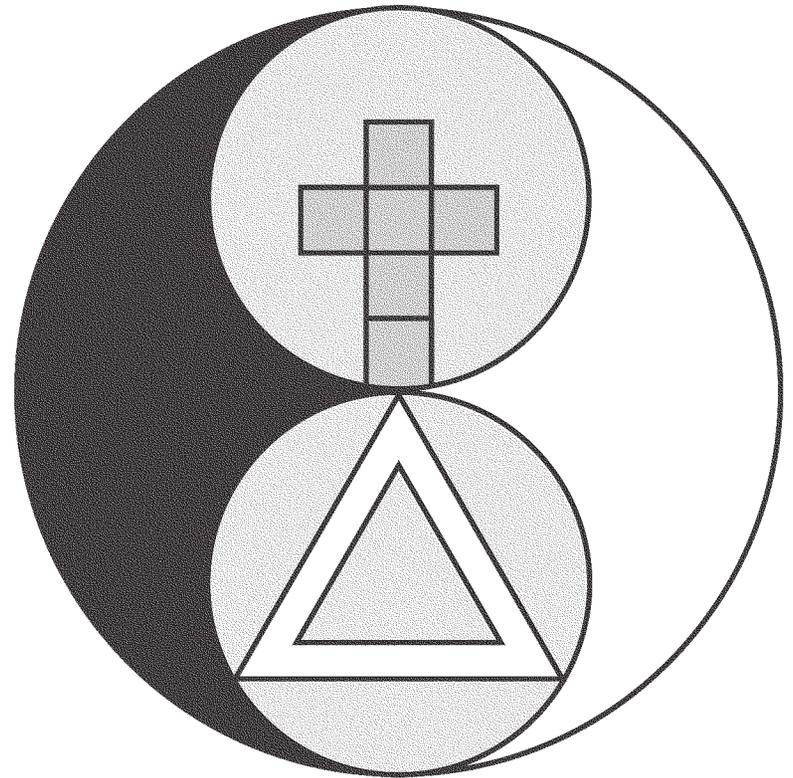


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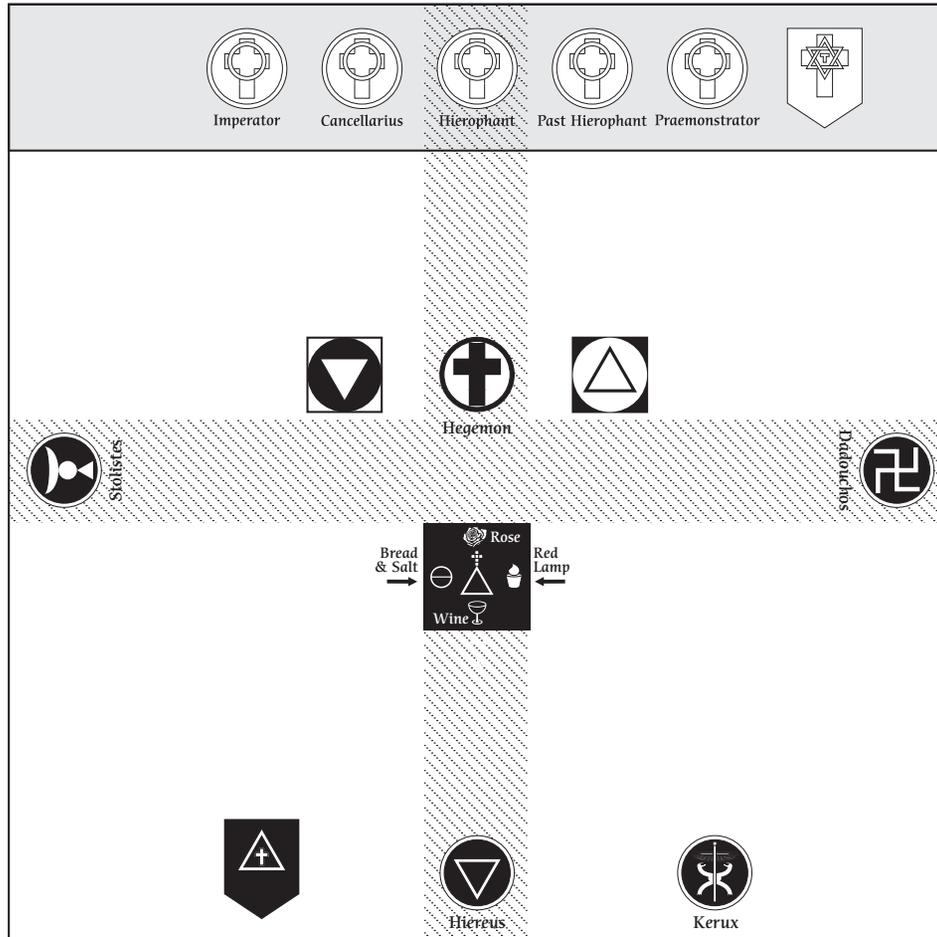
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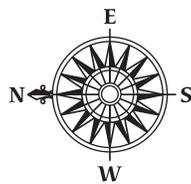
OPEN SOURCE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN DAWN

The 0=0 Hall of the Neophytes

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This shading indicates the energy form of the hall, an equal-armed cross.



Opening the Hall of the Neophytes

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OFFICERS:

On The Dais:

Officer	Attire and Equipment
Imperator	Red Robe and Tabard, Lamens, Sword
Cancellarius	Yellow Robe and Tabard, Lamens, Scepter
Hierophant	Red Robe and Tabard, Lamens, Scepter
Past Hierophant	Green Robe and Tabard, Lamens, Scepter
Praemonstrator	Blue Robe and Tabard, Lamens, Scepter

In The Hall:

Officer	Attire and Equipment
Hiereus	Black Robe and Tabard, Lamens, Sword
Hegemon	White Robe and Tabard, Lamens, Scepter
Kerux	Black Robe, Yellow Collar, Lamens, Lamp and Wand
Stolistes	Black Robe, Blue Collar, Lamens, Cup of Lustral Water
Dadouchos	Black Robe, Red Collar, Lamens, Thurible
Sentinel	Lamens, Sword

REQUIRED:

For the Altar	Cross and Triangle, Red or Yellow Rose, Red Lamp, Cup of Wine or Carafe with Communion Cups and Tray, Paten of Bread and Salt
For the Aspirant	Black Garb and Red Shoes, Hoodwink, Rope, Sash, Chair, Kneeler

Opening the O=O Hall

When members are assembled and clothed, Hierophant gives one knock and the Officers rise. Whenever officers address the Throne of the East, or enter or leave the Temple, they give the Sign of the Enterer (SoE) towards the Throne while speaking, followed by the Sign of Silence (SoS). In moving about the hall, the Sign of the Enterer is given while passing the Throne, as below, and the Sign of Silence upon returning to seat. Members wear black with red footwear. They do not rise except for Adorations to the East or when asked for the Signs, but when they have occasion to move in the Temple, they do so in the direction of the SUN. Members make the Neophyte Signs on passing the Throne of the East whether the Hierophant is there or not. The Grade Sign is made in the direction of movement except when entering or leaving the Hall, when it is made towards the East.

! –This sign represents one knock made by rapping the base or shaft of wand or the pommel of sword on a table.

Greeting

Take Refuge by three Ahs. All visualize the Hall surrounded with the black egg Tattwa of Spirit.

Hiero: (Knock)

Kerux on hearing the Hierophant's knock, goes to the North East, to Hierophant's right, faces West, raising the Lamp and Wand and says:

Kerux: HEKAS, HEKAS, ESTE BEBELOI!

Kerux returns to place. Hierophant rises with one knock.

Hiero: Fraters and Sorors of Het Nuit
of the Open Source Order of the Golden Dawn,
Please assist me to open the Hall of the Neophytes.
Fr./Sr. Kerux, please see that the Hall is properly guarded.

Kerux goes to the door and gives one knock. Sentinel replies with one knock.

Kerux: (SoE) Fr./Sr. Hierophant, the Hall is properly guarded. (SoS)

Kerux remains by door.

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Hiereus, please guard the hither side of the portal and assure yourself that all present have witnessed the Golden Dawn.

Hiereus goes to the door, stands before it with Sword erect, Kerux being on the right with Lamp and Wand, and says:

Hiereus: Fraters and Sorors of the Order of the Golden Dawn,
Please rise and give the signs of a Neophyte.

All, including the Dais officers, make Signs (SoE - SoS) towards Altar while Hiereus observes. This done, Hiereus gives Signs towards Hierophant, and says:

Hiereus: (SoE) Fr./Sr. Hierophant, all present have been so honored. (SoS)

The Officers

Hiereus and Kerux return to their places. Hierophant gives the Sign of the Enterer towards the West, but NOT the Sign of Silence.

Hiero: Let the number of Officers in this degree and the nature of their Offices be proclaimed once again, that the Powers whose images they are may be re-awakened in the spheres of those present and in the sphere of this Order—for by Names and by Images are all Powers awakened and re-awakened.

Dedication of Merit

ALL: May the benefit of this act, and all acts, be dedicated unto the Complete Liberation and the Supreme Enlightenment of all beings everywhere pervading space and time. So mote it be.
May the benefits of practice, ours and others, come to fruition, ultimately and immediately, and we remain in the state of presence—Ah!

Optional Mentor Introduction

To be inserted before the Closing of the Hall when needed.

Hiero: Fraters and Sorors, As you all know, our journey together is not easy. This Way is traveled only by hard labor of mind, flesh and soul. It is beset with pitfalls and distractions and the value of a steady hand for the new traveler cannot be overvalued.

We have set ourself the task of making Adepts, the administration of the Way should not be an impediment to attainment.

We have initiated a/_(#)_ new Frater(s)/Soror(s).
The Philosophi are especially charged to help the new members.
From among you Philosophi, Who will step up and assist our new Frater/Soror Neophyte ____*(name)*____?
Who will be there to answer questions and provide guidance from your experience of our Order?
Who will Mentor Fr./Sr. ____*(name)*____?
(Thanks all who speak up. One is selected from those who offer.)

Very well then, Fr./Sr. ____*(name)*____
(and Fr./Sr. ____*(name)*____), approach the East.

Fr./Sr. ____*(name)*____, the order honors you for having taken up the duty to mentor. Allow me to introduce to you our new(est) member, Fr./Sr. ____*(name)*____.
Fr./Sr. ____*(name)*____, please allow me to introduce to you Fr./Sr. ____*(name)*____, a Philosophus of the Order who has offered to be your Mentor during your career through the First Order. Will you accept them as your Mentor? *(assents)*

Then I wish upon you both, All Success. Please be seated.
(next introduction)

Hiero: I invite you to inhale with me
the perfume of this Rose, as a symbol of Air.
To feel with me the warmth of this sacred Fire,
To eat with me this Bread and Salt as types of Earth
And finally to drink with me this wine, the consecrated
emblem of Elemental Water. (*makes a grand cross on self.*)

Placing the Cup on the altar between the Cross and Triangle, Hierophant then comes east of the Altar and faces West, all others partake as per custom, giving the Sign of Enterer approaching altar, and answered by Sign of Silence. The sacrament is taken in this order: Imperator, Praemonstrator, Cancellarius, Past Hierophant, Hiereus, Hegemon, Stolistes, Dadouchos, Sentinel, the members, guests, new Neophytes, and ends with the Kerux.

Kerux: (*drains cup and inverts it in the center of the altar*) It is finished! (*S/he then replaces cup aright, re-joins cross and triangle, and places the cup to West side of the altar*)

The Closing Charge

Hiero: (!) TETELESTAI.

Hiereus: (!)

Heg: (!)

Hiero: May what we have partaken bring us to the Quintessence, the accomplishment of our true wills, the Great Work, the Summum Bonum, True Wisdom and Perfect Happiness.

Hiero: (!) KHABS

Hiereus: (!) AM

Heg: (!) PEKHT

Hiereus: (!) KONX

Heg: (!) OM

Hiero: (!) PAX

Heg: (!) LIGHT

Hiero: (!) IN

Hiereus: (!) EXTENSION

All make Signs towards Altar (SoE - SoS).

S/he makes the Sign of Silence and sits.

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Hiereus, how many Officers are there in this Hall?

Hiereus: There are three Principal Officers;
the Hierophant, the Hiereus, and the Hegemon.

Hiero: Is there any peculiarity in these Names?

Hiereus: They all commence with the letter 'H'.

Hiero: Of what is this Letter a symbol?

Hiereus: Of Life; because the Letter H is our mode of representing the ancient Greek aspirate or breathing, and Breath is the evidence of Life.

Hiero: How many supporting Officers are there?

Hiereus: There are three besides the Sentinel;
the Kerux, the Stolistes, and the Dadouchos.
The Sentinel is without the Portal of the Hall
and has a Sword in him/her hand to keep out intruders.
It is him/her duty to prepare the Aspirant.

Hiero: BAR THE DOOR! ANPU EN AMENTA,
WATCHER AT THE THRESHOLD.
Fr./Sr. Dadouchos, your station and duties?

Dad: (*SoE*) My station is in the South to symbolize Heat and Dryness, and my duty is to see that the Lamps and Fires of the Temple are ready at the opening, to watch over the Censer and the Incense, and to consecrate the Hall and the Fraters and Sorors and the Aspirant with Fire.

Hiero: KINDLE THE FIRES, THAUM-AESCH-NIAETH,
GUARDIAN OF THE HIDDEN FLAME (*Dadouchos give SoS*)
Sr./Fr. Stolistes, your station and duties?

Stol: (*SoE*) My station is in the North to symbolize Cold and Moisture. My duty is to see that the Robes and Insignia of the Officers are ready at the opening, to watch over the Cup of Lustral Water, and to purify the Hall and the Fraters and Sorors and the Candidate with Water.

Hiero: POUR FORTH THE WATERS, AUR-A-MO-OOTH,
GUARDIAN OF THE CAULDRON, UN-DRY (*Stolistes give SoS*)
Fr./Sr. Kerux, your station and duties?

Kerux: (SoE) My place is within the portal. My duties are to see that the furniture of the Hall is properly arranged at the Opening, to guard the inner side of the portal, to admit the Fraters and Sorors, and to watch over the reception of the Aspirant; to lead all Mystic Circumambulations carrying the Lamp of my Office; and to make all reports and announcements. My Lamp is the symbol of Hidden Knowledge, and my Wand is the symbol of its directing power.

Hiero: COME FORTH, APUAT, OPENER OF THE WAYS (*Kerux gives SoS*)
Fr./Sr. Hegemon, your station and duties?

Heg: (SoE) My station is between the Two Pillars of Hermes and Solomon and my face is towards the cubical Altar of the Universe. My duty is to watch over the Gateway of the Hidden Knowledge for I am the reconciler between Light and Darkness. I watch over the preparation of the Aspirant and assist in his reception, and I lead him in the Path that conducts from Darkness to Light. The White Color of my Robe is the color of Purity, my ensign of office is the Feather-crowned scepter to symbolize balance which guides and regulates life, and my Office symbolizes those higher aspirations of the soul which should guide its action.

Hiero: HOLD THE CENTER, MAAT, KEEPER OF THE BALANCE
(*Hegemon gives SoS*)
Fr./Sr. Hiereus, your station and duties?

Hiereus: (*holds Sword and Banner*) (SoE)
My station is on the Throne of the West and is a symbol of the increase of Darkness and the decrease of Light and I am the Master of Darkness. I keep the Gateway of the West and watch over the reception of the Aspirant and over the Supporting Officers in the doing of their work. My black Robe is an image of the Darkness that was upon the Face of the Waters. I carry the Sword of Judgment and the Banner of the Evening Twilight, which is the Banner of the West, and I am called Fortitude.

Hiero: WARD THE HALL, SET, MASTER OF DARKNESS (*Hiereus gives SoS*)
Hierophant stands, holding Scepter and Banner of the East.

Hiereus (SoE) Fr./Sr. Hierophant, all present have been so honored. (SoS)
S/he sits down.

Purification & Consecration

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Stolistes and Fr./Sr. Dadouchos, will you purify and consecrate the Hall with Water and with Fire.

S&D: (SoE) I will. (*in unison*)

As with opening,

Stol: I purify with Water.

As with opening,

Dad: I consecrate with Fire

Stolistes and Dadouchos return to their places.

Circumambulation

Hiero: Let the Mystic Reverse Circumambulation take place in the Pathway of Light

This is done.

Hiero: The Mystical Reverse Circumambulation symbolic of the Fading of Light is accomplished.
Let us adore the Universe and Space.

Members rise. All face East and make the Sign of the Enterer following the lead of Hierophant. The Sign of Silence is made at the end of the Prayer.

ALL: Holy art Thou, who art Universe! (SoE)
Holy art Thou, who art in Nature Formed! (SoE)
Holy art Thou, the Vast and the Mighty! (SoE)
Source of Darkness, Source of Light! (SoS)

Mystic Repast

Hiero: Nothing now remains but to partake together in silence of the Mystic Repast, composed of the symbols of the Four Elements, and to remember the call to do our will.

All are seated.

Hierophant puts down scepter and returns the Banner of the East to its place. Hierophant goes to the West of the Altar and facing East gives the Saluting Sign, but withholds the Sign of Silence, and taking up the Rose says:

Kerux: Saith Nuit:
Now, therefore, I am known to ye by my name Nuit,
and to him by a secret name which I will give him
when at last he knoweth me. Since I am Infinite Space,
and the Infinite Stars thereof, do ye also thus. Bind nothing!
Let there be no difference made among you
between any one thing & any other thing;
for thereby there commeth hurt.
But whoso availeth in this, let him be chief of all!
Obey my prophet! follow out the ordeals of my knowledge!
seek me only! Then the joys of my love
will redeem ye from all pain.
This is so: I swear it by the vault of my body;
by my sacred heart and tongue; by all I can give,
by all I desire of ye all.

Closing

Hiero: (knock)

Kerux on hearing the Hierophant's knock, goes to the North East, to Hierophant's right, faces West, raising the Lamp and Wand and says:

Kerux: HEKAS, HEKAS, ESTE BEBELOI!

Kerux returns to place. Hierophant rises with one knock.

Hiero: Fraters and Sorors of Het Nuit
of the Open Source Order of the Golden Dawn,
Please assist me to close the Hall of the Neophytes.
Fr./Sr. Kerux, see that the Hall is properly guarded.

Kerux goes to the door and gives one knock. Sentinel replies with one knock.

Kerux: (SoE) Fr./Sr. Hierophant, the Hall is properly guarded. (SoS)

S/he salutes the Hierophant's Throne, Remains by door.

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Hiereus, guard the hither side of the portal and assure yourself that all present have witnessed the Golden Dawn.

Hiereus goes to the door, stands before it with Sword erect, Kerux being on his/her right with Lamp and Wand, and says:

Hiereus: Fraters and Sorors of the Order of the Golden Dawn,
give the signs of a Neophyte.

All make Signs towards Altar while Hiereus observes. This done, Hiereus gives Signs towards Hierophant, and says:

Hiero: My station is on the Throne of the East in the place where the Sun rises, and I am the Captain of the Hall, guiding it according to the Laws of the Cosmos, as that which Image I am, is the Guide of all who work for the Hidden Knowledge. My robe is the red of Created Fire and Uncreated Fire, My scepter is the Hierphant's Cross, and I hold the Banner of the Morning Light which is the Banner of the East. I am called Light, Power, Mercy, and Wisdom, and I am the Expounder of the Mysteries.

Hierophant sits down.

All: (Taking lead from Hiereus)
TAKE THY SEAT IN THE EAST, RA-HOOR-KHUIT,
IN THY SECRET NAME AND SPLENDOUR
ART THOU LORD INITIATING.

Purification & Consecration

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Stolistes and Fr./Sr. Dadouchos, will you purify and consecrate the Hall with Water and with Fire.

Dadouchos and Stolistes rise and salute (SoE).

S & D: I will (in unison)

During the following action, the Hegemon holds the center. The Dadouchos and Stolistes always move directly opposite each other as if each were attached to the end of a long beam that pivots around the center of the hall. Dadouchos goes to West doing nothing but maintain the balance until s/he reaches the East. Stolistes goes to the East, faces Hierophant, and sprinkles a few drops of Water towards the East three times in the pattern of the Supernal Triangle. Moving deosil s/he continues the purification in each quarter silently intoning the elemental God names: ASHERAH in the East, ELOHIM in the South, EL in the West, and ADONAI in the North. When the Dadouchos reaches the East, s/he begins the same action as the Stolistes but uses the Censer. The Stolistes returns to the East to complete the circle, traces a cross and circle in the air, then holds the Cup on high and says;

Stol: I purify with Water.

Stolistes now moves to the South and for the remainder of the action simply balances the Dadouchos. The Dadouchos continues censing around the circle until s/he returns to the East, traces a cross and circle in the air, then raises the Censer on high and says:

Dad: I consecrate with Fire

Stolistes and Dadouchos return to their places. (SoS)

Circumambulation

Hiero: Let the Mystic Circumambulation take place
in the Pathway of LIGHT

Hierophant stands holding the Scepter in his/her right hand, the Banner of the East in his/her left. Kerux goes to the Northeast with Lamp and Wand. Then, each with his/her implement(s), line up in order: the Hegemon, Hiereus, Members (if space permits), Stolistes, Dadouchos, and Sentinel. Once all are in place, the Kerux leads the procession past Hierophant, each Officer making the Sign of the Enterer as s/he passes. Hiereus falls out as soon as s/he reaches his/her Throne. S/he stands mirroring the Hierophant in a "Yin" state. Hegemon returns to his/her place after passing Hierophant twice (one full orbit). The rest continue until they have passed the Hierophant three times and then take their places as they come to them.

Hiero: The Mystical Circumambulation, symbolic of the Rise of Light, is accomplished. Let us adore the Universe and Space.

Members rise. All face East and make the Sign of the Enterer following the lead of Hierophant. The Sign of Silence is made at the end of the Prayer.

ALL: Holy art Thou, who art Universe! (SoE)
Holy art Thou, who art in Nature Formed! (SoE)
Holy art Thou, the Vast and the Mighty! (SoE)
Source of Darkness, Source of Light! (SoS)

Only the Hierophant, Hiereus and Hegemon raise Wands and Sword in salute, and sink them in unison. Other officers do not salute. All face as usual, but remain standing.

Charge to the Hall

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Kerux, in the Name of the Lord of Initiation,
I ask you to declare that we have opened
the Hall of the Neophytes.

Kerux goes North-East, faces West, and raising his/her Wand says:

Kerux: (SoE) In the Name of the Lord of Initiation,
Lord of Silence and of Strength,
I declare that the Sun has arisen and the Shadows flee away.

Kerux returns to his/her place. (SoS)

Kerux knocks—Hiereus knocks—Hegemon knocks.

Hiero: (!) KHABS

Hiereus: (!) AM

Heg: (!) PEKHT

Hiero: Write unto us the ordeals; write unto us the rituals;
write unto us the law! But she said: the ordeals I write not:
the rituals shall be half known and half concealed:
the Law is for all.

Fr./Sr. Kerux will you declare that our Fr./Sr. Neophyte
has been initiated into the Mysteries of the O=O Hall?

Kerux: (SoE) I will. (SoS)
In the Name of the Lord of Initiation,
The Lord of Silence and of Strength,
I proclaim that ____ (worldly name) ____, who will henceforth
be known among us by the Motto _____,
has been duly admitted to the O=O Hall
as a Neophyte of the Order of the Golden Dawn.

All: LOVE IS THE LAW, LOVE UNDER WILL.

Note: If more than one aspirant is to be initiated in this session stop here and perform the next initiation(s) up to this point. Conclude the initiations with the following speeches with all new Initiates present.

Hiereus: (stands and faces newest initiate(s))
Aum! All words are sacred and all prophets true;
save only that they understand a little;
solve the first half of the equation,
leave the second unattacked.
But thou hast all in the clear light, and some, though not all,
in the dark. Love is the law, love under will.
Nor let the fools mistake love, for there are love and love.
There is the dove, and there is the serpent. Choose ye well!

Hiero: There is a word to say about the Hierophantic task.
Behold! there are three ordeals in one,
and it may be given in three ways.
The gross must pass through fire;
let the fine be tried in intellect,
and the lofty chosen ones in the highest.

Before you lies the task of committing certain rudiments of
Magickal knowledge to memory. When you have satisfied
yourself with your attainment, arrangements will be made for
you to sit for examination. Upon passing, you will be ready at
your discretion for the next Degree.

Kerux moves to Heraldic Post and faces the new Neophyte(s).

Hiereus reclaims sword and banner.

Hiereus: Let the final Consecration take place.

Stolistes and Dadachous proceed around hall as in opening but upon returning to the East, instead of facing East and saying lines, turn and anoint/lustrate or cense/consecrate the Neophyte with cross and circle.

Stol: In thy Name, _____, I purify Thee with Water.

Dad: In thy Name, _____, I consecrate Thee with Fire.

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Hegemon, will you please remove the Rope, the last remaining symbol of the Path of Darkness, and invest our Fr./Sr. with the Badge of this degree.

Heg: (SoE) I will. (SoS)

Hegemon hands wand to Hiereus to hold. S/he removes Rope from the Aspirant and throws it away in a suitable direction.

Heg: (investing the Aspirant with the sash) The Badge of this degree is a solid black sash which goes from the left shoulder to the right hip. Upon the breast is a white triangle symbolizing Light dawning in Darkness.

Hegemon reclaims wand.

Hiereus: Let the Mystical Circumambulation take place in the Path-way of Light.

Kerux leads in North East, Hegemon guides Neophyte back behind Black Pillar to follow Kerux. Hiereus follows then, next, Stolistes and Dadachous Circumambulate as at opening, Neo. directed by Hegemon to follow Kerux and then to be seated in North East. Once all are in place Hegemon recovers chair and is seated. Kerux replaces Rose, Lamp, Cup and Paten in their places on the Altar as at opening. All are seated.

Hiero: Welcome among us. (applause)
We will not regale you with lengthy explanations of the symbolism of this Hall, that is published and for you to study. It is well worth the effort. But know this: In the time of the writing of one of our many scriptures there was a priest-scribe who had been given the task of writing that scripture. In the midst of that writing... the priest fell into a deep trance or swoon and and said unto the Queen of Heaven;

Hiereus: (!) KONX

Heg: (!) OM

Hiero: (!) PAX

Heg: (!) LIGHT

Hiero: (!) IN

Hiereus : (!) EXTENSION

All make Signs (SoE) towards Altar and are seated.

The Initiation

Hiero: DO WHAT THOU WILT SHALL BE THE WHOLE OF THE LAW. Fraters and Sorors of Het Nuit, of the Open Source Order of the Golden Dawn, by virtue of our ability to wield a current of initiation, I would undertake to receive _____, into the O=O Degree of Neophyte. What is your will?

All: (Respond)

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Hegemon, bid the Aspirant to prepare for the Ceremony of his/her Reception, and superintend his/her preparation.

Hegemon rises, removes his/her chair from between the Pillars, and goes out followed by Sentinel, who carries the Hoodwink and Rope. Hegemon sees that the Aspirant is properly dressed in black clothes and preferably with red shoes or socks. The rope goes three times around his/her waist or is tied with three ropes. Hegemon leads Aspirant to door and gives one knock. Meanwhile the Kerux removes the Elements from the Altar, dispersing them to the Four Winds, one at a time in a spiral motion.

Heg: (Knocks)

Kerux: (Knocks from within) (SoE) The Aspirant seeks for entrance. (SoS)

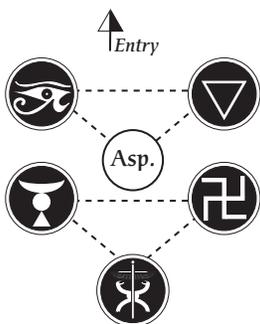
All visualize the Aspirant surrounded with the black egg Tattwa of Spirit.

Hiero: Bring him/her upon the threshold. (done)
You who stand upon the threshold of this hall—
Know that to enter herein is to undergo certain change!
Is it your will to enter?

Aspirant: (Responds)

Hiero: Therefore I call _____ to enter, (Aspirant is brought within and the door closed behind him/her.) Who now loses his/her name to be henceforth known among us as _____.
Let the Stolistes and the Dadouchos assist in the reception.

When the Stolistes and Dadouchos are in their places, the Kerux admits Aspirant. The three then form a Triangle. When Aspirant is within hall, Hegemon stands on one side and the Sentinel on the other forming a matching triangle. The Officers speak in turn.



Heg: Inheritor of a Dying World, arise and enter the Darkness.

Stol: The Mother of Darkness hath blinded him/her with Her Hair.

Dad: The Father of Darkness hath hidden him/her under His Wings.

Hiero: His/Her limbs are still weary from the wars which are in Heaven.

Kerux: Unpurified and Unconsecrated, thou canst not enter our Sacred Hall.

Stolistes comes forward and marks Aspirant's brow with cross and circle, then sprinkles water thrice, saying:

Stol: In thy Name, _____, I purify Thee with Water.

Dadachous comes forward and signs before Aspirant with cross and circle, then waves thrice, saying:

Dad: In thy Name, _____, I consecrate Thee with Fire.

Traveling sunwise, the Dadouchos and Stolistes return to their stations.

Hiero: Conduct the Aspirant to the foot of the Altar. *(done)* Inheritor of a Dying World, Why seekest thou to enter our Sacred Hall? Why seekest thou admission to our Order?

Asp: *(Hegemon prompting as needed)* My Soul wanders in Darkness and seeks the Light of Hidden Knowledge, and I believe that in this Order Knowledge of that Light may be obtained.

Hiero: I hold your pledge to keep sacred everything that relates to this Order. I now ask you, are you willing to take a profound Obligation in the presence of this Assembly, to keep the Mysteries of our Order inviolate?

Asp: *(Hegemon prompting if needed)* I am.

Hiero: Although the Magickal virtues can indeed awaken into momentary life in the mean and malicious heart, they cannot reign in any heart that hath not the natural virtues to be their throne. Are you ready to take this Oath?

Done, but Neophyte is not yet between the Pillars. Hegemon takes his/her place outside White Pillar.

Hiero: Fr./Sr. Hiereus, will you give the Neophyte the Word, Grip and Signs as well as the current password of the O=O Hall of the Neophytes of the Open Source Order of the Golden Dawn.

Hiereus: *(SoE)* I will. *(SoS)*

Handing sword and Banner to the Hegemon, Hiereus steps between the two pillars.

Hiereus: Fr./Sr. _____, I shall now instruct you in the Step, Signs, Grip and Words of this Grade.

Hiereus: First, advance your left foot a short pace, as if stepping through a doorway. *(done)* This is the Step. It symbolizes that you have taken the first step on the path to Adepthood.

The Signs are two. The first is the Sign of the Enterer: take the Step, then thrust out both your hands forward, palms down, hands level with your eyes. *(done)* It alludes to reaching out from the darkness toward the Light, and for sending the power of your own Light out from the darkness.

The second sign is the Sign of Silence: step back firmly so that the left heel touches the right instep, and place the tip of your finger to your lips. *(done)* It alludes to grounding, to hermetically sealing your energy within yourself. The first sign is always answered with the second.

The Grip or Token is this: take the Step and place your left foot next to mine, heel to toe. *(done)* Then reach for my right hand with yours, and touch your fingers to mine, draw back, then catch my fingers in yours. *(done)* It alludes to reaching for guidance in the darkness, and finding it.

Hiero: The Words are delivered along with the Grip, whispered from mouth to ear, one syllable at a time. The Grand Word of this Grade is "HAR... PAR... KRAT"—exchange it with me. *(done)* The password of the current Equinox is _____. Exchange it with me. *(done)*

Maintaining the Grip, the Hiereus draws the Neophyte between the two pillars:

Hiereus: I now place you between the two Pillars of Hermes and of Solomon in the symbolic Gateway of Hidden Knowledge.

Hiero: O Nuit! continuous one of Heaven, let it be ever thus that men speak not of Thee as One but as None; and let them speak not of thee at all, since thou art continuous!

All: *(whispering)* NONE, BREATHED THE LIGHT, FAINT & FAERY, OF THE STARS AND TWO.
FOR I AM DIVIDED FOR LOVE'S SAKE,
FOR THE CHANCE OF UNION.
THIS IS THE CREATION OF THE WORLD,
THAT THE PAIN OF DIVISION IS AS NOTHING,
AND THE JOY OF DISSOLUTION ALL.

Hierophant, Hiereus, and Hegemon form Tetrahedron over Aspirant with tools.

Heg: Inheritor of a Dying World, we call thee to the Living Beauty

Hiereus: Wanderer in the Wild Darkness, we call thee to the Gentle Light.

Hiero: Long hast thou dwelt in Darkness: Quit the Night and seek the Day.

Hoodwink is swiftly removed by the Kerux.

Hiero: (Aspirant's motto)

H&H&H: *(together)* We receive thee into the Order of the Golden Dawn!

Hiero: KHABS

Hiereus: AM

Heg: PEKHT

Hiereus: KONX

Heg: OM

Hiero: PAX

Heg: LIGHT

Hiero: IN

Hiereus: EXTENSION

Hiero: *(knock)*

Officers lower their wands. Kerux moves to North East holding Lamp aloft, Hierophant directs Aspirant's attention there.

Hiero: In all thy wandering in Darkness, the Lamp of the Kerux went before thee, though it was not seen by thine eyes.
It is the Symbol of the Light of the Hidden Knowledge

Officers return to their places, except for Hegemon, Hiereus and Aspirant.

Hiero: Let the Neophyte be led to the East of the Altar.

Asp: *(Hegemon prompting if needed)* I am.

Hiero: Then you will kneel on both your knees. *(done)*
The powers of Mercy and Severity have brought you to this place. Are you willing to take this supreme vow?

Asp: *(Hegemon prompting if needed)* I am.

Hiero: Fr/Sr Hiereus and Fr/Sr Hegemon, control the Aspirant.

Hiereus, at the Aspirant's left, places his/her sword on the nape of the Aspirant's neck and Hegemon, at the Aspirant's right, places his/her wand at the base of the Aspirant's throat.

Hiero: This Vow binds you in your Civic, Religious and Moral life. It touches on every aspect of your being. No one can ever release you from this vow. Is it your will to take this ultimate vow?

Asp: It is. *(or some such, Hegemon prompting as needed.)*

Hiero: Give me your right hand, which I place upon this Holy Symbol, the Sign of Our Order. Place your left hand in mine. You will say, "I," pronounce your full name by which you are known in the world, and repeat after me: I, _____, So with my all; I have no right but to do my will; I shall do that, and no other shall say nay. For pure will unassuaged of purpose, delivered from the lust of result, is every way perfect.

ALL: THE PERFECT AND THE PERFECT ARE ONE PERFECT AND NOT TWO; NAY, ARE NONE!

Hiero: *(knock)* Remove the Sword and Wand.
Fr./Sr. Hegemon, please place the Aspirant in the Northern part of the Hall: The place of Forgetfulness, Dumbness and Necessity, and the greatest symbolic Darkness.

Hegemon takes Aspirant to North and faces him/her East. Kerux goes with Lamp and Wand to the North East. Stolistes & Dadouchos follow Aspirant at the ready.

Heg: The voice of my Undying and Secret Soul said unto me:
"Let me enter the Path of Darkness and, peradventure, there shall I find the Light.
I am the only Being in an Abyss of Darkness:
from an Abyss of Darkness came I forth ere my birth,
from the Silence of a Primal Sleep.
And the Voice of Ages answered to my soul:

Hiero: “I am That which formulates in Darkness,
the Light that shineth in Darkness,
yet the Darkness comprehendeth it not” (knock)
Let the Mystic Circumambulation take place
in the Path of Knowledge that leads unto Light,
with the Lamp of Hidden Knowledge to guide us.

Kerux leads, followed by Hegemon with Aspirant, Stolistes and Dadouchos last. [Exception: If space is too tight let the Stolistes and Dadouchos precede the Aspirant.] As they pass, Hierophant gives one knock, just as the Aspirant passes. They travel sunwise, and passing Hierous s/he similarly knocks. Kerux stops in the South after the second passing of Hierophant, barring the way with his/her Wand, saying:

Kerux: Unpurified and Unconsecrated,
thou canst not enter the path of the West!

Stolistes and Dadachous Lustrate and Consecrate as before

Stol: In thy Name, _____, I purify Thee with Water.

Dad: In thy Name, _____, I consecrate Thee with Fire.

Heg: Child of Earth, twice purified and twice consecrated,
thou mayest approach the Gateway of the West.

Kerux leads procession to the throne of the Hierous. Connecting his/her aura with the Banner of the West, Hierous stands and stops Aspirant with sword across his/her chest. Hegemon raises hoodwink momentarily to provide a glimpse of Hierous holding his/her sword before Aspirant's eyes.

Hierous: Thou canst not pass by me, saith the Guardian of the West,
unless thou canst tell me my name.

Asp: (Hegemon prompting) Darkness is thy Name,
thou Great One of the Paths of the Shades.

Hierous: Fear not at all. Fear neither men nor Fates nor gods nor anything. Money fear not, nor laughter of the folk folly,
nor any other power in heaven or upon the earth
or under the earth. Nu is your refuge as Hadit your light;
and Ra-Hoor-Khu is the strength, force, vigour of your arms.
Thou hast known me now, so pass thou on.

Kerux leads, followed by Hegemon with Aspirant, Stolistes and Dadachous last. As they pass, Hierophant gives one knock, just as the Aspirant passes. They travel sunwise, and passing Hierous s/he similarly knocks. Kerux stops in the North after passing the Hierous, barring the way with his/her Wand, saying:

Kerux: Unpurified and Unconsecrated,
thou canst not enter the path of the East!

Stolistes and Dadachous Lustrate and Consecrate as before.

Stol: In thy Name, _____, I purify Thee with Water.

Dad: In thy Name, _____, I consecrate Thee with Fire.

Heg: Child of Earth, thrice purified and thrice consecrated,
thou mayest approach the Gateway of the East.

Kerux leads procession to the throne of the Hierophant Connecting his/her aura with the Banner of the East, Hierophant stands and stops Aspirant with wand across his/her chest. Hegemon raises hoodwink momentarily to provide a glimpse of Hierophant holding his/her wand before Aspirant's eyes.

Hiero: Thou canst not pass by me, saith the Guardian of the East,
unless thou canst tell me my name.

Asp: (Hegemon prompting) Light dawning in Darkness is thy Name,
the Light of a Golden Day!

Hiero: Unbalanced Power is the ebbing away of Life.
Unbalanced Mercy is weakness and the fading out of the Will.
Unbalanced Severity is cruelty and the barrenness of Mind.
Thou hast known me now, so pass thou on to the Cubical
Altar of the Universe.

Hoodwink is replaced. Kerux leads to the Altar. Aspirant placed due West, Hierous on North, Hegemon on South, Kerux behind the Aspirant forms a supporting triangle with the Stolistes and Dadouchos. Hierophant descends Samekh holding wand in right hand and Banner of the East in left, coming between pillars to the East of the Altar, saying:

Hiero: I come in the Power of the Light;
I come in the Light of Wisdom;
I come in the Mercy of the Light;
The Light hath Healing in its Wings.

Hierophant makes Sign of the Enterer towards Aspirant, then Sign of Silence. The two triangles of Officers are united forming a hexagram with the Aspirant at its center. Hierophant invokes:

