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Dear MW Brother Balanescu,

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 21, 2020, directed to the various Grand Masters. Several Grand Masters within our jurisdiction have forwarded copies of your letter to me. To say this is shocking and disturbing would be a complete understatement. Please realize that we know Illustrious Brother Stelian Nistor, 33°, and his officers very well. We consider all of them to be upright men and good Masons, a good term used in America for good brother Masons.

In your letter, you note that the National Grand Lodge of Romania decided to sign a Concordat with a new Supreme Council of the 33<sup>rd</sup> and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Romania, led by Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Brother Razvan Buzatu. Please be advised that the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA, does not recognize your authority to establish this new Supreme Council, nor will we consider recognition to be in amity with such an irregularly formed Supreme Council.

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America will continue recognition of the Supreme Council of the 33<sup>rd</sup> and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Romania led by Illustrious Brother Stelian Nistor, 33°, as Sovereign Grand Commander.

I must tell you that the Grand Masters within our Jurisdiction are questioning your motives here and asking me my opinion on any needed responses. My opinion, should you continue as noted in your letter, would be for our Grand Lodges to discontinue relations with your Grand Lodge until this issue is satisfactorily resolved.

As Masonic Brothers, I think you can resolve this in a most Masonic manner should you decide to do so. This decision is in your hands and I trust you will see your way to make the brotherly decision. I await a very positive response.

Fraternally,

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