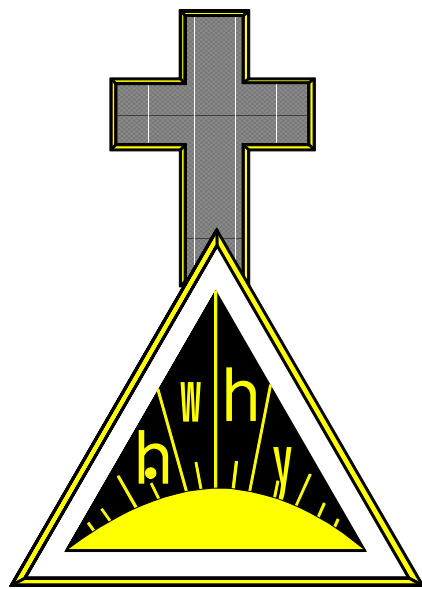


The Hermetic Order Of The
GOLDEN DAWN^{Intl.}

**THE CADUCEUS OF
HERMES**



THEORICUS 2=9

Entrance Badge into dny of the Theoricus Initiation



"The upper point of the wand rests on rtk and the wings stretch out to hmkj and hnyb, the three Supernal sephiroth. The lower seven are embraced by the serpents whose heads rest on dsj and hrwbq. They are the Twin Serpents of Egypt, the currents of astral light. Furthermore, the wings and the top of the wand form the letter c, the symbol of Fire. The head and the upper halves of the serpents form a, the symbol of Air. Their tails enclose m, the symbol of Water. All together it forms the Fire of Life above, the Water of Creation below, and the Air symbol vibrating between them." (Theoricus Ritual, the *Golden Dawn*, Lewellyn publications, Volume II, book II). It is interesting to note that this is one of the most beautiful symbols that can be analyzed and studied. We see that the Caduceus represents both the Fire of Life and the Waters of Creation, with the reconciler between these two, the symbol of Air. It is Air that acts as a reconciling agent between Fire and Water. Remember, in all things there are always two opposing forces and a third force that reconciles them. We see that the three elements of the Mother letters are reconciled by the Caduceus. We also see that the reconciliation and unification of the Supernals is represented by the top of the Caduceus and by its wings. Again, this is a symbol that can be meditated on on a regular basis in the Theoricus grade.

The badge can be painted primarily yellow with violet as a secondary color. The scales should be green. The sephiroth should be in the Queen scale of colors that were memorized in the Neophyte grade.