

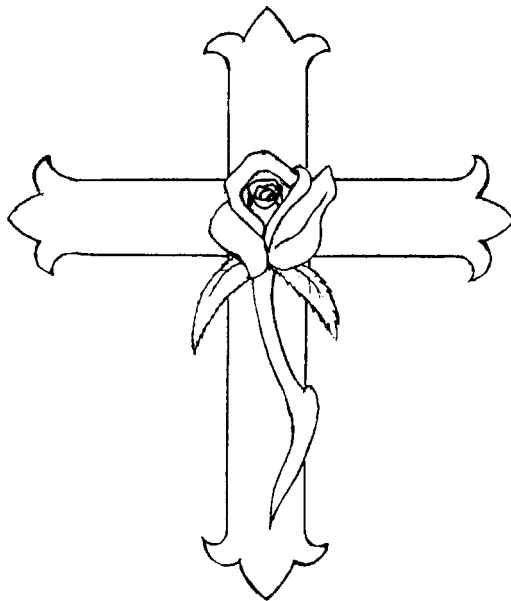
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**Sacred Oath as it Relates to the Tree of
Life**

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Obligation

"r tk: I, Frater/Soror _____, a member of the Body of Christ, do this day spiritually bind myself, even as I am now bound physically upon the Cross of Suffering.

h m k j : That I will to the utmost lead a pure and unselfish life, and will prove myself a faithful and devoted servant of this Order.

h n y b: That I will keep secret all things connected with the Order, and its secret knowledge from the whole world, equally from one who is a member of the First Order of the Golden Dawn as from an uninitiated person, and that I will maintain the veil of strict secrecy between the First and the Second Orders.

d s j : That I will uphold to the utmost the authority of the Chiefs of the Order, and that I will not initiate or advance any person in the First Order, either secretly or in open Temple, without due authorization and permission; that I will neither recommend a candidate for admission to the First Order without due judgment and assurance that he or she is worthy of so great a confidence and honor, nor unduly press any person to become a candidate; and that I will superintend any examination of members of lower grades without fear or favor in any way, so that our high standard of knowledge be not lowered by my instrumentality.

h r u b g: Furthermore, that I will perform all practical work connected with this Order in a place concealed and apart from the gaze of the outer and uninitiated world, and that I will not display our magical implements, nor reveal the use of the same, but will keep secret this inner Rosicrucian knowledge even as the same hath been kept secret through the ages; that I will not perform any ritual of the Rosea Rubea et Aurea Crucis before the eyes of any person save for the permission of the Chiefs of the Order.

t r a p t: I further promise and swear that with the Divine permission, I will, from this day forward, apply myself to the Great Work, which is to purify and exalt my spiritual nature so that with the Divine aid I may at length attain to be more than human, and thus gradually raise and unite myself to my Higher and Divine Genius, and that in this event I will not abuse the great power entrusted to me.

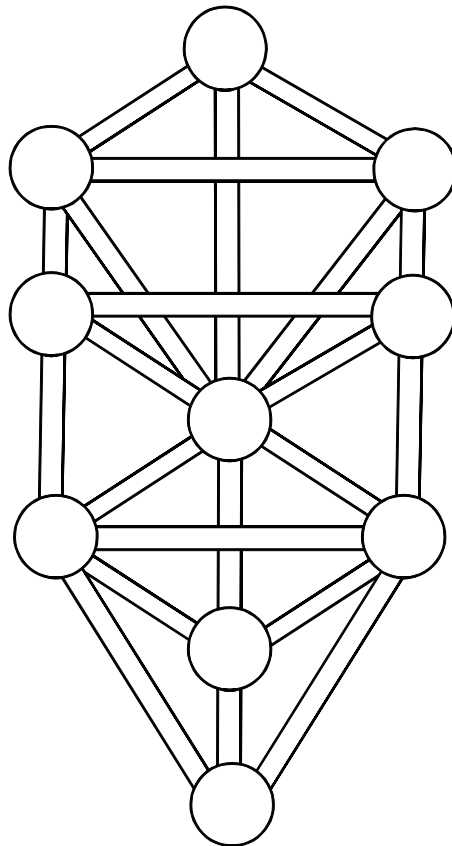
j x n: I furthermore solemnly pledge myself never to work at any important symbol without first invoking the highest Divine names connected therewith, and especially not to debase my knowledge of practical magic to purposes of evil and self-seeking and low material gain or pleasure. If I do this, notwithstanding this my oath, I invoke the Avenging Angel Hua, that the evil and material may react on me.

d i h: I further promise to support the admission of both sexes to our Order on a perfect equality, and that I will always display brotherly love and forbearance toward the members of the whole Order, neither slandering, nor evil-speaking, nor repeating, nor tale-bearing, whereby strife and ill-feeling may be engendered.

dwsy: I also undertake to work unassisted at the subjects prescribed to study in the various practical grades from Adeptus Minor to as high as my aspirations will take me.

twklm: Finally, if in my travels I should meet a stranger who professes to be a member of the Rosicrucian Order, I will examine him or her with due care before acknowledging him or her to be such.

Such are the words of this my obligation as an Adeptus Minor, whereunto I pledge myself in the presence of the Divine One, and of the Great Avenging Angel, Hua, and if I fail herein, may my Rose be disintegrated and my power in magic cease."



Sacred Oath as it Relates to the Tree of Life

Let the Adept, to the best of his ability, memorize and contemplate the sacred oath he or she took upon the Cross of Suffering. Let the Adept understand the relationship between the ten parts of the oath and their relationship to the Tree of Life.

As a meditational aid, let the Adept dress in a black robe with a twenty-two link chain about his or her neck, and in a dark room, recite the oath with this contemplation on the ten sephiroth.

rtk: Let us bind ourselves to our "Eternal" Light - the Light of Purity and Unity.

hmkj: Only through wisdom can we prove ourselves a devoted servant to our sacred Order and Fraternity.

hnyb: Through deep understanding of the inner mysteries, we become aware of our need to maintain a strict veil between the "truly initiated" and those beginning the path.

dsj: Here we see the importance of becoming the benevolent king to those in the lower grades, while at the same time, maintaining the hierarchy of our Order in that Mercy will abound and not lead to strife and schism as in the past.

hrwbg: Let the Adept be strict and stern in protecting his personal magical secrecy and the secrecy of our knowledge. Even if portions are printed in books, there is no excuse for a loose tongue. It does not benefit oneself or humankind to throw "pearls before swine."

trapt: Be as Christ. Be Osiris. Live in the world, not of the world. Become more than human, be Divine.

jxn: Let your desire always be not unto the elementals, spirits, or angels, but "Unto the Lord of the Universe." Do no workings without first invoking the Divine.

dwh: Let the Adept realize the need to control his or her own thoughts first. Expect change not from others, but from yourself. Your mind is the Great Chief of your heart and tongue.

dwsy: The true Adept does not require external motivation but only a strong hunger to unite with the Divine.

twklm: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

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