

# SAMHAIN

**(E.S.S.G) 2 = 9 Rituum Officium - Seasonal**

*In Memorium: Honorius (the Master Magician of Thebes) who lived during the 13<sup>th</sup> century C.E. and was the mysterious author of the Sworn Book of Honorius.*

## **I Consecration of the Quest**

## **II Installation of the Gate**

### **A) Opening the Temple**

## **III Seasonal Ritual**

### **1. Introduction**

Prior to working these rituals, the Temple members must say a Mass (High) and set the Four Angles with the Host fragments. The members must have read and discussed the Honorius magickal system and its Gnostic antecedents and this becomes the subject of an initial meditation which shall set the atmosphere for the following.

### **2. Introit**

The Celebrant bows and gives salute to the Northeastern Angle, in honor of the season of Samhain. All members bow in following and the celebrant says:

**The threshold stands ready, awaiting the opening of the gate and at each cross-quarter a newly established philosophy is fulfilled, a gnostic revelation is understood, a magickal current evoked; all unto the endless and eternal spiral of the evolution of consciousness.**

**I fulfill the Gnosis of Psyche which is represented by the exaltation of the Pneuma in its unification and knowledge of Thanatos which reveals it.**

### **3. Gnostic Revelation**

The Celebrant begins to circumambulate the magick circle widdershins, slowly while saying the following.

## **The Origin of the Sworn Book of Honorius the Magician -**

**In the year of our Lord, 1258, Pope Alexander issued his infamous papal bull against the practice of all forms of magic and against anyone practicing the age-old art. “Moved by covetousness and envy under the similitude of truth, [the pope], through demonic instigation, spread false and unlikely stories. For it is not possible that a wicked and unclean man could work truly in this art of magic; for men are not bound unto spirits, but spirits are constrained against their will to answer clean men and fulfill their requests. Yet against our will we have gone about to set forth the principles of the magical art in the cause of truth. For that cause the church condemned magical art and judged us to death.”**

**“We, through God’s sufferance, having foreknowledge of this judgment and knowing that much mischief would follow, thought to seek the aid of spirits; for it was impossible for us to escape the people by our own power. Yet we feared a greater danger the wicked power of the spirits under our command would have destroyed all of our enemies at once; instead we called a general council of all of the masters of magic. In this council of 811 masters from Naples, Athens and Tholetus we chose Honorius, son of Eucludus, and the master of the Thebians, where magic was read, to work for in magic art. Honorius, with the counsel of the angel Hocroell wrote seven volumes of magical art, giving to us the kernel and to others the shells. Out of these seven volumes he composed a book of 93 chapters in which is contained the effect of magical art. We call this book the Sacred or Sworn Book for in it contained 100 sacred names of God and is thus sacred, for it was made of holy things; and because Hocroell did deliver and show Honorius that it was consecrated to God.”** [loosely quoted from the Sworn Book of Honorius]

**Thus the knowledge of a Gnostic system of magick was derived and documented for the use by only those who were deemed worthy, and they swore an oath to protect this knowledge, and so the book was called the Sworn Book. The intrinsic secret methods found in this work as in no other are the invocations for the mystical beatific vision and use of the Mass as a magickal vehicle - no other grimoire written since this one has used the liturgical workings of the mass for a magickal ritual. Therefore, we have found this work to be a great contribution to written works of magick, and its language of invocation rival the Enochian tongue for the effect that it produces and the powers that it generates. The Sworn Book of Honorius is a true treasure, and we are thankful that time has not forgotten this great work.**

#### 4. Seasonal Vortex

The Sentinel in the Northeastern Angle makes the sign of the Pshent cross and vibrates the letter *Theta* and intones the word *Thaumasios* (Wondrous), and says:

**The seeker must fast, pray and meditate for 30 days, saying the prayers as prescribed in the Sworn book (the great Psalter) at the stated times , and then begins the seven day ordeal. The seeker shall make a mattress of exorcized hay, mosses and linen and place these into a clean room where the operation is to be done. He shall surround the mattress with clean sifted and dampened ashes, and upon the ashes around the mattress, he shall write the 100 names of God. He shall then perform the proper ablutions, and then clothed in a hair shirt, he shall don his outer vestments, and perform his prayers until vespers, when he shall retire to the prepared room and perform the final prayers, saying: “Zabuather rabarmae iskiros kiros gelon hel tethel nothi imei atethon karex sabaoth sellat chiros opron nomigon oriel theos ya..”. Then he shall sleep and say no more, and he shall see the celestial palace and the mystery of God in all his glory, and the 9 orders of angels, and the company of all blessed spirits.** [Honorius - the Beatification - loosely quoted and paraphrased]

The Sentinel in the Northwestern Angle makes the sign of the Pshent cross and vibrates the letter *Alpha* and intones the word *Abrotos* (Immortal), and says:

**Good Jesus for thy ineffable mercy spare me, have mercy on me and hear me through the invocation of the Holy Trinity the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that thou wouldst accept and take in good worth the words of my mouth by the invocation of thy 100 Holy Names.** [Honorius - the 100 Names of God]

The Sentinel in the Southwestern Angle makes the sign of the Pshent cross and vibrates the letter *Nu* and intones the word *Nekros* (The Dead), and says:

**In this work let man remember death, for through the virtue of prayer and the power of God, in whom you must trust, your body will be made over into a spiritual body, and must be fed with spiritual meat, such as that of young ravens or crows, as David said: “He doth give the ox meat, and the meat of ravens and crow”. [Honorius - the Beatification]**

The Sentinel in the Southeastern Angle makes the sign of the Pshent cross and vibrates the letter *Alpha* and intones the word *hAgios* (Holy), and says:

**I beseech thee O my Lord, lighten and purge my soul and conscience with the brightness of thy light, illuminate and confirm my understanding with the sweetness of thy Holy Spirit.** [Honorius - ch. 16]

The Celebrant in the Center of the circle makes the sign of the Pshent cross and says:

**Anagrama: Nahtriheccunde Gahinneverahtunin Zehgessurklach Zunnus.**

**Thus is the magickal Gnosis and Wisdom of Honorius, the Master Magician of Thebes!**

The Celebrant joins the Northeast, Northwest, Southwest, and Southeast nodes to the Ultrapoint in the center of the circle. He/She then joins the Northern, Eastern, Western, and Southern Watchtowers to the Infrapoint in the center of the circle. He/She says:

**Thaumasios, Abrotos, Nekros, Hagios, Telos, Odos, Sarkophagos!  
Theta, Alpha, Nu, Alpha, Tau, Omikron, Sigma! Thanatos!**

**For the greatest mystery of life is death; for death exists within life as the unawakened and unenlightened, and also as those who have passed the threshold of life to begin their journey to the heavenly star of brilliant light. Let the powers of the serpent that guides and the dove which imparts the wisdom of the Mother, be with us, and lead us to eternal life.**

## **5. Penetrating the Gate Threshold**

Then all participants meditate in silence while the celebrant sets the three talismantic gate keys; one in the Southeast Angle (The Star XVII), one in the Western Watchtower (The Devil XV), and one in the Northeast Angle (The Hanged Man XII), with the appropriate Tarot trumps placed on each.

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Southeast, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu XVII)

**The star is man's god and goal. It is his guiding divinity. This signifies the higher self which is whole and completed. The higher self knows of no division between things, and therefore is the link through which one finds union with the absolute spirit.**

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Western Watchtower, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu XV)

**The devil is the force of destruction and dissolution, and we who are mortal are ever exposed to its powers. But these powers are part of the continuous process, and through death, the destruction of our life, we are released to a greater state of being.**

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Northeast, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu XII)

**Emancipation from the bondage of existence begins not in death, but in life. Therefore we seek to know of the spirit within us and also without us. For the unknowing are like those already dead. However, by learning and growing in our spirit, we shall pass on from death and know the state which is greater than all life, and this is the ecstasy of the light of ultimate fullness - our own Pleroma.**

Then the Celebrant makes the sign of the parting of the threshold in the center of the circle and advances through this threshold and stands in the gate absorbing the blessing therein. He departs and then each participant takes a turn entering, standing and departing the threshold. Then the celebrant closes the gate and draws sealing spirals to the Northeast, the West and finally, the Southeast. Then is the gate closed.

All members complete the ritual with meditation upon what has been revealed.