol of immortality, carry high significance.

Why this wink to the past from the XIVth century? Same as did Albert Pike in the 30th degree in *Morals and Dogma*?

Dues

We have now received from the Supreme Council the 2014 Dues Cards. They are now in thin plastic. The collection of 2014 dues is accordingly starting now, and Dues Notices are being sent.

We remind you that these 2014 dues are payable before the end of this year. 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.

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

(<https://secure.scottishrite.org/OnlineDuesPayment/DuesPayment1.asp>)

Payment can also be made by TT to the Secretary account:

Mega International Commercial Bank

Account holder: Claude Robert Soucaille

Account number: 021-10-42184-9

Swift code: ICBCTWTP021

The Life Membership can be also paid online. Those who are interested in doing so shall first contact us in order we modify the procedure accordingly.

The Life Members Dues Cards have been mailed. So if you do not receive it, please contact us.

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The Infinity Class



The new Inspector General Honorary



The new Knight Commanders Court of Honor



All of us