

WELCOME TO 2020

My gratitude to the Dream Team of Diane Ullemeyer-Trimbath and Richard Smoot, who have worked with me to produce another stunning journal. In this issue we introduce a section called *Principles*, where we explore new theories and proposed techniques which need further investigation. I am also happy to have received two excellent pieces on the "27 Club" one from a Western statistical perspective and one from the Jyotish point of view ... another kind of *Syzygy*.

In this issue we have contributions from a number of different sources and groups. I think this indicative of a growing and encouraging trend in Astrology, where we are less about our "ivory towers" and more about supporting each other in our collective goal of raising the torch of astrological knowledge and research high. We can all read the skies and we all know well enough that this knowledge will prove ever more critical in the days to come. I would ask Maayan Medzini and George Richards to please accept our apologies for the error in last year's Journal, which has been corrected in this issue.

We love ideas, suggestions and questions about research, requests for help collecting data or ideas for studies. Send them along and we will post them in upcoming issues. The National Council of Geocosmic research was founded on two main principles: research and education. **Syzygy** is the platform to encourage and showcase both.

Thank you

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