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Dear Most Worshipful Grand Master Balansecu:

The Grand Lodge of Michigan has watched with great pride over the past number of years the development of Freemasonry in the post Soviet-Union Block Countries of Eastern Europe. The tenants of Freemasonry are instrumental to the development of the finest ideals in developing good government and societies. The Eastern European countries are on the cutting edge of history. Principal among these Grand Lodges has been the National Grand Lodge of Romania with which we have all looked to with pride over the years as helping to lead the cause of Freedom.

I reviewed your recent letter dated April 21, 2020 advising of your actions against the current Supreme Council 33rd Degree of Romania with Sovereign Grand Commander Stelian Nistor. I understand you no longer officially recognize the Supreme Council and have arbitrarily established a new Supreme Council with Razvan Buzatu as Sovereign Grand Commander. In fairness to the "personalities" involved I have no opinion because I don't know these Brothers or their unique circumstances.

However, what I do know from almost 50 years in the Craft, being a 33rd Degree Freemason and a student of Masonic History, is that your actions were unprecedented and terribly ill considered. The result will be to create something, which I hope you did not intend which will jeopardize the respect and status of the National Grand Lodge of Romania in the Freemasonic community of the world.

It is well established that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, pursuant to the Grand Constitutions of 1762 and 1786, preclude the formation of Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite being established by any Grand Lodge. You are receiving wise and respectful counsel from Ill Bro. James D. Cole, 33rd degree Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction as well as Ill Bro. David A. Glattly, 33rd Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction.

Regularity of conduct, procedure and protocol is instrumental to the promotion of Universal Freemasonry and the growth and development of our Craft. I strongly urge you my Brother Grand Master to reconsider your actions and place the best interests of the Craft ahead of personalities.

Fraternally yours,

Mark A. Manning, Most Worshipful Grand Master
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