

Ceremony for the degree of Pontiff, or Sage of Cadmia, 56°

The grade is a School of Wisdom which treats on the Sublime aim of the Great Work, viz; the rehabilitation of man in divine perception. We can study the seven musical tones, the seven colors, the seven vowels, and the Seven headed Serpent to each of its heads a vowel was consecrated; all are symbols of the Ancients.

After Cabiric, or Pelasgic Greece, was desolated by Aryan conquests, Egypt interested itself in the restoration of Greece and sent Orpheus, then Cadmus, who was of Phoenician descent. He erected Thebes in Boetia and the Citadel retained the name of Kadmia until late times.

Mythology, in a myth of which we must seek the meaning says that he killed a Dragon, and having sowed its teeth, a host of armed men sprang up, who fought with each other until five only remained to help to build the City. The legend says that he had five children by his wife Hermonia, the daughter of Ares and Aphrodite, whom the God Zeus (Latin Deus) gave him.

He is said in his old age to have fled to Illyria, and he has been credited with the introduction of the Greek Alphabet to which additions were made at a later period. His era is about 1500 B.C.

Sign: cross arms, let fall to the side, repeat twice.

Touch: take each others right and left hand, and loose them three times.

Password: same as last degrees.

Secret Word: Cadmus (a hierophant in Greece)

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Jewel and Symbol: a triangle upon which is a heart in flames.