A MESSAGE FROM THE MOST PUISSANT SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Social activities are an important part of our fraternal society, but they alone do not establish our organization's fraternal character. Our fraternal purpose requires active engagement in fraternal pursuits. *See Philadelphia and Reading Relief Ass'n v. Comm'r*, 4 B.T.A. 713 (1926). Civic, benevolent, and charitable activities are among our core functions.

The Imperial Supreme Council of the Ahura Grand Orient (the "Supreme Council") shall not conduct business activities prohibited under IRC § 501(c)(8) and shall operate exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The Supreme Council provides information and funding for scholarships awarded to eligible students and qualifying institutions in accordance with Article VII of our Bylaws; Article I, § 2; Article II, § 1; and the Supreme Council's applicable policies and procedures.

We must remain united because our harmony and Masonic unity are essential. When one group separates from the others, all groups and ultimately our symbolic lodges are affected. "The passions that incline men to peace are fear of death; desire of such things as are necessary to commodious living; and a hope by their industry to obtain them. Reason suggests convenient articles of peace, upon which men may be drawn to agreement. These articles are they which otherwise are called the Laws of Nature". See. The Idea of a Social Contract (*T. Hobbes*, 1651).

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