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ANNEX 10

Address of Dom Lorenzo for the Opening Ceremony of the 9th Congress of IBSSA

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Traditionally, when speaking to an assembly, on occasions like this one, the speaker begins with a respectful and courteous salute to the authorities and the VIPs present. However, considering that all of us in here, from the highest to the lowest, are engaged in one way or another in serving and bettering society at large, allow me to begin my intervention with a strong sense of brotherhood. Therefore:

My fellow social workers!

In the beginning of times when man discovered how to control, keep, use and even produce fire, he used and mastered such a great technological development to conquer darkness, as a very important tool for cooking, for heating the environment, for making pottery and melting metals, as a source of energy in the production of goods, as a weapon for attack and defence.

At the same time that this gigantic step was in progress, two important issues were born: The protection, control and exploitation of this amazing discovery, and the protection, well being and life of the powerful owner of this new technology from the envious neighbours, who would be more than willing and ready to fight, and even to kill for the acquisition of such a precious source of power.

At that very moment the powerful owner of this newly mastered source of energy chose from among his close relatives a few of them, the most loyal, the strongest and the most skillful ones in the daily hunting and the battlefield to protect his attractive property and to protect his own life from the envious and ambitious neighbours.

And there, despite many common but unfounded claims, and many opinions to the contrary, the first and the oldest professions of the world were born: The Security Man and The Bodyguard Profession.

And the pre-history of IBSSA was in his way to existence...!

Thousand of centuries have passed ever since, and yet many things have remained unchanged. Mankind's wealth, well administered and distributed with equity among all human beings, should have transformed the planet Earth into a glorious utopian Paradise, yet earth treasures exchange constantly hands and remain always under the control and as a patrimony of a few lucky men.

Earth has become ever since a constant battlefield, a constant inferno. From the horizons of the five continents of earth resounds the constant echo of the cry, the suffering, the pain, the senseless killing and everything motivated by ambition, envy and hatred.

The madness of our world has even invented and refined the most evil crime to conquer power and richness: to kill, to exterminate in a constant genocide the largest percent of all victims combined in the whole history of mankind, to destroy them in the very name of their Creator, in the name of the Almighty God. And all religions of the world have been suffering from this sinful disease of ambitious, treacherous and ignorant fanatic leaders, who systematically ignore that the most precious attributes of God are Love and Mercy.

The conquerors and victors had always written the Book of History with their own perception; meanwhile the objective truth remains always suppressed in silence. On one side of the fight guerrillas and terrorists are considered and treated as heroes, while on the other side their own murderers, criminals and thieves are considered their heroes.

If all the money, energy and time expended by the Governments of the world in wars, destruction, offence, defence and prevention, were to be expended in food, education and medical research, indeed our world would become a paradise.

And yet, in spite of everything, the hope of living in an earthly paradise, still possible for our future generations. That hope resides in our actions of today, in our hands!

And for that, you, the few most loyal, the strongest, the most skillful in the arts and sciences of security are the chosen ones. You are still being called everyday to guarantee the security and to protect and defend the powerful, the rich and even to safeguard the security of the common citizen of society at large, (marvellous evolution).

As we open today the 9th International Congress of IBSSA, combining representatives of forty nations and a multiplicity of faiths and cultures, I invoke upon you the protection and the inspiration of the Almighty Creator of all, and I urge you to be always and at any place and moment professionals, quick and effective, just, impartial and that in the execution of your duties you should act always mercifully, always looking to restrain disorderly conduct by causing the less possible harm to the opponent, and without endangering whatever you are required to protect, or yourselves. I plead to you to uphold at all times your ethic principles, to respect the human rights of every individual, and to bear always in mind not to be discourteous, rude or abusive of your power.

And since you are always around the rich and the powerful, I beg you to be aware of your own power, and to use it wisely in educating them, openly, directly, indirectly, subliminally, or in whichever way you can, into the idea of transforming earth into a permanent paradise through the just administration of all earth patrimony into bread, education, health and justice for every single living human being.

Good work, thank you and God bless you.

+ Dom Lorenzo, O.S.B.