

Message from Connecticut College Chief Adept

“A JOURNEY ALMOST COMPLETE, NEW DAWN LIES AHEAD”

My Dear Fratres of CT College, and Fratres Wheresoever Dispersed, Greetings:

We have just wrapped up our annual meeting in CT and things being what they have become, I wish to share with you news about our College as we move forward.

To catch you all up, we could not hold our Annual in April 2020 as we would usually, including a nice repast collation, and we were relegated to holding it in September when we would usually be starting our new year of in-gatherings. My message then was directed at the uncertainties and difficulties we were still facing, a **“JOURNEY HALF TAKEN, RESUMES”**. And this journey has brought us, albeit safely, to yet another Annual meeting, a journey still not as yet complete.

To review, last September, when our College gathered in Virtual space to hold our then belated Annual meeting to close 2019-2020 after months of hand wrenching over any hints of re-opening, we settled back and took it for what it would become, something we had little power over. This was not just a CT phenomena, but worldly and at all levels of our Fraternity. We would then endure a national calamity followed by eventual release of anticipated vaccines, and we now at long last find ourselves once again hopeful, a bit more relaxed, and less fearful, with the chance for a return to full gatherings this fall improving with each day. Setting aside in-person degree work, we continued to stay engaged with each other in a virtual setting. The time since has been well spent, so my report to my Fratres took on the dimension of a virtual look back in order to look ahead.

- Faced with the inability for any kind of gathering in Lexington, The High Council poured its resources into a full-on virtual platform (aided by our Cel. James McNeely I might add), and launched in November at its regular annual schedule . With a pre-view for CA's the Friday evening before, the Saturday session was devoted mostly to presentation of papers spanning all “corners” (if there are any) of the known universe, physical and ethereal, and representatives from nearly all colleges and High Councils. I was proud to see a goodly number of our CT Fratres in attendance, with reports offered during our subsequent November meeting.
- This also demonstrated that the junior officers of our High Council are fully engaged in the support and education of our colleges, and I too have been in communication with our JDSM sharing the inner workings of our humble efforts. Newsletters and papers for Ad Lucem have emerged as new priorities for all Colleges and ritual study guides and analyses as well.
- In as much as the High Council will be returning to the full-on in house November gathering in Lexington come next November 5-6, this virtual success provided all of us new tools to broaden our senses of which we can expect to see and participate in more.

- The last time we left off, we had two candidates we had just accepted but regretted to place on indefinite hold pending the resolution of the COVID. They are still at our front door, and eager to proceed, Bros. Myke Scribner and Peter Smyth and they will be our first priority come fall. We also expect a few others to be able to join them, and the newly circulated Zelator tutorial presentations look like a perfect way to catch everyone up.
- Unrelated to the COVID, but utilizing a window of opportunity it gave us nonetheless, my best persuasions could not deter our Treasurer/Secretary Charles Fowler from retiring from that corner desk he has held for nearly 3 decades...in fact he took on that chair about the time when Arthur McKinney IX (whom we lost last spring to the GMU) was CA before handing me his CA baton. Now faced with finding a replacement, that job came with a special process, namely the candidate had to be a Grade VIII and appointed by the Supreme Magus himself. After more personal persuasions and the usual “you can do it” routines from his Brother Fratres, we as a College were truly blessed when within ONE day of my nomination to SM Jeffrey Nelson that Fr. Martin Ede was approved to be our next TresSec. I would like to think my letter helped, but Martin’s reputation precedes him in ways even the rest of the universe cannot understand, as yet anyway. Thank you, Martin for stepping up, and Supreme Magus Jeffrey for your endorsement.
- Other than Fr. Martin taking on his new role, the other officers of CT SRICF, were amenable to remaining in their present stations, and so voted by the Fratres and “virtually” installed by me. The updated list with contact information can be found nearby on our site, as well as our meeting schedule, for those who happen to be interested. We fully expect to be at full in-gathering strength come September.
- This means, I can now thank with both sadness and happiness, Fr. Chuck for his dedicated service and personal friendship, and with the best well wishes and my personal congratulations, to Fr. Martin for the challenge he has accepted...and yes Martin “you can do it”, and Chuck, I’ll still keep you busy, I got lots of ways for that..

In closing, the plate is now set for a resumption of our work this fall to delve into the innerworkings of our universe. Obviously, we didn’t do that well as a society in this regard when it came to the COVID, but we Fratres had something going for us all along, in the “Gloaming”, or “That Great By and By” as it were.... that provided us with the inner strength, hope and knowledge that we could only find in our steadfast belief in the GAU.

With Easter just 3 weeks ago, we are taught as children and believe as adults that on the day in which He was betrayed and crucified, Our Saviour suffered for us all, only to rise from his tomb in three days...In a similar sense, LAST Easter season we were faced with a suffering we had never seen, and now with THIS Easter, find the world’s tomb of sickness opened before us and mighty weight lifted from our shoulders. Let us rejoice in this new dawn He has made for us.

In the name of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, may we all as Fratres, continue to earn the grace of our Lord Almighty and walk before Him as he would have us do, all our days....and beyond into His Eternal kingdom that lies before each of us.

Amen. Amen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William L. Miller, IX".

Fr. William L. Miller, IX
Chief Adept, CT College
"Ad Astra per Aspera"

2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

September 18, 2021

November 13, 2021

February 5, 2022

April 23, 2022