

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International



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Companion Jorge Serrano Acosta
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Venezuela
Caracas, Venezuela

Dear Companion Grand High Priest:

I have received the copy of your letter of May 26 sent to Illustrious Brother Lionel Pedrique Orta, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite 33rd degree for Venezuela concerning their message to you prohibiting further meetings of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the Temple in Caracas.

You indicate that this practice has existed for some years without incident and payments have been made on time. You further state that the date used monthly is not in conflict with any other body. I am further advised that the Temple is the property of the Grand Lodge so I question by what authority the Ill. Brother exercises this demand.

It is very sad to learn of such disharmony between the two rites since it is always our practice to show full respect to the members of the Scottish Rite. I, myself, am a 33rd degree mason in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. We have always been well received by Sovereign Grand Commanders around the world so find it strange to learn of this action. In general we always work together for the common good and to spread further light to Masonic brothers in an effort to support the lodges. Both Sovereign Grand Commanders in the USA are Royal Arch Masons. It is inconceivable that either of these Jurisdictions would support such action.

I offer myself to assist in any way to help overcome this misunderstanding and hope this issue can be quickly resolved. Please accept our very best fraternal regards.

Cordially,

Edmund D. Harrison

cc: General Grand Secretary; Grand Master of GL RV; DGGHP João.G. Ribeiro; Ill. Marcos Ostrander SGC AASR, Panama.