



## Consecration of the Magisterial Ring

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**"Ave Flamma Sanctissima, Viventes Lux, Donum Deum, In Corde Tibi Foveo, Membris Circumamictis Gloria Tua."**

**"In the Bond of Holy Light do I call upon you, High Guardians, I who am a continuator of your Work: O Luminous Ones, behold and hear me. Not without my own questing do I seek Gnosis, nor without my own endeavor to achieve the Supreme Good: but that the sowing shall be crowned in the harvest."**

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### **Clavis Rei Primae (Second Formula)**

I) He assumes Mountain Pose

II) He visualizes his Corona as a sphere of white brilliance

III) He inhales, drawing a shaft of brilliance from Corona to breast, where it forms the Orbis Solis in golden light.

IV) He exhales, seeing the shaft of brilliance descend to his feet, where it forms the Instita Splendens in white light, though less brilliant than the Corona.

V) He inhales, seeing a shaft of orange flame rise from the Instita Splendens and pass into the Orbis Solis.

VI) He exhales, affirming the central column formulation.

VII) He repeats several times the sequence III, IV, V, and VI above.

VIII) The Orbis Solis remains distinct as a brilliant nucleus, but steadily emits a powerful radiance to surround him with a golden aura.

*Pick up Grail with both hands, raising it to the Heart Level:*

**"I am the mystic Grail, Virgin of Darkness and Mother of Ecstasy.**

**I am the virgin silver as Anadyomene new-risen,**

**As the apple-blossoms that made the maiden waist of Blodeuedd, As the moon's first slender bow:**

**As the light of the moon's first crescent, cold upon snows as Imbolc.**

**I am the armed maiden forth spoken from mouth of the Father;**

**The strong Daughter am I, the King's Daughter, helmed and mantled In silver-**

**Ah, but fiery golden my robe, and my love is as gold in the crucible Molten!**

**I who am Daughter of the Voice, mine is the deeper mystery:**

**Mother am I of the Logoi and Mother of Life Undying.**

**Myrrha am I, and Marah am I, and Nun the Great Ocean. Within me, mingle Time and Eternity:**

**I am the Mother of Manifestation, and I am the Womb of Rebirth."**

### **Elemental Summoning:**

**"By rites ancient and powerful have we prepared this place. Now, therefore, by ancient calling do we summon, stir, and call up the Elemental forces."**

*Pick up Grail and move to the East of the Chamber.*

**"We call to thee, Mighty Archangel Raphael, the Healer, Guardian of Wind and Tempest. As the Holy Spirit didst brood upon the waters, so instill thou life into this Grail, that all who**

**drink hereof may justly bid the forces of the Air. Fiat, fiat, fiat voluntas mea."**

Move to the South of the Chamber.

**"We call to thee, Mighty Archangel Michael, the Defender, Keeper of the Gates of Eden. As thy fiery sword guards the Lord of Heaven, so lend thy Protection to this Grail, that all those who drink hereof may justly forge the might of Fire. Fiat, fiat, fiat voluntas mea."**

Move to the West of the Chamber.

**"We call to thee, Mighty Archangel Gabriel, the Herald, who didst bring glad tidings to Our Blessed Lady. Send thou thy wisdom into this Grail, that all those who drink hereof may justly guide the knowledge of Water. Fiat, fiat, fiat voluntas mea."**

Move to the North of the Chamber.

**"We call to thee, Mighty Archangel Uriel, Angel of Death, who bringest all souls at last to the Nether Shore. Herewith I charge this Grail, that all those who drink hereof may justly bind the forces of Earth. Fiat, fiat, fiat voluntas mea."**

*Drink from the Grail*

## **Consecrating and Anointing the Ring**

**"We have called upon Thee, Greatest God, and through Thee upon all things, so that Thou Mayest give Divine and Supreme strength to this Magisterial Ring, to make it effective and powerful, bringing to fulfillment a complete consecration."**

Addressing the Ring:

**"Thou shalt enter into darkness. Thou shalt tread upon the threshold of death. Thou shalt be whirled throughout the elements and returned to thy place. In the middle of the night, thou shalt behold the Sun gleaming in radiant splendor."**

**"We stir thee up, we move thee, and we charge thee that thou receivest with heedful care, and nurture within thee lastingly and fruitfully, the Powers of the Circled Cross, which we are about to confer upon thee. So, with ever-greater fidelity and truth, shall the presence of those powers be established within thee, secure and ready when thou shalt be called upon to give aid in the Great Work as storehouse and mediator of power, and symbol of authority."**

Using the *Orante formula*, project both your own personal power, and that just received from the Grail onto the Magisterial Ring, which has been placed upon the altar. The power surges from your palms in bright Sapphire Blue, with flecks of gold, bathing the Ring, whose sapphire gem glows in response. While doing this, you intone:

**"The Holy One shall arise, and His voice shall cry in the dawn. He shall go forth in his Own Name, and his crown of Light shall enkindle the worlds. A thousand Aeons shall adore Him, the earth shall tremble, and the Voice of the Holy One shall sound in the Tempest."**

Pick up the Magisterial Ring in your left hand, and with the thumb of your right, anoint it with oil in the sign of the equal-armed Cross on the back of the band, inside the band, and upon the sapphire.

Put on the ring.

## **Thanksgiving**

**"We give thanks to Thee! Every soul and heart is lifted up to Thee, Undisturbed Name, honored with the name 'God' and praised with the name 'Father,' for to everyone and everything comes the Fatherly kindness and affection and love, and any teaching there may be that is sweet and plain, giving us mind, speech and gnosis. Mind, so that we may understand Thee, Speech, so that we may expound Thee, Gnosis so that we may Know Thee. We rejoice, having been illuminated by Thine Holy Gnosis!"**

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Extinguish the Blue votive light.

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**"In harmony and aspiration this rite began: in unity and exaltation we bring it to a close. In the strength of that which we have wrought, with the blessing of the Most High, and in**

the Light of the Sacred Flame, let us go forth into the world - but let the silence of the Mysteries keep guard between our soul and our lips. So may the Holy Fire abide within the Temple."

Extinguish the Sacred Flame, after which, retrace the enclosing circle, counter-clockwise.

"So it is Done."



## **Third Degree Initiation: Friar Adeptus Major**

Altar: Against East Wall, draped in white, red, and gold.

Signum: Suspended above the Altar

The Gnostic Robe

The White Stole

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The Grail

The Waas Scepter

The Pall

The Candidate's Yellow/Golden Cincture

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*End of Standard Ritual Opening*

## Accessio Lucis:

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Still in Mountain Pose, and with the sense of vastness, he formulates his Corona Flammae, knowing that the psychic reality represented by the Corona is a living part of the Divine Mind and exists in constant and dynamic interaction therewith.

In the mystery and power of this realization he visualizes his Corona increasing inexorably in brightness from brilliant light to dazzling splendor, so that he is entirely bathed in, is pervaded through and through by, the ambience of Lights outpoured benison.

**"I invoke you, the Sacred Flame that abides in silence in the luminous vesture of the Most High. You, Light of God and the Life of all Worlds. You, whose spirit fills all things; whose holy fire is invoked in every sanctuary of the heavens, and whose wondrous name is adored, praised, and glorified by all that have breath!"**

The Initiator intones the First Enochian Key:

**"Ol sonf vors-juh, goho yad balt, lonsh calz vonfo: sopra zol ror ee  
ta naz-puh-sad grah-ah ta malpurj: des hol-kwuh-uh kuh-ah-ah  
no-tho-ah zeemz, od com-mah ta no-blo zee-en: soba theel guh-non-puh  
purj aldee, des yoorbs o-bo-lay gursam. Kasarm oho-ray-la kaba peer  
des zon-reus-juh kab erm yad-nah. Puh-ee-lah far-zum znur-zah adna  
gono ee-ad-peel des hom toh, soba ee-pam, yool ee-pamis, des lohoho  
vep zom po-ah-mal od bogpa ah-ah-ee ta pee-ap pee-ah-ma el od  
va-oh-an. Zakar(-ay) kuh-ah, od zamran; odo kee-klay kuh-ah-ah; zorj,  
lap zeer-do noko mad, ho-ath Yah-ee-dah."**

Followed by a triple circumambulation of the Chamber, focusing intently upon the Corona. At the completion of which, the Initiator stands in the center of the Chamber facing East. He bows, and allows the visualization of the corona to fade, knowing that it is still present.

The Initiator vests in a white chasuble, referred to as the Gnostic Robe of Glory. Kneeling, the Initiator begins the **Solemn Prayer of the Third Degree**:

**"Heavenly Power, Sacred Flame, Light of my essential being, Hope, and Life of my aspiring soul, Most Holy, I give you salutation, humbly and rightly kneeling before you to whom all honor and reverence is due."**

**"Long in the world I have found and followed your footprints of beauty, those prints which you did trace that I should follow. Your loving power and goodness have enkindled a light within me, to show me who you are; and by that Light I perceive not you alone, but the power and goodness hidden in each thing I behold."**

**"By my every faculty of sense, of feeling, and of mind you have drawn me upward, drawn me to yourself. Draw me still in beauty and in truth, so that this my soul, which your bounty has raised up to wholeness, shall attain in the plenitude of my spiritual being to unity with you in the supreme love and radiance of the Sacred Flame."**

**"Regard not my human failings in this hour, but uplift me in your embrace and ennoble my soul; that under your sovereign protection and with your wondrous aid I may truly and worthily celebrate the sacred mysteries of Initiation."**

**"By your grace, O Perfect Light, may all who work in this place and in this hour be established in the unity of the Sacred Flame, which is the manifest splendor of your Holy Wisdom, to think, speak, and act together in harmony of will and purpose, for the well being of the Order and for the perfect accomplishment of the Noble Alchemy."**

The Initiator rises, and dons the white stole of the Third Degree.

### **Reception of the Candidate:**

The Initiator opens the Chamber door, outside of which is the Candidate, head covered with a golden veil.

**"I will descend bearing the Seals of holy might!  
I will proclaim the Mysteries!  
I will make known the hidden forms!  
I will disclose the course of the Secret Path!  
Time shall be renewed in the return of the Golden Age, and the joyful Earth shall bring forth bud and flower and fruit!  
So it is. So it shall be. Ad Sacram Flammam!"**

**"In this mystic Alchemy, the Neshamah shall ascend to its place in Supernal Eden, that it may be bathed in the dew of Supernal Light."**

**"In this mystic Alchemy, Lower Eden shall be disclosed to the Ruach, that it may enter therein."**

**"In this mystic Alchemy, the Nephesh shall become self-luminous, that it may unite itself to the Ruach in peace and power and beauty."**

**"Child of Light, the Way is Open. Enter now the Holy Temple."**

The Initiator leads the Candidate into the Chamber, closing the door behind.

**"(Name), Friar Adeptus Minor, you are called this night to the Greater Mysteries of the Sacred Flame. Will you undertake this Third Degree initiation into the Ordo Sacrae Flammae?"**

Candidate replies unprompted.

**"That which you shall accomplish this night is a primal mystery of utter simplicity and stark holiness, of beauty and power. Your Neshamah speaks even now through your Nephesh: yet when you have accomplished the Reintegration, it shall speak directly, and ever more clearly, to your Ruach. For this night, in the crucible of your heart you shall fashion the alchemical gold. Thenceforth you shall walk in a world made new. Your Ruach shall grow increasingly in apprehension of spiritual truth, and in the fullness of time you shall come securely and inevitably to the Knowledge and Conversation of your Holy Genius."**

**"That which you experience this night must remain forever within the sanctuary of your heart, guarded by the mighty seal which is the flame of love, the eternal bond between you and your Higher Self."**

**"Will you keep faith with us and with yourself, and forever guard this precious thing?"**

Candidate replies unprompted.

**"So it is witnessed. You will now assist me in creating and entering the Holy Temple of the Sacred Flame."**

**"We stand upon a pavement of luminous white and black squares, in a temple enclosed by an octagonal wall of great height. The lower part of the wall is a shimmering misty blue, which shades upwards into scintillating amethyst. The upper part of the wall is lost in a canopy of brilliant white light."**

The Initiator pauses to allow the structure to be built up in the Inner Vision.

**"In the East of the Holy Temple are three steps. Upon the topmost step stand two pillars: the northward pillar is of dark obsidian; the southward pillar is of stark alabaster. Above the pillars, and uniting them, is an arch of translucent crystal, on the keystone of which is the Signum in shining gold."**

The Initiator pauses to allow the structure to be built up in the Inner Vision.

**"Between the pillars is a large Krater, within which burns the Sacred Flame."**

The Initiator pauses to allow the structure to be built up in the Inner Vision.

**"There is a momentary sighing of wind, then silence and an aura of expectation. The Holy Temple has been entered."**

**"Child of Light, strong in the Arcanum of the twenty-fifth Path, approach the Concealed Splendor!"**

The Candidate is now lead in the pattern of the ancient maze, smoothly and without pause. The course is widdershins, in a tight circle around back to East; now turning deosil in a slightly wider circle returning back to East, turning again in a widdershins direction in an even wider circle proceeding once more to East.

The Initiator removes the stole and Gnostic Robe, and vests the Candidate in them- robe first, then stole.

The Initiator stands behind the Candidate:

### **The First Vision:**

**"On a time, my body being quiescent, my thought soared aloft in aspiration, and I became aware of a presence, vast, formless, and mighty, which called my name."**

**"Who are you, I asked, and will you teach me of the things that are and bring me to Gnosis? The presence replied: I am Poimandres, the Directing Intelligence, the Sovereign Mind. I know what you seek, for I am with you always. Be conscious of your desire, and I will instruct you."**

**"There then came a gentle light, measureless in extent and holy, joyful, and wondrous to behold. In a certain region of that light a descending darkness manifested, and this became a watery substance, greatly disturbed and giving forth smoke as if from fire, and uttering a mournful and confused cry."**

**"Then a Holy Word, even the Voice of Light, descended and rested upon the watery substance. Then said Poimandres, I, the Firstborn God, am the Light, existing ere the**



**darkness gave birth to the watery substance; and the Holy Word is my Child. If you would understand my mystery, look within yourself."**

### **The Second Vision:**

**"My thought being turned to contemplation of celestial matters, a pale gleaming light encompassed me. The air became filled with prismatic sparklings and a deep, resonant pulsing sounded now near, now far, as if it were the voice of mighty waters. I beheld one clothed in white, having a fiery corona about his bearded head."**

**"I then heard a mighty voice from on high, proclaiming: I am the keeper of the Inner Sanctuary and Guardian of Spirits, Sacrificial Priest and Eternal Sacrifice. I descend the seven steps towards the darkness, wherein I am dissolved in water and manifested as the Serpent upon the Tau Cross; and I ascend the seven steps towards the light, wherein I am bathed in the holy fire and manifested in Glory. Thus do I accomplish the alchemy of regeneration."**

**"I then watched as he became an intolerable flame of whiteness, and the voice proclaimed: Behold the Meridian of the Sun, whose wisdom is separation and recombination. If you would understand the mystery, look within yourself."**

### **The Third Vision:**

**"Again my thought ascended, coming to rest in a region of pale light, wherein was the sound of a sighing wind. Then appeared before me the Sun in splendor, and standing in the midst thereof a Child, naked and luminous."**

**"I heard a voice, as if it were within myself, saying: Now shall you enter the sanctuary of the Most High, the true Temple formed from a single Perfect Stone of shining whiteness, wherein is set a fountain of mingled flame and water springing up into life eternal. You shall discover the narrow way, which is the approach to the sanctuary, and you shall confront the dragon that guards the entrance to the holy place. This creature you shall slay with a sword, separating its flesh from its bones. You shall lay its bones with its flesh at the threshold, and making a step thereof you shall ascend and enter the temple. Then shall you find that which you seek. The Child whom you behold standing in the Sun soon shall be robed in silver. If you would understand this mystery, look within yourself."**

The Initiator removes the stole and Gnostic Robe from the Candidate and places them upon the credenza.

**"Blessing upon you, Child of Light, in the name of the Mighty One, the Holy One, the Most High."**

**"May he who is the Fountain of Goodness, Beauty, and Truth, the Highest God, enfold you in his robe and sustain you by his Grace, Child of Light."**

**"May he lead you through Death into Creative Darkness; may he guide you into Light and New Life."**

**"May he send unto you this night a Holy Angel, to dwell with you as a Living Flame of Beauty, and to rest upon your heart as a thrice-sacred Seal of Love."**

**"Child of Light, you have completed the Work of the Lesser Mysteries, and now must you leave the Holy Temple. But let your contemplation rest within the light of your Higher Self as you await entrance to the Work of the Greater Mysteries."**

**"On this night and in this hour, I (name) Companion of the Ordo Sacrae Flammae, Magister Templi of the Friary, will open the Three Protecting Veils of the Inner Mysteries of our Tradition."**

The Initiator turns to face East:

**"I salute you, Lords of Sapphire, High Priests of the Sacred Flame. Behold me and be with me, as I proclaim the Key of the First Veil!"**

Initiator folds arms, right over left, then opens arms to the Orans position:

**"Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Koresh, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two-leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut."**

**"I will go before thee and make the rough ways even; I will shatter the gates of brass and cut in pieces the bars of iron. And I will give to thee the treasures of the night, and the mysterious riches of secret places."**

Initiator folds arms, left over right, then extends them at his sides to form a Tau, palms downward. Maintaining this posture, he vibrates:

**"QUIA CONTRIVIT PORTAS AEREAS, ET VECTES FERREOS CONFREGIT."**

He folds his arms right over left and dismisses the posture.

**"The First Veil is parted."**

**"I salute you, Lords of Sapphire, High Priests of the Sacred Flame. Behold me and be with me, as I proclaim the Key of the Second Veil!"**

Initiator folds arms, right over left, then opens arms to the Orans position:

**"This is the Krater set in the midst of the world,  
Filled to the brim with Mind-stuff, plenteous for all.  
Nor remote on a sea-girt isle, not high on Olympian peak,  
But more ready than day, and nearer to each living heart  
Than the blood in the veins.**

**Hear one, a Herald, who cries:**

**Immerse ye! Plunge deep!**

**Immerse ye in Mind as ye can!**

**Lave, drink, breathe ye in Mind!**

**Make ye your nature whole, human nature complete.**

**Know for what ye are made!**

**It is yours to arise to the author of this holy gift:**

**Know, and arise joyous, O Children of Mind!"**

Initiator folds arms, left over right, then extends them in the posture Tau, palms upward.

Maintaining this posture, he vibrates:

**"TEMPUS ERAT. TEMPUS EST. TEMPUS ERIT."**

He folds arms right over left, and dismisses posture.

**"The Second Veil is parted."**

**"I salute you, Lords of Sapphire, High Priests of the Sacred Flame. Behold me and be with me, as I proclaim the Key of the Third Veil!"**

Initiator folds arms, right over left, then opens arms to the Orans position:

**"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in."**

He folds arms, left over right, then extends them to assume the Orans position. Maintaining this he vibrates:

**"NON NOBIS, DOMINE, NON NOBIS; SED NOMINI TUO DA GLORIAM."**

He folds arms right over left, and dismisses the posture.

**"The Third Veil is parted."**

The Initiator removes the veil from the Candidate.

**"The Body had been concealed, hidden away in the darkness of the tomb, but the Spirit perceived its glorious light and hastened to greet it."**

**"For the Body had been divinized, transformed by reason of its correspondence to the noble and radiant Spirit that now united with it."**

**"Darkness fled from the Body that had put on the Light of Divinity."**

**"Body, Soul and Spirit were one in the Flame of Love. This is the deeper mystery; but in the triple reunion the mystery is accomplished."**

**"The House is sealed in silence!"**

**"The figure of perfected human nature is here established."**

**"The Shining One arises!"**

**"Be it known and witnessed in the bond of the Sacred Flame, that (name) has entered the mysteries of the Adepti to accomplish this night the Regeneration."**

**"Receive her/him into your high company, O Hidden Adepti of the Sacred Flame, for she/he has passed the three veils and the Signum of power is upon her/his brow."**

**"Accept her/his offering of her/himself, High Ones, for her/his soul is pure and her/his heart is consecrated as the altar of the Work."**

**"So be with her/him as she/he passes through Death into New Life."**

**"So uphold her/him as her/his aspiration flashes to the height and lower elements of her/his personality are released from the governance of the Ruach."**

**“So empower her/him, as the Neshamah enters her/his heart, illumining her/his mind and soul and drawing upward the elements of chaos that they may be transmuted and ordered in the crucible of the Sacred Flame.”**

**“We come in search of you, O Mighty! - But you are the Guide who leads us to this place and reveals yourself unto us.”**

**“O Wondrous Mystery, who are ever with the Priests of the Regeneration, hear the voice of my utterance: Send forth your Light, O Most Mighty, and put forth your Power!”**

**“And be mighty in the heart of (name), as a lodestone of attraction for the Sacred Flame that shall strike into her/his soul from the height of Supernal Splendor!”**

The Initiator now makes the gesture Ad Astra:

- I) He holds his hands vertically before the heart-center of the candidate, palms together and thumbs crossed right over left.
  - II) In one flowing movement, he raises his hands to a point before and above the candidate's head, then separates them outwards in a curving motion so that they come to rest again before the candidate's heart-center, palms joined, right thumb over left.
  - III) He folds his arms right over left upon his breast, then dismisses the posture.
- The Initiator circumambulates the candidate clockwise/deosil seven times. As he circles, he visualizes a sheath of deep blue light, flashing with highlights of silver and violet, whirling deosil about the candidate.

The Initiator repeats the gesture Ad Astra.

The Initiator performs a five-fold deosil circumambulation about the candidate. As he circles, he visualizes a sheath of rainbow-hued flame, spiraling deosil and upwards about the candidate.

The Initiator repeats the gesture Ad Astra.

The Initiator performs a three-fold deosil circumambulation about the candidate. As he circles, he visualizes a sheath of intense crimson flame, sparkling with highlights of green and gold, whirling deosil about the candidate.

## **The Uprising of the Grail:**

The Candidate is made to kneel, and hold his hands horizontal before him, palms up. The Initiator takes the anointing oil, and signs an equal-armed cross on each palm. The Initiator replaces the oil and positions the candidate's hands for the binding (that is, the wrists are placed together, the hands are separated and allowed to curve naturally, the thumbs pointing upwards).

The Initiator takes the binding stole and approaches the candidate, performing the first stage of the binding: the center of the stole is placed over the joined wrists and allowed to fall; the free ends of the stole are then looped over the palms, each in turn being brought up over the inside of the palm and allowed to fall from the outside of the hand.

The Initiator then turns and uncovers the Grail. He takes up the Grail and advances to the Candidate. He places the Grail in the Candidate's hands, and performs the second stage of the binding- that is, the free end of the stole falling to the Candidate's right is first looped over his wrists from his left and allowed to fall to his right, and the free end of the stole falling to his

left is then looped over his wrists from his right and allowed to fall to his left. As the Initiator places the Grail and performs the second stage binding, he says:

**"Votary of the Sacred Flame: receive into your anointed hands the Grail, the Singular Vessel of Purity, which is at once the symbol of the cosmos and your Soul."**

The initiator takes a step back from the Candidate, raises his right hand, palm forward and says:

**"Votary of the Sacred Flame, now raise up on high the Grail, in offering of all that you are, and in certain hope of all that you would be."**

As the Candidate does this, the Initiator intones the second Enochian Key:

**"Ad-get vuh-pah-ah zong om fah-ah-eep sald, vi-eev el, sobam  
yal-poorj ee-za-zaz pee-adf; kasarma abram-guh ta talho paraklayda,  
kuh-ta lor-sel-kwah toorbs oh-oh-gay baltoh. Gee-oo-ee kis loosd  
orree, od mee-kalp kees bee-ah oh-zong-on, lap noan trof kors tah-jeh  
oh-kwah manin yah-ee-don. Tor-zoo go-hel: zakar kah kuh-no-kwod,  
zamran mee-kal-zo od oh-zaz-muh vrelp, lap zeer yo-ee-ad."**

**"May your heart be irradiated this night with the Fire of Divine Love, O Votary of the Sacred Flame, and may your Soul be uplifted in response to the Voice of the Light!"**

The Initiator approaches the Candidate and performs the first unbinding, taking the Grail and returning it to its place and covering it. The Initiator finishes the unbinding, replacing the binding stole upon the credenza.

### **The Foreshadowing of the Regeneration:**

**"Votary of the Sacred Flame: listen, and believe what is true! You shall enter into darkness. You shall tread upon the threshold of death. You shall be whirled throughout the elements and returned to your place."**

**"In the middle of the night you shall behold the sun gleaming in radiant splendor."**

The Candidate is made to rise, and the golden veil of concealment is replaced upon his head, covering his face.

All artificial lights, if any are used, are dimmed, or turned off; leaving only the light of the altar candles, and any other candles that might be in use.

Now, softly and gently, with the tenderness it merits, the Song of the Soul is uttered:

**"That she who has not loved may love -  
So let it be.**

**That she too who has loved may love -  
So let it be."**

**"Thy Soul, helpless to bear the darts of love relentless,  
Takes flight as flees defenseless  
the arrow-wounded deer.  
Through thorn, thicket and snare,  
all care for peril past,  
She speeds, falling at last  
where soft the river glides:  
Yet love ever abides,  
for that she cannot lose."**

**"That she who has not loved may love -  
So let it be.**

**That she too who has loved may love -  
So let it be."**

**"Now low falters thy breath, sighing they death's desire.  
Thy heart burns with the fire:  
the fatal shaft keen-pointed  
A sweet venom anointed,  
no balm may soothe the wound.  
Although peace thou hast found  
beside these living streams,  
No other life thou dream'st,  
no other death would choose."**

**"That she who has not loved may love -  
So let it be.**

**That she too who has loved may love -  
So let it be."**

**"A glad offering now thou wilt thy life surrender,  
A death gentle and tender  
finding in this repose:  
But high enclaves unclosed,  
whence flows a chant supernal  
Of love's gladness eternal,  
and see! - from glorious portal  
Come bright spirits immortal,  
to lead thee to thy bliss."**

**"That she who has not loved may love -  
So let it be.**

**That she too who has loved may love -  
So let it be."**

"Rejoice, let us rejoice! They cry, and still Rejoice!  
They cry, mingled in voice,  
but one in will. They wing  
To where rapturous ring  
the shining walls of heaven  
That seem in echoing riven,  
Though in their welcome whole,  
Bidding thy joyous Soul  
To be most glad in this."

"That she who has not loved may love -  
So let it be.  
That she too who has loved may love -  
So let it be."

"Thrice, four times happy, O Soul, the King's most precious treasure,  
Rose, lily, dear beyond measure,  
Thou vase of virgin gold,  
O Bride most blissful, behold the cold  
Shadows are fled:  
The Star over thy head  
Rewards thy faith on earth,  
This high and holy rebirth  
From death most noble gleaning."

"That she who has not loved may love -  
So let it be.  
That she too who has loved may love -  
So let it be."  
"And He! - Lo, He is here to whom thy heart is rendered:  
His eyes celestial splended,  
Heavy His shining hair  
With sweetly redolent myrrh:  
His kiss - ambrosial more  
Than honey's plenteous store,  
Than ripe fruit of the tree -  
With love's changeless decree  
Thy brow for aye investing."

"That she who has not loved may love -  
So let it be.  
That she too who has loved may love -  
So let it be."

"O see, glorious Bride, see, no more to depart  
The true love of thy heart,  
The lover long since guessed  
Whose voice spoke in thy breast,  
Whose glance lightened thy days:  
And now uplift thy gaze  
In ecstasy most pure,  
In his embrace secure,  
And on his shoulder resting."

**"That she who has not loved may love -  
So let it be.  
That she too who has loved may love -  
So let it be."**

The Initiator removes the veil, and assists the Candidate to lie down upon the floor, feet to the East, arms at sides.

The Initiator then slowly draws the pall westward, over the Candidate.

After a period of silent reflection, the Initiator softly says:

**"The going forth from the lower life.  
No forms or colors to rejoice the eyes.  
None but the simplest contacts of touch.  
No soft cushion, no friendly hand.  
No taste, not even of a ritual partaking.  
No music, no sound save for a guiding voice.  
There is no light, but emptiness.  
There is but one way to go, and that is forward.  
Forward into a sense of power, of mystery.  
Forward from one darkness into another, greater darkness.  
There is no dramatic sense of renunciation.  
There is nothing to renounce."**

There is another period of silent reflection. When he is ready, the Initiator raises both hands, palms towards the Candidate's heart-center. He then visualizes upon the candidate's heart-center a brilliant white dove, haloed with golden light, the head of the dove facing the candidate's head.

Still maintaining the formulation of the dove, the Initiator folds his arms right over left upon his breast, and then dismisses the posture. He then projects upon the White dove by Orante Formula, as follows:

- I) He assumes Mountain Pose
- II) He visualizes his Corona as a sphere of white brilliance
- III) He inhales, drawing a shaft of brilliance from Corona to breast, where it forms the Orbis Solis in golden light.
- IV) He exhales, seeing the shaft of brilliance descend to his feet, where it forms the Instita Splendens in white light, though less brilliant than the Corona.
- V) He inhales, seeing a shaft of orange flame rise from the Instita Splendens and pass into the Orbis Solis.
- VI) He exhales, affirming the central column formulation.
- VII) He repeats several times the sequence III, IV, V, and VI above.
- VIII) With awareness of the centers, he raises his arms, palms forward and directed to the object that is to receive the projection. On an exhalation, he feels the energy of the Orbis Solis passing upwards through his arms and out from the center of his palms, to converge upon the White dove as beams of golden light.
- IX) He assumes Mountain Pose.
- X) He repeats steps II, III, IV, V, and VI above.
- XI) The Orbis Solis remains distinct as a brilliant nucleus, but steadily emits a powerful radiance to surround him with a golden aura.



The Initiator crosses his arms, right over left upon his breast. He now visualizes the halo of the Dove increasing in brilliance, to mantle the body of the Candidate in an aura of golden light. This formulation is maintained.

Releasing the posture, the Initiate takes up the Waas scepter, and stations himself at the Candidate's feet, facing the Candidate. He raises the scepter, and then lowers it.

The Initiator moves to the south of the Candidate, stationing himself at the side, in the middle of the Candidate's body, facing his head.

The Initiator extends his left hand outwards and downwards. With awareness of the aura of golden light and the White dove upon the heart-center of the candidate, he raises the Waas in a gentle curving motion, backwards from himself and then forwards and down, so that the scepter rests lightly upon the mouth of the Candidate. He withdraws the scepter, and then repeats the gesture three times more, for a total of four.

The Initiator again stations himself at the feet of the Candidate, facing him. Raising the Waas, he proclaims:

**"The Sacred Dove embraces your heart, O Votary of the Sacred Flame."**

**"Your mouth is opened that you may drink of the Waters of Life."**

**"Your body is sanctified that you may receive the Light of the Spirit."**

**"You are mantled in the splendor of the Sacred Flame!"**

The Initiator lowers the Waas. The formulation of the White dove and the golden light are allowed to fade. The Waas scepter is returned to its place.

Stationing himself at the Candidate's head, the Initiator continues:

**"At the sound of the voice of the Most High the dead are restored to life and wholeness."**

**"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in!"**

**"And see, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain, and the earth was shaken and the rocks were cleft, and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of those who slept, holy persons, were raised!"**

**"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in!"**

**"And the Knight of the Temple stood upon the crossed and broken gates of Hades in the image and power of Christ, and the Harrowing of Hell was accomplished, whereby the power of death was broken and the dead restored to life!"**

**"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in!"**

**"The mystery is proclaimed! Be it now accomplished in the Beauty of Holiness!"**

The Initiator moves to the feet of the Candidate and proceeds to draw the pall from him, eastward. He then assists the Candidate to rise.

**"Child and Heir of the Shining Worlds: in this hour Supernal Light shall strike downwards into the crucible of your heart, that your heart may be hallowed as the Vessel of the Spirit, and that it may shine with the living Gold of the Sun."**

**"Hereby shall the true mystic Sapphire, the Sacred Flame of a perpetual alchemy, flash to life and power within your heart, and upwards into the radiance of your heart shall be drawn the unresolved elements of your lower nature, that every cry of anguish you have uttered, all tears that you have shed, all sorrows that burden your soul, all inner conflicts and doubts, may be sublimated and resolved in the furnace of the Sun."**

**"For this is the secret of the Regeneration; and in the consummation of this Mystery your heart shall awaken and the glory of its presence shall redeem those who dwell in the darkness and in the shadow of death!"**

The Initiator stands with his arms held slightly out at his sides, palms upturned:

**"In the name and power of the Most High, I raise my heart to the Light of Briah, that I may impart the Living Flame to (name), Votary of the Sacred Flame; that the mystery may shine forth in his/her heart; and that temporal and eternal may for him/her flash and fuse into unity, for the perfect accomplishment of the Regeneration!"**

The Initiator then raises his consciousness through the planes to Briah. Remaining within the ambience of the Briatic Light, but directing his thought to the proceedings of the Initiation, he folds his arms upon his breast, right over left, and bows his head. Softly, he says:

**"The hour has come. Tide and Time have converged. The Golden Age returns. Experience the Mystical Regeneration."**

The Initiator separates and raises his arms, palms forward. He places his hands upon the Candidate's breast. He draws the current of light upward into the Candidate's heartcenter, and at the same time, he draws light downwards, from the supernal height, into the solar crucible.

In the fullness of Briatic consciousness he maintains the magical action, continuing until the process of equilibration is perfected and the Candidate's heart is aglow with the Sapphire Fire of the perpetual alchemy.

The Initiator then disengages his hands from the Candidate, and folds his arms, right over left, upon his breast. He bows his head and withdraws from the Briatic height, recentering his consciousness upon his magical personality.

**"As I have received the Initiation, so have I transmitted it unto you. Now you are a true Adept and Votary of the Sacred Flame, a Spiritual Knight of the True Temple."**

He then takes up and fastens upon the Candidate the Golden/Yellow Cincture, saying:

**"I place upon you the cord of a Friar Adeptus Major, as ensign of your attainment this night and as token of the true Sapphire that shines now within your heart."**

**"Be ever mindful of the Inner Mystery symbolized by this emblem; and know yourself to be a person of power, within whose gift is high blessing and alchemical transmutation."**

**"Know now, Votary of the Sacred Flame, that as a Third Degree Initiate, you may initiate into the First or Second Degree any and all you may find worthy, so that our Order may prosper, and its good effects be present throughout the Earth. Choose carefully, however, for those who enter the Order under your hand will forever reflect upon you. Their great accomplishments will be your glory; their misconduct will be your shame."**

**"Be cautious for a season in the exercise of your office and authority, for you have truly become the Gold of the Sun, and that upon which your hand rests shall be transformed to your likeness and remain within your responsibility."**

**"For this is the task that lies before you: that you should alone discover the secret name that even now abides with your heart as the Voice of the Light, and which shall manifest ever more clearly to you as you advance in the mystery of self-knowledge. And in the fullness of realization of the light and majesty of that name, which is at once your personal Word of Power and the Name of your Holy Genius, you shall speak and act in harmony with the Love that moves all the spheres."**

**"To the guidance of that inner Voice, your sovereign teacher, I now commit you."**

## Standard Ritual Closing

Stand in the center of the Chamber, or as nearly center, as the arrangement will allow.

**"I give thanks to Thee! Every soul and heart is lifted up to Thee, Undisturbed Name, honored with the name 'God' and praised with the name 'Father,' for to everyone and everything comes the Fatherly kindness and affection and love, and any teaching there may be that is sweet and plain, giving us mind, speech and gnosis. Mind, so that we may understand Thee, Speech, so that we may expound Thee, Gnosis so that we may Know Thee. I rejoice, having been illuminated by Thine Holy Gnosis!"**

Facing and saluting the East:

**"Hail, mighty Raphael, Archangel of the Air, Healer and Guardian of Wind and Tempest. I thank thee for thine attendance and protection here tonight, and before thou departest for thine airy realms, I bid thee hail and farewell."**

Extinguish the yellow votive light.

Facing and saluting the South:

**"Hail, mighty Michael, the Defender, Lord of Fire and Prince of the Legions of Heaven. I thank thee for thine attendance and protection here tonight, and before thou departest for thine fiery realms, I bid thee hail and farewell."**

Extinguish the red votive light.

Facing and saluting the West:

**"Hail, mighty Gabriel, Lord of Water, Heavenly Herald, who didst bring glad tidings to Our Blessed Lady. I thank thee for thine attendance and protection here tonight, and before thou departest for thine watery realms, I bid thee hail and farewell."**

Extinguish the Blue votive light.

Facing and saluting the North:

**"Hail, mighty Uriel, Dark Lord of Earth, who bringest all at last unto the Nether Shore, Companion of all who offer up their lives in the defense of others. I thank thee for thine attendance and protection here tonight, and before thou departest for thine earthy realms, I bid thee hail and farewell."**

Extinguish the green votive light.

**"In harmony and aspiration this rite began: in unity and exaltation we bring it to a close. In the strength of that which we have wrought, with the blessing of the Most High, and in the Light of the Sacred Flame, let us go forth into the world - but let the silence of the Mysteries keep guard between our soul and our lips. So may the Holy Fire abide within the Temple."**

Extinguish the Sacred Flame, after which, retrace the enclosing circle, counter-clockwise.