


The Fellowship of the Spiral Path



Clergy Collegium Clergy Training Record

Name _____

Date entered training: _____

Type of consecration: _____

Guide: _____

Note: materials submitted in fulfillment of the following requirements will be evaluated by the trainee's Guide and the Clergy Training Coordinator. Trainee work will be seen by others only with permission of the trainee, although we may request permission to include some pieces in the Collegium archives.

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A. Self-knowledge and Commitment

In order to be admitted as a candidate Priest/ess, you must:

1. Complete the Application/Background Summary.

Date Received: _____

2. Prepare an essay or tape identifying your strengths and needs for improvement, reasons for becoming a priest/ess, and factors from the past which have influenced your choice.

Date Received: _____

3. Read the information packet. If you have questions, discuss them with your Guide. Be sure you understand the way the program works.

Date Received: _____

4. Demonstrate your commitment to the Old Religion by a year and a day of regular participation and (where relevant) formal membership/initiation in one of its traditions (one of the Fellowship's circles, a coven of another tradition, qualification as a CoG solitary or equivalent, etc.)

Tradition(s): _____

Dates of Participation (Inclusive): _____

4. Name the group (or describe available resources) with which you will fulfill those requirements which involve creating and leading rituals for group use (if group is not part of the Fellowship, give evidence of its willingness to support your training). Note that trainees may also fulfill requirements by participating in the Liturgy of the Lady, and by preparing rituals and presentations for the Gateway series.

Group(s): _____

Leader(s): _____

6. Start and/or maintain a Book of Shadows or other magical record and a list of courses or workshops taken, books read, and evaluation of their value to you.

Date Received: _____

B. *Dolytheology*

Feel free to attach citations of further instances of fulfillment of any of these requirements:

1. Demonstrate your general knowledge of the history of religion by giving a lecture, participating in a discussion, or writing a paper, and writing a summary thereof.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

2. Demonstrate your detailed knowledge of the mythology of one culture by lecture, discussion, or essay.

Culture Chosen: _____

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

3. Demonstrate familiarity with basic issues in theology and ethics:

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

4. Demonstrate your ability to define and defend pagan beliefs to a member of another religion.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

5. Demonstrate your knowledge of the attributes and functions of three goddesses. If appropriate to your tradition, these should be one each of a Maiden, Mother, and a Crone. Knowledge should be demonstrated through writing and performing special rituals devoted to them, writing material about them to be used in one of the Liturgies, or writing an essay.

Goddess One (Maiden):

Name: _____

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

Goddess Two (Mother):

Name: _____

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

Goddess Three (Crone):

Name: _____

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

4. (if appropriate) Demonstrate your knowledge of the attributes and functions of three gods. Knowledge should be demonstrated through writing and performing special rituals devoted to them, writing material about them to be used in a ritual, or writing an essay.

God One:

Name: _____

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

God Two:

Name: _____

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

God Three:

Name: _____

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

5. (if appropriate) Demonstrate your understanding of and ability to work with Divine Gender-Based Polarity by discussion of the relationship between at least three different pairs of deities and by creating a ritual in which one such pair is invoked and interacts, or by creating additional material for the Liturgy of the Lord and the Lady, and by participating as priest/ess of the deity of your own sex in at least three rituals involving deities of both sexes (may include Liturgy of the Lord and Lady and/or rituals created by others).

Names: _____

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

6. Demonstrate your understanding of and ability to work with intermediary gender spiritual roles (e.g. amazon, berdache, shaman, hierophant), by discussion, lecture, ritual, or essay:

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

7. Demonstrate your understanding of and ability to work outside of gender by creating and leading a ritual which works with forces where gender is not relevant (the elements, psychic skills, shamanism, etc.), or a ritual in which you act as Hierophant to a priest and priestess (may be fulfilled in conjunction with other requirements).

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

8. Demonstrate your familiarity with basic issues in theology and ethics by discussion, lecture, ritual, or essay:

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

8. Apologetics: Demonstrate ability to define and defend pagan beliefs to a member of another religion by analyzing strengths and weaknesses in one of the Spiritual Counterfeits Project's newsletter treatments of a tradition of the Old Religion, and discussing the differences between their conclusions and your own beliefs, or some equivalent exercise.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

9. Collect resources in the form of a scrapbook, Book (or Disc) of Shadows, etc.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

C. Ritual

1. Demonstrate competence in conducting a formal ceremony by serving as Hierophant, High Priestess or High Priest in the Liturgy of the Lady, or a Liturgy of the Lord and the Lady, (may be combined with fulfillment of requirements for B.)

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

2. Demonstrate familiarity with rites of passage by discussing the meaning of major life passages and describing how you would perform (and create or adapt existing material), a wedding, a naming, and a memorial service. If at all possible, perform one of these.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

3. Demonstrate your competence in ritual by writing and leading a ritual such as a full-moon circle which includes raising, channeling and grounding energy, manipulating objects, and a guided meditation.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

4. Demonstrate your ability to work as part of a team in a large public ritual by taking a major role in planning and conducting a ritual at a big community festival (NROOGD sabbat, ritual presented at a Festival such as Pantheacon, etc.)

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

5. Demonstrate your understanding of and ability to create sacred space and work with the elements by creating and participating in an appropriate sub-ritual to cast the circle and call the quarters as part of another ceremony (one of the Liturgies or a circle ritual).

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

6. Demonstrate your understanding of the use of solitary ritual work for spiritual protection and renewal by describing a ritual you have performed for self-renewal or personal problem solving. It is recommended that you develop a regular personal ritual practice, keep a spiritual journal, etc.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

Ö. *Spiritual Skills*

Describe the methods by which you are working to develop your spiritual skills and evaluate results so far (explain on back if necessary). You are not expected to be a complete adept at the time of consecration, but you should be familiar with each area and be working seriously at the most relevant. Training in these areas can be obtained by working with a teacher from the Fellowship, or by taking classes from other teachers and organizations.

1. Divination _____

2. Meditation _____

3. Manifesting Divine Energies _____

4. Energy Work _____

5. Voice and Movement _____

6. Guided Meditation & Trance Induction _____

7. Warding & Banishing _____

8. Healing _____

9. Other _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

E. PASTORAL FUNCTIONS

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the principles of psychology (especially Jungian), physiology, nutrition, and occultism, and be able to identify possible causes for various types of problems.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

2. Demonstrate competence in non-directive counselling and understanding of relevant legal requirements and constraints, and knowledge of available community services.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

3. Demonstrate understanding of the needs of those involved in life passages and crises.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

4. Demonstrate ability to select and use appropriate magical/spiritual procedures for specific problems.

How Knowledge Was Demonstrated: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

Submit a list of courses and workshops attended and/or books read, with evaluations of their relevance and value.

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

5. Depending on your level of experience in pastoral counseling, demonstrate at least one of the following:

- a. Given fictional case histories, summarize the advice you would give.
- b. describe advice given in actual counselling situations,
- c. write up case histories from personal experience;
- d. attend counselling workshop

Date: _____

Witnessed: _____

Accepted for Training: _____

Six-month Review: _____

One Year Review: _____

Additional reviews: _____

Eighteen month Progress Review: _____

Conclave committee members: _____

Certification or Consecration: _____