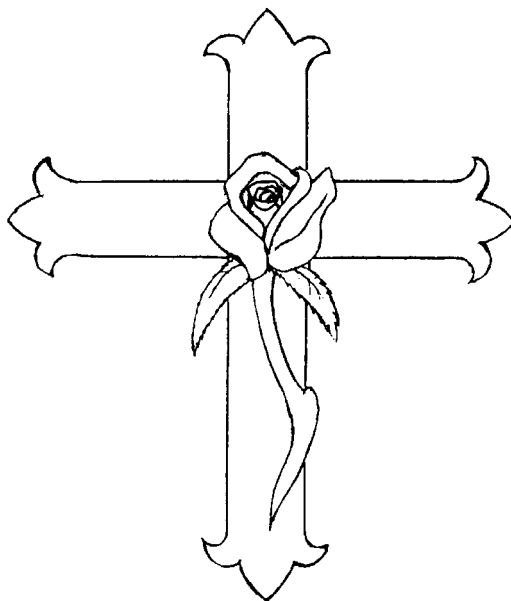


Ceremony of the Equinox

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ZELATOR ADEPTUS MINOR

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THIS MATERIAL IS PRIVATE AND HAS BEEN LENT TO ME ON TRUST, TO RETURN ON DEMAND. IT CONTAINS NOTHING OF PECUNIARY VALUE AND NOTHING PERSONAL TO MYSELF. I HEREBY DIRECT MY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES WHOMSOEVER, IN CASE OF MY DEATH OR INCAPACITY, TO RETURN THE SAME AT ONCE, UNREAD AND UNOPENED, TO G.H. FRATER P.C.A., AT 14050 CHERRY AVENUE, SUITE R-159, FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, 92337.

(Officers assemble the Temple and robe up. Chiefs seat themselves on the Dais. Members robed and wearing their sashes enter and sit in the correct quarter- Inner Order members in the east, Philosophus in the south, Practicus and Theoricus in the west, Zelators and Neophytes in the north. The Temple is opened in the Neophyte grade. All are seated.)

HIEROPHANT: (Knocks.) "Fraters et Sorors of all grades of the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother, let us celebrate the festival of the Vernal Equinox."

(All rise except the **Hierophant**.)

HIEROPHANT: (Knocks) "Frater Kerux, proclaim the Equinox and announce that the password is abrogated."

HIEROPHANT: (Passes to the northeast, raises his wand, and faces west.) "In the name of the Lord of the Universe, Who works in silence and Whom naught but silence can express, and by command of the Very Honored Hierophant, I proclaim that the Autumnal Equinox is here and that the password _____ is abrogated."

(**Kerux** returns to place. Members stand facing toward the altar and follow the officers in making the signs toward it.)

HIEROPHANT: "Let us consecrate according to ancient custom, the return of the Equinox."

HIEROPHANT: "Light."

HIEREUS: "Darkness."

HIEROPHANT: "East."

HIEREUS: "West."

HIEROPHANT: "Air."

HIEREUS: "Water."

HEGEMON: (Knocks.) "I am the reconciler between them. All make the Neophyte Sign toward the altar."

DADOUCHOS: "Heat."

STOLISTES: "Cold."

DADOUCHOS: "South."

STOLISTES: "North."

DADOUCHOS: "Fire."

STOLISTES: "Water."

HEGEMON: (Knocks.) "I am the reconciler between them. All make signs toward the altar."

HIEROPHANT: "One creator."

DADOUCHOS: "One preserver."

HIEREUS: "One destroyer."

STOLISTES: "One redeemer."

HEGEMON: (Knocks.) "One reconciler between them. All make signs toward the altar." (Done.)

HIEROPHANT: (Goes to the west of the altar.) "With the password _____ I lay down my sceptre." (Takes rose from the altar and returns to his place.)

HIEREUS: (Passes directly to the altar and lays down his sword.) "With the password _____ I lay down my sword." (Picks up cup.)

HEGEMON: (Comes directly to the east of the altar and lays down sceptre.) "With the password _____ I lay down my sceptre." (**Hegemon** remains standing east of the altar.)

KERUX: (Comes direct to the altar, hands his lamp to the **Hegemon**, and lays down his wand) "With the password _____ I lay down my lamp and wand."

(**Kerux** returns to place. **Hegemon** returns to place also, taking the Lamp of the Kerux.)

STOLISTES: (Comes around by the east to the south to the west of the altar and puts down cup) "With the password _____ I lay down my Cup." (Takes the paten of bread and salt and returns to place.)

DADOUCHOS: (**Dadouchos** comes direct to the altar and lays down Censer.) "With the password _____ I lay down my censer." (**Dadouchos** takes the red lamp from the altar and returns with the Sun to his place.)

(**Kerux** passes to the northeast to begin his circumambulation. **Kerux** moves to the east and halts before the **Hierophant**.) "All face East."

HIEROPHANT: (Holding up the rose, faces east.) "Let us Adore the Lord of the Universe. Holy art Thou, Lord of the air, Who hast created the firmament. (**Hierophant** makes a cross in the air with the rose and salutes.) All give Theoricus Grade Sign or the sign of your grade."

KERUX: (Passes to the south and faces the **Dadouchos** who turns south holding up the lamp.) "All face south."

DADOUCHOS: "Let us Adore the Lord of the Universe. Holy art Thou, Lord of fire, wherein Thou hast shown forth the throne of Thy glory. (Makes a cross with the lamp.) All give Philosophus Grade Sign or the sign of your grade."

KERUX: (Passes to the west and faces the **Hiereus**, who turns west holding cup on high.) "All face west."

HIEREUS: "Let us Adore the Lord of the Universe. Holy art Thou, Lord of the Waters, whereon Thy Spirit moved at the beginning. (Makes a cross with the cup.) All give Practicus grade sign or the sign of your grade."

KERUX: (**Kerux** passes to the north and faces the **Stolistes**.) "All face north."

STOLISTES: (Turns to the north, holding the paten on high.) "Let us adore the Lord of the Universe. Holy art Thou, Lord of the Earth, which Thou hast made for Thy footstool! (Makes a cross with the paten.) All give Zelator Grade Sign or the sign of your grade."

KERUX: (Passes around the Temple to his place.) "All face toward the altar."

HEGEMON: (Stands east of the altar, facing west, and holding the Lamp of the Kerux on high.) Let us adore the Lord of the Universe. Holy art Thou, Who art in all things, in Whom are all things. If I climb to heaven, Thou art there, and if I go down to hell, Thou art there also. If I take the wings of the morning and flee unto the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me and Thy right hand shall hold me. If I say peradventure the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be turned Light unto Thee! Thine is the air with its movement! Thine is the fire with its flashing flame! Thine is the water with ebb and flow! Thine is the earth with its enduring stability! (Makes a cross over the altar with the lamp. **Hegemon** keeps the lamp.) "All give the Neophyte Grade Sign toward the altar."

IMPERATOR: "By the power and authority vested in me, I confer the new password. It is _____!"

(**Hierophant**, taking the rose, quits his throne, which is taken by the **Imperator**. **Hierophant** then goes to the east of the altar and lays down the rose. He returns to the east and lays down his lamens and cloak at the foot of the throne, and takes his place in the east as a member of the Temple.)

(In the same manner the **Hiereus** sets down the cup, **Hegemon** the Lamp of the Kerux, **Stolistes** the paten, **Dadouchos** the red lamp in turn, and lay their lamens at the foot of the Dais and all are seated with the members of their own rank.)

PRAEMONSTRATOR: (Rises to read out the names of the new officers.) "The officers appointed to do the work of the Temple for the ensuing six months are _____. The Brethren of the Outer Order will now retire for a season."

(**Kerux** gathers up and leads out all who have not attained the white sash. There is a pause while the new officers are provided with the nemysses and lamens collars. Outer Order members taking office should take these with them and clothe outside the Temple in readiness for their installation by the new Hierophant now to be appointed. All Inner Order members now present assume their Rose Crosses. **Chief Adept** takes his place on the throne of the east. **Second Adept** on his left; **Third Adept** on his right. Lesser officers leave Dais and take seats among other members.)

CHIEF ADEPT: "Peace profound, my Brethren." (He rises.)

SECOND ADEPT: "Emanuel." (He rises.)

THIRD ADEPT: "God is with us." (He rises.)

CHIEF ADEPT: "In Nomine Die viventis."

SECOND ADEPT: "Et vivificantis."

CHIEF ADEPT: "Qui vivit et regnet in saecula saeculorum."

THIRD ADEPT: "Amen."

CHIEF ADEPT: "Avete, Fratres et Sorores."

SECOND ADEPT: "Rosae Rubae"

THIRD ADEPT: "Et Aureae Crucis"

CHIEF ADEPT: "Very Honoured Fratres and Sorores, the things which are above do continually lift up unto their high estate the things which are below, and do thence return them after a certain great transfiguration so that the work of wisdom may continue and that the grace and sanctification of the holy and glorious Zion may be communicated to the Zion which is on Earth. Therefore, the worlds rejoice together

and are fulfilled in all completion. I beseech you to join with me in my intention, and to ratify in your hearts, the solemn and sacramental words by which I assume this external and visible Temple of Isis Mighty Mother into the house not made by hands, built of lively stones, the company of the Adepts, and it is so assumed accordingly."

SECOND ADEPT: "Cum Potestate et Gloria."

THIRD ADEPT: "Amen!"

(Chief Adepts are seated.)

CHIEF ADEPT: "Fratres et Sorores of the Rosae Rubae et Aurae Crucis. We know that the mystic Temple, which was erected of old wisdom, as a witness of the Mysteries which are above the sphere of knowledge, doth abide in the Supernal Triad, in the understanding which transcends reason, in the wisdom which comes before understanding and in the crown which is the Light of the Supernals. We know that the Shekinah, the cohabiting glory, dwelt in the inner sanctuary, but the first creation was made void. The Holy Place was made waste and the Sons of the House of Wisdom were taken away into the captivity of the senses. We have worshipped since then in a house made with hands, receiving a sacramental ministration by a derived Light in a place of the cohabiting glory. And yet, amidst signs and symbols the tokens of the Higher presence have never been wanting in our hearts. By the waters of Babylon we have sat down and wept, but we have ever remembered Zion, and that memorial is a witness testifying that we shall yet return with exultation into the house of our Father. As a witness in the Temple of the heart, so in the outer house of our initiation do we have ever present certain watchers from within, deputed by the Second Order to guard and lead the Lesser Mysteries of the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother and those who advance within, that they may be fitted in due course to participate in the Light that is beyond it. It is in virtue of this connecting link, this bond of consanguinity, that I have assumed the things which are without the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother into the things which are within the company of the Second Order at this secret meeting held at the Autumnal Equinox for the solemn purpose of proclaiming a new Hierophant charged with the rites of the Temple during the ensuing six months, being a part of the temporary period which intervenes between us and our rest."

SECOND ADEPT: "Let us work, therefore, my Brethren and effect righteousness, because the night cometh."

THIRD ADEPT: "Wherein no man shall labor."

CHIEF ADEPT: (Rises.) "Fratres and Sorores of the Rosae Rubae et Aurae Crucis, by the power in me vested, I proceed to the installation and investiture of the Hierophant of the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother in the Order of the Golden Dawn in the Portal of the Vault of the Adepts."

SECOND ADEPT: (Rises.) "Benedictus qui venti!"

THIRD ADEPT: (Rises.) "In Nomine Domini!"

(The three Adepts give the L.V.X. Signs, and seat themselves.)

CHIEF ADEPT: "Very Honoured Frater, at the discretion of the Chiefs of the Second Order you have been appointed to the office of Hierophant of this Temple for the ensuing six months. Are you willing to assume its duties and responsibilities?"

HIEROPHANT: "I am."

CHIEF ADEPT: "Then I will thank you to advance to the east, giving the Grade Sign of the Order of the R.R. et A.C.." (Done.)

SECOND ADEPT: "Benedictus Dominus deus Noster!"

THIRD ADEPT: "Qui Dedit nobis hoc Signum." (Touches Rose Cross on breast.)

CHIEF ADEPT: "Very Honoured Frater _____, standing in the eastern place of the Temple, I will thank you to give me the secret word of the Order of the Golden Dawn." (Done.)

SECOND ADEPT: "Habes Verbum."

THIRD ADEPT: "Et verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis."

CHIEF ADEPT: (Rises.) "Wherefore, Brethren, let us remember that when the body is assumed by the Word, the Man becomes a living soul, for which reason we persevere in the pathway of the Cross as we look for the assumption of the Rose. The Very Honoured Adeptus Secundus will now deliver the charge before the installation." (Sits down.)

SECOND ADEPT: (Rises.) "The high office to which you have been appointed by the decree of the Chiefs of the Second Order involves duties of a solemn kind and their proper fulfillment is a sacred responsibility which rests for a period upon you. The Chief officers of the Temple are distinct as is the Hierophant as the Expounder of the Mysteries, but not on him alone, for all must work together to encompass the good of all. I invite you, therefore, not only to take counsel with the Chiefs of the Second Order on all important occasions and to maintain a regular communication with the guardians of the Outer Temple, but to consult and assist the lesser officers so that these rites which, under the supreme authority, are about to be placed in your hands, may, after your term of office, be restored to the Chief Adept not merely intact in their workings but showing an increased beauty and a greater Light of symbolism. Thus only will you give, when the time comes, a good account of your stewardship. Let me further remind you that the guardians of the Outer Temple should at all times, in all things,

command your respect as the deputies of the absolute power which dwells behind the Veil, directing all things in the two Orders for the attainment of its Divine ends. Let the memory of these objects abide you, even as it abides in them and do you assist them in their labor so to direct the Temple that peace may be maintained with power." (Sits down.)

CHIEF ADEPT: "In the presence of this convocation of Adepts of the Second Order, seated in this assumed Temple, I again ask you whether you are prepared in your mind to accept the responsible office to which you have been appointed?"

HIEROPHANT: "I am."

CHIEF ADEPT: "Then you will kneel down, repeat the sacramental name by which you are known in the Order and repeat after me:

I, Frater _____, in the name of the Lord of the Universe, and of that eternal and unchangeable unity which I seek in common with my Brethren, do solemnly promise that I will, to the utmost of my power, fulfill the high office which has been imposed upon me, and by me accepted freely, for the good of the whole Order; that I will maintain the rites of the Order and observe the duties of my position with conscientiousness and loving care, not alone toward the Temple itself, but every individual member; that I will cooperate with the guardians of the Temple; that I will execute the decree of the Chiefs of the Second Order, acting with justice and without fear of favor in accordance with the dictates of my conscience. This I affirm by the symbol worn upon the breast of the officiating Adept."

(Hierophant is directed to stretch out his hand in the direction of the Rose Cross on the Chief Adept's breast.)

"Arise, Very Honoured Frater, and receive at my hand the highest office I can bestow upon you in this Temple. By the power in me vested, I now appoint you Hierophant of the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother to work and confer the grades of the Outer Order, under the dispensation of the Chiefs during the ensuing six months. May the Light which is behind the Veil shine through you from your throne in the east on the Fraters and Sorors of the Order, and lead them to the perfect day."

SECOND ADEPT: "When the glory of this world passes."

THIRD ADEPT: "And a great Light shines over the splendid sea."

CHIEF ADEPT: (Invests **Hierophant** with robes, assisted by a server.) "I clothe you with the Robe of Hierophant. Bear it unspotted, my brother, during the period of your office. Keep clean your heart beneath it, so it shall sanctify your flesh and prepare you for that great day when you, who are now clothed by the power of the Order, shall be unclothed from the body of your death. I invest you also with the lamen of your office; may the virtue which it typifies without, be present efficaciously within you, and after the

term of your present dignity, may such virtue still maintain you in your search for the white stone on which a new name is written which no man knoweth save he who receiveth it. You will now pass to the symbolic altar of the Universe and assume the Sceptre of the Hierophant."

HIEROPHANT: (Goes to the west of the altar, raises sceptre.) "By the password of _____ I claim my sceptre." (He returns to east.)

CHIEF ADEPT: (Takes him by both hands and enthrones him with the grip of the Second Order.) "By the power in me vested, I install you as Hierophant of the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother. May the steps of this throne lead you to your proper place among the seats of the mighty which are above." (Turns to the members.) "Behold my Brethren, he who now stands amongst us, clothed with the attribute to lawful revealer of the Mysteries for those whom we are leading toward the Light. You are the Adepts of those Mysteries and you can assist him to proclaim them, that those who are still without may be led by loving hands to that which is within. Fraters et Sorors of the R.R. et A.C., I now invite you to join with me in a common act of prayer. All face east.

We give Thee thanks, supreme and gracious God, for the manifestation of Thy Light which is vouchsafed to us, for that measure of knowledge which Thou hast revealed to us concerning Thy Mysteries, for those guiding hands which raise the corner of the Veil and for the firm hope of a further Light beyond. Keep, we beseech Thee, this man our brother, in the justice of Thy ways, in the Spirit of Thy great council, that he may well and worthily direct those who have been called from the tribulation of the darkness into the Light of this little kingdom of Thy love; and vouchsafe also, that going forward in love for Thee, through him and with him, they may pass from the desire of Thy house into the Light of Thy presence."

SECOND ADEPT: "The desire of Thy house hath eaten me up."

THIRD ADEPT: "I desire to be dissolved and to be with Thee."

CHIEF ADEPT: "God save you, Fraters et Sorors. The work of the Light for which we have assumed this Temple has been accomplished faithfully, and the Temple has received its Hierophant. By the power in me vested, I now remit it into its due place in the Outer world, taking with it the graces and benedictions which at this time we have been permitted to bestow thereon. It is so remitted accordingly. In Nomine Dei Viventis."

SECOND ADEPT: "Et vivificantis."

CHIEF ADEPT: "Qui vivet et regnet in saecula saeculorum."

THIRD ADEPT: "Amen."

(All Adepts give L.V.X. Signs, and resume their proper places in the Temple. They remove Rose Crosses.)

PRAEMONSTRATOR: (Goes to the door and opens it.) "The Brethren of the Outer Order will resume their places in the Temple."

CHIEF ADEPT: "Fraters et Sorors of the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother, behold your Hierophant, our Frater _____, who has been regularly installed and enthroned, and by the power in me vested, I proclaim him the Revealer of Mysteries among you for the ensuing six months, being part of that temporal period through which we are conducted into Light. Very Honored Frater, in the presence of the children of your Temple, I call upon you to make a confession."

HIEROPHANT: (Rising.) "Fraters et Sorors of the Temple of Isis Mighty Mother, seeing that the whole intention of the Lower Mysteries, or of external initiation, is by the intervention of the symbol, ceremonial, and sacrament, so to lead the soul, that it may be withdrawn from the attraction of matter and delivered from the absorption therein, whereby it walks in somnambulism, knowing not whence it cometh nor whither it goeth; and seeing also, that thus withdrawn, the soul by true direction must be brought to the study of Divine things, that it may offer the only clean oblation and acceptable sacrifice, which is love expressed toward God, man and the Universe.; Now, therefore, I confess and testify thereto, from my throne in this Temple, and I promise, so far as in me lies, to lead you by the rites of this Order, faithfully conserved and exhibited with becoming reverence, that through such love and such sacrifice, you may be prepared in due time for the Greater Mysteries, the supreme and inward initiation." (Sits down.)

(Installation of the lesser officers is now proceeded with. Cloaks and lamens are arranged at the foot of the Dais, ready for the server to hand them to the **Hierophant**.)

HIEROPHANT: (Reads his confession.) "In virtue of the power to me committed, I proceed to invest my officers. Let the Hieres come to the east."

(Hieres standing in the east, is invested with the cloak by the Server, who also clips the lamens in place and the **Hierophant** holds the lamens.)

HIEROPHANT (While holding the lamens of the Hieres.) "By the power to me committed, I ordain you Hieres of this Temple for the ensuing six months, and I pray that from your throne in the west, symbolizing the failing Light, you also may lead the Fraters and Sorors of the Order to the full Light in the end, and that you and they, in the midst of material gloom, will ever remember that the Divine Darkness is the same as the Divine glory."

HIERES: (Passes to the east of the altar and takes up the sword.) "By the Password _____, I claim my sword." (Goes back to Throne.)

HIEROPHANT: (Waits for the **Hieres** to be seated.) "Let the Hegemon come to the east."

(**Hegemon** goes to the east to the **Hierophant**.)

HIEROPHANT: "By the power to me committed, I ordain you Hegemon of this Temple for the ensuing six months, and I pray that from between the pillars, you may lead the Fraters and Sorors into the equilibrium of perfect reconciliation."

HEGEMON: "By the Password _____, I claim my sceptre." (Takes sceptre and assumes his place.)

HIEROPHANT: "Let the Kerux come to the east."

(**Kerux** and other officers to follow are served with the lamens which the **Hierophant** holds while addressing them.)

HIEROPHANT: "By the powers to me committed, I ordain you Kerux of this Temple for the ensuing six months, to guard the inner side of the Portal, and to lead all mystic processions. I pray that you may ever go before us with the torch of the Higher Luminaries, uttering the watchwords of the day. Thanks be to God, my Brother, for the admirable Light."

KERUX: "By the Password _____, I claim my lamp and wand."

HIEROPHANT: "Let the Stolistes come to the east." (Does this.) "By the powers in me committed, I ordain you Stolistes of this Temple for the ensuing six months, to watch over the cup of clear water, and to purify the Hall, the Brethren and the candidate. May you also, in your own soul, be sprinkled in hyssop and be cleansed, may you be washed and made whiter than snow. Thanks be to God, my Brother, for the living water which purifies the whole creation."

STOLISTES: "By the Password _____, I claim my cup."

HIEROPHANT: "Let the Dadouchos come to the east." (Does this.) "By the power to me committed, I ordain you Dadouchos of this Temple for the ensuing six months, to watch over the fires of the Temple and to perform the consecration by fire. Remember the sweet odor of the greater sanctuary, and the savor of the beauty of the house. Thanks be to God, my Brother, for the true incense which hollows your life."

DADOUCHOS: "By the Password _____, I claim my censer."

(**Hierophant** sits down. Then all are seated.)

(**Kerux** comes forward and arranges the elements properly upon the altar.)

(The **Chief Adept** will now make any announcements.)

(The **Hierophant** may address the Temple. When he has finished, he gives one knock and the **Kerux** comes forward to begin the closing which is that of the Neophyte grade.)

KERUX: (Goes to northeast of the altar.) "Hekas Hekas Este Be Beloi."

HIEROPHANT: (Goes to the east.) "I now invoke the Divine scribe of this Order to record and place this event into thy tablets.

I now release any spirits that may have been imprisoned by this ceremony. Go back to thine own abodes and habitation with the blessings of Yehashua Yehovashah, for I now declare this rite in the Hall of the Neophyte duly closed."

HIEROPHANT: "Khabs."

HIEREUS: "Am."

HEGEMON: "Pekht."

HIEREUS: "Konx."

HEGEMON: "Om."

HIEROPHANT: "Pax."

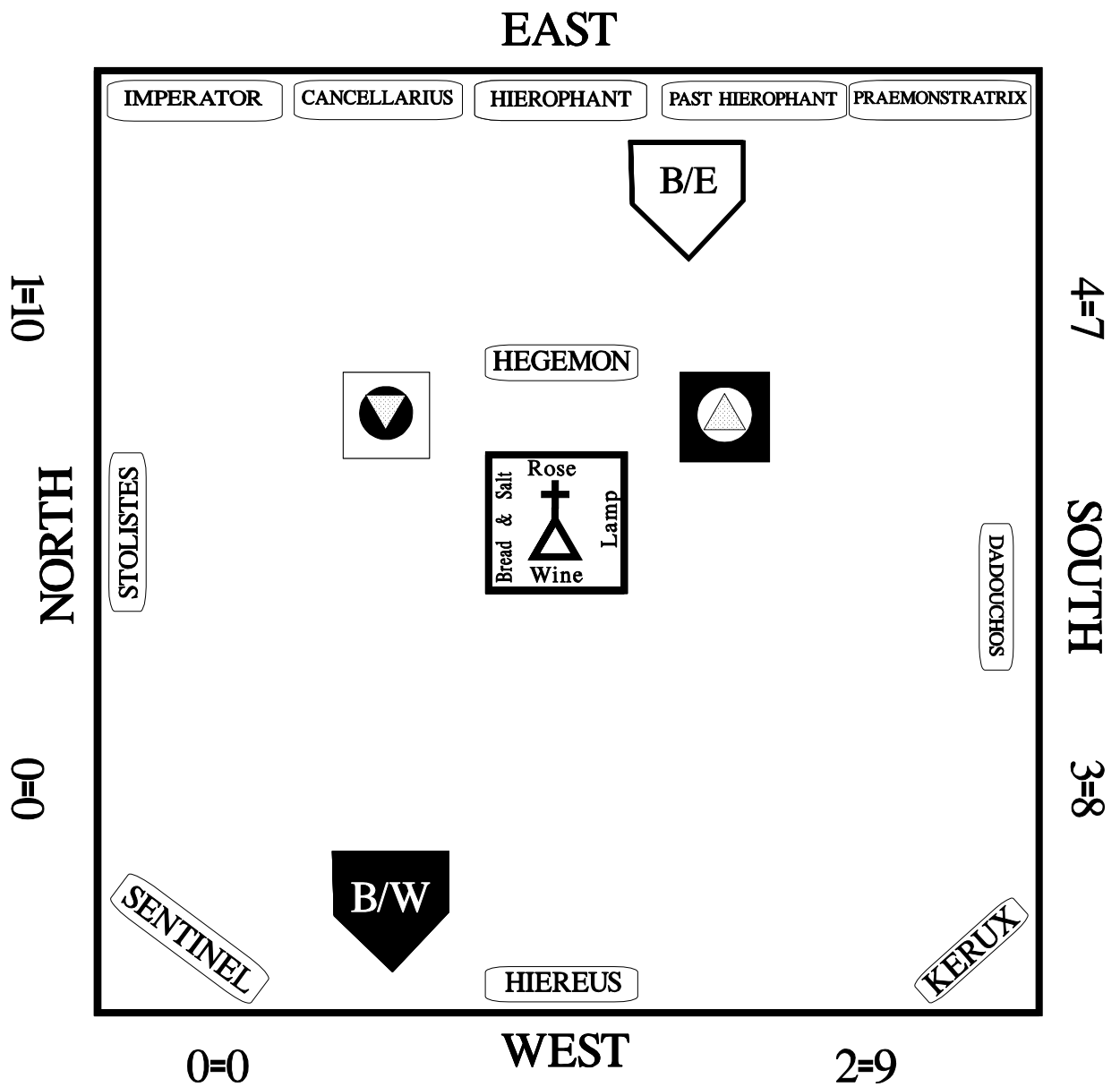
HEGEMON: "Light!"

HIEROPHANT: "In!"

HIEREUS: "Extension!"

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STATIONS DURING EQUINOX CEREMONIES

