

THE FELLOWSHIP

OF THE

ROSY CROSS

ISSUED BY FRATER SACRAMENTUM REGIS
MOST HONOURED IMPERATOR
IN ORDINE ROSEÆ CRUCIS,
FOR THE DIRECTION OF CELEBRANTS AND
THE USE OF FRATRES ET SORORES UNDER
THE OBEDIENCE OF AUTHORISED TEMPLES

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THE ADDITIONAL RITUALS OF THE ROSY CROSS.

THE FIRST ORDER OF THE ROSY CROSS.

WORLD OF ACTION.

PART IV.

THE CEREMONY OF CONSECRATING A TEMPLE
FOR THE MYSTERIES OF THE FIRST AND
SECOND ORDERS.

The Consecration of a Temple of the Rosy Cross may arise in either of two manners : (1) in response to a petition presented to the Chief of the Rite in the names of at least seven Brethren who are living members of the Fellowship, i.e., are attached to some active Temple or Temples ; (2) By the power vested in the Chief of the Rite for the time being, in the exercise of his sole discretion ; but he shall be bound on his own part to proceed in conformity with the General Rule of the Fellowship, so that the title of each Temple may be clear and regular.

*Certified in Conformity with the Secret Doctrine
and Knowledge of the ROSE CROSS.*

**SACRAMENTUM REGIS,
KEEPER OF THE SACRED MYSTERY.**

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The Petitioners in the one case, and the Co-opted Brethren in the other, together with the Joining Members and Visitors, being assembled in the Vestibule, or in a room adjacent to the place chosen for consecration as a Temple, the Imperator, who has assumed already his vestments and insignia, gives a Battery of one knock—9—and makes the first proclamation thus, uplifting his Wand of Office:—

Imperator.—Fratres et Sorores in the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross, the Lord is our light and our help. In the Name of Him Who rescues us from the darkness and the unredeemed places, and by the power in me abiding, I call upon you to assume the vesture of your rank and Grades. Do Thou clothe us in Thy grace and truth, Great Master of all our ways.

The Members put on their clothing and insignia. The Acting Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius assume also their surplices and see that the Vessels of their respective Offices are prepared and charged with live fire and with water.

When all things are in readiness, a procession is formed without, headed by the Imperator of the Rite. He is followed by the Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius, side by side, the Banner-Bearers and the Brethren in the order of their Grades, two and two in like manner.

When the Chief of the Rite reaches the Door of the place about to be consecrated, he comes to a pause thereat, lifts up his Wand and says:—

Imperator.—May this Door be blessed, sanctified and commended to the Lord. May it be ever as a gate leading to the Land of the Living for those who enter hereby.

The Imperator opens the Door and crosses the threshold, saying :—

Imperator.—Invest our portals, O Lord ; consecrate and guard our thresholds ; vouchsafe to visit this place.

The procession passes by the North toward the East of the Hall, he who has been deputed to act as Ostiarius entering last and securing the Door behind him. He remains on the hither side of the Door. When the Chief of the Rite has reached the due East he pauses and faces West. The Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius take up their places on either side of him, also facing West. The Members of Higher Grades pass on to the Southern side of the Hall and stand by their seats in that quarter. The Members of the Lower Grades halt on the Northern side, standing by their seats.

The Imperator of the Rite proceeds to the consecration of Fire and Water in the terms of the First Portal Grade of the Rosy Cross.

The Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius have parted to the right and left as before. The incense is kept fuming. The Imperator lifts up his hands, holding his Wand of Office.

Imperator.—The power of the world is Thine, and Thine is also the glory. Send down Thy power upon me. Make of me a free channel, through which Thy grace shall pass and authorise the solemn consecration which I am about to perform in Thy Name.

The Imperator and his Assistants turn Eastward. The Prayer at the East and Assoilment take place as exhibited in the Ritual of the Grade of Neophyte.

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Imperator.—In the Name of the Water of Regeneration and by the Font of Life, flowing from the World of Life, quickening the hearts of men, I purify and dedicate this Altar to the service of the Rosy Cross, being part of the Divine Service. May those who are pledged hereon enter into the life of purity, and may the power which leads them, in the mystical paths of our Fellowship through the worlds of return to GOD, bring them in due time to that place, beyond this Temple, wherein the double cube of the Altar unfolds as a Cross of Life.

Having returned to the Eastern side of the Altar, he gives back the Vessel and Aspergillus, taking the Thurible from Frater Thurificans, who receives the Wand from Frater Aquarius and retains it. The Imperator offers incense as previously at the four sides of the Altar and on the upper surface, saying as he moves through the quarters :—

Imperator.—By the Fire of Salvation, and by the incense which Michael the High Priest offers on the Supernal Altar, I consecrate and dedicate this Altar to the service of the Rosy Cross, being part of the Divine Service. May those who make hereon the offering of their lives in sacrifice be accepted as Holy Oblations, and when the perishable part of us each has been burnt to ashes, may the soul ascend to GOD—as the sparks fly upward.

The Imperator restores the Thurible to Frater Thurificans and moves to the Western side of the Altar, where he faces East. He lifts up the Bread Salver and supports it on his left hand.

Imperator.—By the power in me vested, and in the Name of Melchisedek, Priest of the Most High GOD,

I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ this vessel for the food of man. May those who partake herefrom, under the obedience of this Holy Rite, be nourished in a spiritual sense with the Bread of Life, the substance of things Divine communicated to the soul of man.

The Imperator lays down the Salver and now uplifts the Chalice.

Imperator.—By the power in me vested, and in the Name of Melchisedek, Priest of the Most High GOD, I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ this vessel for the food of man. May those who partake herefrom, under the obedience of this Holy Rite, be nourished in a spiritual sense with the blessed Wine of the Kingdom, Wine of Divine Life and Wine of Union. May they realise in their inmost souls that it is super-essential blood and that this blood is life.

The Imperator puts down the Chalice, opens the Lamp and lights it. Having closed it again, he raises the Lamp on high.

Imperator.—Thou art my Lamp, O Lord. The Lord is my light. The Lord shall enlighten my darkness. The torch of a faithful guide goes before me in the dark ways. I shall pass through the paths of darkness. O kindle Thy Light in my heart. By the power in me vested, and in the Name of the Great White Light shining from the Great White Throne, I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ this outward and sacramental sign of the light shining from within. May the eyes of its bearer look ever to the perfect day.

The Imperator lays down the Lamp. The Banners of the Temple are brought up. He raises each of them in succession and consecrates them together in the one formula.

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Imperator.—Thou art our Banner, O Lord, and Thy Banner is love flowing over us. Lift up our Banners of Love on the high mountain of our desire for Thee. By the power in me vested, and in the Name of the Omnipotent and Eternal GOD, Who is the blessing and consecration of all things, I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ this Banner of the Rosy Cross to mark the East of the Temple and to point the path upward which leads through the days and the years, even into the Mystery of GOD. I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ this Banner of the Rosy Cross to mark the West of the Temple, to divide the light from the darkness and to reflect on the outer ways the peace of the ways that are within.

The Bearers erect the Banners at their proper points in the Temple. The Imperator proceeds to consecrate the Altar-Symbol. He takes the Aspergillus from Frater Aquarius, and sprinkles the Symbol cross-wise.

Imperator.—Blessed be this sacrament of our Fellowship, and blessed be she by whom the waters of our desires are spiritualised.

He returns the Aspergillus and takes the Thurible from Frater Thurificans. The Imperator censes the Symbol.

Imperator.—By the power in me vested as Chief of the Rite and Keeper of this Sacred Mystery, I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ this sacrament of our Fellowship with Fire. Blessed be she by whom the will is uplifted in the fire of a sacred purpose which attains its term in GOD.

He returns the Thurible and then exalts the Symbol, holding it with both hands.

Imperator.—May the Holy SHEKINAH descend and dwell in this Temple, shining as an abiding presence in the centre of this Sacred Symbol. The Rose of the World art Thou, O High Lady of Quest, Leader of the Quest in GOD. From the centre to the four quarters extend the rays of Thine influence. From the four quarters to the centre the grace of Thine attraction draws. Bring us to the rest in the centre, that we may repose under the shadow of Thy wings. Fulfil us in the activity of the centre, the intercourse and joy of union. The Guide of the Paths art Thou, and Thine are the worlds of Quest. Lady of Severity and Judgment on the side of the Fear of the Lord, come to us in the fear of separation. Lady of Compassion and of Mercy on the side of the Love of the Lord, come to us in the love of the Holy One. Lady of Benediction, Lady of the Middle Pillar and all the Kingdom of Benignity, lead us from the kingdom of this world, that we may behold the bounty of our Master and the Sun of Righteousness in TIPHEREETH. Lead and still lead us onward, and in the World of Supernal Knowledge, shew unto us that JEHOVAH is ELOHIM in the union of GOD and His SHEKINAH.

The Imperator deposits the Rose-Cross Symbol in the Middle place of the Altar and receives his Wand. He passes with the Sun to the throne of The Master of the Temple and proceeds to bless and to consecrate with Fire. The Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius have followed him. He receives the Thurible in exchange for his Wand.

Imperator.—By the power in me vested, and by the grace descending from CHOKMAH through the Pillar and Paths of Mercy, I bless ✠, dedicate ✠, and conse-

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trate ✠ with Fire this Throne of the Master of the Temple. May the Fire of Supernal Wisdom flow over the Temple and its Members. I bless the work of the Master in the Name of Victory, in the power of the Grade of Philosophus, and I hail him by the Secret Name of FRATER THEOTOKOS, ID EST, A DEO NATUS.

*He gives back the Thurible in exchange for his Wand.
He turns now to the West, with Wand uplifted.*

Imperator.—Fratres et Sorores in the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross, I proclaim that the Pillar of Mercy in the Tree of Life, on the return journey to GOD, has its basis in this Temple and is represented by the Throne of the Master, who is a living symbol of the SEPHIRA NETZACH.

The Imperator proceeds with the Sun to the Throne of the Warden of the Temple, followed by the Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius. He proceeds to bless and consecrate with Water receiving the Aspergillus from Frater Aquarius in exchange for his Wand.

Imperator.—By the power in me vested, and by the grace descending from BINAH through the Pillar and Paths of Severity, I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ with Water this Throne of the Warden of the Temple. May the Waters of Understanding flow over the Temple and its Members. I bless the work of the Warden in the Name of Glory, in the virtue of the Grade of Practicus, and I hail him by the Secret Name of FRATER CHRISTOPHOROS, ID EST, CHRISTUM FERENS.

*He gives back the Aspergillus in exchange for his Wand.
He turns now to the West with Wand uplifted.*

Imperator.—Fratres et Sorores in the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross, I proclaim that the Pillar of Justice in the Tree of Life, on the return journey to GOD, has its basis in this Temple and is represented by the Throne of the Warden, who is a living symbol of the SEPHIRA HOD.

The Imperator proceeds with the Sun to the Seat of the Guide in the middle place of the Temple, followed by the Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius. He proceeds to bless and consecrate the seat of the Guide with Fire and Water. He takes the Aspergillus in exchange for his Wand.

Imperator.—By the power in me vested, by the Union of Mercy and Judgment, by the ineffable virtues and graces coming down from the Crown of the Tree, through the Pillars and Paths of Benignity, I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ with Water: (then returning the Aspergillus and taking the Thurible) I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ with Fire the seat of the Guide of this Temple. May Divine Understanding above all earthly knowledge, the Wisdom throned in the Highest and the Light of the Father of Mercies meet in the Pillar of Benignity, flowing over the Temple and its Members. I bless the work of the Guide in the Name of the Holy Foundation, the sacrifice of the just therein, and in the Mystery of the Grade of Theoreticus. I hail him by the Secret Name of DESMOS MONADOS, ID EST, VINCULUM UNIONIS.

He gives back the Thurible, receives and uplifts his Wand.

Imperator.—Fratres et Sorores in the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross, I proclaim the Bond of Union, the Mystery of Espousals in GOD and the work of the Guide therein, who is a living symbol of the SEPHIRA YESOD.

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The Emperor passes direct to the seats in the due West, followed by the Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius. He proceeds to bless and consecrate the seats in the West with Water and with Fire. He takes the Aspergillus in exchange for his Wand.

Imperator.—By the power in me vested, and in the Name of SHEKINAH descending to dwell in the hearts of men, I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ with Water: (then returning the Aspergillus and taking the Thurible) I bless ✠, dedicate ✠ and consecrate ✠ with Fire these seats of the Herald and his ministers. May the graces and powers of all the mystical worlds, emanating one from another and poured upon the kingdom of this world, flow over the Temple and its Members. I bless the work of the Herald and their work who serve with him as the bearers of Sacramental Water and Fire. I bless them in the Name of the Kingdom and in the Mystery of the Grades of MALKUTH.

He gives back the Thurible in exchange for his Wand. He turns now to the East, with Wand uplifted.

Imperator.—Fratres et Sorores in the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross, I proclaim that the Pillar of Benignity in the Tree of Life, on the return journey to GOD, has its basis in this Temple and is represented by the seat of the Herald, or Proclamator and Lucifer of the Rite, who is a living symbol of the SEPHIRA MALKUTH.

The Emperor proceeds to the East, followed by the Fratres Thurificans et Aquarius, who part and go to their seats, which are respectively in the South and North of the Temple, at the head of the two columns formed by the unofficial Brethren. The Emperor stands between the Thrones of the East, facing West.

Imperator.—I proclaim that the Salvator Mundi Temple (*vel Templum aliud*) is duly dedicated and consecrated to the Glory of GOD in the Highest.

The procedure which follows hereon is the Appointment and Investiture of Officers. The Brethren of the First and Second Orders are led forth at this point from the Temple, and the Master-Designate is installed according to the Ritual of the Inner Working. The Brethren are recalled and the Ceremony proceeds according to the Ritual of the Equinox.

The Master of the Temple proceeds in the next place to open the newly consecrated Temple in the Grade of Neophyte, the Prayer at the East, the Assoilment of the Temple and the Blessing of the Water and Fire being omitted.

In the event of there being a Postulant for Reception into the Order, the Ceremony of Initiation follows.

The Laws of the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross are read in full, as also the Authorised By-Laws, the latter being put for confirmation by the Brethren.

Any general business set forth in the Agenda of the Consecration-Summons is then taken.

The Temple is closed according to the Ritual of the Grade of Neophyte.

Here ends the Solemn Ceremony of Consecrating a Temple of the Rosy Cross for the Mysteries of the First and Second Orders.