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The Ninety-ninth Stated Convocation of Metropolitan College S. R. I. A.,
will be held in the Adytum, 310 Lenox Avenue
Between 125th. and 126th. Streets, opposite 125th. Street station, Lenox Ave. Subway.
Friday Evening, March 28, 1919, at 8.00 precisely

Work:

Neophytes' Class Instructor Rt. Wor. Fr. Reficio IX°

Elementary Rosicrucian Philosophy, No. 2,
Subject: "Periods, Epochs, Globes, etc."

This Class will meet on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays, in Room 1517 Masonic Temple, 24th Street.
Take Elevators from 24th St. Entrance.

Elementary Hermetic Class.....Instructor, R. Wor. Fr. Paracelsus IX°

Elementary Hermetic Instruction, No. 1.
Subject: "Seven Hermetic Principles."

This Class will meet on 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays, in Room 1517 Masonic Temple, 24th Street.
See Instructions above.

Senior Hermetic Class.Instructor, Fr. K.

Senior Hermetic Instruction, No. 1.
Subject: "Private Interpretation."

Roseological Classes.

Sr. Progression VIII°.

Elementary Class, 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays.) 712 West 180th St., S P. M. Sharp.
Advanced Class, 2nd, and 4th, Tuesdays.)

ALL CLASSES CONVEENE AT 8.00 P. M. PRECISELY. PLEASE BE PROMPT.

A Rosicrucian Prayer Symbol.

By Firmus, IX° (Metropolitan).

The Christ taught that prayer was very important. He gave instructions how to pray, and gave actual prayers. St. Paul said, "continue in prayer"

Definitions as to what prayer really is or should be, differ. One's conception of prayer is determined by his conception of the Powers to whom he prays. Different religions of the world teach prayer in widely different ways: the Mohammedan to Allah via Mahomet; Protestants to God principally thru Jesus Christ; Catholics largely thru the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus. But Rosicrucians have the most sublime conception of prayer that has ever been revealed to worshipping men in this world. It is profound in Wisdom, Cosmic in conception and trust, other things equal be the most potent of all forms of prayer.

A brief summary of the following symbol will show what the Rosicrucian concentrates upon in making his invocation.

The Circle is the symbol of the Cosmic ALL, the ABSOLUTE.

The Aspirational Triangle (Apex upwards), is the symbol of the SUPREME BEING.

The Operative Triangle (Apex downwards), is the symbol of the SOLAR GOD.

The Cross is the symbol of the INDEWELLING SPIRIT of our Planet Earth, the CHRISTOS.

The Rose is the symbol of the Virgin Spirit, ICH.

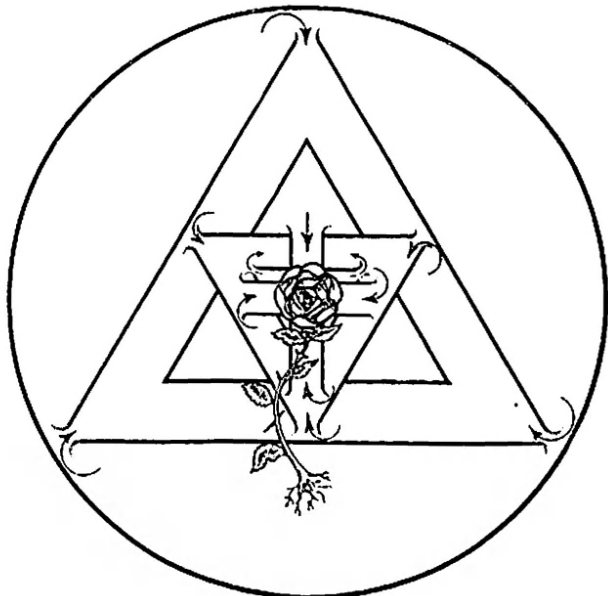
The power of the Rosicrucian Prayer is greatly intensified by the concept of unity, which runs in unbroken potency from the EGO thru and in each of these exalted Powers. The symbol illustrates this unity. It shows the Supreme Being as differentiated not from but WITHIN the Absolute.

This is indicated by the influx of the Absolute at the points of the Triangle. It also shows the Solar God as differentiated WITHIN the Supreme Being (note influx at outer points of the triangle), and influx from the Absolute at inner points of the triangle.

It also shows the Christos differentiated WITHIN the Solar God, but still the Unity thru the Solar influx (Arms of the Cross) and from the Supreme Being and the Absolute (Pillar of the Cross).

And in the center of the Super Trinity, with its roots in the Absolute, its stem in the Supreme Being and the Solar God, and its Flower in the Heart of the Christos, is the Sacred Symbolic "ROSE".

Thru this symbol the Rosicrucian may open veil after veil of the Temple, until his prayer can ascend to the veritable Holy of Holies.



College Notes.

At the last Convocation the Constitutional Certificate of Authority to Teach under the auspices of the Societas Rosicruciana In America, was awarded to Rt. Wor. Fr. Paracelsus IX^c, by Rt. Wor. Fr. Redelo on behalf of the High Council.

High Council Communication.

On Sunday, March 16th, 1919, the Ninth Regular Stated Conistory of the High Council S. M. L. A. C. was opened at the Adytum, 310 Lenox Avenue for full session. The Conistory was opened at 10:30 A.M., and closed at 7:35 P.M., adjourning one hour, from 2 till 3 P.M. for lunch.

The Celebrant was Rt. Wor. Fr. Firmus IX^c.

Holy Baptism was administered by Rt. Rev. Wor. Fr. Nestorius X^c to Egora Serena (G.M.), before the M.

The following Fraters and Sorores were duly Raised, and Crowned with the Sublime, Perfect and Inalienable Degree of Prince Chet Adopt IX^c.

Cromis,
Patriens,
Quaesitor,
Dionysius,
Irenaus.

Progressia,
Industria,
Serena,
Thebis,
Lobania.

The Degree was conferred by the Imperator, M. W. Fr. K. X^c, assisted by Rt. Wor. Fr. Roselmus IX^c, Nestorius X^c, Redelo IX^c, Paracelsus IX^c, Novius IX^c, Euclid IX^c (Washington College), and Sr. Beatrix IX^c.

Standard Instruction in the Rosicrucian Philosophy.

Number Three.

Man and his Bodies.

Cosmic Hierarchy, Vehicles of the Ego, Man-in-the-making.

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Tracing Man's Lineage

In the previous instructions the student has learned of Man's progress from the Absolute to his present status. His transition from the higher order of anthropoids to the Animal Kingdom to Homo Sapiens or Intelligent man, is symbolized by the greatest and most significant emblem of our Order in its exoteric life the Cross and Rose.

Cross and Rose

This symbol will be better understood after the student has received the instruction on the Four Life Kingdoms. The base of the Cross represents the Mineral Kingdom, the lower shaft represents the Vegetable or Plant Kingdom, the roots of which are embedded in the Mineral; the blossom or reproductive organs pointing upward toward the light. The cross-bar of the Cross represents the Animal Kingdom, with the horizontal spine pertaining thereto. The upper upright shaft represents Man, the inverted plant or vegetable. He has the upright spine, but his reproductive organs point downwards, to darkness.

The Vegetable Kingdom looks to the Sun for life, by stretching its reproductive organs thereto. Man turns his creative powers toward the earth and its center, a symbol of the alchemical "Fall of Man." This means the purely physical Man. The higher spiritual powers and vitalizing potencies come to Man from the Sun, thru the head and solar plexus.

The Rose The Rose symbolizes the crowning differentiation between the higher animals and Man, the crown of Reason or Intelligence.

Ego withdraws The lower Kingdoms of Life are governed from without by what are known to Rosicrucians as "Group Spirits." Man is controlled by his real Self, or Ego, which has **INDRAWN** into the vehicles which will be the subject of this instruction.

Three Essentials The *essentials* that differentiate Man from the Animal Kingdom are *Three*, viz.: an *upright spine*, and *walk* that he may receive the high spiritual currents of vitality from the Sun which enter thru the head and work downward, as well as from the solar plexus and upward forming a complete circuit; an *upright larynx*, for speech is capable of being produced only by such an organ; and *arterial red blood* which is the medium thru which the Ego directly functions.

Celestial Hierarchies. Man's present status is the result of two distinct lines of activity: his own, and those of high celestial beings, who belong not only to the present but also to previous Days of Manifestation. These are known as the *Celestial Hierarchies*. We will give them in their proper order. These Hierarchies we find designated in Holy Scripture as "Thrones, Dominions, Principalities and Powers, also Archangels and Angels." (See Colossians 1:16; Romans VIII:38).

Hierarchies. These Hierarchies are Twelve In Number, as follows: -

Name	Christian Esoteric Name.
1 Unknown	
2 "	
3 Seraphim	Lords of Love.
4 Cherubim	Lords of Harmony.
5 Thrones	Lords of Flame or Will.
6 Dominions.	(Kyratotes) Lords of Wisdom.
7 Principalities	(Dynamics) Lords of Individuality or Motion.
8 Powers.	(Exusiai) Lords of Form.
9 Powers of Darkness.	(Archi) Lords of Mind.
10 Archangels.	(Archangeloi) Sons of Fire.
11 Angels.	(Angeloi) Sons of Twilight or Life.
12 Virgin Spirits.	

Correspond to They correspond by number to the Twelve Zodiacal Signs, thus:

Zodiacal Signs.	1 Aries,	5 Leo,	9 Sagittarius.
	2 Taurus,	6 Virgo,	10 Capricorn.
	3 Gemini,	7 Libra,	11 Aquarius.
	4 Cancer,	8 Scorpio,	12 Pisces.

1st two Hierarchies unknown. Of the first two Hierarchies nothing is known except that they belonged to a former Day of Manifestation and have progressed immeasurably beyond our knowledge or concept, and gave certain assistance at the beginning of the present Day of Manifestation and the beginning of the present wave of evolution.

Hierarchies three to five active in three last Periods. Hierarchies three to five, Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones (or Lords of Flame or Will) completed their evolution in the present Day of Manifestation, passed to liberation, and then assisted in the evolution of Man during the three previous Periods, viz: Saturn, Sun, and Moon Periods.

Seven Hierarchies still active. The remaining seven Hierarchies have been and are now active in the Earth Period of Evolution as will be seen later in this instruction.

Bodies, Vehicles, etc. According to Rosicrucian Science, Man, the Ego possesses and functions thru certain well defined bodies, vehicles, sheaths, or shells, all these designations have been employed by early writers.

3, 5, 7, 9. In studying these vehicles we find ourselves confronted at the very start, by the mystic numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, familiar to every member of the Order, thus:-

3	With 3,	the three fold constitution of Man as	Body, Soul, Spirit.
5	With 5,	the five fold constitution of Man as	Ego, Mind, Etheric Body, Astral Body, Physical Body.
7	With 7,	the seven fold constitution of Man as	Divine Spirit, Life Spirit, Human Spirit, Mind, Astral Body, Etheric Body, Physical Body.
9	With 9,	the nine fold constitution of Man as	Divine Spirit, Life Spirit, Human Spirit, Conscious Soul, Emotional Soul, Intellectual Soul, Astral Body, Etheric Body, Physical Body.

The Conscious, Emotional and Intellectual Soul is also sometimes known as the Sentient, Rational and Self Conscious Soul.

Soul The correct order is:-

- 1 Conscious (or Sentient) Soul,
- 2 Intellectual (or Rational) Soul,
- 3 Self-Conscious (or Emotional) Soul.

a PRODUCT We make this brief recapitulation for so many regard the soul as a vehicle in only, whereas it is threefold in its nature like the threefold body and the threefold spirit, and is a *PRODUCT*, an *ESSENCE*, extracted by the Threefold Spirit from the Threefold Body, as stated in Instruction Number One.

Not to be confounded with 7th Cos. Reg. Hierarchies.	And before going further it must be understood that the Twelve Hierarchies listed in this instruction are not to be confounded with the 823,543 Hierarchies noted in the 7th. Cosmic Region, as given in the First Instruction. The Twelve Hierarchies of this instruction are those pertaining to and affecting our present and the immediate past wave of evolution.
Man as ordinarily conceived.	In ordinary usage we conceive of man as a threefold triune being; i.e., having a threefold body, a threefold spirit, and a threefold soul.
Mind Sheath.	When referring to his vehicles however, we have in mind, the Ego or Self functioning thru the "Sheath" of Mind "Stuff," in the Astral, Etheric (or Vital) and Physical Bodies.
Why so called.	We term Mind, "stuff" and a "Sheath," because contrary to many teachings and concepts, mind is not yet organized as a true "body." Ultimately it will be, as also the Astral Body, but at present neither are organized to the extent of the Physical and Etheric Bodies each of which have their own specific organs and centers of activity.
Mind a mirror.	Mind at present is to the Ego as a mirror, thru which the Threefold Spirit reflects itself in Matter, crystallizing into manifestation the Threefold Body.
Ego in operation.	In operation, the Ego functions thru the Mind to impress the Astral Body with desire, forming and developing impetus to action which is communicated to the Etheric Body causing it to vitalize the physical body into activity thru the powers of the forces of attraction or repulsion as the nature of the thought form conceived by the Ego may determine.
Activities of the Hierarchies.	To return to the Hierarchies: 3 The Seraphim 1 The Cherubim 5 The Lords of Will and Flame 6 The Lords of Wisdom 7 The Lords of Motion 8 The Lords of Form 9 The Lords of Mind 10 The Archangels 11 The Angels 12 The Virgin Spirits
Their status.	In the Moon Period developed in nascent man, or "man-in-the-making" the germ of the Human Spirit. In the Sun Period developed the germ of the Life Spirit. In the Saturn Period developed the germ of the Divine Spirit, and also the germ of the Physical Body. developed the germ of the Etheric Body, in the Sun Period. developed the Astral Body in the Moon Period. assumed direction of human evolution complete, in the Earth Period. are the humanity of the Saturn Period. are the humanity of the Sun Period. are the humanity of the Moon Period. are the humanity of our present or Earth Period.
Globes.	Thus it will be seen that some of these Hierarchies pertain to past waves of evolution and began their apprenticeship as creative hierarchs in developing the germs of our present vehicles; others belong to past Periods of our present wave of evolution, and are at present guiding us and co-operating with us in the development and perfecting of our vehicles.
Likened to a Berry.	The development of the germ of Man's present vehicles began in the Saturn Period. At that time humanity in the mass took the form of what has been described by some writers as "GLOBES." Perhaps no better term could be found altho it does not convey to the student an adequate conception of the existent condition.
Ear most highly developed organ.	Those globes may be likened to a thimbleberry, which is made up of a large number of small individual berries. So with the human mass or globe, it was made up of countless nascent human embryonic germs, potential with the later development of form as we now have it.
Sense to be generalized.	Up to the present time, the Physical Body is the most highly developed but it is far from being perfected. For instance, the ear was principally developed in the Saturn Period which may be said to have been the mineral stage of development of earth's present humanity.
Physical body co-relates to Chemical Region of Physical World.	The ear, is today, the most highly developed of all the human organs, yet it is far from its ultimate. For ultimately all the human senses must be completely generalized. We feel, for instance all over the body, some sections thereof being more sensitive than others, nevertheless the sense of feeling is completely generalized. This was necessary in order that the human dense or physical vehicle could successfully fortify and adapt itself to any given environment.
Physical Body seen clairvoyantly.	Ultimately however, we shall see, hear, smell, and even taste in every part of the physical vehicle. Science is already proving this to be possible by the invention of apparatus that enables the blind to see via the ear, and vice versa. The united action of taste and smell is also well known.
Porosity.	The Physical body co-relates with the solids, liquids and gases of the Physical world. The Etheric body acts thru the ethers of the Etheric Region of the Physical World. It is already well advanced in its development of special organs.
Etheric Body luminous.	Seen clairvoyantly, the Physical Body presents a porous appearance, and the degree of porosity has much to do with the temperament and character of the individual. Some have great porosity and therefore great power to absorb vitality and also unfortunately to absorb conditions of environment, which react favorably or unfavorably upon the individual according to the nature of each.
"Going to sleep."	Others are not so porous, and are known in the world as "hard to penetrate," that is, it is difficult to penetrate them by the power of thought, influence, environment or by any other avenue.
	The Etheric Body on the other hand presents a luminous appearance, as of countless myriads of luminous "points." When the Physical and Etheric Bodies are concentric with each other, the luminous points of the Etheric Body fit exactly into the porous orifices of the Physical Body. Thus when a portion of the body, say the arm or leg, "goes to sleep" as we say, it is because the Etheric Body by the shutting off of the nerve action of that part of the body, has ceased to remain concentric and vitality supplied by the Etheric Body also ceases.