

RITUAL OF THE DAY C.

(The lodge is arranged with the altar in the center, set with a single candle in the center, and at the quarters a dagger, a lamp, a cup of water, and a chain. The Elemental Tablets are at the four quarters, and the Tablet of Union on the altar. The chairs of the Adepts form a circle around the altar, close enough that circumambulation outside this circle can be done easily.)

(Officers are denominated First, Second and Third Adepts. These can be held by any Companions who have been exalted to the Third Degree, and are appointed by the President of the Grand Assembly. First Adept sits in the East, Second in the West, and Third in the South.)

OPENING

First: ! (Knocks.) Adepts of the Companions of the Stone, the hour of our gathering is come. Second Adept, you will see that the portal is closed and guarded.

Second: (Goes to portal.) Honored First Adept, the portal is closed and guarded. (Returns to place.)

First: (Rises) Procul, Procul esti Profani! Third Adept, let the chamber be purified with the Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram. !!! (Knocks; all rise.)

(Third goes to West of altar, facing East, and begins Pentagram Ritual, tracing the pentagrams outside the circle of chairs, and returns to the altar to finish, then goes to his/her place.)

First: Second Adept, let the chamber be purified with the Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Hexagram.

(Second does the Hexagram Ritual in the same way.)

Chief: (Takes Lamp from altar and goes to South, then circumambulates, saying:) And when, after all the phantoms are banished, thou shalt see that holy and formless fire, which darts and flashes through the hidden depths of the universe, hear thou the voice of fire. (Makes the Invoking Pentagram of Fire to South.) OIP TEAA PDOCE! In the names and letters of the great southern quadrangle, I invoke ye, ye angels of the watchtower of the South.

(He returns lamp to altar, takes Cup to West, and circumambulates, saying:) So therefore first that priest who governeth the works of fire must sprinkle with the lustral water of the loud-resounding sea. (Makes Invoking Pentagram of Water to West.) MPH ARSL GAIOL! In the names and letters of the great western quadrangle, I invoke ye, ye angels of the watchtower of the West.

(He returns cup to altar, takes Dagger to East, and circum-ambulates, saying:) Such a fire existeth extending through the rushings of air -- or even a fire formless, whence cometh the image of a voice -- or even a flashing light, abounding, revolving, whirling forth, crying aloud. (Makes Invoking Pentagram of Air to East.) ORO IBAH AOZPI! In the names and letters of the great eastern quadrangle, I invoke ye, ye angels of the watchtower of the East.

(He returns dagger to altar, takes chain to north, and circum-ambulates, saying:) Stoop not down into the darkly splendid world, wherein lieth continually a faithless depth and Hades wrapped in gloom, delighting in unintelligible images, precipitous, winding, a black ever-rolling abyss ever espousing a body unluminous, formless and void. (Makes invoking pentagram of Earth to North.) MOR DIAL HCTGA! In the names and letters of the great northern quadrangle, I invoke ye, ye angels of the watchtower of the North.

(He returns to west of altar, facing east, and takes up candle, tracing with it the Invoking Pentagrams of Spirit.) EXARP. BITOM. HCOMA. NANTA. In the names and letters of the Tablet of Union, I invoke ye, ye divine forces of the spirit of life. I invoke ye, ye angels of the celestial sphere, whose dwelling is in the invisible! Ye are the guardians of the gates of the universe; be ye also the watchers of our chamber this night. Keep far removed the evil and ignorant; strengthen and inspire us, that we may preserve unsullied this abode of the mysteries of the Eternal Ones. Let this place be made pure and holy, that standing herein we may become partakers of the secrets of the Divine Light.

(Returns candle to place.) The visible Sun daily returning is the dispenser of light to the world. Let us thrice complete the circuit of this place, that the Hidden Sun may shine on us from above.

(First, Second, Third, and then all other adepts go by the North to the East and circumambulate, saluting with LVX signs as they pass the East. After three circuits, they pass by south to their stations. First then makes the Grand Sign of the Order, and all others do likewise.)

All: Holy art Thou, Lord of the Universe.
Holy art Thou, whom Nature hath not formed.
Holy art Thou, the vast and the mighty One,
Lord of the Light and the Darkness.

(All lower arms.)

First: Let us open the Veil of the Sanctuary. Third Adept, what is the word which completes the First Degree?

Third: Phrath, the Fourth River of Eden.

(Any Adept present may assist with the spelling of the word:)

Adept: Peh.

Second: Resh.

Third: Tau.

First: What may be added to it?

Third: Kaph, the letter of Aspiration.

Adept: Peh.

Second: Resh.

First: Kaph.

Third: Tau.

First: The Word is Paroketh, the Veil of the Sanctuary. (All make the Sign of the Opening of the Veil.) In and by that Word, I declare that the Veil is opened.

(All face East and perform the Qabalistic Cross, then face altar again.)

First: Brothers and sisters of the Rose and the Cross, let us prepare to open the Vault of the Adepts. Second Adept, what is this Vault?

Second: It is the symbolic burying place of our father and brother Christian Rosencreutz, which he made to represent the Universe.

First: Third Adept, where is this Vault to be found?

Third: In the center of the Earth, the place of equilibrium in the midst of all things, the secret mountain of initiation: Abiegnus, the Mount of Fir-trees.

First: Second Adept, what is written on the door of the Vault?

Second: "After one hundred and twenty years I shall open." And the number one hundred and twenty is formed by the multiplication together of the first five numbers; it symbolizes the powers of the pentagram in their revolution.

First: "But his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
Third Adept, what is the key to the Vault?

Third: The key is VITRIOL.

First: Visita Interiora Terrae Rectificando Invenies Occultum Lapidem: Visit the interior of the Earth, there by rectifying you will find the hidden Stone.

Second: Seven are the letters of the word, seven the words of the key, seven the sides of the Vault; seven in the height above, seven in the depth beneath.

Third: And at its center the symbol of the Rose and Cross: the Rose of Creation and the Cross of Light.

First: Let us analyze that Light. I.

Second: N.

Third: R.

All: I.

First: Yod.

Second: Nun.

Third: Resh.

All. Yod.

First: Virgo, Isis, mighty Mother.

Second: Scorpio, Apophis, the Destroyer.

Third: Sol, Osiris, slain and risen.

All: Isis, Apophis, Osiris, IAO: the Sign of Osiris Slain.
(All give it.)

Third: The Sign of the Mourning of Isis. (Gives it.)

Second: The Sign of Apophis and Typhon. (Gives it.)

First: The Sign of Osiris Risen. (Gives it.)

All: (Making Signs together) L. V. X. Lux. Light: the Light of the Rose Cross.

First: In the Grand Word of the Order of the Rose Cross, I open the Vault of the Adepts.

(All give LVX Signs; First knocks once, and all are seated.)

CEREMONY OF THE VAULT

President of the GA: At this time I lay down the burden of my office as President of the Grand Assembly of the Companions of the Stone.

Secretary of the GA: (reads proclamation from the Council, which proclaims the new President.)

Third: Brother/Sister N., you have been called to serve as President of the Grand Assembly of our Order for the coming year, to uphold the laws of our Order without fear or favor and guide the lodges in their work. Do you accept this burden?

New President: I do.

Third: It is written: Whosoever shall be great among you shall serve, and whosoever of you will be the chiefest shall be the servant of all. I therefore, on behalf of the Grand Assembly, require you to kneel before the altar, to place about your neck the chain of humility, and to invoke the power of vengeance.

(New President goes to West of Altar, faces East, kneels and places chain about his/her neck, then says:) In the name of the Lord of the Universe, I invoke thee, thou great avenging angel HUA, to watch over my work as President during the year to come -- to keep me steadfast in the path of wisdom, and to confer upon me the power of discernment, that I may choose between the evil and the good, and try all doubtful things with sure knowledge and sound judgment. And I pledge myself, in thy presence and that of the Guardian Companions of the Stone, to fulfill the duties of this high office.

(Second and Third Adepts come to the sides of President, raise him/her up and remove Chain, saying:)

Second: Arise and take your place among us.

Third: For the Work of our Order awaits you.

(All return to places.)

President: Brothers and sisters of the Rose and Cross. The traditions of our fraternity set over us six laws, each with its inner and outer sense, to guide us in our path. Let these be kept in our hearts and in our actions:

One, that we shall profess to cure the sick, and that gratis.

Two, that none among us shall be constrained to wear one certain kind of habit, but therein to follow the custom of the countries in which we abide.

Three, that every year upon the Day C. we shall meet together at

the Collegium Spiritus Sanctus, or write the cause of our absence.

Four, that each among us shall choose a fit person to be his successor after his decease.

Five, that the word R.C. shall be our seal, mark and character.

Six, that our fraternity shall remain secret one hundred years.

All: Sub umbra alarum tuarum, Yehowah!

At this point the inner work of the ceremony is begun. In the absence of a physical Vault, the entry into the Vault is done on the astral, and contacts made there. After all is completed, the outer ritual continues.

First: Let us invoke the guardian powers of our Order. !!!
(Knocks; all rise.) I invoke thee, HRU, the great angel who art set over the operations of our secret wisdom, to strengthen and establish this Order in its search for the secrets of the Divine Light. Help the Companions to rise from the lower selfhood which is nothing, to that highest selfhood which is in the Infinite.

First: ! (Knocks.) And in the great name of strength through sacrifice, YHShVH YHVShH, I authorize and charge ye, ye forces of evil beneath the universe, that should a Companion of our Order, through will, forgetfulness, or weakness, break the obligations he or she has taken among us, that ye manifest yourselves as accusers to restrain and warn, so that even ye shall have a part in the operations of the Great Work through the Order. Thus do I charge and authorize ye through YHShVH YHVShH.

First: (Raising his hands) In the name and power of the Divine Spirit, I invoke ye, ye angels of the watchtowers of the universe! Guard our Order during the year to come. Defend it from all dangers and from the evils of unbalanced force, that the ancient wisdom may be preserved, and inspire and sanctify its members with the power of the Divine Light.

All: So be it.

(All are seated. New President may address the adepts.)

CLOSING

First: !!! (knocks; all rise.) Brothers and Sisters of the Rose and the Cross, let us prepare to close the Vault of the Adepts. Second Adept, how many princes did Darius set over his kingdom?

Second: It is written that they were one hundred and twenty.

First: "After one hundred and twenty years I shall open." In the Grand Word of the Order of the Rose and Cross, I close the Vault of the Adepts.

(All make LVX Signs.)

First: Let us close the Veil of the Sanctuary. Third Adept, what is the Word?

Third: Peh.

Second: Resh.

First: Kaph.

Adept: Tau.

Third: The word is Paroketh, the Veil of the Sanctuary. (All give Sign of the Closing of the Veil.)

First: In and by that Word, I declare the Veil of the Sanctuary closed. (Pauses.) In the rising and setting of the visible Sun is the circle of the life of Earth. Let us thrice complete the circuit of this place, that the light may not abide unguarded.

(All pass by South to East, First leading, Second and Third after, others following. All circumambulate three times, making LVX Signs as they pass the East. After the third circumambulation, they pass by north to their places.)

First: In the great name of strength through sacrifice, YHShVH YHVShH, I now set free any spirits who may have been imprisoned by this ceremony. Depart to your habitations in peace, and peace be between us. (Pause.) Second Adept, let the chamber be purified by the Lesser Ritual of the Hexagram.

(This is done as in the Opening.)

First: Third Adept, let the chamber be purified by the Lesser Ritual of the Pentagram.

(This is done.)

First: Our work is finished. Third Adept, you will open the portal. ! (Knocks; all make LVX signs in silence, and leave.)