

THE ADDITIONAL RITUALS OF THE ROSY CROSS.

THE THIRD ORDER OF THE ROSY CROSS.

WORLD OF CREATION.

PART VII.

THE CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION FOR A
TEMPLE OF THE THIRD ORDER.

The Consecration of a Temple for the Mysteries of the Third Order, in the Grades of Adeptship, either presupposes the existence of a lower Temple working the Rites of the Fellowship in the Worlds of Formation and Action, the Portal of the Third Order included, or such a Temple must be opened and consecrated within twelve months thereafter. This Law arises from the symbolism of the Tree of Life, the parts and worlds whereof cannot subsist in separation one from another. It is for this reason that the Festivals of the Winter and Summer Solstice begin and must always begin with the PARS MAGNA SECRETA, being a derivation from the Portal of the Fourth Order.

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The Consecration of a new House of the Holy Spirit or Temple of the Third Order may come to pass in either of the two ways which warrant the Consecration of Temples for the Mysteries of the First and Second Orders, as specified by the Rubrics attached to the Ritual provided for that purpose in the World of Action.

The arrangement of the House follows the unwritten precedents. On the day and at the Hour appointed, the Brethren of all Grades in the World of Creation, having assembled and clothed, take their seats in the body of the Temple under charge of the Usher of the Rite, who should be preferably an Adeptus Exemptus. The Temple is lighted only by two candles on the Pillars which stand on either side of the Sanctuary-Door.

The Imperator of the Fellowship, or his Substitute lawfully appointed, speaks as High Priest of the Ceremony from within the Most Holy Sanctuary.

The High Priest.—I testify that the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross is perfect in the body of Adeptship. May the Divine Spirit therein bear witness from DAATH on the threshold of the Holy Supernals, from henceforth and for ever. The witness is also in the world, in the Holy Houses of the Fellowship. The Lord give increase thereof, and the glory of the Lord visit us. May the Great White Light of the Divine Spirit come down.

The Light of the Rose illuminates the Sanctuary suddenly and shines through the walls thereof. The Usher of the Rite rises in his place and turns up the lights of the Temple saying:—

The Usher of the Rite.—O send out Thy light and Thy truth. Let them lead us: let them bring us unto Thy Holy Hill and the Everlasting Tabernacle of Thy service.

The High Priest opens the Door of the Sanctuary and is seen by the Brethren of all Grades in the vestments and insignia of High Priest in the Portal of the Fourth Order. He lifts up his Wand of Office.

The High Priest.—Salvete, Fratres et Sorores, Roseæ et Aureæ Crucis. The peace of GOD be with you in the Light of the Supernals and the consolation of Christ Mystical, the Spirit Who is within.

The Usher of the Rite, rising in his place, gives a Battery of one knock— ⦿ —and turns Westward.

The Usher of the Rite.—Vigilate, Fratres et Sorores.

Thereafter he resumes his seat.

The High Priest.—Honourable and Adept Brethren, the counsel is faithful and true that the keepers of a Sacred Tradition, and of outward Signs and Symbols of an experience that is within, should maintain and hand on the Mysteries, to which end it has been given us at this time to consecrate a House of Man as a Sanctuary of Divine Service and a Temple of the Holy Spirit. I pray that herein, as in other Holy Places and Houses of the Rosy Cross, we may hear the voice of our Symbolic Founder and Loving Father speaking in the symbols of the Word. May the work of the World of Creation be performed in the grace of its sacraments, the work of the Christ-Life in the Mystery of the Second Birth, the blessed death of the mystic whose eyes are closed in Christ, the union with Christ the Spirit, and the Glory of Resurrection in GOD.

He proceeds to the Assoilment of the Temple according to the Ritual of the Grade of Neophyte in the Portal of the Rosy Cross, and thereafter returns to his place

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on the threshold of the Sanctuary, where he stands facing the East. The Usher of the Rite gives a Battery of one knock—☩—and all present rise up. The High Priest has put aside his Wand of Office and now extends his arms.

The High Priest.—Thy Word, O Lord, is immanent in all creation ; Thy sanctity finds expression ; Thy love manifests therein. May they be declared also in me, working in humility of heart—as a Servant of Sacred Mysteries—the Rites of this Mystical Order. May Thy blessing, as a Water of Life, descend here upon us. May Thy presence be realised in our hearts and within this Hidden Temple, apart from the world, which we are about to dedicate to Thy service. May the fruits of Thy Higher Law be administered to the dwellers herein, to those also who shall knock at the Door without and unto whom that door shall open. May they attain union with Thee and the peace which we implore at the Centre. Amen.

The High Priest faces West and the Brethren resume their seats.

The Usher of the Rite passes to the Eastern end of the Temple on the Southern side, over against the Sanctuary, where the Instruments of Consecration are placed on a small table. He brings them in succession to the High Priest, presenting them with both hands, his head being bent reverently. The High Priest consecrates the Salt.

The High Priest.—Vouchsafe, O Lord, to remember the Salt of Thy Covenant, and to bless this creature of Salt, that it may be sanctified for the consecration of the Temple and Holy Sanctuary which we are about

to dedicate to Thy Service. I bless this Salt in Thy Name, O Holy GOD—✠—that for all who seek the mystic way and who serve herein it may be a sign of life and incorruption, the Second Birth and the Word attained in Thee. May we be salted with the Salt of the Kingdom. May wisdom from the seat of Wisdom abide herein. May this Salt of the earth become unto us a Heavenly Salt, a sign of that Divine Virtue by which the Souls of men are purified.

Thereafter the High Priest consecrates the Ashes.

The High Priest.—When his earthly part has been burnt to ashes, the spirit of man shall ascend—as the sparks fly upward. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to bless this creature of Ash. May it become a fertile earth and bring forth the Tree of Life, to feed the nations. I bless these Ashes in Thy Name, O Holy GOD—✠—that they may be sanctified for the consecration of this Temple and Holy Sanctuary which we are about to dedicate to Thy service. May they symbolise a healing medicine, profitable to body and Soul for all those who invoke Thy Holy Name herein.

He mingles a sufficient part of the Salt with the Ashes.

The High Priest—Salt of Eternal Wisdom—✠
Salt of the Second Birth—✠—Ash whence the new earth springeth—✠—be all things accomplished herein through the grace which comes down from Thee, O Father of Love, and is administered to all things. Amen.

Thereafter the High Priest consecrates the Incense.

The High Priest.—Master of all our hearts, which burn for Thee, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify this

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creature of sweet Incense which I now consecrate in Thy Name—†—that it may be a sign of aspiration and ascent of the mind to Thee, and that we may call the place holy wherein its smoke ascends.

He has cast Incense on the fire in the Thurible held up by the Usher of the Rite. Thereafter he consecrates the Oil.

The High Priest.—It is written : If any man be sick among you, let him call in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with Oil in the Name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man ; and the Lord shall raise him up ; and if he be in sins they shall be forgiven him. Purify this creature of Oil, O Lord : sanctify it, Holy Messiah : bless it, Eternal GOD. In Thy Name, O Lord, I consecrate this creature of Oil, that it may heal the sickness of the House and reform its ways in Thee. So shall it signify to us the peace of Thy Word, which stills the troubled Waters of the Soul, the restless sea of our desires, and there follows a great calm.

Thereafter the High Priest consecrates the Lamp of the Sanctuary, which has been kindled by the Usher of the Rite.

The High Priest.—O send out Thy light and Thy truth : may they bring us unto Thy Holy Hill and to Thy Tabernacle. Discover unto us Thy light in the House which we have built for Thy service. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to bless this Fire and Light, that it may sanctify the place of our Mysteries. For the Glory of Thy Name, O Lord : in the Name of our Holy Religion : by the Invisible Mountain of Wisdom, on which we ascend to Thee : I consecrate—†—this creature of

Fire and Light as a Sign of the Holy Purpose which forms our wills in Thee, by which we are sealed unto Thee as a people set apart and chosen, and by which—in the power of my Office—I seal this House of Man, that it may be henceforth and for ever a House unto Thee, O GOD, and a Sanctuary of Thy Presence.

*The Usher of the Rite gives a Battery of one knock—
 ¶—and all rise. The High Priest resumes his Wand and passes with the Sun to the entrance door of the Temple, which he opens. He stands on one side of it and says:—*

The High Priest.—Let the spirit of the world depart from this place, which is to become a Temple of GOD.

Then, standing in the middle place of the threshold and facing outward, he makes a great—†—with his Wand.

The High Priest.—Behold the Sign of our Attainment. May that which is born of flesh, according to the will of flesh and the lower will of man, keep far henceforth herefrom. May the Word be made flesh among us, full of grace and truth.

He shuts the door from within, and then facing therto:—

The High Priest.—May this door be blessed, sanctified—†—and commended to the Lord. May it be as a gate opening on Eternal Life to those who enter hereby.

And now he faces inward.

The High Priest.—Invest our portals, O Lord, and guard our thresholds. Vouchsafe to visit this place.

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He passes by North to the Portal of Holy Sanctuary and there puts aside his Wand, receiving the Vessel of mingled Salt and Ashes from the hands of the Usher of the Rite. He proceeds to the Eastern side of the Sanctuary and faces East, scattering the Salt and Ashes in the form of a Cross,

The High Priest.—May the part of earth of this Temple be purified by the Earth of Zion. (He turns and scatters Ashes on the Altar in the same manner.) May this Altar of Sacrifice be the Foundation Stone of our election. (He passes without the Sanctuary and scatters Ashes in the Southern quarter of the Temple.) May the body of this Temple be purified by the work of the will in GOD. (At the West.) May it be as the body of GOD in its manifestation. (At the North.) May desire of the House of the Lord purify the body thereof. (He returns to the Door of Holy Sanctuary and there faces West, uplifting the Vessel of Ashes.) May the body of this Temple and of all who serve herein be integrated in the mystical body of the Rosy Cross.

The Usher of the Rite receives the Vessel of mingled Salt and Ashes. He places the smoking Thurible in the hands of the High Priest, who proceeds to the Eastern side of the Sanctuary and faces East. He makes the Sign of the ✠ with the Thurible and offers Incense thrice.

The High Priest.—May the mind of the Father Almighty purify this Hidden Temple and make a Holy Sanctuary herein. (He turns and offers Incense over the Altar.) May this Altar of Sacrifice be purified by the Divine Mind. (He passes without the Sanctuary and offers Incense in the Southern quarter of the Temple.) May

the mind of this Temple be fashioned in the purpose of GOD. (*At the West.*) May it embody the thought of GOD. (*At the North.*) May the love of the Father Almighty abide herein. (*He returns to the Door of the Sanctuary and there faces West, uplifting the Thurible.*) May the purified minds of all who serve in this Hidden Temple be one mind in the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross.

The Usher of the Rite receives the Thurible and places the Vessel of Oil in the hands of the High Priest, who proceeds to the Eastern side of the Sanctuary and faces East. He pours Oil in the form of a ✠.

The High Priest.—Purify the House of Thy desire, O Lord, with the Gifts and Graces of Thy Spirit. (*He turns and pours Oil on the Altar.*) Purify this Altar of Sacrifice with the Oil of Holy Gladness. (*He passes without the Sanctuary and pours Oil in the Southern quarter of the Temple.*) Glorify the desires of the House in the work of Thy Holy Will. (*At the West.*) Thy peace is a horn of Oil: may peace be unto this Temple. (*At the North.*) Purify the heart of this Temple: anoint it with Thy Holy Oil. (*He returns to the Door of the Sanctuary and there faces West, uplifting the Vessel of Oil.*) May the heart of this Temple be purified in the Heart of the Rosy Cross.

The Usher of the Rite receives the Vessel of Oil and places the Lamp of the Sanctuary in the hands of the High Priest, who proceeds to the Eastern side of the Sanctuary and there faces East. He makes the Sign of the ✠ with the Lamp.

The High Priest.—May the will of GOD and of those who are born of GOD purify this House of Dedication. (*He turns and makes the Sign of the ✠ over the Altar.*)

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And purify this Altar, O Lord, to Thy Holy Purpose. (*He passes without the Sanctuary and does likewise in the Southern quarter of the Temple.*) Send down Thy saving fire: make clean our wills herein. (*At the West.*) Do Thou clothe us with Thy light as with a garment, and be this Temple Thy light embodied. (*At the North.*) Purify it as a heart of light and as a lamp shining in the darkness. (*He returns to the Door of the Sanctuary and there faces West, uplifting the Lamp.*) May the will of this Temple, which is the will of Thy serving brothers, be one with Thy Holy Purpose in the Light of the Rosy Cross.

The Usher of the Rite receives the Lamp of the Sanctuary and places the Vessel of Salt in the Hands of the High Priest, who proceeds to the Eastern side of the Sanctuary and there faces East, scattering the Salt cross-wise.

The High Priest.—I have brought a new cruse and have put salt therein, as a symbol of perpetuity and incorruption. I consecrate this Temple and Holy Sanctuary in the Name of the Three Supernals. May the presence of JEHOVAH and ELOHIM abide herein, for GOD and His SHEKINAH are One. (*He turns to the Altar and scatters Salt thereon.*) I consecrate this Altar of Sacrifice—✠—on the threshold of the Holy Supernals, in the Name of DAATH, which is the realisation of Divine Knowledge. May the Spirit and the Bride say, Come—to all those who offer up their life hereon. (*He passes without the Sanctuary and scatters Salt in the Southern quarter of the Temple.*) I consecrate this Temple with Salt—✠—invoking the Father in CHOKMAH. (*At the West.*) I consecrate this Temple with Salt—✠—invoking the Divine Spouse in TIPHERETH and the

Bride in manifestation. (*At the North.*) I consecrate this Temple with Salt—†—invoking TABOONAH in BINAH, the Divine Mother of Souls. (*He returns to the Door of the Sanctuary and there faces West, uplifting the Vessel of Salt.*) I testify to the unity of GOD and the oneness of the Divine Quest.

The Usher of the Rite receives the Vessel of Salt and the High Priest resumes his Wand.

The High Priest.—Fratres et Sorores, holding all Grades of the Third Order, as Keeper of the Sacred Mystery under the veils of symbolism and the Messenger of DAATH, who is Servant of the Servants of GOD, I have come down with the highest warrants of the Rosy Cross to integrate a living branch of our Fellowship in the World of Creation, the Christ-Life and the First Reflected Triad. (*He passes to the Throne of the Celebrant-in-Chief, having the White Pillar behind it.*) I testify that the Pillar of Mercy is extended through the World of Mercy to the Supernal Triad in Wisdom and that CHESED is the testimony thereof in this Holy Temple. (*He passes to the Throne of the Second Celebrant, having the Black Pillar behind it.*) I testify that the Pillar of Severity is extended through the World of Judgment to the Supernal Triad in Understanding and that GEBURAH is the witness thereof in this Holy Temple. (*He passes to the Throne of the Third Celebrant having the Cross of Obligation behind it.*) I testify that the Pillar of Benignity is extended through the World of Benignity to the Threshold of the Supernals in DAATH, and that TIPIHERETH is the testimony thereof in this Holy Temple.

The High Priest returns to the Door of the Sanctuary and faces East.

The High Priest.—O Thou Who hast been our dwelling-place in all generations, for Whose love we have set aside the kingdom of this world, with the spirit and adornment thereof, we have consecrated and set apart to Thy service this place, which henceforth is holy. Place upon it the seal of Thy sanctity, and grant it all heavenly increase. May that which is begun for Thy glory be raised to perfection in Thee. May Thy Presence abide herein, to sanctify our acts and preserve our souls inviolable. May this House of the Holy Spirit, dedicated as a Hidden Church in the Light of the Rosy Cross, be to us now and to many hereafter a gate and threshold of the Union.

He turns Westward and says :—

The High Priest.—Fratres et Sorores, the Lord guard our coming in and going out, from henceforth and for ever. I testify that this Temple is dedicated and consecrated to the Glory of GOD in the Highest.

The Usher of the Rite gives a Battery of one knock—
 ♪—and says :—

The Usher of the Rite.—Honourable Fratres et Sorores below the rank of Adeptus Exemptus, come forth and follow me.

He leads them from the Temple and returns, if qualified to do so. The Adepts Exempti are seated. The Throne of the Third Celebrant is removed, and the Cross of Obligation is replaced by the Cubical Altar of the 7-4 Grade. The symbols of consecrated personality are laid thereon and also the Rose-Crucifix. On the Altar within the Sanctuary are placed a Chalice

containing Sacramental Wine, covered by a Paten, on which is Unleavened Bread. A white cloth is folded over these Vessels.

The High Priest passes within the Sanctuary and performs the Sacred Ceremonies of the PARS MAGNA SECRETA in the Ritual of the Winter Solstice. In this manner the First Celebrant-in-Chief of the new Temple receives his titles and warrants.

The Temple is opened in the Grade of Adeptus Exemptus by the High Priest himself. The challenging of the Faithful Witness takes place immediately thereafter, according to the Ritual of the Winter Solstice in MYSTERIUM CHESED. The text is followed throughout and the Closing taken. The Adepti Majores are recalled.

The Temple is opened in the Grade of Adeptus Major by the High Priest. The Challenging of the Faithful Witness takes place immediately thereafter, as in MYSTERIUM GEBURAH. The text is followed throughout, but the Celebrant-Elect resumes his place in the body of the Temple. The Closing is then taken. The Adepti Minores are recalled.

The Temple is opened in the Grade of Adeptus Minor by the High Priest. The Cubical Altar has been removed. The Sanctuary Altar is now in the centre of the Temple and the Cross of Obligation in the Sanctuary. Three unlighted candles are set upon the Altar, in the centre of which are the veiled Sacramental Vessels.

The Past Celebrants who are the Assistants remove their vestments. All unofficial Brethren being seated, the High Priest returns to the Eastern end of the Sanc-

tuary, where he makes the affirmation concerning the Faithful Priest, as in MYSTERIUM TIPHERETH. The answer hereto is given by the Usher of the Rite leading the Celebrant-in-Chief to kneel before the Cross of Obligation. The text is followed throughout, except that the Celebrant-Elect descends from the Cross in sight of the Brethren and is at once invested with the robes and insignia by the High Priest, who leads him outside the Sanctuary, kindles his candle on the Altar and places it in his hands. The High Priest takes his seat.

The Celebrant-in-Chief circumambulates the Temple with the proper versicles. After their investiture the Second and Third Celebrants circumambulate the Temple reciting the versicles allotted to each, as in MYSTERIUM TIPHERETH. The Cross of Obligation is removed and the Altar replaced in the Sanctuary. The final proclamation of the Celebrant-in-Chief is omitted, and the Closing is taken in the Grade of Adeptus Minor.

*Here ends the Solemn Ceremony of Consecrating a
Temple of the Rosy Cross for the Mysteries
of the Third Order.*