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# THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE ROSY CROSS.

## THE SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE EQUINOX.

*As it is essential to the symbolism of this Ceremonial Observance that it should take place concurrently with the event which it exists to commemorate in Ritual, deviation from the due date is permitted only in cases of recognised necessity, as* e.g., *when the Equinox falls on a Sunday and from the external circumstances of the place of meeting or those of the Members at large, it may be difficult or indeed impossible to hold a Celebration on that day. The average due dates are reckoned as March 21 and September 21.*

*If any Grades of the Fellowship are conferred at the same Convocation, the Festival of the Equinox shall be celebrated last of all.*

*The Officers required for the Observance are the Imperator of the Fellowship, or him failing his Substitute, appointed previously, and those of the Neophyte Grade.*

*The arrangement of the Temple is shewn in the Official Diagram of that Grade, and the Temple is opened therein, unless this has been done previously for the admission of a Novice.*

*Master of the Temple.*—Fratres et Sorores of the Hol and Glorious Order of the Rosy Cross, in virtue of th power to me committed, and with the grace of your devou assistance, we will proceed to commemorate the recurrenc of the Vernal (*vel* Autumnal) Equinox— ☤ —

*All rise. The Master of the Temple lifts up his arms holding his Wand of Office, and says with raised fac and eyes :—*

*Master of the Temple.*—To the Glory of GOD in th Highest, and to the Brightness of the Everlasting Light.

*The pause of a moment follows.*

*Master of the Temple.*—Auxiliary Frater Zelator, lift up the Lamp of your Office : a light shall shine upon our ways.

*The Auxiliary Frater Zelator passes direct to the Western side of the Altar and, facing East, he lifts up his Lamp and Wand.*

*Master of the Temple.*—The Light of the Lord shall lead us. . . . You have my command to declare the Equinox. . . . He shall ordain a Lamp for His anointed.

*Frater Zelator.*—Blessed be the Name of the Lord, in the Temple which is called by His Name and the Place of His Sanctuary. By the Holy and Incommunicable Word, and under the ordinance of our Honourable Master, I declare the Vernal (*vel* Autumnal) Equinox.

*The Auxiliary Frater Zelator returns direct to his place.*

*Master of the Temple*— ☤ —He shall quench not the Lamp of Israel.

*The Imperator rises from his seat, which is between the Thrones of the Celebrants in the due East, but at a little distance behind them. He goes forward in advance of the Thrones.*

*Imperator.*—The Lord preserve our inheritance. By the power in me vested as Keeper of the Sacred Mystery, I proclaim the revocation of the Temporal Password * * * * *

*The Imperator returns to his seat.*

*Master of the Temple.*—Thy Word is the Fountain of Wisdom. The Word shall preserve Thy children and the part of Thine inheritance for ever. Confirm Thou Thy Word upon us.

*This is said with raised eyes and uplifted Wand. The pause of a moment follows.*

*Master of the Temple.*—Let us sanctify with due worship the Mystic Festival of the Equinox. Seal us at Thy Feasts, O Lord, in the House of Thy Foundation, the place of praise for Thy people. We have set our House in order; the Altar and House are sanctified.

*The Master of the Temple gives a battery of one knock*— ⸸ —

*Master of the Temple.*—Light of the world without. Shadow of the world within.

*Frater Zelator.*—Darkness of material things. Obscure night of the soul.

*Master of the Temple.*—Orient of the cosmic world. Golden dawn of the spirit. Life and the Life of life. Gate of entrance.

*Frater Zelator.*—Land of the setting sun. Passing of the Soul in Glory. Gate of going forth.

*Guide of the Paths.*—Clear height of the air. Stellar spaces. Mind which the Lord hath moved. Shew unto us Thy Mind, O Lord.

*Warden of the Temple.*—Waters of the world without. Water of Life. The Soul is a great sea. Pass over the waters of the Soul. Come to us in the great waters.

*The Guide of the Paths give a battery of one knock—* ┐—. *He extends his arms.*

*Guide of the Paths.*—Peace of reconciliation. Peace between the East and West. Equipoise and harmony of all. Marriage of heaven and earth. I am the reconciler between them.

*The Imperator rises from his seat and goes forward in advance of the Thrones. The Auxiliary Frater Zelator passes direct to the Western side of the Altar and, facing East, he lifts up his Lamp and Wand.*

*Frater Zelator.*—SILENCE IN THE MOUTH OF THE ALMIGHTY ONE.

*The Imperator gives the Sign of a Neophyte.*

*Imperator.*—Fratres et Sorores, in the union of body and mind, and with the Mystical Sign of the Grade, seek for the reconciliation that is within. In the silence of the lips, my Brethren.

*All present repeat the Sign. The Imperator and Auxiliary Frater Zelator return direct to their places. The Master of the Temple gives a battery of one knock—* ┐—

*Frater Thurificans.*—Summer's heat and harvest. Fervent zeal of desire, kindled in the Sons of the Doctrine.

*He lifts up his smoking Thurible and offers Incense in the West.*

*Frater Aquarius.*—Winter's frost and cold. Restoring sleep of Nature. Sleep of the Divine in man. Life-giving Rain of Doctrine.

*He lifts up his Vessel of Water and sprinkles Water in the West.*

*Frater Thurificans.*—House of the sun in its zenith. Realm of clemency. Turn our captivity, O Lord, as a stream in the South.

*He offers Incense as before.*

*Frater Aquarius.*—Gate of the North. Holiness is in the Gate of Thy Judgment. Shew unto us Thy Sun of Justice.

*He sprinkles Water as before.*

*Master of the Temple.*—Fire of the world without. Holy Fire of the will. Fire of Divine Law. Baptise us with Holy Fire.

*Frater Zelator.*—Earth, which is the footstool of spirit. Body, which the spirit cleanses. Purify our earthly part.

*The Guide of the Paths gives a battery of one knock—* ┐— *He extends his arms.*

*Guide of the Paths.*—Peace between the North and the South. Peace between the times and seasons. Peace of the earthly part. Peace of the will in union. I am the reconciler between them.

*The Imperator rises from his seat and goes forward in advance of the Thrones. The Auxiliary Frater Zelator passes direct to the Western side of the Altar and, facing East, he lifts up his Lamp and Wand.*

*Frater Zelator.*—SILENCE IN THE MOUTH OF THE ALMIGHTY ONE.

*The Imperator gives the Sign of a Neophyte.*

*Imperator.*—Fratres et Sorores, in the union of heart and will, and with the Mystical Sign of the Grade, seek for the peace that is within. In the silence of the heart, my Brethren.

*All present repeat the Sign. The Imperator and Auxiliary Frater Zelator return direct to their places. The Master of the Temple gives a battery of one knock—* ¶—

*Warden of the Temple.*—Soul suspiring.

*Master of the Temple.*—Will sustaining.

*Guide of the Paths.*—Mind concurring.

*Frater Zelator.*—Body, as the vehicle of all.

*The Guide of the Paths gives a battery of one knock—* ¶— *He extends his arms.*

*Guide of the Paths.*—Quintessence, Summum Bonum, Self-knowing Spirit. I am the reconciler in all things.

*The Imperator rises from his seat and goes forward in advance of the Thrones. The Auxiliary Frater Zelator passes direct to the Western side of the Altar and, facing East, he lifts up his Lamp and Wand.*

*Frater Zelator.*—SILENCE IN THE MOUTH OF THE ALMIGHTY ONE.

*The Imperator gives the Sign of a Neophyte.*

*Imperator.*—Fratres et Sorores, in the union of the Soul and its purpose, and with the Mystical Sign of the Grade, seek for the Spirit that is within. In the silence of the Soul, my Brethren.

*All present repeat the Sign. The Imperator and Auxiliary Frater Zelator return direct to their places. The unofficial Members are seated. The Master of the Temple*

*descends from his Throne, passes direct through the Pillars and thence proceeds by South to the Western side of the Altar. He elevates his Wand, with his face upraised.*

*Master of the Temple.*—In the Name of GOD, Who is my strength, I received the Wand of my Office. At the revocation of the Password * * * * *, I lay it down in peace. (*He crosses himself.*) In peace, in that I will sleep and will rest in the mercy of Thy service, my Lord and my GOD. (*He has laid his Wand against the Altar and has taken up the Lamp of Fire. He holds it with both hands in front of him.*) Plead with us, O Lord, in our flesh; purge us with Thy Refining Fire.

*He returns by North to the Pillars, thence direct to his Throne, where he stands in front of the Pedestal, facing West and holding the Lamp in his hands.*

*The Warden of the Temple descends from his Throne, passes direct through the Pillars and thence proceeds by the South to the Western side of the Altar. With face upraised, he elevates his Wand.*

*Warden of the Temple.*—In the Name of the Lord of Hosts, I received the Wand of my Office. At the revocation of the Password * * * * *, I lay it down in purity. (*He crosses himself.*) Thy counsel is a Tree of Life. Deliver me by the strength of Thine Hands, that I may keep the Mystery of Faith with a clean heart. (*He has laid his Wand against the Altar and has taken the Cup of Sacramental Wine. He holds it with both hands in front of him.*) Thine are the Vials of Gold, and the Golden Cups are Thine. The Lord is the Portion of my Chalice; my Cup runneth over.

*He returns by North to the Pillars, thence direct to his Throne, where he stands in front of the Pedestal, facing West and holding the Cup in his hands.*

*The Chair of the Guide has been set aside. He passes from the middle place of the Pillars to the Western side of the Altar, following the Sun. With face upraised, he elevates his Wand.*

*Guide of the Paths.*—In the Name of MESSIAS the Prince, I received the Wand of my Office for the work of redemption, O Lord, in the Temple of Thy service. At the revocation of the Password *****, I lay it down in perfect charity. (*He crosses himself.*) My Sceptre, O Lord, shall not depart from this Temple till the coming of the Peace-Maker. (*He has laid his Wand against the Altar and taken the Sacramental Rose. He holds it with both hands in front of him.*) The mind which looks to Thee is a Rose that unfolds in Thy Light.

*He passes round the Altar by the North and turns at the Eastern side, facing West. The Auxiliary Frater Zelator goes up direct from his place to the West of the Altar. With face upraised, he elevates his Lamp and Wand.*

*Frater Zelator.*—In the Name of the Holy and Beautiful Light, Light of the mind and heart, Light of the desiring Soul and the Holy Spirit in man, I received my Lamp and Wand. At the revocation of the Password *****, I lay down my Wand of Office. Do you, O Honourable Guide, receive this Sacred Lamp and guard the fire thereof in the Mystery which we are about to perform.

*He crosses himself.*

*Guide of the Paths.*—This Rose also shall pass through to you, and you shall receive it from my hands, a sign of the bond of union between the worlds above and below.

*They have passed from one to another the Sacramental Rose and the Mystic Lamp, saying :—*

*Guide of the Paths.*—In the light of understanding the Lord shall lead His people.

*Frater Zelator (extending the Rose before him with both hands).*—The Rose of Thy Benediction, O Lord, is a pure Essence of Life.

*The Frater Zelator has laid down his Wand against the Altar and passes with the Rose to a middle place between the Altar and the West, where he faces East.*

*The Guide of the Paths returns to the Pillars, stands between them and there uplifts the Lamp.*

*Guide of the Paths.*—The uncorrupted splendour of the Law is the brightness of Everlasting Light. O kindle Thy justice as a star.

*He lowers the Lamp. The Frater Thurificans goes direct from his place to the Western side of the Altar and there raises his Vessel of Fire, saying with uplifted face :—*

*Frater Thurificans.*—In the Name of our fire of longing, I received the Thurible of my Office. At the revocation of the Password *****, I lay down the hallowing Vessel. (*He crosses himself.*) O Lord, our souls shall burn as a perpetual incense before Thee. (*He has laid his Thurible on the Altar and has taken up the Paten of Bread, holding it in his two hands.*) Satisfy us with the Bread of Heaven, O Lord. Visit us in the giving of Bread.

*The Frater Thurificans goes direct to his proper place in the West, where he remains standing, holding the Paten.*

*The Frater Aquarius moves direct from his place to the Western side of the Altar and there raises his Vessel of Water, saying with uplifted face :—*

*Frater Aquarius.*—In the Name of the Water of Salvation, flowing from the Temple which is above, I received the Vessel of my Office. At the revocation of the Password *****, I lay down the purifying Symbol. (*He crosses himself.*) I have seen that Water flowing; the soul

is whiter than snow which is washed thereby. (*He has laid his Vessel on the Altar and has taken up the Platter of Salt, holding it in his two hands*). Savour me with the Salt of Wisdom, O Lord. Remember the Salt of Thy Covenant.

*The Frater Aquarius goes direct to his proper station, where he takes up his place and stands holding the Platter.*

*The Imperator gives a battery of one knock—*┐*—. All rise. With Wand uplifted and alone, the Imperator of the Rite begins his solemn circumambulation of the Temple, proceeding from his place in the East. When he reaches the middle South he turns direct thereto. Celebrants and Members face the same quarter. The Master of the Temple uplifts his Lamp.*

*Imperator.*—I saw, as it were, a sea of glass, mingled with fire. In the Name of Thy Holy SHEKINAH and by the White Rose of Thy mercy, come to us in the Baptism of the Spirit, O Lord. Kindle us with Thy Saving Fire. Be the Fire of Thy Zeal in Zion, that we may do the will of our Father.

*The Imperator of the Rite makes the Sign of the Cosmic Cross with his Wand. The Imperator passes to the West, which is faced by all present. The Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius lift up the Bread and Salt.*

*Imperator.*—The Kingdom of Earth is Thine, and the Kingdom to which we are called. In the Name of Thy Holy SHEKINAH and by the union of red and white in the Mystical Rose of Benignity, awaken us to the life that is eternal. May Thy kingdom be declared in us. May it reign in our earthly part, as in the Spirit which is Thine, from henceforth and for ever. So shalt Thou give us from day to day our Super-Substantial Bread.

*The Imperator of the Rite makes the Sign of the Cosmic Cross with his Wand and passes thereafter to the middle North, which is faced by all present. The Warden of the Temple raises his Sacramental Cup.*

*Imperator.*—The Spirit of GOD moved upon the Waters of Creation, and the life of the universe began. Spirit of the Life of life, move upon the Waters of the Soul. In the Name of Thy Holy SHEKINAH and by the Red Rose of Thy Justice, shew unto us the Ineffable Mysteries which abide therein. Shew unto us Thy Sacred Presence abiding in the Soul of Man.

*The Imperator of the Rite makes the Sign of the Cosmic Cross with his Wand. He passes thereafter to the middle East, between the Thrones of the Celebrants, but a little in front of them. All face East. The Auxiliary Frater Zelator lifts up the Rose.*

*Imperator.*—Thou didst call the firmament Heaven. We praise Thee in the firmament of Thy power. In the Name of Thy Holy SHEKINAH, by the union of JEHOVAH and ELOHIM, shew unto us Thy mind, O Lord. Give us the desire thereof.

*The Imperator of the Rite makes the Sign of the Cosmic Cross with his Wand. The Imperator returns to his seat and stands thereby. All face as usual.*

*The Guide of the Paths lifts up the Lamp of the Lucifer, standing between the Pillars.*

*Guide of the Paths.*—My spirit has descended into the deep, O Lord, and has found Thee in the dark regions. My spirit has gone up into the heights and has adored Thee in places of concealment, before the Throne of Thy Glory. At the extremities of the universe and the end of all the spaces, I have known Thy Holy Presence. I have

found Thee in the Palace at the Centre. I am the self-knowing spirit—O GOD, my GOD—and I have realised Thee in my inmost being. O Lord, Thy Light is our service; the Light is Thine aid extended. Give unto us the Equal Light, Thou Sun of our Souls. Give unto us the Quintessential Light, to complete our human nature. Thou Who hast made us in Thine image, remember us by that glorious likeness. Deliver us from the obscure night. Shine on us from the zenith of Thy Knowledge; shew unto us the Vision which is Thou. Let us live in Thy pure Light, Thy full Light, in Thy high Light for ever.

*He makes the Sign of the Cosmic Cross with the Lamp of the Lucifer. The Imperator speaks from his place.*

*Imperator.*—O Honourable Master of the Temple, the end of this time is upon us, and that which remains to be done thou shalt do quickly.

*What follows takes place in complete silence. The unofficial Members are seated. The Master of the Temple passes to the Western side of the Altar, lifts up and lays down his Lamp, returns with the Sun to his Throne, deposits his robe and collar thereon, and takes a seat proper to his Grade among the unofficial Members. The same form is observed by the other Officers in succession, the Guide of the Paths coming last. He raises the Lamp of the Lucifer to its full height and passes in this manner to the Altar. As he stands at the Western end, facing East, the Lamp being still uplifted, he says :—*

*Guide of the Paths.*—SELAH.

*He puts down the Lamp. All the Officers have deposited their robes and collars on their respective seats and have found their proper places in the body general of the Temple.*

*All present being seated, there follows a short pause. The Imperator rises and goes before the Thrones in the East.*

*Imperator.*—The Mystery of the Equinox is perfect in all degrees. I declare the Offices of the Temple suspended. The Rite is in the hands of the Headship, and the Headship is under the Providence of GOD.

*He returns to his seat; another pause follows, and thereafter he again rises, but remains in his place.*

*Imperator.*—THERE WAS SILENCE IN HEAVEN FOR THE SPACE OF HALF-AN-HOUR.

*The Frater Ostiarius rises in his place.*

*Frater Ostiarius.*—Brethren of the First and Second Orders, arise and follow me.

*He opens the door and, with Wand uplifted, leads them forth from the Temple.*

*The Ceremony of Installing the new Master is performed in accordance with the authorised Ritual. At its conclusion one of the Brethren of the Third Order passes to the door, which he throws open and says:—*

*Frater Adeptus Minor.*—The Brethren of the First and Second Orders will resume their places in the Temple.

*They are led in by the Frater Ostiarius, with uplifted Wand, and when all are seated, the Imperator rises and goes before the Thrones in the East.*

*Imperator.*—By virtue of the power in me vested, I proclaim the Restoration of the Rite, and I communicate to you the Secret Word ⁘ ⁘, to prevail as a Temporal Password during the ensuing six months. May the grace

of its sacrament be poured abundantly upon all. (*A pause.*) By virtue of the power in me vested, I announce that the Solemn Ceremonies of this Temple will be discharged as set forth herein.

*He reads the List of Official Appointments and then continues as follows :—*

*Imperator.*—Fratres et Sorores of the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross, behold your Master, the Honourable Frater Signum Lucis (*vel nomen aliud*), who has been regularly installed and enthroned. By the power in me vested, I proclaim him the Revealer of Mysteries among you for the six months intervening between the Vernal and Autumnal Equinox (*vel vice versâ*), being part of that temporal period through which we are led into the Light. Honourable Frater Signum Lucis (*vel nomen aliud*), in the presence of the Sons and Daughters of your Temple, I call upon you to make your confession.

*He resumes his seat. The Master of the Temple rises and recites the ensuing*

## CONFESSION.

Fratres et Sorores of the Order: Seeing that the whole intention of the Lesser Mysteries, or of External Initiation, is so to lead the Soul—by the intervention of symbol, ceremonial and sacrament—that it may be withdrawn from the attraction of matter and delivered from the absorption therein, whereby it walks in somnambulism, knowing not whence it cometh nor whither it goeth : Seeing also that, thus withdrawn, the soul must be brought, under true direction, to the study of Divine Things, that it may offer the only clean oblation and acceptable sacrifice, which is Love reaching outward and inward to GOD, man and the universe : Now therefore, I confess and testify hereunto from my Throne in this Temple ; and I promise, so far as

in me lies, to lead you by the Rites of the Fellowship, faithfully conserved and exhibited with becoming reverence, that through such Love and such Sacrifice you may be prepared in due time for the Greater Mysteries, the Supreme and Interior Initiation.

*In the absence of a special representation on the part of the new Master, this Confession shall be read from the Vellum Scroll on which it is inscribed.*

*The Master of the Temple resumes his seat. The investiture of Officers follows and should be performed by the Master of the Temple, since the right inheres in his Office, as well as in that of the Imperator, who, for purposes of convenience, usually assists in the Clothing.*

*Master of the Temple*—☤—By virtue of the power to me committed, I proceed to invest my Officers.

*He cites each in succession by name, and each is brought to his Pedestal by the Imperator, or him failing, the Immediate Past Master, who bears the clothing and insignia particular to each Office, the Wands and instruments included. The newly-appointed Warden of the Temple is brought first to the East, and being invested with cloak and collar:—*

*Master of the Temple.*—By the power to me committed, I ordain you Warden of this Temple until the next festival of the Equinox. I pray that from your Throne in the East you may lead the Fratres et Sorores to the full light of the end. I present you with your Wand of Office. May it symbolise to you and to the Brethren that GOD is known of the heart.

*Warden of the Temple.*—In the Name of the Lord of Hosts, and by the Word * * * * *, I receive my Wand of Office and accept the duties which it signifies as a Servant of GOD and my Brethren in the Sacred Bonds of the Order.

*He passes direct to his Throne in the North-East and takes his seat thereon. The newly-appointed Guide of the Paths is led to the East and invested in the same manner.*

*Master of the Temple.*—By the power to me committed, I ordain you Guide of the Paths and Grades until the next Festival of the Equinox, and I pray that—between the Pillars—you may lead the Fratres et Sorores into the equilibrium of perfect reconciliation. I present you with your Wand of Office. May it symbolise to you and to the Brethren that God is seen of the mind, when the eye of mind is open unto Divine Light.

*Guide of the Paths.*—In the Name of MESSIAS the Prince, and by the Word * * * * *, I receive my Wand of Office and accept the duties which it signifies as a Servant of GOD and my Brethren.

*The Guide of the Paths passes with the Sun to his place between the Pillars and takes his seat.*

*The newly-appointed Auxiliary Frater Zelator is led to the East and invested.*

*Master of the Temple.*—By the power to me committed, I ordain you Proclamator and Lucifer of this Temple until the next Festival of the Equinox. It is your part to go before the Postulants with the torch of the higher luminaries, uttering the watchwords of the day. Thanks be to GOD, my Brother, for the admirable light which illuminates our earthly part. I present you with your Wand of Office. May it symbolise to you and to the Brethren that perfect purification of our humanity which is attained in the life of the Cross. Receive also this Lamp, and see that your light is burning.

*Frater Zelator.*—In the Name of the Secret Light, and by the Word * * * * *, I receive my Wand and Lamp,

accepting the duties which they signify as a Servant of GOD and my Brethren.

*The Auxiliary Frater Zelator passes with the Sun to his place in the due West and takes his seat.*

*The newly-appointed Frater Thurificans is led to the East and invested.*

*Master of the Temple.*—By the power to me committed, I ordain you Thurificans of this Temple until the next Festival of the Equinox, to watch over the fires of the Temple and to perform the consecrations by fire. Remember the sweet odours of the Sanctuary and the savour of the Beauty of the House. I present you with the Thurible of your Office. Thanks be to GOD, my Brother, for that true incense which hallows our life.

*Frater Thurificans.*—In the Name of our fires of longing, and by the Word *****, I assume the Thurible of my Office and accept the duties which it signifies as a Servant of GOD and my Brethren.

*The Frater Thurificans passes with the Sun to his place in the due West of the Temple and takes his seat.*

*The newly-appointed Frater Aquarius is led to the East and invested.*

*Master of the Temple.*—By the power to me committed, I ordain you Aquarius of this Temple until the next Festival of the Equinox, to watch over the Cup of Cleansing Water and to purify therewith the Brethren of all Grades and the Postulants. May you also in your own Soul be sprinkled as with hyssop and cleansed. May you be washed and made whiter than snow. I present you with the Lavacrum of your Office. Thanks be to GOD, my Brother, for that Living Water which cleanses the whole Creation.

*Frater Aquarius.*—In the Name of the Waters of Salvation, and by the Word *****, I receive the Lavacrum of my Office and accept the duties which it signifies as a Servant of GOD and my Brethren.

*The Frater Aquarius passes with the Sun to his place in the due West of the Temple and takes his seat. The Master of the Temple gives a battery of one knock*—|—

*Master of the Temple.*—To order, Fratres et Sorores. My House is a House of Prayer.

*All rise and face East.*

*Master of the Temple.*—Renew us, O Master of All, in the sanctity of Thy daily service. Fortify the Rites of this Temple with the prevention of Thy plenary Grace. Make it, we pray Thee, among things that testify below, a type of Thine Eternal Presence. Lift up our hearts therein. Be unto us an Indwelling Spirit, a Glory in the midst thereof. So shall we encompass Thine Altar, clothed in the understanding of Thy Law, clothed in a robe of splendour, which is the shewing forth of Thy Will within us. Call us, in fine, from the ministry of Thy Sacraments in the world of manifested things to the ineffable world of Thine union. (*And then turning Westward, with uplifted Wand.*) Fratres et Sorores, by the power to me committed, I proclaim that the Sun has entered ARIES (*vel* LIBRA), the sign of the Vernal (*vel* Autumnal) Equinox. Light from the Eternal and Glory of Everlasting Worship be with us for ever and ever.

*The Closing is then taken in the Grade of Neophyte.*

*Here ends the Solemn Celebration of the Equinox.*

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