

6 = 5

Ceremony of the Grade of the Adeptus Major

Matrona or Shekinah... Rose coloured tunic. Long black veil. Alabaster lamp with oil; spray of acacia. Chief Adept... Blue and purple nemis and robe. Ankh. Merciful King of Salem... Winged sphere wand and Lamén.

Second Adept... Red and orange nemis and robe. Excellent Prince of the Horizon... Ankh, Phoenix wand and Lamén.

Third Adept... Yellow and rose robe and nemis. Ankh. Noble Lord of Eventide... Lotus Wand and Lamén.

The Vault is draped entirely in red. The Pastos in black stands uncovered with head to North. Pedestal at head. Light veiled.

In Portal two pillars, red Ankh holding braxier in South blue Tat holding bowl of water in North. Outer side of Vault Door covered with blue and orange curtain on which is Sol on a Cross. Strip of emerald green cloth up floor. White and gold Altar divided up middle with 33 Lights (for second part).

The three Adepts sit in triangle facing Vault.

The Candidate must receive full instructions as to silence, knocks and gestures beforehand.

In preparing for the Ceremony, Shekinah pours olive oil into an Alabaster vessel saying: "The Oil is the Life of the Tree-Let the Tree give its Life."

She pricks herself till blood flows into the Oil and says: "The Blood is the Life of the Man-let the Man give his Life."

She sets a floating wick in the oil, kindles it and says: "The Light is the Life of the World, let all the Living rejoice."

ARRANGENIENT OF CANDLES IN SECONI) PART

One

White

(i) (iii) (ii) (iv) (v) (i)

One Two Four Four One Four Two One

Blue Brown Green Red Red Green Brown Blue

(vi) (vi) (vi)

Three Seven Three

Yellow Violet Yellow

N.B. The Roman figures above indicate the order of extinguishing. Three are left lit.

N.B. The abbreviations used in the 6=5 Ceremony that follows are designated as: Ad. means Adept Ch.Ad. means Chief Adept Shek. means Shekinah

OPENING

(Ch.Ad. Rises: 2nd Ad. Rises: 3rd Ad. Rises:)

Ch.Ad. "Avete Fratres et Sorores."

Ch.Ad & 2nd (in unison) "Benedictus Dominus Deus Noster."

All present (led by 3rd) "Qui Dedit Noble Hoc Signum"

All touch Rose Cross on breast

Ch.Ad. "Very Honoured Adepti Majores, assist me to open the Vault of the Adepti in the exalted Grade of Geburah. Excellent Prince of the Horizon, see that all present have been admitted to the Mystery."

2nd Ad. "Very Honoured Fratres et Sorores give the sign." (done)

Ch.Ad. "Noble Lord of Eventide what is the word?"

3rd Ad. "Elohim Gebur."

Ch.Ad. "Grant us thy strength, O Lord. Excellent Prince of the Horizon what is the mystic number formed therefrom?"

2nd Ad. "The number is Twenty."

Ch.Ad. "Noble Lord of Eventide what is the signification thereof?"

3rd Ad. "It is the Union of the Enochian Tablets and the Kerubic Emblems."

Ch.Ad. "The Lord is my strength and my song."

2nd Ad. "He is also become my salvation."

Ch.Ad. "In the strength of Elohim Gebur, let us with tranquil minds and recollected hearts enter into the Valley of the Shadow."

2nd Ad. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."

3rd Ad. "The night cometh and also the day: if ye will return, return ye." (Turn down light in Vault)

(Ch. and 2nd Ads. open Door of Vault and enter: Ch. passes to East 2nd remains at West, 3rd remains without.) (One Bell ring)

Ch.Ad. "O Death, where is thy sting?"

2nd Ad. "O Grave, where is thy victory?"

Ch. & 2nd "Thanks be to God which giveth us the Victory."

(They place their wands with the ends resting within the Pastos and raise their Ankhs joining them above the wands.

Ch.Ad. "Say then, my brother, what is the emblem which we raise above the grave?"

2nd Ad. "It is the ancient symbol of Life; the union of the girdle of the Great Mother with the Tau Cross of Death; it is the emblem of that Eternal Life of the Spirit which the Divine Ones pour forth upon Men, delivering him from the body of Death."

Ch.Ad. "Merrily, thou hast answered well, my brother. Let us then entrust the

Great Mother thus to raise us all from the Death of the Soul to the Life of the Spirit."

(They turn to the N.E. still keeping their wands in the Pastos, but separating the Ankhs which they raise in Invocation. They sink upon one knee; 3rd also kneels without and raises Ankh.)

Ch.Ad. "Mother of Life, Hidden House of the Fire of the Spirit, grant us Thy Life. Mother of All, Matrona, we would be even as the Burning Bush which was not consumed; a Sign to those who may have eyes to see. In Thy hands is the Lamp of Understanding; show us, if but for an instant, a Ray of that Light Divine. Rose of the World, vouchsafe to us a breath of Thine Ineffable Fragrance. Tower of Ivory, enclose us in Thy protecting Purity. Give us, we beseech Thee, this day and hour, Thine aid in the high purpose for which we are here assembled. Strengthen the Postulant who seeks enlightenment through the Gates of Darkness, that passing through the Valley of Bitterness he may find therein the Wells of Living Water. Reflect upon his soul those Visions of the Spirit which awaken the understanding and beckon us to the Pisgah Heights of Holiness. There may he find the Pearl of Great Price, which is also the Lodestone of the Wise. Shekinah!"

2nd Ad. "Shekinah"

3rd Ad. "Shekinah"

All Three "Shekinah"

(Turn up lights. The Vault which was in darkness at first gradually becomes lighter, revealing the figure of Shekinah holding a lamp under her veil. At the last word she holds forth her lamp, in silence letting the light shine upon the Adepti in turn. They bow their heads a moment, then she withdraws silently. The Adepti rise and quit the Vault in silence.

PART ONE

Vault light out and Vault door closed. Adepti seated in triangle. Postulant has been previously instructed in knocks, etc. He is robed in white with black cord round waist, black cowl over head and black slippers. He carries Hiero's lamen. 3rd Ad. goes out and sees that the Postulant is properly prepared, then returns leaving door slightly ajar. Postulant knocks once hesitantly. Inside bell sounds twice.

2nd Ad. "The hour of night approaches; the shadows of evening close in; he

who hath wandered afar, travelling through the heat and burden of the day, seeketh rest."

Ch.Ad. "Let us then redeem the time. Excellent Prince of the Horizon, where is the Place of Rest?"

2nd Ad. "East of the Sun and West of the Moon."

(Postulant knocks more firmly)

2nd Ad. "Rest after toil doth greatly please."

Ch.Ad. "Now then hath he who seeketh for entrance, prepared for that rest?"

2nd Ad. "By a faithful obedience to the rules of our Order; by that bodily purification which reflects the purity for which we strive; by the Observation of abstinence and silence for a period of 20 hours; in token thereof, we impose upon him the final test before admitting him within the Portal.

(2nd Ad. turns to 3rd Ad. and says:)

2nd Ad. "Noble Lord of Eventide, before admitting the Postulant, ascertain that his/her pledge is duly maintained."

(Postulant knocks thrice urgently. 3rd Ad. opens the Door but bars the way, saying:)

3rd Ad. "By what right seekest thou entrance within these precincts?"

(Postulant in silence, offers Hiero's lamen. 3rd Ad. stands aside to let Postulant in and then 3rd Ad. says:)

3rd Ad. "Merciful King of Salem, I have tested the Postulant and silence is maintained."

(Three Bells Sound)

Ch.Ad. "The hour cometh and even now is when the son of Man shall appear. Art thou therefore, prepared to discard the vestments of the flesh, that the soul unfettered may go forth to meet Him in the air?"

(Postulant gives the sign of Osiris slain. 2nd Adept remotes the black cowl. Standing before the Postulant Ch. and 2nd Ad. rise and turn towards him. Ch.

raises wand and Ankh on high.)

Ch.Ad. "Oh ye Divine Ones who are in the Presence of the Supreme, grant me your arms, for I am he who shall come into being among you."

3rd Ad. "Who then is this?"

2nd Ad. "I am the Divine Soul which dwelleth in the Seven Spheres."

3rd Ad. "Who then is this?"

2nd Ad. "I am he who is not driven back among the Gods."

3rd Ad. "Who then is this?"

2nd Ad. "I am Yesterday; I know tomorrow."

Ch.Ad. "Yesterday is Osiris and tomorrow is Ra; I am the only one, the Ruler of that which is made."

3rd Ad. "Who then is this?"

2nd Ad. "I am the Phoenix, the Living Present, arising from the ashes of the dead Past; I am the keeper of the volume of the Book of Things which shall be. Eternity is the Day and Everlastingness is the Night."

3rd Ad. "Who then is this?"

2nd Ad. "I am Thooth, the scribe of the Holy Offerings; I am he who riseth in his place, who cometh into the Holy City. I have made an end of any shortcomings and I have put away my faults."

(3rd loosens cord from Postulant's waist.)

3rd Ad. "What then is this?"

2nd Ad. "It is the loosening of the corruptible body of Osiris, victorious before all the Gods: all his faults are driven out; it is the purification of Osiris on the day of his birth."

Ch.Ad. "I pass over the way; I know the Head of the Pool of Truth, even the Pool of Silence which is the Pool of Healing."

3rd Ad. "What then is this?"

(He points to the Door of the Vault.)

Ch.Ad. "It is the Northern Gate of the Underworld, even the Door of the Tomb, whereon thou mayest behold the Sun in his Nadir, crucified between the Pillars of the Tree of Life."

(All face East)

Ch.Ad. "Homage unto Thee, O Thou Lord of Light and Truth, O Sovereign Prince who doest away with sin; destroy Thou the faults that are within me, that with a clean heart I may approach when Thou dost say: 'Come therefore hither.'"

(A pause. Ch.Ad. turns to Postulant who has been led slowly forward during the foregoing until he now stands close to the Vault Door.

Ch.Ad. "Already Frater . . . a triple obligation rests upon thy soul: in Malkuth were thy feet bound that they might keep in the path of Judgement and Equity; on the Path of the Arrow thy loins were girt with the bonds of purity and self-restraint; in Tiphareth was thy heart bound by the three-fold cord of Love, Service and Sacrifice."

"Keep, therefore, the commandments of the Lord; bind them about thy neck; when thou goest they shall lead thee; when thou sleepest they shall keep thee; when thou wakest they shall talk with thee. Art thou then prepared, having thus bound thy body with the spoken word, so now to bind thy soul with the silence from which thou are not yet loosed? If thou dost with thy mind ascent, signify the same with the Sign of Light."

(Postulant makes LVX signs in silence: 2nd and 3rd Ads. place him with back against Vault Door with arms outstretched.)

Ch.Ad. "He that findeth his soul shall lose it; and he that loseth his soul for My sake shall find it."

2nd Ad. "He that taketh not his Cross and followeth after Me is not worthy of Me."

(Four Bells sound)

THE OBLIGATION

Ch.Ad. repeats the words, and at the end of each clause the Postulant bows his head in silence.

(1) "I, Frater _____, Associate Adeptus Minor of the 5=6 Grade of the ancient Rosicrucian Fraternity of the Rose of Ruby and the Cross of Gold, standing here before the Door of the Vault of the Adepts, do solemnly affirm and testify to the faith which I hold in my heart in those Greater Mysteries to which the Lesser Mysteries are the door; I believe that they are implanted in the soul in silence, and that through the Veils of Silence only can they be beheld. Standing thus in the Sign of Osiris Slain, with all sincerity and singleness of heart, do I affirm that I will ever maintain the most perfect silence in respect thereof; I promise that I will never reveal them to the profane, nor will I hint of them to those in the Order who are below the rank of Theoricus Adepts Majoras."

(2) "I will hence forth endeavour to close my ears to the call of the evil and impure, whether around me or in my own heart, being well assured that he who gazes upon evil things or listens to the lure thereof-save only with the firm intention and will to stem its progress and transmute its power into the good, the true and the beautiful-can but increase that evil. As it is written-Who is blind but my Servant, or deaf as my Messenger Whom I have sent?"

PART 2

The White Altar is placed midway between the entrance and the Door of the Vault. Upon it are arranged coloured candles unlit. West of this is an easel supporting the Tarot Keys of Justice and the Hanged Man, concealing the candles from the Postulant. Ch. and 2nd Ads. are seated either side of the Altar: the Door of the Vault is open. 3rd Ad. remains in West. Postulant now has bare feet except for scarlet shoes, and a purple cloak is thrown around him. The admission badge is a pair of scales with a heart in one scale and a feather in the other. 3rd Ad. goes to fetch Postulant As they enter Five Bells sound.

(5 Bells ! ! ! ! !)

Ch.Ad. "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?"

2nd Ad. "I have trodden the winepress alone, and of all the people there was none with me; and I looked and there was none to help, and I wondered that there was none to uphold."

Ch.Ad. "It is good that a man/woman should both hope and quietly wait for the Salvation of the Lord, for He will not cast off for ever, for though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. Wherefore let us now pray to Him that thy footsteps fail not in thy passage through the Valley of Death."

(ALL kneel facing east)

Ch.Ad. "O Lord of Strength, Elohim Gebur, in all humility of Spirit we invoke Thy blessing. Look down we implore Thee upon this Postulant, who now kneeleth before Thee and knocketh at the Gateway of the Grave. Grant him Thine aid, O God of Israel who givest power unto Thy people, pour forth Thy benediction we beseech Thee. O Thou Fire-Hearted one who dost send death that we may attain unto life everlasting; Thou at whose word the thunders roll and the darting lightning flashes forth, grant that in the midst of the storm we may find peace. Master of the Diadems of Fire, crown him with light, that emerging from the darkness of the Tomb he may enter upon the dawn of endless day. AMEN."

(A pause; all rise and Ch.Ad. points to the TAT pillar from which 3rd Ad. takes bowl of water to place in Postulant's hand.)

Ch.Ad. "Thus far, O Postulant, hast thou climbed the Mountain of Abiegnus, even the Sacred Mountain of Initiation. Thy feet have trodden paths, steep indeed and narrow, yet dearly marked by those who have gone before thee. At every step friendly hands have been stretched out ready to aid thee; friendly voices have spoken encouragement in thine ear. Now must thou step forward alone into the darkness of the grave, remembering that it hath been said, 'I have trodden the winepress alone.' To each one who seeketh the Light cometh the period of darkness, that Dark Night of the Soul of which the Saints have warned us. To each cometh a time when the Soul must receive the purification of absolute negation before she can hear the command-Enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord; that purification of which the piscina of our earlier ceremonies is the foreshadowing. Noble Lord of Eventide, place the bowl of water in the hands of the Postulant that he may behold his face as in a glass darkly."

(3rd Ad. does so, instructing Postulant to bend his face and look steadily at the reflection.)

Ch.Ad. "Behold then, my Frater, thyself submerged, even as of old the Postulant was held beneath the waters of baptism until he entered the gates of death, emerging then, and then only, purified from the stains of earth. Thus must thou also purify thyself, body and soul, in darkness and in silence before

thou canst pass along the path of Purgatorial Fire (of which the Southern Pillar is the emblem), to that resurrection which we in patience hope for. No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself; rather each gathereth in the life of his fellows, even as a mirror gathereth images of all around it. The still mirror reflects truly, and the living mirror perfects the unequal image. No troubled image finds therein its rest; for it restores that which was broken and that which it sends forth again is Peace. But to send forth Peace, first we must overcome, and herein lieth The mystery of the double letters, as thou were told that one letter and one Planet denote opposites. For in the Path of Mars indeed is found war and destruction, but in the Palace of Mars, which is Geburah, thou mayest find Peace."

(3rd Ad. replaces bowl and indicates Tarot Key of Hanged Man.)

2nd Ad. "Herein my Frater, you may perceive somewhat of the same symbolism under another and deeper signification than this, since the Hanged Man (under which title you may remember that our Lord was 'hanged upon a Tree') is also entitled the Drowned Giant, and in this likeness may be said to refer to the Adam Kadmon of the Kabbalists- the ideal man who reflects the Image of God, even as thy face was but now reflected in the bowl of water. And herein is a great mystery, for in each of us is submerged that Image, but oftentimes so distorted by the waves of the tempestuous passions that it is unrecognizable, save to the discerning eye of the Adept, whose vocation it is to utter the word of Power: 'Peace; be still.' In the act of Creation, it may be said that the Supreme sacrificed Himself by imposing certain limits; thereby He was thenceforward bound in manifestation, even as the Word conformed to the limitations of Humanity in His Incarnation. Therefore, must we also offer ourselves as a living sacrifice; holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. The 22nd Path of Mem is called the Faithful Intelligence, and it is so called because by it, spiritual virtues are increased and all dwellers upon Earth are nearly under its shadow."

(2nd Ad. returns to his set and Ch.Ad. comes forward and points to the Key of Justice.)

Ch.Ad. "The Path of Lamed you have already learned is attributed to the Tarot Key of Justice., It leads from the Beauty of Tiphareth to the Severity of Geburah, and it may thus be said to denote the equilibrium between Emotion and Will. It represents as you see, a Queen seated upon her Throne, her foot resting upon a fox, her hand grasping a sword and a pair of scales. Thus shall the Soul, upheld by the firm Will, tread under foot the desires of the flesh, and rule her kingdom by the Light of the Spirit. Mercy and Truth have met together. Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other, and in that embrace

shall spring the Perfected Man, ready to face with tranquil mien, whatsoever the day may bring forth: life or death, joy or sorrow. The 21st Key of the Sepher Yetzirah is known as the Intelligence of Conciliation, and it is so called because it receiveth the Divine Influences which flow into it from its benediction upon each and all existence."

(The Ch.Ad. moves to E. of Altar: 2nd Ad. hands him the censer. 3rd Ad. slips cowl over Postulant's eyes and lights the 33 candles. 2nd and 3rd Ads. then take their places South and North of the Altar, each with an extinguisher. The Temple is in darkness, save for the candles.)

(Postulants hood is thrown back.)

N.B. The following four paragraphs given by the Ch.Ad., explaining the symbolism of the Altar and the 33 candles, is not usually read during the ceremony.

Ch.Ad. "Behold now the mystery of the 33 lights upon the white and gold Altar. The Altar itself, you may perceive, is of rhomboidal form, implying thereby that you have consecrated your whole being to the Divine Inspiration. The five lights in the midst are the five senses and their red colour denoted the passions of which they have in the past been the vehicle, while their exalted position signifies their purification through sacrifice.

"The two pairs of brown candles are the four somatic divisions, while the two sets of four are the four Zoa and the four Archangels of Revelation which are their counterparts in the Yetziratic and Briatic Worlds, as green is the ethereal counterpart of earth.

"The two-three symbolize the six divisions of RUACH in the Qabbalistic divisions of the Soul, the Logos or Microprosopus.

"The seven are the seven Chakras, the seven steps to the Throne. And finally, the three single lights are the three divisions of the Higher Soul or Spirit: Neschamah, Chiah, and Yeschidah."

Ch.Ad. "I am the Great One, Son of the Great One; I am Fire, the Son of Fire; I have knit Myself together; I have made Myself whole and complete; I have renewed My youth; I am Osiris, the Lord of Eternity. Thirty-three are the centres of Life in My Body, thirty-three were the years of My life upon earth; at the end thereof did I relinquish My material life upon the Cross of Tiphareth. I am the Word spoken in silence; I am the Anointed of the Lord. Nine are the letters of My Name."

2nd Ad. "Homage unto Thee, O Lord of the starry skies, and of the Aeons of the Bornless Beyond. Thou art more glorious than the Sun in its rising, Thou who didst sacrifice the life of the flesh!"

3rd Ad. "O, grant me a path whereon I may pass in peace, for I am just and true. I have not told lies wittingly, nor have I done aught with deceit"

(2nd and 3rd put out four brown candles.)

Ch.Ad. "He that believeth on Me believeth not on Me but on Him that sent Me, and He that seeth Me seeth Him that sent Me."

2nd Ad. "Homage unto Thee, O Soul of Everlastingness; Thou Soul Who dwellest in Eternal Light. Thou art Lord of Life and Death for Thou hast died unto the passions."

3rd Ad. "O, grant unto me a path whereon I may pass in peace, for I am just and true. I have not spoken lies wittingly, nor have I done aught with deceit."

(2nd and 3rd Ads. put out 4 red candles.)

Ch.Ad. "I am come a Light into the World, that whosoever believeth in Me should not abide in darkness."

2nd Ad. "Homage unto Thee in Thy domination over the luminaries; the Diadem of Fire encircleth Thy brows; Thou art the One who maketh the strength which protecteth us, and Thou dwellest in peace above all, for Thou hast died unto the Body of the Stars."

3rd Ad. "O, grant unto me a path whereon I may pass in peace, for I am just and true. I have not spoken lies wittingly, nor have I done aught with deceit."

(3rd puts out 4 green candles.)

Ch.Ad. "I am the Vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit for without Me ye can do nothing."

2nd Ad. "Homage unto Thee, O Lord of the Vineyard; Thou turnest back the worker in evil, and causest the vine to bear fruit; for Thou hast shed the Blood of Thy desires."

3rd Ad. "O, grant unto me a path whereon I may pass in peace, for I am just and

true. I have not spoken lies wittingly, nor have I done aught with deceit."

(2nd Ad. puts out red light in centre.)

Ch.Ad. "I have glorified Thee on earth, I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them, that they may be one."

2nd Ad. "Homage unto Thee Who art beautiful at morn and at eve: the never resting stars wing hymns of praise unto Thee: the stars which never fail glorify Thee, for Thou art dead unto sin."

3rd Ad. "O, grant unto me a path wherein I may pass in peace, for I am just and true. I have not spoken lies wittingly, nor have I done aught with deceit."

(Puts out 7 violet candles.)

Ch.Ad. "I have declared unto them Thy Name and will declare It, that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

2nd Ad. "Homage unto Thee who art crowned King of Kings, O the Divine Substance. Thou sendest forth the Word, and the earth is flooded with silence at Thy Renunciation."

3rd Ad. "O, grant unto me a path whereon I may pass in peace, for I am just and true. I have not spoken lies wittingly, nor have I done aught with deceit."

(3rd Ad. puts out six yellow candles.)

Ch.Ad. "These things have I spoken unto you that in Me ye might have peace. in the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

2nd Ad. "Homage unto Thee, Thou Prince of Peace; the Souls of the East pay homage unto Thee, and when they meet Thy Majesty they say: 'Come, come in Peace.'"

3rd Ad. "O, grant unto me a path whereon I may pass in peace, for I am just and true. I have not spoken lies wittingly, nor have I done aught with deceit."

(2nd Ad. puts out four green candies.)

(Three candles now remain alight. Ch.Ad. takes the white one and faces east,

still swinging the censer; one blue candle at each side remains. 2nd and 3rd lift aside all the rest, leaving space for the Postulant to pass through. Ch.Ad. leads the way into the Vault, places light on pedestal, and gives censer to 3rd. Ch.Ad. passes to South, Postulant stands West of Pastos. 2ndAd. Standing beside Postulant takes strip of linen and winds it slowly round the Postulant, as the Chief repeats sentences. The brow is bound, lips, heart, solar plexus and hips.)

(Six Bells sound ! ! ! ! !)

Ch.Ad. (for brow) "Be not curious in unnecessary matters, for more things are shown thee than thou can understand."

(for lips) "Be silent, Oman, before the Lord, for He is raised up out of His Holy Habitation."

(for heart) "Woe be to the fearful heart and faint hands, and to him that goeth two ways."

(For the solar plexus) "The greater thou art, the more humble thyself, and thou shalt find favour before the Lord."

(for thighs) "To know the Lord is perfect righteousness; for to know His Power is the root of Immortality."

(The bandage being now on Postulant, Chief and 2nd Ad. assist Postulant into Pastos, and lay him/her down, head to the North, hands crossed at wrists, palms up and above head. They sprinkle salt over him.)

2nd Ad. "So shalt thou rest in peace."

Ch.Ad. "Until the day break and the shadows flee away."

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

"O Thou who makest perfected souls to enter into everlasting glory, cause now, we beseech thee, the perfected soul of this our Frater to be victorious over death. Having ears, may he/she hear with the understanding; having eyes may he/she perceive with the spirit; having lips may he/she speak the truth; having a heart may he/she love righteousness. Quicken in him/her, O Divine Creator, the Life Divine; draw him/her with cords that he/she may run after Thee; bind him/her to the Altar that he/she may evermore serve thee. Amen."

(They withdraw front the Vault leaving the door slightly ajar. The Vault is in

darkness save for the candle. The hours an' sounded and the sentences for the 36 hours are read outside the Vault.)

(At the beginning of each sentence there is one gong sound)

1. "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou Lord makest me to dwell in safety."
2. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."
3. "So He giveth His beloved sleep."
4. "When thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid, yea thou shalt lie down and thy sleep shall be sweet."
5. "Though a man shut his eyes to the last, still cometh Death, the Render of the Veil."
6. "If thou hadst known how to suffer, thou wouldst have had the power not to suffer."
7. "The Place of Rest, the Home of Peace, is in truth the very Cross itself, the firm foundation on which the whole creation rests."
8. "I have torn myself asunder, I have brought unto them the Mysteries of Light to purify them, for they are the purgation of all matter."
9. "Blessed is the man who crucifieth Malkuth and doth not allow Malkuth to crucify him."
10. "Blessed is the man who knoweth the Word, for he hath brought down the Heaven and bound the Earth and raised it heavenwards; and he becometh the midst."
11. "Watchman, what of the night?"
12. "The morning cometh and also the night; if ye will enquire, enquire ye."
13. "I sleep, but my heart waketh."
14. "The heart sleepeth; who shall wake it? The wind of dawn hath stirred the night, day is near."

15. "The Morning is my messenger; rise thou up and greet Me; the night is also from Me, bless Me and rest."

16. "Of the Universal Aeons there are two growths, without beginning or end, springing from one root which is the Power of Silence; invisible, inapprehensible."

17. "The Mystery, which is beyond the World whereby all things exist, because of it all Mysteries exist and all their regions."

18. "Cease not to seek, day and night, until thou hast found the purifying Mysteries."

19. "Before the eyes can see they must be incapable of tears."

20. "Before the ears can hear, they must have lost their sensitiveness."

21. "Before the voice can speak in the presence of the Masters, it must have lost its power to wound."

22. "Before the feet can stand in the presence of the Masters, they must be bathed in the heart's blood."

23. "One is the nature below which is subject to Death, and one is the race without a King which is born above."

24. "And he cried: 'A Lion; Behold I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime and I am in my wards whole nights.'"

25. "And he said-'I am thou and thou art I and where so ever thou art I am there, and in all am I sown.'"

26. "Where so ever thou willest thou gatherest Me, and gathering Me thou gatherest thyself."

27. "I shall be merciful to thee in the Cross of Light."

28. "Rejoicing, I come to thee; thou Cross, the Life~Giver, the Cross whom I know to be mine. I know thy Mystery, for thou hast been planted in the world to make fast things unstable."

29. "Until the day break and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the Mountains of Myrrh and the Hill of Frankincense."

30. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great Light; they that dwell in the land of the Shadow of Death, upon them hath the light shined."

31. "For on this Mountain shall the Hand of the Lord rest."

32. "He will swallow up death in Victory, and the Lord will wipe away tears from all faces."

33. "Who is this that leadeth them out, but She that dwelt in darkness and in silence? Whose coming is as the beauty of the beloved when the Sun shineth out from clouds."

34. "Pilgrim of the day, go forth and meet in every face the Risen One. If He wake, He will greet thee, and thy portion shall be double. If He slumber, hail Him in silence; wake Him not, He knoweth His own hour, and God is over all!"

35. "The dead men shall live; together with my dead body shall they rise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in duet; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs."

36. "Hold no longer silence, cry ye aloud for the beauty of the Divine Mother, for in Her is Peace."

(There is a pause; SHEKINAH appears from behind the curtain in the N.E. with the alabaster lamp and spray of acacia. She bends over Postulant and kisses him on the brow saying:)

Shek. "Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

(She lays acacia on his/her breast, then anoints the Postulant on feet, solar plexus, lips and palms of hands, saying:)

(feet) "The Life of the Trees is thine-arise and walk." (plexus) "The Life of the Man is thine~receive and give." (lips) "The Life of the Word is thine-utter and Love." (brow) "The Life of the World is thine-receive the Spirit." (palms) "The Life of the Stars is thine-be filled with joy."

(There is a pause' then Shekinah moves to foot of Pastos and says:)

Shek. "Thy place of hiding is opened, thy place of hiding is revealed. Behold, thy soul hath dwelt in darkness; let her now return unto the light. Thy spirit withdrew unto the stars which never diminish, now let it return to bring power

unto thy soul. Thy brow is like unto the King's, thy lips are open, thy heart is upon its throne. Thou hast knowledge, thou hast life, yea movement is restored unto thy hands and feet; thy Father dwelleth in thee, O Son of the Most High. Thou art the Son of the Great One and thou has seen the hidden things. Thou shalt not die a second time, for thou has gained the mastery. Arise then and come forth, that in the Power of Silence thou mayest save mankind. I send thee forth, fail not nor falter, but remember that which thou hast received."

(Turn up light of the Vault. Shek, withdraws. Ch.Ad. and 2nd enter Vault Ch. goes to E. and 2nd to W. They bend down and take Post.'s hands, placing their free hands behind his shoulders and thus raise him out of the Pastos. 2nd removes bandages while Ch.Ad. says:)

Ch.Ad. "Hail, Hail, Hail unto thee who has died; rise up; thou hast embraced thy bones, thou has gathered together thy flesh and blood; Elohim Gebur guardeth thee; Elohim Gebur strengtheneth thy hands; yea, He guideth thy feet; thy lips are open, thou hast received thy head; thou hast received thy soul, and thy spirit hath returned to thee from the Stars which never diminish."

(They lead him out of the Vault so that he stands just outside the door. Ch.Ad. at South, 2nd Ad. at North. Shek. comes up to Door behind him. Water drops from her raised hands onto his head.)

2nd Ad. "Happy is he who hath looked upon the place of rest; the waters shall not overwhelm him. (Doulce Siges) Parapedemes de Vailis, shall be his name.

Ch.Ad. "I am the Lord of those who are raised up, who come forth out of the darkness."

Post. "I have entered in as one who had no understanding. I am come forth as Lord of Life through the beautiful Law."

(Ch.Ad. and 2nd Al. turn and face Postulant: 2nd shows two signs.)

2nd Ad. "Behold, thou shalt turn away thine eyes from evil, even as Nephthys turned her face from the Destroyer of Osiris; and thus shalt thou withdraw thy soul from temptation, even as Isis withdrew from darkness."

Ch.Ad. (shows grip) "Herein is reflected the five powers which have been restored to thee. It is the Sign of the Mighty One; Blessed be He, even of Elohim Gebur, the Lord of Strength. Twenty is the number of his Name."

(All turn to Postulant facing East and all kneel at Door of Vault. Shekinah

stands within the Door holding honey and milk. As she offers honey, they make the sign of Nephthys; as she offers milk, thy. make the sign of Isis.)

Shek. "Butter and honey shall ye eat, that ye may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. Desire the sincere Milk of the Lord, that ye may grow thereby."

(They remain kneeling in silence. Shekinah withdraws to East. Long Pause. Turn out Vault Light. Ch.Ad. closes Vault Door, turns and says:)

Ch.Ad. "In the Name of Elohim Gebur, depart ye in peace; for the Shekinah hath withdrawn Herself." (Faces E., raises hands and exclaims) "Shekinah, Thou Queen of the East, forget not Thy Sons, TABANU, TABUKA; dwell in our souls. Queen of the Dawnland; BATH QOL, speak to our Spirits, that we may go forth with Thy blessing, O Thou Beautiful Daughter of Light."

(Long pause.)

(Ch.Ad. stoops and raises Postulant in silence. 2nd Ad. leads Postulant out.)

6-5 Cues for Postulant

Part 1

Postulant is robed in white: black cord around waist, black cowl over head, black slippers. Carries Hierophant's Lamén.

After preparation by 3rd Adept, the Door is left ajar. On hearing a bell sound twice, Postulant knocks once hesitantly.

On hearing the words "East of the Sun and West of the Moon," he knocks more firmly.

On hearing the words "his pledge is duly maintained," he knocks thrice urgently.

The 3rd Adept opens the Door and asks by what right he enters. The Postulant silently offers Hiero's Lamén.

On entering, a question is asked; the answer is the Sign of Osiris Slain.

Later on, another question is asked, ending: "signify the name with the Sign of Light." Postulant makes LUX Signs in Silence.

At each clause of Obligation, Postulant bows head in silence in assent.

Part 2

Postulant has feet bare, save for red slippers, and purple cloak. He carries the Admission Badge of Scales.