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LETTER FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF FRANCE REGARDING THE COUNCIL
AT LAUSANNE.

Universi Terrarum orbis Architectonis ad Gloriam Ingentis.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE, ANCIENT
AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE FOR FRANCE AND ITS DEPENDENCIES,

Orient of Paris, the Sixth day of the month—A. L. 5875 (Sixth of April,
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The Supreme Council of the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
for France and its Dependencies.

*By the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, to the M.: P.: Supreme Council of the same
degree for Canada.*

M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: COMMANDER AND VERY ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN,

As the result of an active correspondence with several Supreme Councils, we
have become convinced of the necessity of a Congress of all the Confederated
Supreme Councils of the A.: A.: S.: Rite.

We have to recognize first, that the honor of the initiative in this matter
belongs to the Supreme Council of Peru, and to the Supreme Council of the
Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, which, with a disinterestedness equal
to their zeal for the prosperity of our Institution, have much desired to leave to
us the care of giving effect to this grand and fruitful idea.

The free interchange of opinion in the meeting of such a Congress would tend
to produce a concert of action and a unity of sentiment which would give to the
A.: A.: S.: Rite a new force and a new prestige for the propagation of its
ideas of truth, of wisdom and of justice.

It is through these motives that, after having taken the advice of several
Supreme Councils, which have promised their adherence, we announce to you
that the assembly of this Convention is fixed for the first Monday of September,
1875, at the Orient of Lausanne, in Switzerland.

In that country, which has always been the asylum of civil, political and
religious liberty, hospitality is fraternally offered by the new Supreme Council of
Switzerland, created some years ago by the Supreme Council of France, and
whose existence has already been recognized by America and England.

Without entering into details of the negotiations which have paved the way for
this great event, we ought to congratulate ourselves upon seeing that, which had
been up to the present time only a hope, becoming at last a reality.

For a long time the Supreme Councils have expressed the intense desire of
assembling the delegates of the different powers of the A.: A.: S.: Rite, in
order to draw closer the bonds of fraternal harmony, and to pronounce upon the

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