

ANNIVERSARIUM EGREGORAE

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*In Memorium: The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn (February 13, 1888)
F. Hockley, born Oct. 13, 1808; died Nov. 10, 1885*

This is the Ritual whereby a Temple of the E.S.S.G. is able to establish its connection to the Egregore of the Order Proper and scheduled to occur every February 13th, being also the anniversary date (1888) of the most venerated order The Golden Dawn to which the E.S.S.G. owes much of its current knowledge and occult lore. Veneration also is given to Frederick Hockley, who is considered to be the Great Grandfather of Modern Ceremonial Magick and Magickal Orders.

1. Introit

The first thing required for this ceremony is a week long vigil, starting on the 6th of February. The one designated the senior elder must take a special and blessed glass enclosed vigil candle, and light without the use of matches or a lighter. The Elder should make the fire with flint, shavings of magnesium, tinder, and a blunt athame. The Elder lights the natural flame (striking the flint with the blunt athame into the tinder and magnesium shavings, quickly and easily starting a fire. This fire is used to light the candle, and it kept burning in the temple for seven days.

During this period of the vigil, when the candle is tended and kept burning by the Elder, the members of the temple reflect on all that has happened for the past year, and after meditating upon these occurrences, he or she will determine their path and course of occult action for the coming year. This is used to compose a list of resolutions and aspirations for the next 12 months of temple activity. In addition to aspirations, the temple must also write up a paragraph or two describing who they are, and what role they seek to have in the spiritual workings of the temple. The whole composition is a kind of presentation that each member of the temple produces, and this is calligraphically written with ink on pure parchment, signed with their magickal name and devices, making it a Talismanic document. This presentation is read by the temple members every year, and so everyone must compose it afresh, even if they are long standing members. The presentation should include a members' personal goals, spiritual alignments (of their own personal spiritual perspectives) and also personal spiritual teachers, or persons of inspiration, whether alive, dead or mythic.

Also, during this period, those of the temple who are of at least third degree, perform the invocation of the Archangelic Egregore of the Order, Chiramael. For some, this may be the first invocation working that they have experienced. The invocation is performed, and those who are present commune with the Spirit and Authorities of the Egregore of the Order. Thus the Spirit of the Egregore has become manifest, and present during the period of the vigil.

When it is the time to gather together to perform the Anniversarium, the members come with their written presentations, armed with their weapons of magick, vestments, and their bodies purified, perfumed and prepared for the work. They arrive at the temple, which is already prepared for their arrival, thus it is fumigated with costly incense, and adorned with decorations and flowers. The vigil candle is still burning (or has been replaced, transferring the flame, and thus keeping it alive), and the temple is dim and mysterious. The sigil of Chiramael is present on or above the altar used to say Mass.

Prior to working this ceremony of the Anniversarium, the temple members must say a Mass (either Low or High) and set the four Angles with the Host fragments; and a large temple host and some consecrated wine must also be set aside for the congregants. The temple members also perform a circle consecration ritual, usually, the Consecration of the Quest. All that takes place in the magick circle is now of great import. The Mass is attended by all the temple members, and the circle consecration is performed as it would for any major magickal working. During the Mass, the Celebrant blesses beeswax candles to be given to each member of the temple. This Mass also empowers the Spirit of the Egregore, if it has been previously invoked.

The members must have already selected a Magister Templis, a Hierius, and an Auctor by consensus (using the Installation of the Quorum ceremony) and chosen a member to act as the Elder. A Charter expressing Authority for the Erection of a Temple of the E.S.S.G. must also be prepared with the proper authorized signatures and sigils, if this is the first Anniversarium for the temple. The parchment presentations that each member has composed will be taken and kept with the charter of the temple. The temple charter is on display for this event, and so it is removed from its place of safe-keeping. The previous parchments of the body are removed (if a previous Anniversarium has been performed), and the new ones are enclosed with the temple charter, perhaps even sealed with a ribbon, binding them all together. For the moment, the parchments are in the hands of the temple members, to be read during the first section of the ceremony.

2. Presentation of the Adepti

In the beginning of this ritual, the temple members assemble in the magick circle, standing together in a ring. Each member of the Temple in order (starting with the elder, and proceeding widdershins) then presents their own magickal name, motto and mythological persona, reading what they have written upon their parchment presentations, which are to become part of the annual legacy of the temple, and thus saved with all of the other magickal writs. These parchments then are collected together and rolled, sealed with wax, and tied with a ribbon. These become part of the treasure and the core of the Temple for one annual period. The previous years presentations are either collectively

burned after the Anniversarium, or returned to their owners for possible analysis and nostalgic purposes.

3. Invocation of the Spiritual Hierarchy

The Graal Potency

The Four Sentinels take their positions in the four quarters and the Chief Celebrant or Temple Elder stands in the center of the circle with the selected officers, and all others sitting on the periphery of the circle. The Celebrant raises his hands and facing the East, wherein the ceremonial altar is placed, he says:

O Marah Sophia, from you is gained the light of ultimate wisdom by means of waves of ekstasis and the insights of ultraconsciousness. Through you are all perceptions transcended.

O Lucis Christos, thou art the annointed and illuminated perfect initiate - the resultant light of the obtainment of perfect awareness. This light shall be our guide while passing through the darkness of ignorance; and our guardian against the perils of the evil done by humanity against all life.

O Bridget, (the hallowed one), from you is received the transubstantiation of spirit and matter, and the healing wholeness of redemption. May the goodness of the source bless our lives forever.

The Celebrant turns to the West, raising his arms to the Graal shrine and says:

O Chiramael, who is the spiritual essence of the holy blood which quickens in the Graal heart of the thrice-transformed and illuminated initiate, cleanse and purify me. Give unto me, to my brothers and sisters of the Spirit, the benefaction and authority to perform this rite.

The Celebrant turns to seated members and makes the sign of the Equal Arm Cross (herein signified by a), while saying:

I bless thee in the name of the light, the source and the substance of spirit, Lucis Christos, a Marah Sophia and Bridget.

Chiramael!

The Five Hallows

He turns to the center of the circle where the hallows sit, he bows low before them and says:

Therapeuo - may we be healed of infirmity and made whole so that we are prepared to receive this mystery.

Prostasia - may we be free from fear and from all forms of tyranny. The instrument of justice will persevere through the laws of karma.

Agape - may we share the companionship and love with others who are also dedicated to the spiritual path.

Agathos - may the blessings of the spirit grant bounty and good fortune to us in all our endeavors. May we give freely in return, to benefit the needy and the bereft.

Gnosis - may we be enlightened in the tripartite manner as established in ancient times. The Pansophic current flows around us. The eyes see and the ears listen.

The Seven Rays

He then takes a prepared Septagram talisman (which is used by the Temple for the purposes of invocation) and tracing the pattern of the seven pointed star, he says:

I summon the seven rays that emanate from the source of all sentience.

From the first ray which is blue and is governed by Bethoriel and whose teachings are communicated by the master Valentinus, comes forth the manifestation of love and wisdom.

From the second ray which is yellow and is governed by Ochiel and whose teachings are communicated by the master Pythagoros, comes forth the manifestation of the active intelligence.

From the third ray which is red and is governed by Phalegiel and whose teachings are communicated by the master Simon Magus, comes forth the manifestation of will and power.

From the fourth ray which is orange and is governed by Ophiel and whose teachings are communicated by the master Apollonius of Tyana, comes forth the manifestation of harmony through conflict.

From the fifth ray which is green and is governed by Aratron and whose teachings are communicated by the mistress Hypathia of Alexandria, comes forth the manifestation of logic and rational knowledge.

From the sixth ray which is purple and is governed by Hagithiel and whose teachings are communicated by the master Melchizadek, comes forth the manifestation of devotion and idealism.

From the seventh ray which is indigo and is governed by Phulathiel and whose teachings are communicated by the master Honorius, comes forth the manifestation of ceremonial order and magick.

So Mote it Be.

The Analysis of the Nomen Ordinis

The Celebrant then points to the East and makes the sign of the Equal Armed cross and says:

Epsilon - Egregora: the spirits of the initiates join to create a spiritual force that is greater than the sum of each individual.

The Celebrant then points to the South and makes the sign of the Equal Armed cross and says:

Sigma - Sancta: the initiates seek the exalted state of superconsciousness wherein the Unity of Being and the Godhead reside.

The Celebrant then points to the West and makes the sign of the Equal Armed cross and says:

Sigma - Stella: every initiate is a Star; that is, each individual is unique and must seek a singular path and has a singular expression.

The Celebrant then points to the West and makes the sign of the Equal Armed cross and says:

Gamma - Gnostica: the personal experience of the Absolute by each individual is sought and enhanced by the group as a whole. Each must perceive the Godhead in their own fashion and express that revelation in their own manner. Each revelation adds to the whole.

The Celebrant then points to the U.P. and makes the sign of the Equal Armed cross and says:

Epsilon, Sigma, Sigma, Gamma. Egregora, Sancta, Stella, Gnostica. The unified group spirit shall guide the initiated seekers to their own individual spiritual revelation, and this shall cause the exalted expansion of the group spirit. This is the pattern of our path!

May we have the guidance, the authority, the power, the insight and the grace of the Spirit of the Graal and all its manifested emanations. So Mote it Be.

3. The Charismation of the Officers

The Chosen Elder then stands in the center of the circle and the selected Magister, Hierius and Auctor kneel before him. The Elder holds a chalice of water and oil and blows into it, saying:

Blessings be upon this water and oil of sacring. May it be imbued with the five qualities wherein all spiritual aspirations are fulfilled.

The Chosen Elder then makes the sign of the cross upon the Magister, Hierius and says:

May the light of Chiramael shine through me and bless these chosen ones who shall guide this temple through the trials of initiation.

The Chosen Elder then annoints first the Magister, then the Hierius and Auctor by pouring a small amount of the sacring oil upon their heads and also annointing their foreheads and hands. The Elder blows the breath of the spirit upon the head of each. Then he administers the oath of Office to the Magister, Hierius and then to the Auctor. Only then are the three assisted to rise from their kneeling position.

The Oath of Office of the Magister Templi

I (magickal name), in the presence of the tripartite potency of the Graal and in the name of Chiramael, do most solemnly swear to assume all the spiritual responsibilities and obligations expected of the Master of the Temple; to serve the needs and assist in the spiritual growth of the members herein and to be as a light of guidance and a protection against evil to those who seek initiation through my hand. So Mote it Be.

The Oath of Office of the Hierius

I (magickal name), in the presence of the tripartite potency of the Graal, with the trust of the M.W.M., and in the name of Chiramael, do most solemnly swear to assist the M.W.M. in all endeavors, making certain that they are always within the code of ethics which bind us all, to assume the responsibilities of the temple in the absence of the M.W.M., and to arbitrate all differences between members so that there shall be peace herein. So Mote it Be.

4. The Ceremony of Dedication

The Magister and Hierius stand in the center of the circle and address the brothers and sisters of the Temple. The Magister says:

My brothers and sisters. We thank you for this honor. May we prove to be worthy of it. Let us open our hearts to the selection of our most worthy warden and scryer, the Auctor, who shall be as our eyes and ears, and the hand that writes down what is said and observed.

The Magister then goes forward and presents the Master Crystal of the Temple to the one whom the body of the temple have selected as Auctor. The Chosen Auctor then comes forth with the crystal in hand, this is received from him and replaced. The Auctor kneels before the Magister and the Hierius. The Magister and Hierius say:

May the light of Chiramael shine through us and bless this chosen one who shall guide this temple through the gates of initiation.

The Magister anoints the Auctor, then the Hierius anoints him, each by pouring a small amount of the sacring oil upon his head and also anointing his forehead and hands. They both blow the breath of the spirit upon the his head in turn. Then they administer the oath of Office to the Auctor. After this, they assist him to rise from his kneeling position.

The Oath of Office of the Auctor

I (magickal name), in the presence of the tripartite potency of the Graal, chosen by the M.W.M. and R.W.H., and in the name of Chiramael, do most solemnly swear to ward the gates between worlds, so that they may be guarded from the unworthy and opened to the worthy. May I be the eyes and ears of the temple, channeling the worlds that lay beyond so that no knowledge shall be deliberately hidden from the seeker nor revealed inopportunately. This I shall do at the request of the M.W.M. and the R.W.H. So Mote it Be.

The Magister then reads the charter or *Manifesto for the Erection of a Temple* as issued in recognition of the status of the temple by the Order of the E.S.S.G., including all additions and inserts that may have been made previous decisions by the group and their elders.

Then each member in turn, approaches the Magister and Hierius, bows and then takes hold of their hands and says the following oath.

The Oath of Fellowship of the Temple

I (magickal name), in the presence of the tripartite potency of the Graal, in the presence of all my brothers and sisters of the E.S.S.G., and in the name of Chiramael, do swear to commit myself to the workings and instructions as established by consensus in this temple; to help my adopted companions and to give to the greater enrichment of us all. Yet I vow to keep secret the names of my fellow seekers and the personal issues that occur between us. So Mote it Be.

Then each member either signs the Manifesto (if it is new and not yet been signed) or new members sign it and old members make the sign of the cross upon it, thus charging it. They sign it with their magickal names and sigils as each sees appropriate.

5. The Ceremony of Light

All members stand and form a circle within the magick circle, each holding their consecrated candles. The Magister brings forth the vigil candle which was lit from the natural source of fire and stands in the center of the circle. The Magister says:

**We will be blessed and therein shall we give praise.
May we find mercy, grace and power from thee!
Show thy grace unto me, o source of light!
May there be well-being, peace and happiness.
The blessed day of joy has come!
We shall bless thee, o self of light;
Come, o brothers and sisters, let us sing:**

**I am the fire which Zarathustra built up,
And he bade the righteous build me up.
Build me up! Let not my light diminish!
From the seven consecrated, sweet smelling fires
Bring me, the fire, purified fuel.
Bring forth clean firewood,
And delicate and fragrant incense.
Kindle me with knowledge,
And give me clean offerings!
For I am the fire which is like the “water”.
It is fit that you should give me
“The offering of water,”
That I may become strong.**

**May we be bright in our illumination!
Of fire, water, of earth and air,
All joined to all within the spirit!**

(from the Govishn Ig Griv Zindag)

Then each member takes their candle and lights it from the central candle beginning at the East progressing widdershins around the circle until each is lit. Then the Magister sets the primary flame down upon the altar in the center of the circle and takes up his own consecrated candle and joins the circle of members who assist him in lighting his own candle. Then all the members raise their candles slowly up until they touch in a single flame, holding them in this position briefly, then lowering them back. They say the following Oath of the Code of Ethics.

The Oath of Ethics of the E.S.S.G.

We are united, brothers and sisters of the Holy Graal, and so we must keep pure the integrity of our purpose. Hate and anger, strife and bitterness shall not mar our enjoined workings. We shall not work any ill against another through our knowledge or powers. We shall not interfere with the true will of another. For the self- determined path of the individual is sacred and must not be deliberately altered unless assistance is requested by the individual concerned. Then all methods used must be made known and be accepted. In all other matters we may only wield the power upon ourselves or upon the cosmos at large; and then the constructive and positive uses are the only methods sanctioned.

For each usage of the power shall be weighed in the balance while we still live; and a greater judgement shall await those who foolishly tip the scales to the practice of malfeasance. For the power that transforms souls is given to the service of all humanity and not to the selfish gratification of the individual.

Let us not forget that our primary goal is to become unified with the Absolute Unity of all Being. All else that deviates from this path is ultimately irrelevant.

To this we swear alignment and unanimous consent. So Mote it Be.

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6. Invocation of the Egregore

The Sentinels take their positions at the four quarters and the Celebrant sets up the Invocation Triangle and sets therein a small container of sacramental wine, a host, and burning incense. A Chalice of unconsecrated wine and a loaf of bread are also set in the triangle. The triangle is sealed with a sword, which the Auctor wields to ward the Gate. The triangle may be set up in the Northeast or Northwest Angle.

The Magister and the Hierius stand in the center of the circle, with the rest of the Temple members sitting around the them, chanting at various moments the name *Chiramael*. The Celebrant stands with the Auctor, raising his arms, he says:

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Chirameal
I Summon Forth the Spirit of Chiramael!**

The Celebrant points to the U.P. and draws therein a Hexagram, intoning the letter *Cheth*, and saying: "*Chokmah! The Secret Wisdom is transmitted from the Absolute*".

The Celebrant proceeds to the Northwestern Angle and draws therein a Rose Ankh, intoning the letter *Yod*, and saying: "*Yedoni! The Light can See all things past, present and future*".

The Celebrant proceeds to the Southwestern Angle and draws therein a Rose Ankh, intoning the letter *Resh*, and saying: "*Ruach! The Spirit flows through the breath of life. To control it is to direct one's spirit*".

The Celebrant proceeds to the Southeastern Angle and draws therein a Rose Ankh, intoning the letter *Mim*, and saying: "*Micalah! The Path of Spiritual Evolution leads to the sublime state of attainment, the perfection of Love*".

The Celebrant proceeds to the Northeastern Angle and draws therein a Rose Ankh, intoning the letter *Aleph*, and saying: "*Adiru! Behold the Exalted Greatness of the Spirit moving within the souls of humanity. For this is the manifestation of Holy Blood*".

The Celebrant points to the I.P. and draws therein a Rose Ankh, intoning the letter *Lamed*, and saying: "*Lavan! The Light is pure and simplistic for it is Love*".

Then the Celebrant draws the four Watchtowers and the four Angles together into the center of the circle.

Hazailzemaht Lemaht Azac Gessemon Thelamoht Hozab Habatal Haebal Sezioc Scromagal Gigoro Mogal Gielotheon Samagoi. (From the Sworn Book of Honorius, Psalm #13)

Cheth, Yod, Resh, Mim, Aleph, Lamed. Chiramael! I invoke thee, O Chiramael! The self is transformed through fusion with the spirit and becomes the pure and original essence wherein the enlightenment of the spirit releases the self from all bondage to the cares of this world. This allows one to be open without pretension by means of perfect balance. Therefore, having defined thy being, O Chiramael, I call thee forth as the core of our magickal endeavors.

The Celebrant then draws with the wand an invoking spiral around the triangle while all of the Temple members chant the name *Chiramael*. This is continued until it reaches a climax and then everyone becomes silent and still as each begins inwardly to call and seek to commune with Chiramael. When this is completed, the Celebrant whispers the new password that shall ward the Gate and cause a Link with the Egregore to be established. Each person then silently chants the password until all effects of the spiritual communion have passed. Then the Chalice and loaf of bread are removed from the triangle.

7. Communion

The members of the Temple sit within the circle. The Magister blesses the large loaf of bread and the Hierius blesses the Chalice of Wine. The bread and wine are then passed to each member deocil wherein he or she shall break off a piece of bread and dip it into the Wine. Thus each member partakes of the essence of Chiramael imbued into the bread and wine. The Magister says:

We take into our bodies the essence of the light of Chiramael so that we may be strengthened and spiritually fortified. Let there be a bond between us and this pure spirit. Through this link we shall partake of the virtues of the five hallows and experience the illumination of the tripartite Graal of enlightenment. So Mote it Be.

The Magister turns to seated members and makes the sign of the Equal Arm Cross (herein signified by a), while saying:

I bless thee in the name of the light, the source and the substance of Spirit, Lucis Christos, a Marah Sophia and Bridget. Chiramael!

IV Installation of the Gate

A) Closing the Temple

Herein is the End of the Rite.