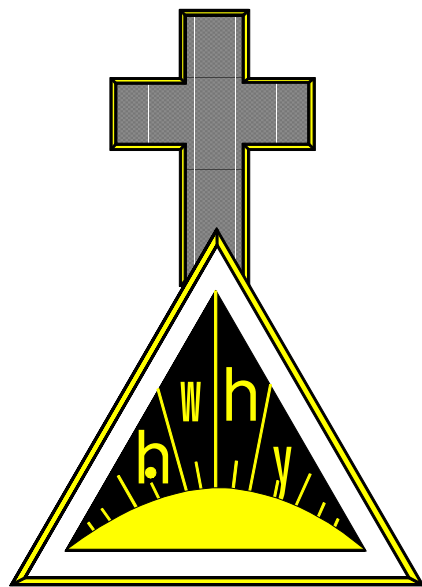


The Hermetic Order Of The
GOLDEN DAWN Intl.

**THE CUP OF THE
STOLISTES
ADMISSION BADGE INTO
dwh**



PRACTICUS 3 = 8

It is the cup of the Stolistes, the symbol of the Lamén in the Hall of the Neophyte, that acts as the entrance badge into the watery temple of d̄h. This badge partakes of the ancient symbolism of the Laver of Moses, as well as the Sea of Solomon.

When it is overlaid on the Qabalistic Tree of Life, it embraces nine sephiroth exclusive of the sephira of r̄tk. There are three elements that are depicted on the cup of the Stolistes. They are Water, Air, and Fire. The crescent alludes to Water which is above the firmament. The circle in the center is the firmament, and the triangle is the consuming Fire below. Do not confuse the consuming Fire below with the Celestial Fire formed by the upper part of the Caduceus Wand. These are two separate types of Fire.

The cup is a symbol of spiritual receptiveness, the desire to open one's self up spiritually, and as such should be meditated on regularly in this grade, thus allowing yourself to become the cup and to open yourself up to the Celestial Waters.

In a sense, the cup becomes an effervescent endless flow of the Laver of Waters or collector of the Celestial Waters, and as such the initiate can later learn to access these waters to aid his own spiritual development and growth.

