

# ACOLYTE INITIATION RITUAL

(E.S.S.G) 2 = 9

## **I Consecration of the Quest.**

## **II Acolyte Initiation**

### **1. Introduction**

The Neophyte, robed in white, is secluded with but a single candle and a skull or similar device to meditate upon. The Neophyte is charged with these words:

**Meditate upon your death  
Keep your death always before your eyes  
Knowledge of death should cause for honesty in life.**

### **2. In the Temple:**

*Most Worshipful Magister* - Red Maltese Cross  
*Right Worshipful Hiereus* - Black Celtic Cross  
*Auctor/Summoner* - Golden Eye of Horus  
*Sentinels* - Male/Thunderbolt Female/Chalice

The Altar has been made ready.

The Processional proceeds, the M.W.M. and the R.W.H. stand before the altar. The Auctor to the right of the altar. The Sentinels in their respective cardinal points.

***M.W.M.* - Fratres and sorores of the E.S.S.G., I call upon you to assist me in opening the temple to a new soul coming into the grade of Acolyte.**

***M.W.M.* - Why are you so placed?**

***R.W.H.* - To mark the sun at its meridian, to call our magi from labor to rest and from rest to labor again, that profit and pleasure may result.**

***M.W.M.* - Why are you so placed?**

*Western Sentinel* - To mark the setting of the sun and to close the ceremony at the Most Worshipful Magister's command after having seen that every frater and soror has had their due. I carry the sword of judgement in the evening twilight, which is in the west, and I am called fortitude.

*M.W.M.* - Why are you so placed?

*Eastern Sentinel* - To mark the rising sun, as the sun rises in the East to open and enlighten the day, so as our Most Worshipful Magister brings forth the light of Gnosis. I am called power and mercy and abundance, and I am the expounder of the mysteries.

*R.W.H.* - Fratres et Sorores, so I stand. Our circle is formulated. The order is installed. The grail is enthroned. All blessings upon our undertakings. May our labors thus begun in order, be conducted in harmony and closed in peace.

The Auctor makes the sign of the opening portal gesture while all bow and silently pray. All members face East and make the sign of the Enterer (Horus). They recite in unison.

**Holy Art Thou, Lord of the Universe.  
Holy Art Thou, Whom Nature Hath Not Formed.  
Holy Art Thou, the Vast and the Mighty One.  
Lords of the Light and of the Darkness.**

All members make the sign of Silence.

*Auctor* - **The temple is secure.** (Auctor salutes M.W.M.)

The Neophyte is brought within the Temple, but outside the Circle itself.

*M.W.M.* - **Let the Lords of the Elements be adored.**

All members make the sign of the Four Elements to each Watchtower.

*R.W.H.* - **Adonai Ha-aretz, Adonai Malekh. Unto thee be the kingdom and the power and the glory.**

[R.W.H. makes the sign of the cross and circle before himself.]

**Malkuth, veGeburah, veGedulah, in the name of Adonai Malekh and the Bride and Queen of the kingdom; Bridget, Isis-sophia, the spirits of the elemental paradise, all ye adore Adonai!**

***M.W.M.* - Fratres et Sorores, our beloved aspirant, having made such progress in the paths of occult science, is now ready to pass beyond Neophyte to Acolyte grade. I have received a dispensation from the greatly honored Chiefs to admit him/her in due form. Honored summoner, prepare the Acolyte candidate in the custom of this Order.**

The Summoner anoints the Neophyte upon the feet, hands, and forehead with consecrated oil, places a hoodwink over the Neophyte's head, and then remains standing at his/her side.

***Summoner* - Let me enter the portal of wisdom.**

***R.W.H.* - I will.**

***M.W.M.* - If this house is built with hands it shall fail. But if this house is built with the eternal light of Marah Sophia it shall endure to the end of time itself. Neophyte in transition, utter the sacred names and give the sigils of the High and Holy Grail.**

The Neophyte addresses properly the respective cardinal point and vortex by word and elemental sign.

***Neophyte* - Gladius - the sword of power! Rex - the priest king! Albion - the temporal realms! Avalon - the inner kingdoms! Lapidus - the foundation of union!**

***R.W.H.* - I have received the signs and sigils of the Neophyte. Let this soul pass.**

***M.W.M.* - So be it. Lead the candidate Acolyte to the Western angle facing the altar in the East. (*M.W.M.* pauses.)**

***R.W.H.* - Frater/Sorore \_\_\_\_\_, will you pledge to maintain the same oath of secrecy regarding the rites and workings of this order as you did in the Neophyte grade, to never reveal them to the mundane world?**

***Neophyte* - I will.**

***M.W.M.* - Then you shall kneel, laying your right hand upon the ground and saying, "I swear by the earth upon which I kneel!" (Done.)**

**Let the symbol of blindness be removed. (Done.)**

The Summoner leaves the side of the Neophyte, and he/she is left kneeling alone. The R.W.H. takes the salt from the altar and holds in front of the Neophyte.

***R.W.H.* - Take salt in your left hand and cast it to the North saying; "Let the powers of**

**earth witness my pledge."** (Dispenses salt and returns it to the altar.)

Then the First Sentinel of the East takes the thurible and censes the Neophyte thrice.

***First Sentinel* - In the names of the Lords of the Universe who work in silence and whom none but silence can express, I purify thee with Fire and Air.**

Then the Second Sentinel of the West takes the chalice and aspurses the Neophyte thrice.

***Second Sentinel* - In the names of the Lords of the Universe who work in silence and whom none but silence can express, I purify thee with Water and Earth.**

***M.W.M.* - The Neophyte grade is but a preparation for other grades, a threshold before the great work, an affirmation of divine images, the light of occult knowledge dawning in the darkness of creation. And now you must begin to intentionally analyse and understand the nature of that light.**

***R.W.H.* - Heed well the words of your first knowledge lecture of the Acolyte grade. The tree of life is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. About the tree are seven columns, and the four Splendors swirl about it. This is a vision and a dream. It is a voice and a whisper. From Chesed flows mercy, from Geburah flows severity, and it shall remain in polarity until united through the Supernals in Daath. The devil is the reverse of god.**

***M.W.M.* - Let the candidate Acolyte enter the pathway of evil. Let this soul witness the underworld.**

The Summoner then assists the Neophyte to stand, and leads him/her to stand in the Northwest Angle and therein places a veil over the Neophyte's head. The four Sentinels proceed to make the sounds of chaos, with wailing and crying, and fiendish, maniacal laughter. Cymbals are crashed, gongs and bells are struck. Then all suddenly becomes quiet.

***Summoner* - The great angel Samael answered, and said, I am the Prince of Darkness and of night. The foolish look upon the created world and finds only terror and hopelessness. It is to them the terror of darkness as they are blind souls lost in the endless Abyss. Return, for thou cannot pass by.**

The Neophyte is backed up from facing the Northwest Angle and is assisted to turn, facing the altar in the East.

***M.W.M.* - Let the candidate Acolyte enter the pathway of good.**

The Summoner assists the Neophyte to cross the circle to stand before the South East Angle. A single bell is rung three times, then silence. The Summoner removes the veil. A light is beamed into the Neophyte's eyes as he/she is questioned.

*Summoner* - **Why do you come here?**

*Neophyte* - **To seek the light of hidden knowledge in the name of Adonai.**

*Summoner* - **I am the angel of the Divine Presence. The wise gaze upon the created world and behold the image of the gods. No mortal eye can long bear the ineffable vision. Return, for thou cannot pass by.** (The beam is extinguished.)

The Summoner assists the Neophyte to turn, and they proceed to the center of the circle where the Neophyte kneels, facing the Eastern altar. The veil is returned to cover his/her face.

*[At this point the Second Mystery of the Holy Grail is enacted.]*

The R.W.H. approaches and unveils the Neophyte. He then takes the sword and then touches the Neophyte's left shoulder with the edge.

The R.W.H. touches the Neophyte's right shoulder with the edge of the sword.

*R.W.H.* - **Ex Deo Nascimur.**

The R.W.H. touches the crown of the Neophyte's head with the edge of the sword.

*R.W.H.* - **In Christo Morimur.**

*R.W.H.* - **Per Spiritum Sanctum Reviviscimus.**

The Neophyte stands, facing the M.W.M.

*M.W.M.* - **Heed well the words of your second knowledge lecture of the Acolyte grade. The function of magick is to initiate and perfect the human soul by the power of materials here on earth. Thus if the essence and perfection of all good are comprehended in the gods, and the first and ancient power of them is with us, the priests and priestesses of the Grail, and if by those who similarly adhere to more excellent natures and genuinely obtain a union with them, the beginning and end of all good is earnestly pursued; if this be the case herein, the contemplation of truth and the possession of intellectual science are to be found. And a knowledge of the gods is accompanied with the knowledge of ourselves. So mote it be.**

The Neophyte assumes the sign of Osiris Risen.

***Neophyte - I am Osiris/Isis, the soul in twin aspect, united to the higher by purification, perfected by suffering, glorified through trial. I have come where the great gods are, through the power of the mighty names.***

The Neophyte begins to circumambulate the temple, with eleven steps offering up the following orisen, (an affirmation with each step), beginning in the East, walking slowly deocil, and finishing the steps beyond the eleven vibrating the mantra *AUM*.

**] *the Eleven Affirmations of the Acolyte* ]**

- I. All the power that ever was or will be, is here now.**
- II. I am a center of expression for the primal will to good which eternally creates and sustains the universe.**
- III. Through me its unfailing wisdom takes form in thought and word.**
- IV. Filled with understanding of its perfect law, I am guded along the path of liberation.**
- V. From the exhaustless riches of limitless substance, I draw forth all things needful.**
- VI. I recognize the manifestation of undeviating justice in all of life known as karma and samsara.**
- VII. In all things I see the beauty of the divine expression.**
- VIII. Living from the will that is true, supported by its unfailing wisdom and understanding, mine is the victorious life.**
- IX. I look foward with confidence to the perfect realization of the eternal splendor of the limitless light.**
- X. In word and deed and thought I rest my life upon the sure foundation of eternal being.**
- XI. The kindom of the spirit is embodied in my flesh.**

The Neophyte returns to the center of the circle wherein he stands facing the altar in the East.

**M.W.M. - You have done well, Frater/Soror \_\_\_\_\_, this, the beginning of your quest for the Grail. Just so, always remember, that forgetfulness is the greatest curse of the occult life. Also, that behind the material universe lies the concealed form of the majesty of the Absolute. Thus the Grail Altar is made of both clay and gold; learn then to make the best of the twining of the Lilly and the Rose. Upon the altar are the elements and as magi of the great work, we seek to reconcile, to mediate their opposite natures. it is therefore my honor at this time to confer upon you the title of Acolyte of the E.S.S.G. in the outer, L.E.T. in the inner, from this moment forth, through my authority within this noble fellowship. The meaning of the grade of Acolyte is that of one who follows the true path in dedicated alignment with the Absolute, and selfless service to humanity. And in this, our most Holy Order; this is the path to the Grail and our higher selves.**

**R.W.H. - Welcome Acolyte, thou hast done well and with thee are we most pleased.**

**M.W.M. - Let us adore the lords of light and the majesty of the Elements.**

All members make the sign of the Four Elements to each Watchtower.

**R.W.H. - Adonai Ha-aretz, Adonai Malekh. Blessed be the sacred name unto the countless ages.**

*Summoner -*

**O Stability and Motion  
O Darkness Veiled in Briliance  
O Day Clothed in Night  
O Silver Whiteness  
O Golden Splendor  
Crown of Earth  
Seed of Stars  
Live, and Reign and Be Thou the Eternal Dispenser of All  
Beneficence for Your Servants.**

**M.W.M. - Depart in peace unto the outer world. Peace between us within this Order. Peace to all living things through out the cosmos.**

*[The bell is chimed seven times, then there is silence.]*

### 3. Conclusion

The Auctor makes the sign of the closing portal gesture while all bow and silently pray. The Auctor then makes the sign of the Invoking Pentagram of Spirit Superior in the Ultra-point.

*Auctor* - **The gate is closed. The matter is concluded. The test is complete. Yet no banishment can ever erase what has occurred, for it continues endlessly unto eternity.**

*M.W.M.* - [Knocks once.] - **Let us return to the world of humanity and bring with us the spiritual boon which we have collected unto our hearts.**

The Auctor salutes the Northeastern Angle.

*Auctor* - **Know the source! We return with the knowledge of our place in the cosmic scheme. We are made humble by its vastness and we are fulfilled through its limitless resources.**

The M. W. M. salutes the Western Watchtower.

*M.W.M.* - **Be awake! We return with ours eyes open, our ears unobstructed, our heart ready to receive and our mouth closed and silent lest idle speech profane the mysteries.**

The M. W. H. salutes the Southeast Angle.

*R.W.H.* - **We begin the great work and we complete the ordeal at hand. The concourse of forces flow through the spirit and mind of the Infinite One, to whom we are aligned. Always let our single purpose in life be to discover our ultimate union with thee.**

*M.W.M.* - [Knocks once.] - **Fratres et sorores of all grades of the E.S.S.G. in the outer, let us end the convocation and seal the sacred gate so that its presence is unknown and unknowable to the profane.**

*R.W.H.* - **In the name of the Lord of the Universe, and by command of the very honored Magister, I bind the forces of Light and Darkness, (Lux et Tenebris) and the gate between the two is sealed. Yet the mysteries continue.**

*Northern Sentinel* - **Three are the veils that occult the unseen light of the Bornless One.**

*Southern Sentinel* - **Seven are the rays which emanate from the Cosmic Jewel.**

*Western Sentinel* - **Twelve are the mansions of the secret and unknowable Inner Kingdom.**



*Eastern Sentinel* - **Four are the letters of the name of the Infinite Thought.**

*R.W.H.* - **Sixteen are the forces that express the ultimate feeling of eternal bliss.**

*M.W.M.* - **Fratres et sorores, so I stand. Our circle is opened. The order is dismissed. The Grail is obscured. Our undertakings are completed. May our labors thus ended in order, be continued in harmony for the enrichment of all.**

*All* - **So Mote It Be.**

*R.W.H.* - **This rite is closed. Go in peace.**

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