

Ceremony for the degree of Sublime Hermetic Sage, of Hermetic Philosopher, 43°

The degree you have in print will answer for this; but when reprinted might be much improved (consult our English Lectures of a Chapter, Senate, and Council). The Aspirant, in Marconis last revision, overruns the 12 Symbolic Houses of the Sun. The degree teaches that birth and death are represented by the two emblematical columns, and enclose our earthly destiny that life is the workshop in which is found the hidden treasure-house, where the wise learn to accomplish their destiny with strength, courage and dignity. The ancient Hermetic language is threefold, religious, philosophic and scientific; as a religion it is that of the initiates of all ages; as a philosophy its principles must be sought in the schools of Egypt; as an Art in the pages of Lull, Paracelsus, Flammel, and a score of Alchemists.

The temple is approached by seven steps, the first is a square, or symbol of the four elements; the second a triangle for the three principles, and these have an important signification in reference to our own humanity, and are found in systems analagous to our own.

Sign: point upwards with the right thumb and say Tacendo (silence).

Answer: place right hand flat on the heart, thumb forming a square, and say Sprendo (Hope)

Touch: make the Hermetic cross left hand palm down, the other covers with left, same with right.

*Password: Abot (the East), Answer: Helios (Sun, or gold) Mene (Moon or Silver)
Tetrammaton (Sacred name of God).*

Secret Word: Karnak, Answer: Hermes (Greek Thoth).

2nd Secret Word: I.N.R.I. (given only in Consistory).

R. of W.: Thoimosis.

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Jewel and Symbol: On a triangle 7 stars 4 an 3.

N. H.: The new part might be used for another Hermetic degree.