

ORDO ROSAE CRUCIS

*Under the Auspices of the Rose-Croix,
Salutem Punctis Trianguli!*

Dear Fratres, dear Sorores,

My first visit to Rosicrucian Park dates back to 1966 when I was fourteen years old. It was on the occasion of a Rosicrucian Convention. Some members from the French language jurisdiction had taken this opportunity to travel and I had the good fortune to accompany them as a Torchbearer.

In my youthful mind, it was not only Rosicrucian Park or California that I would discover, but America! The adventure and wonder lived up to my expectations. Immediately I became attached to this country and especially to Rosicrucian Park, which seemed to me to be very mysterious, as all the Egyptian decor made a great impression on me. At that time I was not familiar with Egypt, but only with France and a few neighboring countries.

I will never forget this first visit to San Jose, especially since on my return home I decided to become a Rosicrucian. Not having yet reached the age to join the Order, I petitioned our Imperator, Frater Ralph Lewis, who agreed that I could cross the Threshold of our Order on the day that I would become fifteen years old. Therefore, I can say that my first visit to Rosicrucian Park marked the beginning of my Rosicrucian life. The following year, I had the greatest honor of being invited for a long stay in the home of Frater and Soror Lewis. Then, on several occasions, I had the opportunity to return to Rosicrucian Park for Conventions, both as a frater and as the Grand Master of the French language jurisdiction.

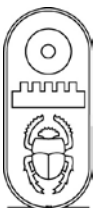
When “destiny” called me to the office of Imperator, I was drawn to this historical place on numerous occasions, and often for some rather lengthy stays. It was in the Supreme Temple that my installation ceremony took place, surrounded by my wife and children, as well as some friends from France, and certainly by many fratres and sorores from San Jose. I look upon these and other such occasions in San Jose as most touching memories.

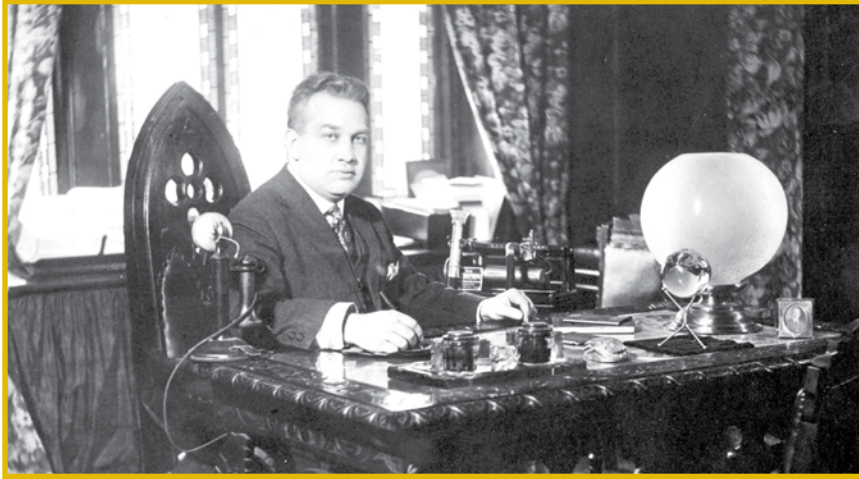
For some years now, I have returned to the Park regularly, at least once a year, and it is always with much happiness that I stroll through the gardens and greet fratres and sorores who have always remained faithful to this place. Here I have known many friends and I have also lost many, since the time has come for them to complete their incarnation. Nonetheless, they are always in my heart, and whenever I am at Rosicrucian Park, I think of them once again.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Christian Bernard 

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Imperator





Emperor H. Spencer Lewis at his desk, at Rosicrucian Park.



Emperor Ralph M. Lewis conversing with members during the 1982 Rosicrucian World Convention, at Rosicrucian Park.



Emperor Christian Bernard at Rosicrucian Park at the Opening Ceremony of the 2015 AMORC World Convention.