

The Consecration of a Temple



Dedicated to the Sangreal System
of the
Western Inner Way

Written and compiled

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I. Introduction & Preparation

The general idea is to start the consecration with as little as possible on display and finish up with the Temple in full ceremonial order. This can be done by keeping items under covers and producing each at the appropriate moment when necessary. The Temple is “stripped back” with all accessories arranged on a central table around an unlit lamp from which they are collected as indicated.

If the Temple is consecrated by a solitary participant, all the actions and words will naturally be executed by that individual alone. If a group is working this Rite, then, depending on the size, the actions are divided as follows:

1. The “Preceptor”, responsible for the explanatory and connecting parts of the ceremony. He is also the main Master of Ceremonies.
2. The “Pontifex” or Priest, responsible for the religious and consecratory part of the ceremony. This individual normally consecrates with anointing oil, which is a very light touch being given to the item with the right thumb. Otherwise the Pontifex signs with the Circle-Cross in the direction of whatever is being blessed.
3. The “Responsor”, who may be any individual or all participants.
4. “All”, meaning specifically everyone present.
5. “Sword”, “Rod”, “Cup”, and “Shield”, being the “Officers of the Quarters” concerned, and prepared for the Cardinal Positions, Elements, Instruments, Archangels, Seasons, or whatever is connected with the Quarters of the Temple.
6. “Cord” or “Universal Element,” being an individual with no fixed place, but usually hovers opposite the action taking place in the Temple.
7. “Benefactor” which is usually some special person with particular interest in the Temple or has helped considerably in its construction, or intends to do so. The name of this individual is normally included on the commemoration stone or plaque, together with the place, date, and name of the Temple and usual dedicatory remarks. If a commemoration stone is used, it should not be very large, and easy enough to handle. It is normally placed at the bottom of the altar on the floor, but may be anywhere else if necessary.
8. Sangreal Symbols are paper squares usually about 3 X 3 inches, with the *Sangreal* design on them. The contents of the “cup” design on them is coloured with the blood of the person concerned, who also signs them or writes something of individual significance. They are stored usually in an aumbry in the centre of the Standard, but may also be in a specially designed chest kept in the altar itself.

Attendants may unobtrusively place flowers, candles, etc., wherever needed at appropriate intervals.

If the Ritual is worked in a group, all participants are to be assembled at the perimeter with “Officers” placed at the quarters. The Pontifex and the Preceptor move between the perimeter and centre as may be necessary. Their normal positions are Right and Left of the altar position at the West. The Pontifex will have a phial of holy oil with which to anoint what he consecrates. This stands on the central table.

An appointed acolyte may act as bearer of whatever is needed when called for. Attendants may also unobtrusively place flowers, candles, etc., wherever needed at appropriate intervals.

If an address is required, it may be given best just before the Sanctuary in the West is consecrated. This Sanctuary is best enclosed with a complete curtain when actually services are not in progress.

When all is ready and waiting the Rite commences.



II. The Rite of Consecration

(The Congregation is assembled at the perimeter with the Officers in their places. The Pontifex and Preceptor are in their normal positions, respectively Right and Left of the altar at West. The Priest have a phial of holy oil with which to anoint what he consecrates. This stands on a central table. An appointed acolyte may act as bearer of whatever is needed when called for.

When everything is ready and waiting:)

PRECEPTOR: COMPANIONS, WE ARE HERE TO CONSECRATE AND SET APART THIS PRIVATE PLACE FOR SPIRITUAL SERVICE TO OUR WESTERN INNER WAY OF LIGHT, WHEREOF OUR SPECIAL SYMBOL IS THE SANGREAL. BE IT BORNE IN MIND AND SENSED WITH SOUL THAT ALL TRUE TEMPLES SHOULD PRESENT A PATTERN OF ARRANGEMENT WHICH WE OUGHT TO FOLLOW OUT OURSELVES IF WE WOULD FIND A WORTHY END IN EARTH-EXISTENCE. AS WE WORK WITHIN THEM, SO WE SHOW HOW WE ARE ASKING DEITY TO DEAL WITH US AS AGENTS OF THE HOLY WILL AMONG HUMANITY. TEMPLES ARE FOR MEN TO MEET AND MEDIATE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF OUR CREATION SO THAT WE CAN COME TOGETHER AS WE WILL.

SINCE IT IS SAID THAT WITH THE AID OF NUMBERS, SOUNDS AND LETTERS, COSMOS WAS CREATED OUT OF CHAOS BY THE BLESSED LORD OF LIGHT, SO DO WE MAKE USE OF CERTAIN SONIC MEANS WHEN ORDERING THE WORKINGS OF OUR TEMPLES. THESE ARE THE NECESSARY KNOCKS ATTRACTING OUR ATTENTION TO PARTICULAR POINTS OF ACTION, THEN THE WARNING BELL THAT BIDS AS WAIT AND WATCH WHATEVER IS AT HAND. HEREAFTER COMES THE HORN THAT CALLS OUR CONSCIOUSNESS TO SALLY FORTH AND SEARCH FOR SOME SPECIFIC SUBJECT. SOLEMN SOUNDS ARE GIVEN WITH A GONG THAT SUMMONS US TO STILL OUR SOULS AND SINK OURSELVES INTO THE SPIRITUAL SITUATION OF THAT INSTANT. SUCH ARE THE SIMPLE SONIC SIGNALS FOR CONTROLLING CONDUCT IN THE TEMPLES OF OUR WESTERN WORKING WAY. HERE WE ASK TO HAVE THEM HALLOWED BY A BLESSING BIDDEN ON OUR MEANS OF MAKING THEM.

(The Priest holds the gavel, and solemnly consecrates it)

PONTIFEX: OH THOU THE OVERLORD OF EVERY ORDER, GRANT THIS GAVEL AN ESPECIAL GRACE OF FIXING ALL ATTENTION ON THE FOCAL ISSUES IT IS STRIKING SURFACES TO SIGNIFY. MAY IT NEVER KNOCK IN VAIN, BUT ALWAYS BE OF VALUE IN THE HANDS OF WHOSO RAPS WITH IT WHILE HOPING FOR AN ANSWERING RESPONSE.

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM,
AND OF THE LOVE,
AND OF THE JUSTICE,
AND THE INFINITE MERCY,
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

(Three raps are given with the gavel. Afterwards it is replaced on the central table, then the Bell is elevated and consecrated)

PONTIFEX: BLESSED BE THIS BELL WHICH WARNS ALL WANDERING WITS AND THOUGHTS THAT SEEM TO STRAY LIKE SHEEP TO BE COLLECTED INTO CONCENTRATION. MAY IT FAITHFULLY FULFIL ITS FUNCTIONS IN THIS TEMPLE BY RECALLING AN ATTENTIVE ATTITUDE WHENEVER IT IS RUNG.

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM,
AND OF THE LOVE,
AND OF THE JUSTICE,
AND THE INFINITE MERCY,
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN.**

(The bell is rung three times, and returned to the central table. Next, the horn is raised and consecrated)

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BE THIS HORN, OUR OLDEN SYMBOL OF THE HOLY HUNT FOR SACRED FOOD AND SUSTENANCE. MAY IT EVER SERVE TO SEND ITS HEARERS QUESTING IN A SEARCH FOR THEIR REQUIREMENTS, AND ALSO SUMMON SPIRITUAL HELP FROM HIGHER SPHERES BY BRINGING ALL SUCH AID TO BEAR

WHEN IT IS BLOWN FOR BLESSING.

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM,
AND OF THE LOVE,
AND OF THE JUSTICE,
AND THE INFINITE MERCY,
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN.**

(Three blasts are given on the horn. Afterwards it is replaced, and the Gong approached, the mallet taken up, and the gong consecrated)

PONTIFEX: SACRED BE THE SOLEMN SOUND OF THIS GOOD GONG THAT SENDS ITS SONOROUS SUMMONS TO THE DEPTHS OF OUR DEVOTIONAL ABILITIES. MAY ITS EVERY ECHO ROUSE A REVEREND RESPONSE FROM SYMPATHETIC SOULS OF ALL RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO THE MEANING OF ITS MESSAGE.

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM,
AND OF THE LOVE,
AND OF THE JUSTICE,
AND THE INFINITE MERCY,
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN.**

(The Gong is struck three times, and the mallet replaced)

PRECEPTOR:: NOW THAT WE HAVE HALLOWED WHAT WE NEED FOR SONIC SIGNALS IN THIS TEMPLE, LET THEM ASSIST US IN ITS CONSECRATION, AND SINCE ALL EVENTUATES FROM NIL, LET US COMMENCE OUR COURSE OF ACTION BY SYMBOLIC SIMULATION OF THE PRISTINE PURITY ENJOYED IN PRE-EXISTENCE AS A PERFECT PEACE PROFOUND PREVAILED, AND HOLINESS THEN HOVERED ON THE THRESHOLD OF CONTINUAL CREATION. TO THAT END BE EVERYTHING UNHALLOWED HERE EXPELLED AND EXORCISED FORTHWITH FOREVERMORE.

(The Cord opens the Temple door. The Priest lifts the bell and continues)

PONTIFEX: DEPART. DISINTEGRATE, AND HAVE NO PRESENCE HERE IN THIS PARTICULAR PLACE, WHATEVER INFLUENCE IS ADVERSE TO THE PURE INTENTIONS WE ADVANCE WITH WILL AND WORK. BE BANISHED EVERY BADNESS AND FORBIDDEN EVERY FAULT.

EXIT EVERY EVIL ENTITY AND ENERGY. LEAVE THIS LOCALITY AND LET US LIVE IN FREEDOM FROM ENVIRONMENTAL OPPOSITION. BEGONE *(Bell is rung)* **BEGONE** *(Bell is rung)* **BEGONE** *(Bell is rung)* **BEGONE** *(Bell is rung)* **OUT, OUT OPPOSING ONES.** *(The Bell is replaced)* **DEPART DISTRACTIONS AND DISTURBANCES. TROUBLE OUR TRANQUILLITY NO MORE MALICIOUS AND UNFRIENDLY FORCES. LEAVE US IN PEACE PROVOKERS. BE POWERLESS IN THIS BLESSED PLACE. LET A SACRED SEAL BE SET AGAINST ANTAGONISTS OF ALL THAT IS ACCOMPLISHED HERE, AND THEIR ATTEMPTS AT ENTERING THIS ENCLOSURE BE FRUSTRATED BY THE FIRMNESS OF OUR FAITH AND COMPLETE CONFIDENCE WE HOLD HERE.**

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM,
AND OF THE LOVE,
AND OF THE JUSTICE,
AND THE INFINITE MERCY,
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN.**

(The door is closed. The Gong is struck, after which the Priest signs the door with Holy Oil, and returns to place)

PRECEPTOR:: LET US CONSOLIDATE OURSELVES TO CONTEMPLATION.

RESPONSOR: SO WILL WE ALL, AMEN.

(The Cord turns of the main illumination of the Temple, while the Priest picks up the matches in readiness to Light. There is a pause, followed by the Preceptor speaking, getting gradually softer until IAO [EE-AH-OH] is whispered very softly)

**PRECEPTOR:: IN THE TIMELESS IS THE FORMLESS
IN THE FORMLESS IS THE DARKNESS
IN THE DARKNESS IS THE STILLNESS
IN THE STILLNESS IS THE SILENCE
IN THE SILENCE IS THE SEED.**

I.A.O.

(Meditative silence, followed by the Priest speaking in a whisper, getting gradually louder)

**PONTIFEX: OUT OF NOTHING COMES THE BEING
OUT OF BEING COMES THE MEANING
OUT OF MEANING COMES THE MOTION**

**OUT OF MOTION COMES THE ACTION
OUT OF ACTION COMES THE DEED**

(The match is struck, while shouting)

PONTIFEX: LIGHT!

**AND OF LIGHT - LAW
AND OF LAW - LOVE
AND OF LOVE - LIFE**

(The Priest intones)

PONTIFEX: YAH HAY VAH HOH

(The Gong is struck)

PRECEPTOR:: BE OUR COSMOS STABILISED AND CENTERED.

(The Cord turns on the main Illumination)

RESPONSOR: WITH ALL OUR WILL, AMEN.

(All speak slowly and meditatively, feeling the meaning of the words within themselves)

ALL:	ABOVE US	<i>(Pause)</i>	THOU ART	<i>(Deity)</i>
	BELOW US	<i>(Pause)</i>	IT IS	<i>(Nature)</i>
	AROUND US	<i>(Pause)</i>	WE KNOW	<i>(Awareness)</i>
	INSIDE US	<i>(Pause)</i>	WE ARE	<i>(Individuality)</i>

PRECEPTOR:: LET US ASSESS THE AREA ABOUT US. OUR CEILING IS CONCEIVED TO SHOW A SCHEME OF HOW THE HEAVENS HANG ABOVE OUR HEADS AND HELP US REALISE OUR OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH SPIRITUAL SPACE BY CONTRAST WITH CREATED COSMOS. THE FLOOR IS FLAGGED WITH CHEQUERED SQUARES WHICH MARK THE MEASURE OF OUR MOVEMENTS IN THE DANCE OF DAYS THROUGH TIME WITH CAREFUL CALCULATION. THE WALLS WILL SHOW THE SEASONS AS THEY CIRCLE US WITH CIRCUMSTANCES AND EXTEND EXPERIENCE OF OUR EXISTENCE THROUGH EVENTS THAT WE ENCOUNTER.

SO WE HOLD SPACE, TIME AND EVENTS IN CIRCULATION AS A COSMIC TEMPLE POISED UPON ITS CENTRAL POINT OF POWER WE KNOW AS NIL, WHICH IS THE SPIRITUAL SOURCE OF ALL

CREATION AND BEGINS ITS BEING AS LORD OF LIFE WHOSE WORK WE ALSO ARE. OUT OF ITS NAMELESS NUCLEUS THE ELEMENTS OF OUR EXISTENCE EMANATE. THEREFORE, LET THEM COME FORTH NOW AND CLAIM THEIR RIGHTFUL QUARTERS AS WE RECOGNISE THEM.

RESPONSOR: SO THAT OUR CREATION MAY BE SANCTIFIED AND HELD IN HONOUR.

(The Bell is rung. Afterwards the Officer of the Sword continues)

SWORD (East): I AM AIR, I BRING THE BREATH OF LIFE TO EVERY BEING, AND I AM FULFILLED BY FREEDOM. KNOW ME BY THE SCENT OF SPRINGTIME AND THE SOUNDS OF DAYBREAK. I AM ATMOSPHERE ON EARTH, AND AMBIENCE IN HEAVEN.

LIVE ME.

(Priest exhales slowly and meditatively three times)

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BY THE HOLY LIVING ELEMENT OF AIR, BE THIS THE EASTERN QUARTER OF OUR TEMPLE.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.

**ROD (South/
North):**

I AM FIRE. MY WELCOME WARMTH IS HELD IN EVERY HEART AND I ILLUMINATE ALL CONSCIOUS CREATURES. KNOW ME BY THE SIGHTS OF SUMMER AND THE HEAT OF NOONDAY SUN. I AM FELT ON EARTH AND SEEN IN HEAVEN.

LIGHT ME.

(Priest lights candle or lamp of the South [North in the Southern Hemisphere])

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BY THE HOLY LIVING ELEMENT OF FIRE, BE THIS THE SOUTHERN (NORTHERN) QUARTER OF OUR TEMPLE.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.

**CUP (West): I AM WATER. FROM MY PRIMAL DEPTHS DID LIFE EMERGE,
AND MY FLUIDITY MAKES MANKIND MOBILE. KNOW ME BY
AUTUMN MISTS AND EVENING DEW. I AM COMFORTING ON
EARTH AND A CONCEALING CLOUD IN HEAVEN.**

LOVE ME.

(Priest fills lustral bowl)

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BY THE HOLY LIVING ELEMENT OF WATER, BE THIS THE WESTERN QUARTER OF OUR TEMPLE.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.

**SHIELD (North/
South):**

**I AM EARTH. SUSTENANCE OF LIFE IS MINE, AND MY SOLIDITY
SUPPORTS ALL SUPPLIANTS. KNOW THE TASTING OF MY FRUITS
BY NIGHT, AND FEEL MY TOUCH OF WINTER. I AM THE FERTILE
FIELDS OF EARTH AND PARADISE IN HEAVEN.**

LEARN ME.

*(The Priest directs energy into the pot of earth, and places the pot in the North
[South in the Southern Hemisphere])*

**PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BY THE HOLY LIVING ELEMENT OF EARTH BE THIS
THE NORTHERN QUARTER OF OUR TEMPLE.**

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: IS THERE ANOTHER ELEMENT OF OUR EXISTENCE?

(The individual representing the “Unknown Element” moves at will around the circle)

UNKNOWN

**ELEMENT (Cord): I AM THE UNKNOWN ELEMENT OF UNIVERSAL TRUTH AND
THEREFORE HAVE NO HARBOURAGE. FIND ME BY AN ACT OF
FAITH ALONE AND FOLLOW ME WITH CONSCIOUS CURIOSITY.
ON EARTH I AM AWARENESS, AND IN HEAVEN SPIRITUAL
CERTAINTY.**

THINK ME.

**PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BY THE UNIVERSAL ELEMENT OF TRUTH BE ALL
ENVIRONS OF OUR TEMPLE.**

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: LET THE SYMBOLIC SIGNS WHEREBY WE WORK THESE ELEMENTS ACCORDING TO OUR WILL BE DULY DEDICATED AND DISCERNED.

(The Priest rings the Bell)

SWORD: I AM THE SWORD, DIVIDING RIGHT FROM WRONG. I CLEAVE THROUGH ALL CONFUSION AND IN ACTION I AM COURAGE, THOUGH I REST IN HONOUR. MINE IS GOVERNMENT BY JUSTICE AND GOOD DISCIPLINE. I MAY BRING RETRIBUTION, YET I AM THE BLADE OF HEALING, AND I SEVER SADNESS FROM THE SIDE OF JOY. ALTERNATELY, I AM THE ARROW, SWIFT AND CERTAIN TO THE MARK, WHEN ACCURATELY AIMED WITH CLEAR INTENTIONS. ON EARTH I AM THE WIND, IN MAN, ACUTENESS, AND IN HEAVEN I PRESENT THE EDGE OF THE ALMIGHTY HAND.

RESPECT ME.

(The Sword is placed in position in the East)

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BE THE SACRED SYMBOL OF A SWORD IN THIS OUR TEMPLE. HERE DO WE DEVOTE AND DEDICATE IT SOLELY TO THE SERVICE OF THAT HOLY FAITH WE FOLLOW.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.

ROD: I AM THE ROD THAT MARKS WHATEVER LIES BETWEEN EXTREMITIES, FOR I COMMENCE AND CLOSE THE CIRCLE OF CREATION. I AM THE MEASUREMENT OF MAJESTY AND RULE WITH GENTLE GOVERNMENT. SPACE I SPAN AND TIME I

REGULATE. I DIRECT ATTENTION TO ALL POINTS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, AND INDICATE INTENTIONS EVERYWHERE. ALTERNATELY I AM THE SPEAR-STAFF, HELPING FRIENDS OR FIGHTING ENEMIES. ON EARTH I AM A TREE, IN MAN, UPRIGHTNESS, AND FROM HEAVEN I PRESENT THE POINTING FINGER OF THE HOLY HAND.

MARK ME.

(The Rod is placed in position in the South [North in the Southern Hemisphere])

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BE THE SACRED SYMBOL OF A ROD IN THIS OUR TEMPLE. HERE DO WE DEVOTE AND DEDICATE IT SOLELY TO THE SERVICE OF THE HOLY FAITH WE FOLLOW.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.

CUP: I AM THE CUP CONTAINING THE CREATIVE ESSENCE IN MY COMPASS. ALL THINGS EXIST IN ME, NOT I IN THEM. FORCE FLOWS INTO MY FORM, AND I PRESENT THE SANGREAL UNTO ITS SPECIAL PEOPLE. DIVINE AND HUMAN LIFE MEET IN MY DEPTHS AND MINGLE. MINE IS THE DRAUGHT OF DEATH AND IMMORTALITY. ALTERNATELY I AM THE CAULDRON OF CREATIVE CHANGES, OR THE CORNUCOPIA. ON EARTH I AM AN OCEAN IN ITS BED, IN MAN, CAPACITY, WHILE FROM HEAVEN I PRESENT THE HOLLOWED HAND OF THE COMPASSIONATE.

TRUST ME.

(The Cup is placed in position in the West)

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BE THE SACRED SYMBOL OF A CUP IN THIS OUR TEMPLE. HERE DO WE DEVOTE AND DEDICATE IT SOLELY TO THE SERVICE OF THE HOLY FAITH WE FOLLOW.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.

SHIELD: I AM THE SHIELD THAT OVERSHADOWS SEPARATED SELVES, PRESENTING THEM TO ONE ANOTHER IN THE MANNER OF THEIR MEANING. PROVIDENCE IS MINE, AND I PROTECT BOTH SOUL AND BODY FROM ALL INJURIES TO THEIR INTEGRITY. REFLECTION MEETS REALITY WITHIN MY MAGIC MIRROR, AND I AM THE AEGIS UNDER WHICH THE WORKS OF WISDOM OPERATE. ALTERNATELY I AM THE WHEEL OF LIFE, OR PLATTER BEARING THE MOST BLESSED BREAD. ON EARTH I AM A FIELD, IN MAN A PERSONALITY, AND FROM HEAVEN I PRESENT THE PROFFERED HAND OF EVERLASTING FRIENDSHIP.

TAKE ME.

(The Shield is placed in position in the North [South in the Southern Hemisphere])

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BE THE SACRED SYMBOL OF A SHIELD IN THIS OUR TEMPLE. HERE DO WE DEVOTE AND DEDICATE IT SOLELY TO THE SERVICE OF THE HOLY FAITH WE FOLLOW.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE**

**AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: COMPLETE THE CIRCLE CAREFULLY.

**CORD: I AM THE CORD, CONNECTING EVERY CONSCIOUSNESS
WITHIN EXISTENCE. I CONJOIN ALL ENTITIES WITH ONE
ANOTHER, AS AN AID TO UNIVERSAL UNDERSTANDING. I AM
LIKE A LINE OF LIFE THAT TIES AND TOUCHES ALL TOGETHER,
IN A KNOT OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE AND CONTINUOUS
COMMUNITY. ALTERNATELY, I AM THE BOND OF BLESSED
BLOOD THAT BINDS THE SOULS BELONGING TO THE
SANGREAL. ON EARTH, I AM THE WINDING OF ITS WAYS, IN
MAN, COMMUNICATION, AND IN HEAVEN I AM THE
CONTROLLING CORDS WITH WHICH THE HOLY HAND
MANIPULATES MANKIND.**

CATCH ME WHO CAN.

(The Cord moves around the circle with a ball of Cord in the hands)

**PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BE THE SACRED SYMBOL OF A CORD IN THIS OUR
TEMPLE. HERE DO WE DEVOTE AND DEDICATE IT SOLELY TO
THE SERVICE OF THE HOLY FAITH WE FOLLOW.**

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

**PRECEPTOR:: LET US NOW PERSONIFY THESE POWERS AT THE PERIMETER OF
OUR PERCEPTION, BY ALLOTING THEM ANGELIC ARCHETYPES
WE MAY APPRECIATE. DECLARE AND DEDICATE THEM.**

(The Priest rings the bell)

SWORD: **I AM *RAFAEL*** (*pronounce: Rah-fah-ehl; accent on the first syllable*), **WHO TEACHES HOW TO WALK AHEAD UPON THE PATH OF LIFE, AND FLY WITH WINGS OF SPIRIT. I HEAL THE HURTS THAT MANKIND MEETS THROUGH SEEKING KNOWLEDGE, OR INFLECTS UPON HIMSELF IN IGNORANCE AND ILL-INTENTIONS. LISTEN TO MY RINGING VOICE, AND LOOK ON ME AS YOUTHFUL, EAGER, ROBED IN YELLOW TONED BY VIOLET, HAVING LIGHT BROWN HAIR AND KEEN GREY EYES. IN MY HANDS I BEAR A GOLDEN VIAL OF HEALING BALM, AND I CONTROL THE ACTION OF THE SWORD AND ARROW ON THE ELEMENT OF AIR. HAVE FAITH IN ME AND FOLLOW WHERE I LEAD.**

PONTIFEX: **BLESSED BE ARCHANGEL *RAFAEL* AND ALL CONNECTED WITH HIS *Q*UARTER.**

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, *AMEN***

PRECEPTOR:: **CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.**

ROD: **I AM *MICHAEL*** (*pronounce: Mee-cha-ehl; accent on the first syllable*), **PRINCE OF HEAVEN AND PROTECTOR OF ALL SOULS UPON THE PATH OF LIGHT. I STRIVE ETERNALLY FOR MAN'S SALVATION AND WILL NEVER FAIL WHOEVER ASKS MINE AID, AGAINST THE INFLUENCE OF EVIL AND DISEASE. LISTEN TO MY POWERFUL VOICE, AND LOOK ON ME AS STRENGTH MADE MANIFEST, ARMOUR-CLAD IN BLAZING BRONZE, AND ROBED WITH RED RELIEVED WITH GREEN. MY HAIR IS GOLDEN LIKE THE SUN, MINE EYES ARE BRILLIANT BLUE LIKE SUMMER SKIES, I HOLD ALOFT THE SPEAR-STAFF, AND CONTROL THE ACTIONS OF THE ROD UPON THE ELEMENT OF FIRE. HAVE HOPE IN ME AND LOOK TO LIGHT WITH COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.**

PONTIFEX: **BLESSED BE ARCHANGEL *MICHAEL* AND ALL CONNECTED WITH**

HIS QUARTER.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.

CUP: I AM GAVRIEL *(pronounce: Gahv-ree-ehl; accent on the first syllable),*
**THE MIGHTY ONE WHOSE MESSAGE TO MANKIND IS
IMMORTALITY UPON THE PATH OF LOVE. I CONQUER DEATH BY
RESURRECTING LIFE, AND BRING FERTILITY TO BODY, MIND
AND SOUL, THAT ALL MAY RECREATE THEMSELVES IN SPIRIT.
LISTEN TO MY SYMPATHETIC VOICE AND LOOK ON ME AS BEING
MATURE, GOOD-HUMOURED, POTENT, ROBED IN BLUE AND
ORANGE, HAVING DEEPLY AUBURN HAIR AND AMBER-
COLOURED EYES. I HOLD THE HORN FOR ALL IT SIGNIFIES,
AND I CONTROL THE ACTION OF THE CUP UPON ITS ELEMENT
OF WATER. BE IN CHARITY WITH ME.**

**PONTIFEX: BLESSED BE ARCHANGEL GAVRIEL AND ALL CONNECTED WITH
HIS QUARTER.**

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: CIRCULATE THE CONSECRATION SUNWISE.

SHIELD: I AM AURIEL *(pronounce: Aur-ee-ehl; accent on the first syllable), THE*

LIGHT OF ALL EXPERIENCE UPON THE PATH OF LAW AND LEARNING. I PROVIDE HUMANITY WITH MEANS OF MAKING PROGRESS IN THEIR EARTH-WORLD, AND I SEND A STORE OF KNOWLEDGE TO BE GAINED BY THOSE THAT SEEK IT IN MY NAME. LISTEN TO MY DEEP DELIBERATE VOICE, AND LOOK UPON ME AS A KINDLY ELDER, ROBED IN GREEN AND RUSSET, HAVING GREYING HAIR, ONCE DARKER THAN MINE EYES. IN MY HANDS I HOLD THE BOOK OF WORLDLY WISDOM, YET I POINT TOWARDS THE STARS OF HEAVEN. I AM THE CONTROLLER OF THE SHIELD WHICH IS THE SENSE AND SURFACE OF THE ELEMENT OF EARTH. BE WISE WITH ME.

PONTIFEX: BLESSED BE ARCHANGEL AURIEL AND ALL CONNECTED WITH HIS QUARTER.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PRECEPTOR:: COMPLETE THE CIRCUIT CONSCIENTIOUSLY.

(The Cord moves around the circle, saying:)

CORD: I AM SUVUVIEL *(pronounce: Soo-voo-vee-ehl; accent on the second syllable)*, **CIRCLING WITH CONSCIOUSNESS THOSE TRACKS A MOVING MIND MAY TRAVEL IN ITS SEARCH FOR SPIRITUAL TRUTH. THEREFORE I AM ONLY RECOGNISED OR REACHED BY THOSE I TOUCH, IN WHATSOEVER WAY I SEEM TO SHOW MYSELF AT THAT SPECIFIC MOMENT. I INSPIRE INVESTIGATION AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO LOOK FOR LIGHT, UNTO THE UTMOST LIMITS OF THEIR INSIGHT AND PERIMETERS OF THEIR PERCEPTIONS. I UNRAVEL THE CONTINUOUS CLUE, THAT FREES MANKIND FROM THE CONFUSING MASS OF MUDDLES AND MISTAKES HE MAKES BECAUSE OF HIS MORTALITY. CONTACT ME, WHOSEVER CAN.**

PONTIFEX: LET US SUMMATE ALL WE HAVE HEARD TO SINGLE SONIC SYMBOLS WE MAY VOICE WITH VOWELS.

(The Priest rings the Bell)

PRECEPTOR:: HOW SOUNDS IT IN THE EAST?

(Led by the Priest, all intone on an entire exhalation)

ALL: EE

PRECEPTOR:: HOW SOUNDS IT IN THE SOUTH (NORTH)?

(Led by the Priest, while three slow raps are given by the South [North] using the gavel, all intone on an entire exhalation)

ALL: AH *(Sounds like “a” in “Father”)*

PRECEPTOR:: HOW SOUNDS IT IN THE WEST?

(Led by the Priest, while the Cup rings the bell, all intone on an entire exhalation)

ALL: OH *(Sounds like “o” in “Lord”)*

PRECEPTOR:: HOW SOUNDS IT IN THE NORTH (SOUTH)?

(Led by the Priest, while the North [South] blows the horn, all intone on an entire exhalation)

ALL: EH *(Sounds like “e” in “Central” or the sound of the word “Air”)*

PRECEPTOR:: HOW SOUNDS IT WITH THE CIRCLER?

(Led by the Priest, while the Cord strikes the Gong, all intone on an entire exhalation)

ALL: OO *(Sounds like “u” in “Truth”)*

PRECEPTOR:: HOW SOUNDS IT WITH THE COSMOS THAT WE HAVE CREATED?

(All circumambulate sunwise around the circle chanting the following, accompanied with the appropriate sonic sounds.)

ALL: EE-AH- OH-EH -HOO-HOO

(When back in place, the bell is rung and the Preceptor continues, saying)

PRECEPTOR:: A CIRCLE TURNS UPON ITS CENTRAL TRUTH, SO HOW ARE WE UPHELD? WE SEEM TO HANG BETWEEN THE POINTS OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND BALANCE AT OUR CENTRE BY THE FOCAL FORCE OF FAITH, WHICH MAKES US INTO A SELF-MOTIVATING MASS OF MEANING AND IDENTITY. BE OUR PIVOTS AND THEIR CENTRE HERE PROCLAIMED WITH POWER.

PONTIFEX: IN THE HIGHEST LET US SEE THE GREATEST GOD-CONCEPTION HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS MAY HOLD. TO THIS END DO WE DIRECT THE SYMBOL OF A QUADRATE CROWN, AND WE ASSIGN ARCHANGEL METATRON *(pronounce: Meh-tah-trohn; accent on the first syllable)* **WITH ALL HIS MEANINGS. AS A SONIC SYMBOL BE A BREATH INTONED ALMOST INAUDIBLY ABOVE THE RANGE OF RECOGNITION.**

(Priest shapes the mouth to sound "ëe," then exhales, producing a slight sound in a whisper.)

EEEEEEEEEEEEEE

IN THE LOWEST, LET US SEE THE LEAST OF LIFE, SUPPORTING ALL THE STRUCTURE OF OUR UNIVERSE. TO THIS END DO WE DIRECT THE SYMBOL OF A CUBIC STONE, AND WE ASSIGN ARCHANGEL SANDALOFON *(pronounce: Sahn-dah-loh-fohn; accent on the second syllable)* **WITH HIS SIGNIFICANCE. AS A SONIC SYMBOL, BE THIS SOUND BROUGHT FORTH BENEATH THE BREATH.**

(Priest places tongue and teeth to sound "th," then exhales, producing a rumbling sound in the chest.)

THHHHHHHHH

AT THE SECRET CENTRE OF OUR COSMOS, WE PERCEIVE THE POINT OF POWER, AND NUCLEUS OF NIL FROM WHENCE EXISTENCE EMANATES AND BEING BEGINS. DEITY ALONE DETERMINES IT WITHOUT A NAME. AS A SIGN DO WE APPOINT

A SHINING STAR, AND AS A SONIC SYMBOL WE ASSIGN THE WHOLESONE HUM OF OUR HUMANITY.

(Priest hums)

MMMMMMMM

BE THESE ATTRIBUTIONS OF AWARENESS IN OUR TEMPLE MADE AND MARKED THIS MOMENT FORTH FOREVERMORE.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

(The Priest rings the Bell)

PRECEPTOR:: HERE HAVE WE CREATED COSMOS WITH OUR CONSCIOUS WILL. LET US LEARN TO LIVE IN IT ACCORDING TO ITS LAWS. NOTE THAT THE AXIS HAS A NAME OF POWER PAST EVERY OTHER ENERGY.

(The Priest utters the Name of Power)

EMET

pronounce: ***EHM-EHT*** *(accent on the first syllable)*

Translation: Truth

PRECEPTOR:: THAT IS TRUTH. WE ROTATE AROUND A CENTRAL CONCEPT OF SUPREME SIGNIFICANCE. REMARK THIS AND REMEMBER ALWAYS. NOW WE CAN CONTINUE CONSECRATING WHAT WE NEED TO WORK WITH IN THIS TEMPLE, TURNING ON ITS PIVOT-POINT OF TRUTH. WHAT IS ITS MOST IMPORTANT ITEM?

RESPONSOR: THE ALTAR OF OUR OFFERINGS IN ITS AREA OF ACTION.

PRECEPTOR:: THAT AGAIN IS TRUTH. TRUE ALTARS ARE BUT SOLID SYMBOLS OF BELIEF IN SACRIFICE OF SELF, BECAUSE OF BLOOD ORDAINING SUCH AN OBLIGATION TO THE SUPREME SPIRIT. WE OF THE WEST, WHO SEEK TO SERVE THE SANGREAL, RAISE OUR ALTARS AT THAT QUARTER, SINCE THIS APPEARS APPROPRIATE TO OUR ACTIONS AND OUR ASPIRATIONS. SANCTIFY THEREFORE OUR SANCTUARY WITHIN THE WEST, SO THAT OUR FINEST FORCES MAY BE FOCUSED ON THE TRUTHS OF OUR TRADITION. FIRST THE FLAME, SECOND THE STONES, PLACE THE PILLARS AND SET UP THE STANDARD. DEDICATE THIS DULY TO DIVINITY, THAT WE MAY WORK AND WORSHIP AS WE ARE DIRECTED.

(The Priest rings the bell.)

(The Priest lights and places the Sanctuary Lamp in position)

BLESSED BE THIS LAMP UNTO THE LIVING LIGHT WHOSE SEPARATE SPARKS WE SURELY ARE. BEHOLD THE LIGHT BEHIND OUR BLOOD ,AND SEE THE EVER-BURNING SYMBOL OF THE SANGREAL HELD ALOFT FOR HONOUR ,AS A SACRED FLAME TO FEED FOREVER WITH OUR FIRMEST FAITH.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

(At the Altar the Priest continues, saying)

PONTIFEX: HALLOWED BE THIS ALTAR, AS AN ANCIENT SIGN OF SACRIFICE AND SERVICE TO THE HIGHEST OF OUR HUMAN HOPES. BLESSED BE OUR OFFERED BLOOD, AND THE BELIEF THAT BINDS US FIRMLY TO THE FAITH WE FOLLOW FOR THE SAKE OF OUR SALVATION. HONOURED BE THE ALTAR HORNS, AS A MEMORIAL OF ALL THE ANIMALS MANKIND HAS SLAIN, OR SOMEHOW SUBJUGATED TO OUR PURPOSE ON THE PLANET.

GLADSOME BE THE GARLANDS THAT PRESENT OUR FERVENT PRAYERS, FRAMED IN OUR OLDEN LANGUAGE OF THE LEAF AND FLOWER. MAY THE FRUITS OF OUR MOST FERTILE FIELDS, FIND FAVOUR AND ACCEPTANCE AT THIS ALTAR, AND MOST OF ALL, MAY WE BE WELCOMED AS WE OFFER UP THE ULTIMATE OBLATION OF OURSELVES AND ALL WE ARE, UNTO THE SUPREME SPIRIT OF OUR ORIGINS AND EVERLASTING END. SET AND COMPLETELY CONSECRATED FOR SUCH SERVICE BE THIS BLESSED SYMBOL OF OUR OLDEST SACRED STONES, ERECTED ON THIS EARTH TO HONOUR HIGHEST HOLINESS IN HEAVEN.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

(The Priest gives four raps with the gavel at the corners of the altar, starting at the left rear [right rear in the Southern Hemisphere] and continuing sunwise)

(At the Pillars the Priest continues, saying)

PONTIFEX: PUT TRULY IN THEIR PROPER PLACES, AS THE EMBLEMS OF UPRIGHTNESS AND APPROACH TO THE MOST HOLY PRESENCE, LET THESE PILLARS BE PROCLAIMED AS LIMITS OF THE LIFE WE WORK WITH, AND THOSE POWERS PERMITTED FOR ESTABLISHING EXISTENCE BY OUR BALANCE IN BETWEEN THEM.

(The Priest raises the gavel, faces the White Pillar)

STAND FIRM AND FAITHFUL, OH WHITE PILLAR POINTING OUT OUR PATHWAYS LEADING US TO LIGHT WITH WISDOM, MERCY, AND ACHIEVEMENT.

(The Priest gives three raps at the base of the White Pillar, then faces the Black Pillar)

STAY FAST AND FIXED, OH BLACK PILLAR WHICH PREVENTS

**OUR PASSAGE TO THE WAY OF DARKNESS BY UNITING
UNDERSTANDING, DISCIPLINE, AND HONOUR.**

*(The Priest gives three raps at the base of the Black Pillar, then, after being positioned
between the Pillars, touches the centre of both pillars with the hands)*

**PONTIFEX: MAY MANKIND BECOME THE MIDDLE PILLAR LEADING
LIGHTWARDS TO PERFECTION FROM A FIRM FOUNDATION,
BASED ON FAITH THROUGH BLESSED BEAUTY, THENCE BY
NEEDED KNOWLEDGE BEARING US ACROSS THE GREAT ABYSS,
TO GAIN THE CROWN OF OUR CREATION AND SO FIND OUR
FINAL FREEDOM IN THE LIGHT BEYOND ALL LIMITS, AT THE
END OF EVERYTHING IN PERFECT PEACE PROFOUND.**

(The horn is blown)

**BLESSED BE THESE PILLARS AND THEIR PURPOSE IN THIS
TEMPLE, THAT THE SIGHT OF THEM SHOULD LEAD TO
THINKING WHICH IN TURN WILL LEAD THE THINKER TO A LIFE
OF LIGHT.**

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

(The Priest faces the Standard, then continues)

**PONTIFEX: HERE DO WE DEDICATE, DISPLAY, AND HALLOW THIS, THE
STANDARD OF OUR SPIRITUAL STRUCTURE AND THE FORMULA
OF FAITH WE FOLLOW, WITH A HOLY HOPE THAT IT WILL LEAD
US LIGHTWARDS FROM OUR PURELY PHYSICAL EXISTENCE,
INTO FINER FORMS OF LIFE THAN ON THIS EARTH. BY THIS WE
SYMBOLISE OUR BEST BELIEFS, AND SET THEM UP AS
STANDARDS WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR, AND A CODE OF
CONDUCT TO CONTROL OURSELVES IF WE OBSERVE THEM AS**

WE OUGHT. THIS IS THE PLAN WE HAVE ADOPTED AS A SPIRITUAL SYSTEM AIMING AT PERFECTION OF OUR SPECIES. HERE IN OUR TEMPLE WE ARE PLEDGED TO HONOUR AND RESPECT ITS RULINGS, AS A WAY OF WORKING AND AN ARBITER OF ALL OUR ATTITUDES. SINCE WE ARE DEVOTED TO DIVINITY THROUGH SERVICE OF THE SANGREAL, THIS IS THE SACRED SIGN BENEATH WHICH WE WILL BRING OUR BLOOD TO MEDIATE THE HOLY MYSTERIES AMONG HUMANITY, AND THUS THROUGH OUR TRADITION WILL UPHOLD THE UNIVERSAL SUPREME SPIRIT, WHO IS LORD OF LIFE AND ENTITY OF EVERYONE WITHIN EXISTENCE. IN THIS SIGN WE SERVE. BY OUR BLESSED BLOOD WILL WE BELIEVE. IN THE LIGHT DIVINE BEHIND OUR BLOOD, SO WILL WE LIVE AND SERVE THE SPIRIT OF OUR SANGREAL WHEREWITH WE SHALL SURVIVE WITHIN THE WEST, WHILE WE AWAIT DETERMINATION OF OUR DESTINY ACCORDING TO THE HOLY WILL DIRECTING OUR HUMANITY.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues, saying)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

PONTIFEX: HERE HAVE WE COMPLETED CONSECRATION OF A SANCTUARY WITHIN THIS TEMPLE OF OUR WESTERN WORKING WAY. SET IT STRAIGHTAWAY INTO SERVICE THEREFORE, THAT THE WILL WITHIN OUR WORDS BE SATISFIED.

(The standard, altar and pillars placed in position in the West)

(The Bell is rung)

PRECEPTOR:: SINCE OUR MOST ANCIENT ALTARS WERE THE STONES WHICH KEPT A FIRE CONSERVED INSIDE A CIRCLE, WHILE ASCENDING SMOKE SENT UP A SIGNAL THAT ATTRACTED AN ATTENTION

FROM AFAR, SO IT SEEMS FITTING THAT OUR PRIMAL PRACTICE BE A PLEASANT OFFERING OF SCENTED SMOKE ARISING FROM OUR PRESENT ALTAR, WITH THE HEART SENT HOPE THAT PRAYERS FROM HERE MAY ALWAYS MEET APPROVAL FROM THE HANDS OF HEAVEN.

(Charcoal is lit and thurible prepared. It is brought to the Priest who pours incense on the coals, offers this at Highest, then sets it on the altar and prays while facing the altar)

PONTIFEX: OH HIGHEST HOLY ONE, ACCEPT US AS THE SOULS AND SELVES WE ACTUALLY ARE, WHILE SEEING US AS WE SHOULD BE IF WE HAD INDEED FULFILLED THY TRUE INTENTIONS FOR OUR FUTURE. WE WILL HENCEFORTH TRY TO HEED WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THY WORD WITHIN US, UTTERING INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH THE SILENT SPEECH OF SPIRIT. FEED THOU OUR FAITH WITH WORKINGS OF THY WILL WITHIN THIS WORLD, AND LET THIS LEAD US LIGHTWARDS, PAST ALL PERILS ON OUR PATHS INTO A STATE OF SPIRITUAL CERTAINTY AND CONFIDENCE IN THY CONTROL OF COSMOS. INTO THY HOLIEST OF HANDS DO WE COMMEND OUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND ALL WE ARE. TAKE THEM AS THINE AND WORK WITHIN US WHAT THOU WILT. AMEN.

(The Gong is struck)

PRECEPTOR:: ATTEND THE ALTAR THAT IT MAY APPEAR APPROPRIATE UNTO OUR SPIRITUAL SEASON.

(The Priest circulates and censes sunwise around the Temple perimeter. Appointed attendants attach the altar frontal and drape a cloth across the top. There may be music during this action. Afterwards the thurible is left in the South position [North in the Southern Hemisphere], and when all is ready the Priest and Preceptor take up their stations.)

PRECEPTOR:: IN OLDEN DAYS OUR OFFERINGS TO DEITIES WERE LITERALLY LAID UPON AN ALTAR. NOW WE NEED TO SHOW THIS BY ASSEMBLY OF OUR SACRED SYMBOLS ON THE ALTAR OF THIS TEMPLE WE ARE DEDICATING TO DIVINITY THROUGH EVERY THOUGHT AND ACTION. LET THE SHIELD BE LAID WITH CERTAINTY.

(The Shield is brought and laid correctly on the altar-top)

PONTIFEX: MAY THE MEANING OF THIS SYMBOL SERVE TO SHOW, THAT WE DEVOTE OUR SHARE OF ALL THIS EARTH UNTO DIVINITY.

PRECEPTOR:: SET OUT THE SWORD THEREON.

(The Sword is brought and set, hilt Right front, point Left back.)

PONTIFEX: SEE IN THIS SYMBOL OUR SUBMISSION OF DIVISIVE ACTIONS TO DIVINE AUTHORITY.

PRECEPTER: PLACE THE ROD PROPERLY.

(The Rod is placed Left front, Right rear over the Sword)

PONTIFEX: REMARK THE ROD RESTRAINING SWORD WITH ITS RIGHT RULERSHIP.

PRECEPTOR:: CENTRE CHEERFULLY THE CUP.

(The Cup is set on the centre-boss of the Shield)

PONTIFEX: CONSIDER HOW THE SYMBOL OF OUR SANGREAL IS CENTRALISED WITH HONOUR AT THE HEART OF ALL.

PRECEPTOR:: LASTLY LAY THE CORD OUT CAREFULLY.

(The Cord is looped around the Horns with care so that one end hangs down on the Right front, and the other on the Left)

PONTIFEX: THIS TEACHES THAT THOUGH ALL BE TIED AND BOUND BY TRUTH, LOOSE ENDS ARE ALWAYS LEFT FOR US TO GRASP IN SEARCH OF SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

PRECEPTOR:: SEE HOW THIS TEMPLE SEEMS TO HOLD TOGETHER AS ITS CONSECRATION COMES TO A CONCLUSION. ONE LAST AND

MOST IMPORTANT ITEM STILL IS LACKING. AN APPOINTED NAME ANNOUNCING ITS IDENTITY AMONG ALL ESOTERIC WORKERS OF OUR WESTERN INNER WAY. ALTHOUGH THIS HAS BEEN CHOSEN WITH OUR UTMOST CARE, IT IS NOT AS YET CONFIRMED NOR SET WITH SOLEMN SPIRITUAL SANCTION. IN OLDEN TIMES THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN BY WAY OF BLOODY SACRIFICE UPON A SPECIAL STONE, THEN BURIAL OF THE BODY IN THE PRECINCTS AS A SORT OF PAYMENT TO THE SPIRITS OF THIS PLACE, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ERECTION OF THIS TEMPLE ON THEIR PROPERTY. NOWADAYS WE NAME OUR TEMPLES THROUGH THE SYMBOL OF A STONE COMMEMORATING THEIR COMPLETION AND DUE CONSECRATION.

(Addressing the Priest)

PLEASE PROCEED WITH THIS, AND THEN BESTOW THE BLESSING OF THE BLOOD UPON IT AND US ALL.

PONTIFEX: WHO WILL BE THE BENEFACTOR OF THIS TEMPLE BOTH BY BLOOD AND BODY?

BENEFACTOR: I WILL.

PONTIFEX: SEEK YOU SERVICE OF THE SANGREAL BY BELONGING WITH THE BLOOD?

BENEFACTOR: I SO SEEK.

PONTIFEX: DO YOU DARE DESIRE DIVINITY ENOUGH TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF WITHIN THESE WALLS, ENTIRELY FOR THE SAKE OF TRUTH ON WHICH THIS TEMPLE TURNS, THEN LIVE ALONG THE WAY OF LIGHT THAT LEADS THERETO?

BENEFACTOR: I DO.

PONTIFEX: AND WILL YOU ALSO GENUINELY GUARD THIS TEMPLE AND PROMOTE ITS WELFARE WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND PATRONAGE?

BENEFACTOR: **INDEED I WILL.**

(Here the commemorative Stone is brought forward on the altar)

PONTIFEX: **THEN LET THIS STONE BE WITNESS OF YOUR WORDS AND BEAR YOUR NAME ADDITIONALLY TO THE ONE APPOINTED AS THE PROPER NOMINATION OF THIS TEMPLE. YOU THAT BEAR THE BLESSED BLOOD STAND FIRM IN FAITH AND SEE IT SHED SYMBOLICALLY TO SANCTIFY THIS PLACE IN PERPETUITY.**

(Here the Benefactor is given the lustral bowl to hold. The Priest draws the Sword from the altar, touches the Benefactor lightly on the breast with the point, then touches the edge of the bowl, and afterwards the stone, saying:)

PONTIFEX: **A LIFE OF SERVICE LAID UPON THE STONES OF SACRIFICE BECAUSE OF OBLIGATION TO THE BLESSED BLOOD, IS THE MOST PRECIOUS PAYMENT MEN MAY MAKE TO GAIN THE GRAIL THAT GRANTS IDENTITY IN IMMORTALITY. NO LIFE SO SPENT IS EVER LOST, BUT ALWAYS HELD IN HIGHEST HONOUR BY ALL THOSE THAT SHARE ITS SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE. HERE WILL WE SO HONOUR YOU AND ASK YOU TO PROCLAIM THE PATRONYMIC OF THIS TEMPLE BY ANNOUNCING ITS IDENTITY BEFORE US ALL.**

BENEFACTOR: **I NAME THIS TEMPLE...(Name)... MAY IT BE BLEST BY EVERY POWER AND PRESENCE POSSIBLE IN SERVICE OF OUR SANGREAL AND THE SUPREME SPIRIT AS OUR LORD OF LIFE AND LIGHT.**

(The Stone is sprinkled with lustral fluid. Afterwards the Priest replaces the Sword, and takes the lustral bowl and brush from the Benefactor)

PONTIFEX: **THANKS BE FROM ALL PARTICIPATING IN OUR PRESENT ACT OF FAITH, AND FURTHERMORE BE IT PROCLAIMED AND PROMULGATED AT THE HIGHEST THAT OUR TEMPLE NOW IS NAMED...(Name) (The Priest scatters lustral above)**

BE IT PROCLAIMED AND PROMULGATED AT THE LOWEST THAT OUR TEMPLE NOW IS NAMED...(Name) (The Priest scatters lustral below)

**BE IT PROCLAIMED AND PROMULGATED AT THE EAST THAT
OUR TEMPLE NOW IS NAMED...(Name) (The Priest lustrates the East)**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED AND PROMULGATED AT THE SOUTH
(NORTH) THAT OUR TEMPLE NOW IS NAMED...(Name) (The Priest
lustrates the South [North in the Southern Hemisphere])**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED AND PROMULGATED AT THE WEST THAT
OUR TEMPLE NOW IS NAMED...(Name) (The Priest lustrates the West)**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED AND PROMULGATED AT THE NORTH
(SOUTH) THAT OUR TEMPLE NOW IS NAMED...(Name) (The Priest
lustrates the North [South in the Southern Hemisphere])**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED AND PROMULGATED AT THE TRUE CENTRE
THAT OUR TEMPLE NOW IS NAMED...(Name) (The Priest scatters
lustral in the centre)**

**BE IT HELD IN ALL OUR HEARTS AND SET IN EVERY STONE
COMPRISING ITS CONSTRUCTION, THAT OUR BLOOD HAS
BROUGHT THIS TEMPLE TO A SPIRITUAL STATE OF
CONSECRATION. LET IT NOW BE KNOWN BY NAME TO ALL OF
US AS...(Name) (The Priest lustrates the congregation)**

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues to say:)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

(The Bell is rung. Afterwards the stone is set at the foot of the altar)

**PRECEPTOR:: LASTLY LET US SET AND STORE TOGETHER ALL OUR SEPARATE
SANGREAL SYMBOLS AS A FOCUS FOR ITS INNER FORCES
ACTING THROUGH OUR OUTER TEMPLE.**

*(Here the Cord collects the Sangreal Symbols of each member present or offered by proxy.
They are collected on a platter and offered to the Priest at the altar. The Priest accepts and elevates the
Platter, saying)*

PONTIFEX: EVEN AS THESE SPECIAL SYMBOLS ARE COLLECTED FOR A CONSECRATION OF THE ENERGIES THEY SIGNIFY, SO DO THOU, ETERNAL ONE, COMBINE OUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND BRING US TRULY TO A SPIRITUAL STATE OF LIGHT AND LIFE, BY REALIZING THE REGALTY OF THAT MOST BLESSED BLOOD MANKIND MAY HOPE TO HOLD FOR THE ENNOBLING OF OUR ORDINARY NATURE.

(The Symbols are placed in the aumbry or chest on the Standard)

PERVADE THIS PLACE WITH THY MOST PERFECT PRESENCE. IMPRESS US BY THINE IMMANENCE. MOVE US WITH THY MAJESTY. INSPIRE US WITH THINE INFLUENCE. CHANGE US BY CONTACT WITH THY CONSCIOUSNESS. ENRICH US WITH EXPERIENCE OF THINE EXISTENCE. FULFIL OUR FAITH IN THEE. BE AS THOU WILT WITH THIS THE TEMPLE OF THY TRUTH. FROM HENCEFORTH FOREVERMORE.

(Four Gong strokes are given while the aumbry, chest or ark is closed)

PRECEPTOR:: AS WE COMMENCED LET US CONCLUDE.

RESPONSOR: BY SEEKING SPIRIT IN THE SACRAMENT OF SILENCE.

(Here all sit in contemplative silence, inviting the Holy Presence to intensify Itself among them and remain in residence as long as It intends. The Priest is responsible for terminating this period with a quiet rap, and then continues quietly)

PONTIFEX: OH HIGHEST HOLY ONE WE WOULD WELCOME WITH OUR WORSHIP AND BELIEVE IN BY OUR BLOOD, THIS PLACE IS THINE TO DWELL IN WITH DIVINITY, AND ALLOW US TO ENCOUNTER THEE ON THIS OUR EARTH WHILE WE EXIST AND WAIT UPON THY WORD OF WILL. IN PEACE WE CAME TOGETHER AND WITH POWER WE WORKED, SO NOW IN PEACE LET US DISPERSE AND BEAR THY BLESSING AS WE HOPE TO LIVE HENCEFORTH.

(All form the Cosmic Cross while the Priest continues)

**IN THE NAME OF THE WISDOM
AND OF THE LOVE
AND OF THE JUSTICE
AND OF THE INFINITE MERCY
OF THE ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT, AMEN**

*(The recessional is made either in complete silence, or to very quiet music,
with individual reverences made to the altar)*

(END OF RITE)

