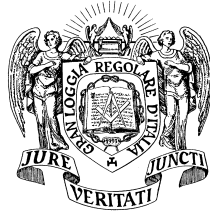


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Il Gran Maestro

**To the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Venezuela
W. Bro. José Gregorio Sardelli Bravo**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dear Brother José Gregorio,

It was with profound sorrow that I learned of the devastating earthquake that has struck your beloved country, bringing grief, suffering, and severe hardship to so many families and communities throughout the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

At this time of trial, I wish to convey to you, on my own behalf and on behalf of all the Brethren of the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy, the assurance of our deepest and most heartfelt fraternal solidarity.

Freemasonry teaches us that no geographical distance can ever separate those who are united by the timeless principles of Brotherly Love, Charity, and devotion to Humanity. When one of our peoples suffers, the entire Chain of Union bears the weight of that sorrow; when a Brother is afflicted by misfortune, every Brother is called upon to extend a helping hand.

Our thoughts are with you, with the Brethren of your Grand Lodge, with their families, and with all the people of Venezuela. We pray that strength, hope, and comfort may be granted to all those affected by this tragedy, as well as to those courageously engaged in the rescue and reconstruction efforts.

I also wish to assure you that the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy stands ready, within the limits of its means, to provide any form of assistance or support that may prove helpful during this difficult time. Please regard our Grand Lodge as a fraternal home whose doors are always open, prepared to contribute, in the true spirit of Masonic solidarity, to any initiative that may help alleviate the suffering of our Brethren and of all those affected by this disaster.

May this painful ordeal be overcome with the courage, dignity, and resilience that have long distinguished your people, in the certainty that the Light of Brotherhood will continue to illuminate the common path of our respective Grand Lodges.

Please accept, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Dear Brother, the renewed assurance of my highest esteem and my deepest fraternal sympathy.

**W. Bro. Fabio Venzi
Grand Master
Regular Grand Lodge of Italy**