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The Next Stated Convocation of Metropolitan College will be held in the Adytum, 310 Lenox Avenue

Friday Evening, April 14, 1916, at 8.00 precisely

# Work : Special Lecture by Pr. Roscius The Psychology of Exercise and Breathing.

Astrological Class meets at 45 John Street, every Tuesday, at 8p.m. sharp

At the last Convocation, our W.:A.: was presented by the College with a symbolic ring, in recognition of his seventieth birthday, which occurd on March 26th. The presentation address was impressively given by Frater Roscius, the Suff.:

A class for the study of Latin, the ancient tongue of the Order, is now forming. Members interested ar requested to give their names to Fr. Largus, 518 West 140th Street, Manhattan. Time and place of meeting will be sent all who enroll.

The first regular monthly business meeting of Metropolitan College was held at 45 John Street, Friday, March 31st, at 8 P. M. The W.:A.: Fr. Dee presided. The attendance was a gratifying proof of the confidence of the members in the administration of the business affairs of the College and showed conclusively that the Fraters and Sorors are more interested in the spiritual and academic aspects of the work.

The Imperator desires to announce that he has a large number of requests for assistance in finding employment for desirable men and women, both within and without the Order. Six of them ar quite pressing and call for quick action. All members of the Fraternity to whom this notice may come, ar urgently requested to co-operate by notifying the W.A. or the Secretary of Metropolitan College of any vacancies or openings for well qualified people. The phone numbers of each of these two members will be found on the last page of Mercury.

## Chabrath Lerch Aur Bokher

In reply to recent inquiries, we quote from the records of Fr. Gould, IX<sup>o</sup>, the "Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, composed entirely of Masons, several years ago adopted membership in what is known as the 'OUTER.' This was the C.Z.A.B. or Order of the G.'.D.'. It had a complete scheme of initiation into the Kabbalah and the Higher Magic or the Western Hermetic Type, and admitted both ladies and gentlemen. It was claimd to be a direct descendent from the mediaeval sodalities of the Rosicrucians, they themselves

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No special sequence will be observed in this series of Paragraf Biografies. The order of publication will depend upon the Editor's facilities for securing proper portrait material.

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# JOHN FREDERICK HELVETIUS



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John Frederick Helvetius was a notable alchemist and fisician to the Prince of Orange. Altho a man of great learning, his modest demeanor would hav prevented him from being known to later generations had it not been for his remarkable experience on the 27th of December, 1666, when he made the acquaintance of a "stranger" who invested him with the "Stone". The incident which would occupy many pages, is fully described in the "Lives of Alchemysticall Philosophers", (Lackington, Allen & Co., Lond. 1815.) Suffice it to say that Helvetius is one of those who ar positively known to hav possest the "Stone", and contemporary records show that altho working under extremely distracting conditions, Helvetius displayd a serenity of life and and attitude of compassion which evinced a spirituality of the highest order. His description of the Tincture agrees in every respect with those given by other genuine alchemists and he may be justly regarded as an Initiate of advanst standing. His own account may

be found in the "Brief of the Golden Calf; Discovering the Rarest Miracle in Nature; How by the smallest Portion of the Philosopher's Stone, a great piece of common lead was totally transmuted into the purest transplendent gold, at the Hague in 1666." Thru Helvetius the Brotherhood was establisht in Holland.

## Notable Prayers, No. Ouc

It is especially recommended that these prayers be memorized, as of material assistance in esoteric unfoldment.

THE STUDENT'S PRAYER: "This also we humbly beg, that Human things may not prejudice such as are Divine, neither that from the unlocking of the Gates of Sense and the kindling of a greater Natural Light, anything of credulity or intellectual night may arise in our minds toward Divine Mysteries." *Francis Bacon.* 

descending from the Egyptian Mysteries. The membership was hidden. The G. D. was quite activ in England before the sixties, and subsequently fell into abeyance. In 1887 it was revivd by three Fraters, W. R. Woodman, (Deceased Dec. 20, 1891), Dr. Wm. Wynn Westcott and S. L. McGregor Mathers."

The Congregation of the G. D. of the OUTER, of the Societas Rosicruciana in America, provides for no definite initiation. It is a probationary grade for those whom it is expected will ultimately unite in the organization of Colleges of the Order in various centers. It provides a definite system of reading and study preparatory to that end.

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