



## MEMBER STORY

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When I was a young child, I loved to go visit my maternal grandfather and grandmother, who lived on “The Farm,” not far from the small country village in Illinois where I was born and raised. A big part of why I looked forward to visiting “Grandpapa” was because of his wondrous library. He was a retired schoolteacher who had spent his whole teaching career in various one-room schoolhouses in the area.

His library was a small room in which there was a piano, a reading chair, and an ornate standing lamp. The air was filled with the warm pungent scent of his pipe tobacco. But the best things were his books!

There were hundreds of books on every topic imaginable. From classic American fiction to history and geography, there were books on animals, “how-to” books, biographies, and stacks of *National Geographic*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and *Fantastic Stories* magazines.

From as far back as I can recall, I have been seeking an experience with the Creator. I have my own library now, and have been studying and learning meditation for many, many years. I also have always been enthralled by anything Egyptian. Books about the pyramids, mummies, pharaohs, King Tut, Isis, and hieroglyphics fueled my fertile imagination, and Grandpapa’s library had many books and magazines on the subject of Egypt.

One of the clearest memories I have of being in Grandpapa’s library was seeing a full-page ad for the Rosicrucian Order in the back of a magazine I was scanning through. It was titled “The Secret Method for the Mastery of Life” and was illustrated with two drawings: one was of two Egyptian men in turbans and robes looking at a pyramid in the distance, and another was of Amenhotep IV who, it said, was the founder of the ancient mystery schools. Needless to say, my 9- to 10-year-old mind was hooked! As I read through the advertisement, my curiosity was peaked. I don’t recall asking any of the adults in the house to explain to me what AMORC meant or pertained to, but I do know that this one single ad kept the idea in the back of my mind that someday I would join the Rosicrucian Order.

After many years of life getting in my way, I finally decided that I would investigate and find out what being a Rosicrucian was all about. Being told at age 60 that I was disabled from excruciating spinal problems gave me time to study but not much extra money to spend on the monthly dues of becoming a member. But, soon after an inquiry

to AMORC ,my situation was (thankfully) put to the attention of the Council of Solace and amazingly, within just a few weeks, the right amount of money came to me for my monthly dues!

After only two months as a member of the Order, the meditation for transition was brought to my attention, and, having many years of meditation practice, I was excited to offer my assistance in any way possible. Within days I had received the first request for my help, and there's where things began to get really interesting.

For many years, I have studied the spiritual life of people and anything connected to the Creator. When someone's death came into my sphere of attention, whether I knew them personally or not, I felt drawn to give their spirit assistance in what I called "crossing into the Light." I had not learned how to proceed from anyone, I just followed the Spirit's lead and proceeded with what I felt was right and for the highest good of all concerned.

You cannot imagine my surprise upon realizing that, after receiving my first invitation from Grand Master Julie Scott and reading through her instructions for assisting a soul in transition, that the Rosicrucian method was, almost step by step, exactly how I had been led by my Higher Self to proceed in helping souls in transition in the years past! It was as if I had tapped into the knowledge of Universal Mind without even realizing it! This seems to me to be irrefutable evidence that the teachings of the Rosicrucian Order are true and good and in perfect connection with the power and wisdom of the Cosmos.

Another interesting experience has been that, when reading through *Liber 777*, *Liber 888*, and the introductory monographs, what I am learning "for the first time" all feels so very familiar to me...as if I am remembering things I had known in the past and forgotten. So many times in only two months of voraciously poring over the lessons and the following links to all the amazing articles and books on the AMORC website I have had "aha!" moments and received confirmation of ideas I have held, and perfect answers to the exact questions in my mind at precisely the time I needed them.

On this, the very beginning of my journey I feel as if I have FINALLY found the Path I have been seeking for so very long and am receiving much welcomed Peace Profound for my soul, my heart, and my inner being!