

NEW FORMAT OUTER OPENING AND CLOSING

Draft Proposal

OPENING IN THE OUTER

Dirigent: ! Companions of _____ Lodge #__ of the Companions of the Stone, assist me to open this lodge in the Outer.

Companion ~~Doorkeeper~~, see that the lodge is properly guarded.

Sentinel *Sentinel*

~~Doorkeeper~~: (goes to door) Companion Dirigent, the lodge is properly guarded.

Dirigent: Companion Summoner, confirm that all who are present have received the Word.

(Summoner goes by the square to the center of the room, then advances to the seat of the Adept Dirigent, and receives the grip and password. Summoner then goes by the square clockwise around the lodge, receiving the grip and password from all present. Should anyone be without these, the summoner shall say:)

Summoner: Companion Dirigent, a Companion without the Word.

(In this case the Dirigent shall inquire of the Secretary if the Companion is in good standing in the lodge, and if so will instruct the Summoner to communicate the grip and password. When all present have given the grip and password, the Summoner shall return by the square to the center of the room, and say:)

Summoner: Companion Dirigent, all have received it.

Dirigent: Let the officers of the lodge be proclaimed, that the Powers whose images they are may be reflected in the Spheres of those present and in the Sphere of our Order --- for by Names and Images all powers are awakened and reawakened. Companion Adjuvant, your station and work?

Adjuvant: My station is the Throne of the West. My work is to keep the Gateway to the Outer World and watch over the Companions in their work, to receive the Signs from the Companions, and to govern the lodge in your absence. My emblem is the emblem of darkness and judgement, and it reflects the image of the Banner of the Evening Twilight, which is the Banner of the West.

Dirigent: Companion Secretary, your station and work?

Secretary: My station is beside that of the Dirigent, and my work is to keep full and impartial records of the work of the lodge, to prepare all official documents of the lodge, and to have custody of all lodge funds and property. My emblem is the emblem of communication, and it symbolizes the place of the word