

# Martinist Order

## First Degree - Associate

1913

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### Opening

*NB No Lodge can not be opened without seven members are present; die can not perform any work until the Unknown Philosopher is in his chair. All works, except the graduation degrees, readings specifications, take place in the philosophical House.*

*Brothers gathered in the Lobby Court.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER, striking a blow:* Brethren, why are we here?

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* For us to deliver research operations of Nature, Most Wise.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* This is our purpose, we will visit the House of Education. Guard, approach and give the word semi password. *This order is executed.* Go take your place outside the door of the House Education and collect the password when entering Brothers. F :: second Master of Ceremonies, call the Brothers to order and lead them in their place.

*The SECOND MASTER OF CEREMONIES:* Attention Brethren.

Enter.

*FF: f :: orment single file. The Second Master of Cer e ceremonies the con product, each member gives a low voice the word semi passes Guard stationed outside the door to the right of the Brothers. All officers, except the Second Master of Ceremonies and the Marshal, remain in the vestibule. FF :: are brought to their regular places and remain standing. All badges and wear masks. When everything is in order, the officers are announced by three shots given by the Marshal. :: Each F turns the tip of his sword high to low. Officers received by the Marshal, come by the laboratory in the order following: The Marshal and the First Master of Ceremonies, individually, the First and Second introducers, together, the Master of Justice, alone the Second and Third assessors together the First Assessor, one to the right and deva n t Unknown Philosopher which is followed by the Treasurers, together, the Expert closes the procession. In the East, the First Master of Ceremonies, Speaker, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Master of Justice and the Philosopher Unknown pr ennent places. The President sits. The rest of the procession into the South, the West and the North, until all the officers have earned their respective places.*

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN hits a shot, all members of the Lodge's' asseoient.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER, striking a blow:* Unknown Brother, we are adequately protected against the curiosity of the uninitiated?

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER once:* Brother Expert, cross access the philosophique room, tell the guard that this Lodge will be opened in the first degree, and collect word password Brothers.

*The Expert five shots hit the introducers are approaching the place of the expert, and all three are around the Lodge, the Expert gathering word of the first degree, etc..*

*EXPERT:* The area around the room are empty, the echoes remain silent, the Guard is at his post, and all present were Martinists password.

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* Give me the password *that order is executed*.

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER once:* *The officers resumed their places:* Most Wise, we are properly

protected.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Unknown Brother, are you Marti ist?

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* I am a philosopher of the Unit, Most Wise.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* A Martinists when they begin their work?

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* The work of a Martinist is never interrupted, Most Wise.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Why?

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* Because the purpose it proposes demand the constant use of his faculties, except during moments of rest required by the body weakness of his physical nature.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* And when are these moments of rest that body agree to our traditions Martinist?

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* When the sun, visible manifestation of the invisible center of all life and all light, spreads on each creature its invigorating influence.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* When the Martinist is it then the more eager to work?

*The BROTHER UNKNOWN:* During times of physical darkness in the deep silence of meditation, when Enlightenment, entering the same Nature Center, discovered the source of all kinds and of all truth, and united in spirit with virtuous agents Pessome.

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN:* Q ual time is it?

*Twelve shots are hit slowly on a gong sound.*

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* It's midnight at the uninitiated, but the intellectual sun rises over this meeting.

*Here the focus is on fire.*

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN three raps; Brothers rise:* Brothers, united in body, are united in life and in spirit invoked quons influences the Invisible, because light visible dazzles our eyes.

*The Brotherhood, except Council form a triangle around the central Pentacle, the point towards the east, they are kneeling and hands come together, each giving his F :: right hand and left its F :: the left hand right, right arm raised and his head bowed. Soft music.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Come to us, O-Noudo Raabts!

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* Come, O Ieoschouah Omeros!

*The INSIDER BROTHER:* On behalf of Iodine-Hey-Hey-Shin-Vau.

*The PARTNER BROTHER:* For INRI, Amen

*Silence.*

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN three raps slowly.*

*The BROTHER UNKNOWN three raps slowly.*

*The BROTHER INSIDER hits a shot.*

*The music stops, the brothers return to their places lenterment.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Brothers, on behalf of the Supreme Con cil of the Martinist Order, I declare the Lodge ... n ° ... open in due form. Together, my brothers, by the sign ... the Battery ... Cheer ....

*These orders are executed.* Second Master of Ceremonies, tell the Guard. *Order is executed.*

## **Applications Introduction**

*All requests initiation are sent by post to the Unknown Philosopher and signed by the candidate and two members of the Lodge.*

*Applications are read at the next regular monthly Attire, are names of candidates being kept secret.*

*Committees of investigation, consisting of three members are appointed and suited to the following requirement:*

*We pledge our word of honor, that is sacred, not to disclose the names of the applicants, the morality of which we have a mission to investigate.*

*The names and addresses of the candidates are given Committees in sealed envelopes. These committees have, at the next regular monthly Held, provided a detailed and comprehensive report, candidates are scrutiné e s by members. If successful, applicants are notified by the signatories to their demands, which introduced into the Lodge.*

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN, u n blow:* Brother second Master of Ceremonies, please check if there is not a candidate who expects the effect of receiving the benefits of lights.

*The Second Master of Ceremonies leaves the House, after hitting two shots at the door. On his return to the lodge, he goes to the middle of the room, dev ant the Pentacle, made the sign and, addressing the Tr oh no, said:* Very wise, it is a candidate for the lights.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Has it been duly elected?

*2<sup>e</sup> MC:* It was.

*PH UNKNOWN ILOSOPHE:* What proof do you have?

*2<sup>e</sup> MC:* His presence here, along with two honorable Brothers of this Lodge, and the promise here.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER, u n blow:* Brother first Master of Ceremonies, give me that promise.

*Order is executed.*

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN reading :*

## **Obligation**

"I, hereby solemnly promise and swear never to reveal the name of my Offeror, nor any secret ceremonies, or any of the rituals, symbols, sacred words, passwords, signs, or any of the secrets or mysteries of the Order Martinist anyone will not be recognized by me, after careful consideration of the degree, as é as a member of the Order. I promise and swear, in addition, promptly execute the orders of this Lodge or any other lodge that I could become a member, and the orders of the Grand Council of the country or the Supreme Council, and obey their delegates . Furthermore, I promise and swear to observe the teachings of Martinism and endeavor to enjoy for the greater glory of God and my fellows. For the faithful observance of this obligation I pledge my word of honor, which is sacred, and I voluntarily affix my signature does varietur to said engagement.

*Signature ...*

*Signed F :::*

*Signed F ::: Court. ..., Lodge ... N ° ... of ...*

*Signed: (Guard) This ... day ... months. .. an ...*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Brethren, you have heard the promise of this Man of Desire you duly elected, but if you object to about his initiation, there is still time to pr é introduce ... Brother Speaker, what's your conclusion?

*SPEAKER:* Most Wise, I conclude that it is received.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER* second Brother Master of Ceremonies, please know that the candidate

will be awarded according to the Rites and Customs of our Venerable Order, and invite them to submit to it heartily.

*The order is executed. On his return to the Lodge, the Second Master of Ceremonies is the center of the room, in front of the Pentacle, and, addressing the throne, he said : Very Wise, your order is executed.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER, u n blow. The Second Master of Ceremonies takes his place. Once: .* Brother Expert, retreat to the laboratory with the Brothers introducers and prepare Candidate *The Order is executed.* Brothers, you put on robes and insignia of the Order to receive the Candidate Light.

*Preparation: The candidate is de pouillé its external ornaments, his right arm is exposed and blindfolded.*

*Reception: It directs the candidate to hit as he pleases at the door of the Lodge, which is wrapped in semi-darkness. No response from inside. The greatest silence is observed in the Lodge. After a few moments, the candidate is forced to hit harder and longer, when suddenly, and before the candidate strikes for the third time, the door moves and opens wide, and four people come forward slowly and are six times around the center. In the third round undertakes the following dialogue:*

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN:* Brother Partner, what time is it?

*The PARTNER BROTHER:* The East radiates glory. The sun rises. The eye of the world will open. the truth will appear.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Brother Initiate, the sun does it obscure to the uninitiated? Does he deny the warmth and life to the ignorant? Does not it distribute its beneficial influence on the wicked?

*The INSIDER BROTHER:* Sun, visible manifestation of the invisible center of all life and of all Light, do not refuse anyone his astral influences, and be just creates receives a ray of substance divine.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Unknown Brother, why the truth is not it evident? Why should we refuse to participate in its influence Rights of Desire?

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* The sun rises! As s e dissipate the shadows of the night, let them tear the veils that hide the Divine Truth.

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN slowly three raps.*

*The BROTHER UNKNOWN slowly three raps.*

*The BROTHER INSIDER hits a shot.*

*The previous dialog is set so that the candidate begins the 6<sup>th</sup> round when the seven blows to hit. Arriving at the place of Brother Partner, the procession stops, and the Brother Partner, plunging the right arm of Candidate in a box i will sand, said:*

*The PARTNER BROTHER:* " In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth was formless and empty. "

*The procession moves forward, and at a height of Brother Initiate, stops for a second time.*

*The INSIDER BROTHER:* " These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before that there had earth, and every herb of the field before they had grown. For the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth, but a mist went up from the earth *Here poured water into the right hand of the Candidate or his arm is immersed in a tank containing water* and water the whole surface of the earth. "

*The four people come forward to the Unknown Brother.*

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* "I t the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. "

*The Unknown Brother down from his seat and, seizing the candidate by the right arm, the square in front of the East and slowly into the center of the pentacle, saying: "I t the Lord God plants a garden in Eden . towards the east, and there he put the man he had form. "*

*The Unknown Brother returns to his seat in the West and strike a blow. Ex pert and the introducers are a step behind the candidate.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* No origin is greater than the man, because he is the oldest of all the beings of Nature. It existed long before the appearance of the lower seeds, although it has been place on earth long after them.

But what stood high above all living beings is that they had their origin in a father and a mother, while he, Man, was derived directly from the divine breath.

The functions of these creatures were all inferior to his.

The task of the Divine Man was to combat the causes of the disorder, to establish on their ruins the sublime Unit Peace, while the duty of these inferior beings was to obey man.

But as these struggles with unstable governments, pouvalent be very dangerous for the Heavenly Man, he was protected by armor impenetrable *Here the Candidate is coated with an open bag where only his head and feet out, he is attached so as to prevent him from making big not* that he could use in different ways, and he was asked to multiply copies of all copies of the original.

In addition, he received a spear made of four metals together in such a perfect combination that since the world began, no one has ever been able to separate *It tends to Candidate, for him to grasp, despite its bag, a small stick or a flaming sword or something representing a spear.* This launches had the power to burn like fire itself, it was so slender that nothing lul was impenetrable, and so agile that always ell e knocked at two places in the same time.

These advantages, coupled with many other donations, made the great and powerful man.

It is in this delightful place, living the happiness of man and his glorious throne, he was never happy and invincible because, having been ordered to occupy the center, he could there, observe all safety what was happening around him, and thus "see" all the tricks and all the movements of his opponents, but that they never should discover.

As long as he occupied the place that God had assigned him. Rights retained its natural superiority and enjoys peace and happiness incomprehensible to men of our present condition.

*Silence: The Candidate is gently removed from the center and leads off the Pentacle.*

But no sooner had he left the center, where the forces are perfectly balanced, it soon ceased to be the Master, another officer was sent to take his place, and the man fell into the vortex of deadly force.

*At that time, the brothers soar in confusion out of their places, imitating all sorts of noises, whistling, cr i ing, striking the blades of their swords as to simulate in combat, the organ sounded its top rated low noise of thunder simulates the way of stones rolling down an inclined plane, etc.. etc.. It spins quickly Candidate year and stopped the throne of the Unknown Philosopher, who gets his speech :* So man, having been ignominiously stripped of his rights, was cast in the region of fathers and mothers, where Since then, he remained *poor and deprived* , in pain and sorrow to me it to lower nature beings, constantly prey to the most abject defects, the most hideous passions.

*Here we remove the bandage that reco u want vrait of the Candidate, which sees around him, including red and green flames, the Brothers threatening their swords some wear hideous masks, but not grotesque, all somblent LOANS to kill the candidate. A few moments later, the band is placed over his eyes, and the Unknown Philosopher continued :* It is hardly possible to imagine a more pitiful and provided more sad than unhappy man at the time of his fall. Not only had he lost the invincible lance that no power could resist, but this wonderful armor that protected fainted *It removes the bag over the candidate* and was replaced by another, which is not as impenetrable as the first, became for him a source of constant danger, so that, having always, as in the beginning, the same enemies to fight, he was much more exposed to their blows.



However, as the punishing Father wished not remove all hope his creature *fallen* and completely surrender to the fury of his enemies.

Moved by repentance and shame of man, he allowed that, by well-directed efforts, man could recover his happiness first condition, but only after having *regained* possession of the spear lost that had been entrusted to the Being by which Man had been driven from *Center of the Universe* .

*At this moment. the candidate is placed in front of the West, the blindfold is removed and the Newbie sees before him, a tall column of fire rising from the center of the Pentagram or eu Sister is wearing a white dress and gold, to appear a cherub, and brandishing a flaming sword or throwing lightning to the Candidate. The headband is and replace the candidate is again facing the East. The Unknown*

*Philosopher continued:* So the *research* of this unique weapon committed men since the fall of the Heavenly Man: e t he s continued every day this long and sad looking, because it is the *recovery* this object *lost* that depends on their reintegration into their original rights and thus enjoy us again prerogatives and favors which they were intended.

You should not be surprised at the many resources left to the man despite his disobedience, it is the hand of a Father who punished, but it is also the heart of a Father who watches over him, even when justice condemns the fallen creature to be banished from the presence of his Creator. Because the place whence man is ready with such wisdom that retracing his steps and following the same routes that have lost, it is certain to return to its original position again invested everything he was stripped and be in this central point, where only he is able to have some power and enjoy some rest.

This is the allegorical story of the origin of man and his degeneration when failed to obey the original Act, the Law of Unity, the Law of God.

For this table, we tried to lead you to the source of all the weaknesses and all the best of humanity, and we've indicated - *mysteriously* , it is true - the means to overcome and conquer.

A pr e feel, you'll be taken back to the laboratory. Take your clothes and accompany the Expert in the Philosophical Chamber Instruction.

*The Candidate shall be renewed at the Laboratory, then returned to the lodge, but the chamber Guard or the Court.*

*During his absence the Lodge, the treasurers have prepared the altar at the foot of the Throne, Torches lit and placed the Charter of the first degree instead Occupied by the M aster of Ceremonies who now stands to the right of the Philosopher Unknown. Vis-à-vis the altar is placed a throne for the Candidate.*

*The House is in tine half-darkness light point the East, outside the three allumés torches: the table of the Speaker is lit only by a dark lantern.*

*The Expert and the Candidate are at the door of the Lodge, the Expert hit seven shots.*

*The SECOND MASTER OF CEREMONIES:* Very Wise ago alarm at the door.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Pay attention to this alarm.

*The SECOND MC:* Who's there?

*The WARNING:* The Fr è re Expert with Neophyte who, having been initiated, looking now receive instruction First Degree Martinism. *'s Master of Ceremonies closes the window and bring the answer.*

*The SECOND MASTER OF CEREMONIES:* Most Wise, the alarm is caused by Brother Expert, accompanying a Newbie who, having been initiated, is now seeking to acquire new lights in the First Degree Martinism.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* If Newbie declare on his honor, not influenced by an unhealthy curiosity is only driven by a strong desire to learn make him come. The doors of our sanctuary are thrown open to the Man of Desire.

*The SECOND MASTER OF CEREMONIES the Neophyte:* By your request, declare on your honor that

you are not influenced by a morbid curiosity, and you are only driven by the desire to educate yourself?

*The Neophyte second Master of Ceremonies:* I said.

*The SECOND MC:* So enter. The doors of our sanctuary are thrown open to the Man of Desire.

*The Expert and the Newbie penetrate into the House of Education and are brought before the throne of the Second Master of Ceremonies.*

*EXPERT:* Very wise Unknown Philosopher, I have the honor to present a worthy Newbie who, having been selected and initiated by the rules, now trying to get the instruction of the First Degree of Martinism.

*The Unknown Philosopher address then the Newbie few words of welcome and invited to meditate deeply on the meaning of the mysterious impressive ceremonies of receiving a Martinist Lodge. After abortion draws attention to the fact that the truth must be derived from a careful comparison of the instructions he is about to receive and mystical ceremonies, the Unknown Philosopher led noting the Newbie that " the desire to knowledge does not always mean the day will acquire " , and so many are called, few are chosen.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER, u n blow. Neophyte sits:* Brother Speaker, I beg you to speak to the Neophyte.

*Observation. -It is the duty of the Speaker to explain the symbols of the Order in terms appropriate to the level of education of the Neophyte and develop his speech according to character of the report of the committee of inquiry and intellectual qualities Candidate However, the conference will include the adaptation of Symbolism to the three worlds of Kabbalah God. Man and Nature , the 'Speaker particular emphasis on the Neophyte favorite subject, or Religion, Morality and Science. The following instructions, it is not necessary to say, are not necessarily Confides to the memory or presented to each candidate all the speaker is free to on particular topics they contain any development that it may deem proper to the greatest advantage of Neophyte and members of the Lodge.*

## **Speech by Orauteur**

### **Symbolism**

The direct language is unable to express fully and completely thoughts. If it meets the immediate needs of man, it is still insufficient to provide for a great idea with all its developments, its consequences and its analogies. As well as the feelings and passions are best described by intangible languages that speak directly to the heart, such as music and painting, even metaphysical conceptions are better developed and more fully expressed by allegories and figures called material symbols.

A tragedy, read in a study, can not produce the effect terrifiant - Great as are the reader's imagination and experience dramatic-as interpreted by actors completely penetrated their roles because, reading the mind, the vital principle of the drama, can not encroach on the letter or even manifest by means of the letter. In every idea, whether expressed in words or writing, it is necessary to consider the form and the first pattern, the letter and the spirit, the material envelope and spiritual essence, or, as the language of the Mysteries, the exoteric and esotericism.

Direct and precise language can make a thought in its external form e t incomplete. coarse and stubborn nature of our Western languages, combined with the rigidity of our alphabetic system not representing ideas, but only sounds completely prevents the essence of thought to open a path through the pure succession of words constituting what is called a sentence grammatically constructed.

The ancient oriental philosophers understood this perfectly and therefore gave their speeches to a broader: for not only their words had a strict sense e t literal, but also and *above all* they had a figurative sense. They *imageaient* their rich language, and spoke in fables, fables and parables, thus directing the meditations of

their listeners to an inexhaustible source of religious and scientific applications.

In addition, their writing was also *imaged*, and the Egyptians, our former masters, gave *three* main interpretations to each of their graphic characters. In addition to their phonetic value, these characters have a symbolic meaning or hieroglyphic and hieratic or sacred meaning.

The sacred language of the Kabbalists, which are based on the philosophy teachings of Freemasonry in general and in particular Martinism was Hebrew. A letter in Hebrew, was: 1 ° a phonetic value, 2 ° a numeric value, 3 ° it was a positive idea, when she was alone, and 4 ° on an idea, when it was accompanied by other letters, and finally, 5 ° it was an effective and talismanic power, combining immediately thought, word and deed.

A simple word of the sacred language contains within itself an inexhaustible subject of meditation that can not find a place in the volume written by our graphics, direct and mathematical characters, signs meaningless, strangled in the middle of a barbarous spelling dune syntax and tyrannical.

To understand the mysteries of antiquity and perpetuate the ancient wisdom, the use of their symbolism is necessary, and it was the first language of man, it will be the last, because, as in the circle formed by a



snake biting the tail end of things is confused with their origin and thus humanity never dies only to survive itself.

This is the first and the last symbol will Martinism institution that today is the ancient schools of philosophy. This Order shall his teachings by means of the highly intellectual method of analogy, which is the only path to the understanding of the abstract nature of God, Man and the Universe.

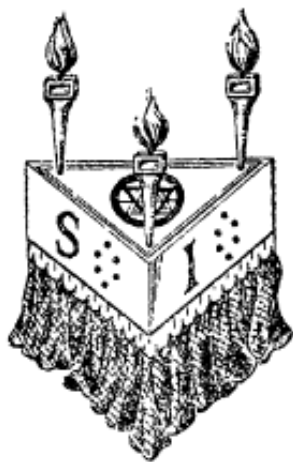
Following the traditions of our former masters, the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Platonists and especially the Kabbalists, we believe all the laws of creation are identical and can be combined in a great and unique principle, called the Absolute, which government with equal regularity the phenomena of nature, the thoughts and actions of man, and the creative power of God.

This is the search for the Absolute, another name for what our Hermetic Brotherhood called the Philosopher's Stone, which commits Martinists meditate patiently on the beautiful symbols that will be explained to you.

## **The Lighting**

See these lights, arranged in a triangle and are based on layers of different colors, red and black. They symbolize Unity from Diversity.





Just as a single light comes from three different lights, and a single truth is from different sources and seemingly opposite.

In this symbol, the Initiate can recognize religion, always the same as the many cults which translate to profane.

There is a Religion, as there is only one Truth, and no cult, it is called Brahmanism, Buddhism, Catholicism, Judaism or Islam, can not be attributed to the monopoly the exclusion of other Religions. This was the background of the ancient initiations - mysteries of Memphis, Eleusis, Mithras, etc..

Every priest of an ancient cult was Initiated: that is to say, he fully understood only Religion existed and that the different forms of worship that are used to translate the Religion different people, depending on their individual temperaments. As an important result of this, the priest of God could be honorably received in the temples of the other gods, and allowed to sacrifice. Do not think, however, that this was due to the doctrine or the idea of Polytheism: The High Priest of the Israelites received in the Temple an Initiate, Alexander the Great, and led him into the Holy of Holies to offer a sacrifice (Papus, The Tarot).

Our religious strife for supremacy of Worship on another have a lot of fun and a former Initiate have filled with contempt for our ignorance and bad faith. The goal of most secret societies è your is by means of intelligent men, to restore the union, this tolerance among members of the human family.

Consider the immense progress that would accomplish the march of peoples to Perfection this Universal Communion priests of all Religions, and then you will understand the greatness of the idea that we are pursuing.

As Faith, Science should see the unit out of the diversity in the scientific synthesis conciliant finally, in a rational manner, Materialism and Idealism.

*The speaker who addresses a Newbie well aware of the little science here expound the truths and errors of modern schools of philosophy.*

## Hierarchy

The lights are based on different layers of color as a symbol of true principle of hierarchy, found at the origin of any organization. Hierarchy is here represented by the lights themselves, and light, represented by the red and black color fades as you descend.

| HIERARCHY | SOCIAL * | SCIENCE * | RELIGIOUS * |
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| Lighting | Executive   | Master    | God       |
| Red      | Legislative | Disciples | Priests   |
| Black    | Judicial    | students  | Believers |

\* Each of these subjects can serve as theme for long developments, according to the accepted candidate preferences.

This should be the basis of all genuine and reliable organization, whether social, scientific or religious. We worship the Deity in its reporting events in nature in man and in the Divine "Spirit World is not closed"

About rights, we find the same hierarchy in the three parts that make up the trunk: the belly, the chest, the head, - which respectively give birth: the belly, the body renews it; Chest in Life, she maintains, the head at the thought that it manifests.

Head and Thought, figured by the lights, are the degree of light; Chest and Life, figured by the red cloth are the degree of Twilight, and the belly and body, figures by the black cloth are the degree of Shadow.

In nature as well as in humans, we still find this mysterious hierarchy of three degrees, in what nominates the three kingdoms: the mineral, the Plant and Animal corresponding to the body of the mineral kingdom Hommeou black sheet, the plant kingdom to the Life of Man or red sheet, and the animal kingdom the Thinking Man or lights.

God, Man and Nature are the three major hierarchical divisions of the universe, and each term seems to be driven by a power peculiar to itself.

Nature is guided by a lethal force by chance, we would say, if the chance existed. This fatal and blind force is Destiny, the God of materialists, symbolized by the black sheet.

Man is by force, half and half fatal intelligent, his brain by his Will, as powerful as the Destiny, which is symbolized by the red towel. The human will is the God of Pantheism.

God is the strength and superintelligente supersconciente name ined Providence, Which can unite with the human will, but only by the free consent and absolute Will this - this is a great mystery that we must abandon your rocket is meditation. Providence is the God of pure Theism of print sive initiation of Veterans, it is here symbolized by the lights are.

But, as these three lights give only one light, even these three great powers, Destiny, human will and Providence, are only single Universal Force occupying the center of everything that exists.

In this great strength, Old Wisdom gave the name of Light, and it is this light, created by God "in the beginning " when the earth was formless and empty, preceded the purely physical sunlight.

This is the perfect consideration analogies, even the identity of the three major forces that must be based reconciliation of the three major schools of modern philosophy - Atheism, Pantheism and Theism - in a large, strong association for the triumph of scientific and religious truth: the proclamation of one Act, one strength, one light, one God.

Finally, the three lights, torches true of the Universal Science, also symbolize the three main columns of Kabbalah, which is based on the universe of mind and body Beauty, Strength and Wisdom.

In the Gnostic schools, which is closely related Martinism, Beauty, with original Hebrew is G (רמון, Gomer), is the moral strength, willpower, giver of life and death, the Good and Evil, or, in other words, social power, the Force, the original Hebrew is O (וצר, oz) is the dynamic digital or physical strength, wisdom, whose initial Hebrew is D (דבר Dabar), is the spiritual strength shown by the philosophical and religious science.

These initials, GOD, remind you that it is in the combination of wisdom, or psychic Religion and Science,

or Natural Philosophy Strength, and Beauty and Morality and Politics, that Martinists come to the understanding of the Grand single principle, the Absolute, which is represented by the point of a sharp instrument, whose name in our Mysteries, consists kabalistically initials Gomer Oz Dabar and, that is to say, Beauty, Strength and Wisdom, GOD.

Applications of some principles that have been exposed are endless. But you only have to develop yourself as soon as you have discovered the route. Meditate in your heart the symbol of the three mysterious lights and their disposal, and Providence will sanctify you.

We represent the symbol of the three lights by hieroglyphs and numbers.

Teaching the Great Law of the Unity in Trinity, the lights are represented by the Hebrew letter Aleph (א), which, in Kabbalah, is the symbol of God and Man. This letter has two IODS (י) on each side of an inclined vau (ו). These three letters, however, for them, are one single character.

This represents three numbers: one, twenty-six and eight. One, because it is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, twenty-six, because it is composed of two IODS and a vau, the respective values are 10, 10 and 6; - eight because it is the sum of the reduction théosophique 26, that is to say  $2 + 6 = 8$ .

Figure 1 is the number of God, the number 26 is one of the incommunicable Name יהוה Divinity (Yod-  
Hey-Hey-Vau) whose letters tabulated form the number 26, that is to say  $26 = 0 \text{ י} + 5 + \text{ה} 6 + 5 \text{ ה}$

Finally, the number 8 symbolizes the divine Universal Unit Circles, Heaven and Earth, the Mind of God.

## The Mask

*The mask is placed on the face of the Neophyte 1<sup>st</sup> Master Ce rémonies.*

For this mask, your socialite disappears. You become an Unknown, among other Unknown, you no longer have to fear the petty susceptibilities which is call your daily life among people who watch you constantly, you're well protected against the pitfalls of ignorance, joined the 'pretentious opinion, tend to you every day. As our elders Brothers, apply yourself to the art of staying Unknown to pull you into yourself, while watching the other. The mask of caution always protect you against the inquisitors of those whose character looks. E t the conduct does not prove that they are worthy to come and look into the sacred sanctuary where Truth delivers her oracles.

You being alone in front of people you do not know, you have nothing to ask. It is yourself, in all your isolation, that you must take the principles of your progress. Do not expect anything other than cases of supreme need, in other words, learn to always be yourself.

Unknown, you have to order from anyone. Only you are responsible for your actions to yourself, and your consciousness is the dreaded master that you should always take advice, severe and inflexible judge that you should make an account just for your actions.

This mask that isolates you from the rest of your fellow during the period of work, shows you the price you have to attach to your freedom, all-powerful in your Will to Fate and to Providence, "this freedom that you can call the Divinity of Man, the most beautiful, the most beautiful, the most binding of all the gifts of God the Man, this freedom that the Supreme Creator itself can not violate without denying his own nature; this freedom that we must get by force when you do not have to be a supreme autocratic " (Ehiphas Levi).

And, O my brother, thou hast not this freedom, which is freedom of the soul and the spirit, and not merely that of the body is fighting against your passions, your earthly desires, you can hope to conquer this independence s i glorified, if truly divine.

Nobody in the world has the right to deprive you of this intellectual freedom e t morality only thou art the

absolute Master, only you will answer to your conscience errors e t mistakes it has made you commit. The mask teaches you to remain unknown to those you get from misfortune or ignorance knows sacrifice your personality whenever it necessary for the Good of the Community.

B.-B. Nagarkar said in 1893, before the Grand Parliament of Religions held in Chicago:

"Buddha, the great teacher of morality teaches us, in the most sublime style, the doctrine of Nirvana, the abnegation of self, of self-effacement. This doctrine is nothing other than the subjugation e t the conquest of our sensuality. Because you know that man is a composite being. In it, there are the angel and the animal and spiritual training of our life does not mean anything other than the subjugation of the animal e t waghered freedom h'ange ... "

Such, O my brother, the teachings of profound symbol of the mask, while others feel you will be revealed if your heart knows the 're poor.

This symbol is the cornerstone of Martinism e t we represent the hieroglyphic letter ' (Yod), because this letter is the principle, the cell, all the letters of the Hebrew alphabet are formed. The General Partner is also the hidden principle, the cell that forms the great body of the temporal Humanity e t spiritual regeneration. The mask is also represented in Figure 10, which is the number of the letter ' (Yod) and the number of Thought e t e Human time t Divine.

## Dedication

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN, t kings shots. Brothers rise:* In the name of Our Venerable Master, the Unknown Philosopher, e t under the authority of the Supreme Council of the Martinist Order was granted to me through its CEO in this region, I give you the First Degree Martinism Modern, the Associate, equivalent to 4<sup>th</sup> level of the primitive ground Rite of Saint Martin, the Perfect Master e t, as a pledge that we will recognize as such, receive the sword emblem power e t force, the tip reminds us of the eternal principle of things.

*The Master of Ceremonies hands the sword Newbie.*

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN, u n sudden Brothers sit:* You are now qualified to receive communications Sign, Signature, the word e t of this battery level.

The sign is .... This is an allusion to sacrifice the Associate must make his sensual nature, but especially to the site occu oped by man, before his fall, in the Centre of the Universe where all the forces are balanced and in which all tend aspirations - ideas that we meet in our sacred words .. J., C. ..., S. ..., which are given in a low voice in response to the sign.

Signature of this degree is ... followed by ... arranged in two triangles, one upper and one lower. This sign always follow your signature in all your correspondence with your brothers. The brand will also be placed on your badges in a Martinist Lodge.

The battery consists of ... slowly hit shots . This battery is given in the form of applause once after initiation, the closing of the Lodge, e t receiving distinguished visitors, twice receiving a Member of the Supreme Council or its delegates, three times at the reception of the President of the Supreme Council, Grand Master of the Order.

The Cheer ... is given to the closing of the Lodge, and it immediately follows the battery, e t whenever it is ordered by the Unknown Philosopher. The Acclamation may or may not accompany the clapping, but is never given alone.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER, t kings shots:* Brethren, I am pleased to present to the Lodge n ° ...

Unknown a new member and zealous. Would welcome him.

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* Together, my brothers, by the Battery. All ....

*Here Associate is committed to thank the Lodge. If unable, the expert answers for him.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Brethren, applaud the excellent response to our new Brother.

Together, my brothers, by the Battery. *All ....* By acclamation. *All ....*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER, u n blow. Brothers sit.*

## Summary

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* The symbols that have been offered to your meditation are likely to infinite interpretations. They are also adaptable to things religious, moral, scientific and social. They personify few items the knowledge of the great law of nature, always the same in its thousand aspects. We taught you three truths which, sooner or later, you will not fail to appreciate the value:

Unity of all Religions, all Sciences;

The Synthesis of Religion, Policy e t of Science for the total design of the Truth;

The hierarchy of the various constituent parts of the Nature, Man and Society - mysterious organization, visible through the manifestations of the One Universal Force that our brothers the Rosicrucians call the Central Fire Nature: it is Destiny say in the World Elementary, human Volonte in World orbs e t

Providence in the World Archetype. Finally, we have tried to enter your mind the need to build your spiritual house on the three pillars of Kabbalistic Wisdom and Religion, Beauty and Morality, and the strength or physical science, which are the three branches of the Science tree whose fruit gives divine powers

Beautiful Symbol Mask did you know the necessity of self-denial and especially the self-creation of your personality by isolating e t meditation that are the first step towards Enlightenment.

However, my brother, know that the explanation you received is no everything you could expose yourself. It is only by patients meditations you will come to discover their many applications. Moreover, it is my duty to burn in your mind that, although the philosophical instructions e t moral to you data is the cornerstone of your future enlightenment, they are only the outer shell and coarse that you are looking so impatient, so it is necessary that you reprennes instruments work Apprentice, Maillet e t Chisel, symbols of intelligence and reason which was given to man to discern the good Evil, the Just for the unjust, so that it can act in accordance with e t unlike the other. You can and, after patient hours spent tireless work, achieve, hopefully, this supreme knowledge that man possessed once e t he can regain the exaltation of his powerful Will e tl Initiative its most absolute freedom.

*Is assigned to the new Brother's regular place in the Lodge and tells him he has to describe his impressions in a future meeting usually in a regular monthly meeting, after the transaction of business of the Lodge. He was made also that new lights will not be divulged after a severe examination, recognition of its regular presence in the work, and one year of activity in the First Degree. Brother must sign the Rules of the Lodge of which he became a member and get badges - except the dress and the Sword - which remain his property.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER, three shots.*

*The BROTHER UNKNOWN three shots.*

*The BROTHER INSIDER once.*

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* O Men regenerated! O you who represent the invisible Divine Incarnation! O Master of the East e t of the West! Thank you for coming chair has our action. Our joy,



strongest of all your pain, loving our operation to your astral.

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER:* O God made Man! O הרשתי our Guide!

O Crucified in the Invisible Sun! assists your fumes invigorating our work Light e t of Redemption.

*The INSIDER BROTHER:* On behalf of Iodine-Hey-Hey-Shin-Vau

*The BROTHER ASSOCIATE* By INRI .. Amen.

*The UNKNOWN PHILOSOPHER:* Together, my brothers, by the sign ... the Battery ... the 'Cheer ....

*The Philosopher UNKNOWN three shots.*

*The UNKNOWN BROTHER t kings shots.*

*The INSIDER BROTHER once.*

*P HILOSOPHE UNKNOWN:* To the glory of Iéoschouah, Great Architect of the Universe, e t under the auspices of the Unknown Philosopher, Our Venerable Master, the work of the Lodge n ° ... is temporarily suspended, and during the time separates us from their recovery, drive us, my brethren, carefully e t discretion.

*The two<sup>e</sup> Master of Ceremonies leaves his place and goes to the East, to the South. Each Brother joins the procession when it goes to its height. Officers remain until the brothers are at the door of Laboratory and form in the same order as before. A round again, the Master of Ceremonies bringing up the rear. All come through the door of the laboratory. The Guard is relieved of his post. All leave their badges.*