

NEOPHYTE INITIATION MYSTERY

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I Consecration of the Quest.

II Neophyte Initiation

III Neophyte Mystery

1. Introduction

The Neophyte is kneeling, facing the Eastern Watchtower. A veil has been placed upon her head to obscure but not blind the candidate from the following proceedings. The Neophyte is situated thus in the center of the magick circle.

2. In the Temple: *Lady and High Priestess of the Grail 5=6*
 Priest of the Grail 4=7
 Priestess of the Grail 4=7
 Spiritual Warrior of the Grail 3=8

The Altar has been made ready. The Grail has been veiled and placed upon the altar before the kneeling Neophyte.

The Four Officers of the Grail along with all honored assistants circumambulate deocil around the magick circle. They say to the Neophyte as they slowly walk:

Grail Priest - **Here in the shadows, when mists arise, the mysteries of the Grail in its earthly aspect are formed. We walk the paths of faerie and see the shape of inner Albion, the Logres of the heart, forming around us.**

Lady - **These are enchanted realms and to enter them is to become enchanted also. We may chose to set sail upon a mysterious unmanned vessal for one of the island earths: Avalon, Glastonbury, one of the unnamed places visited by the Irish, or the Spiral Castle, a mysterious, completely unpredictable place, where anything may happen and few things are what they seem.**

Grail Warrior - **Here at every level of the maze-like interior, at every turning of the winding stairs, a new adventure or test awaits, new questions await the asking and sometimes ... the answering.**

Grail Priestess - **Know that each seeker must decide the form of the Grail they are seeking;**

for as hard as it may be to accomplish the quest, to have no defined goal will make it far more difficult.

Lady - **For these are chancey places, where there is no guarantee that that which is sought will be found, or that which is not sought will not come seeking in its turn. But, for some it is the only way, and at its end, a sip from the cauldron with all that that may bring.**

Grail Priest - **For this is a world of great riches, but few of them physical A world where the strong magick of myth works itself into the bloodstream of the seeker. It is also the home of the Grail, where everything that is unexpected and mysterious is wholly normal.**

The circumambulation is completed and the Lady removes the Grail from the altar and proceeds to the Western Altar and Shrine of the Grail and stands with the Grail in her hands held out in front of her, with her back to the Shrine. The Priest Kneels in front of her and the Priestess at his right and the Warrior at his left. The other members keel in the outer periphery of the magick circle. The Lady removes the veil from the Grail and reveals consecrated wine within.

Lady - **Lady of the lake, imbue this fluid with positive, active and receptive aspects of the spirit. This, the blood of the Grail princess, offered for the healing of those that require it. Teach _____, the lessons of giving and taking, of love, gentleness and strength, of woman as vessel. Seeing woman as Grail, as a way within to the inner realm of the perfect mirror of creation, the womb of life and of the world, the marriage of heaven and earth.**

Grail Priest - **I call thee, O Marah Sophia, lady of the inspiration of spiritual ecstasy. We seek for the gaining of the threshold of the mystery. Therefore we invoke thee in the flesh of thy chosen lady, to become a sacrament of the grail and to channel for us the grace and blessing of the absolute. Give us thy blessings, o pure and noble one, speak words of wisdom and inspiration so that we may know the secret way. Through thy wine are we made one with thee and thou art one with us.**

The Priest then makes the sign of the equal arm cross upon the Lady standing before him. With his right hand he touches her forehead, solar plexus, right shoulder, left shoulder, and centers the focus of power upon her heart, intoning the name ***Marah Sophia.***

When the above invocation is completed, the Lady proceeds over to the still kneeling Neophyte and removes her veil. She then stands before the Neophyte holding the Grail out to her. The Priest stands with the others behind the Neophyte facing the Lady. The Lady takes some wine with her fingers and sprinkles some of it upon the head of the Neophyte.

Grail Priest - **Whom does the Grail serve?**

Lady - **It serves the initiate upon the path of spiritual union.**

Grail Priest - **From whence did it come?**

Lady - **From the womb of the Great Mother.**

Grail Priest - **To whither does it go?**

Lady - **To the salvation of all humanity.**

Then the Lady serves the Neophyte from the Grail, and she drinks from the wine therein.

Lady - **Know that the vessel is too subtle to retain any single form for long. The Grail is a symbol of symbolism itself.**

Then the Priest, Priestess, and Warrior lay their hands upon the Neophyte each in turn, blowing their breath upon her head and charging her with their power. The Lady then hands her a Lily and Rose entwined together.

Lady - **I am Mara Sophia, the great Feminine Spirit of the universe. Today I open a channel between us so that when you have need of me you need only to remember this channel and call upon me.**

Then the Lady lays her hands upon the Neophyte, blowing her breath upon her head and charging her with her power. Then all members help the Neophyte to rise and give the embrace of welcome.