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A message from the Editor, Jonathan Ludd

Welcome to our second issue of Baphomet Lodge Newsletter, what a time through the month to date! We have seen our Preceptory in Huntingdon uplift its members to their twenty-seventh Degree with 'interesting' developments for all installed at this stage of their degree developments. We have further seen Darazi Lodge install a British sister (living abroad) through to her sixth Degree and have now taken her knowledge back to her found home in Sweden.

News of our International Lodge (Hattin Lodge) is spreading greatly and we are now experiencing enquiries throughout the globe, as more brothers and sisters begin to join us. What was great to hear is that our contacts in South Africa have now been installed up to their sixth degree and the news is that our South African Lodge will develop throughout this year, which is great news.

Don't forget, our advertising campaign launches on the 1st May (Beltane) with a large advertising strategy that will see us through the year ahead. Pentacle Magazine is the place to be (so it seems) and has welcomed our advertising and input with open arms. In particular, our very own International Lodge Tutor has been contacted to supply her poetry for the magazine! So we all wish her great work with this. So many great things to think about in the coming months, and further great things planned in all our lodges as we continue to promote a one-world spirituality of peace, harmony, and freedom

Alchemical Recipe of Craft

Take one Chalice full of Love and Light
Mix in equal measures of Destiny and Desire.
Carefully pour the mixture over the Cup of Life
And sprinkle in the Sacred Stones of Healing.
To all of which add several large pinches (to taste) of the
Herbs of the Plain.
Blend well together with Dark, Light and Fire.
Next take equal portions of Reverence and Mirth
And whisk well together with Love and Trust until light and
frothy.
Take a sachet each of dried blood, bone, hand and horn
and sift liberally over.
Fold all ingredients smoothly together with the Sacred
Sword of Knowledge,
Then allow the mixture to stand for nine minutes until
The Soul fires up and the Spirit raises within.
Finally add the Essence of the Universe and bind as One
with the Elixir of Life,
To create the Alchemical Recipe of Craft.

Janis – Craft Tutor

Su.endal and Hattin Lodge, April 2009

News and Views from Su.endal & Hattin Lodge - April 2009

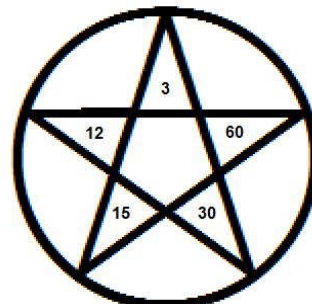
*"In spiritual diversity we are as droplets flowing to the
sea.*

*As droplets of the river we flow in perfect symmetry.
But as rivers to the oceans we are one in strength and
harmony."*

During this last month Su.endal Lodge has seen the
Dedication and Initiation of two new students into the
Lodge here in Cambridge UK.

The Dedication and Initiation ceremonies are very
beautiful and meaningful, both rites meant a great deal
to the students concerned and I wish both ladies great
success and enlightenment on their respective
journeys through the Lodge.

There have also been quite a few general enquiries
with possible two more new students waiting in the
wings, so more about that next time.





Joining a Lodge – A Beginners Guide for New Students

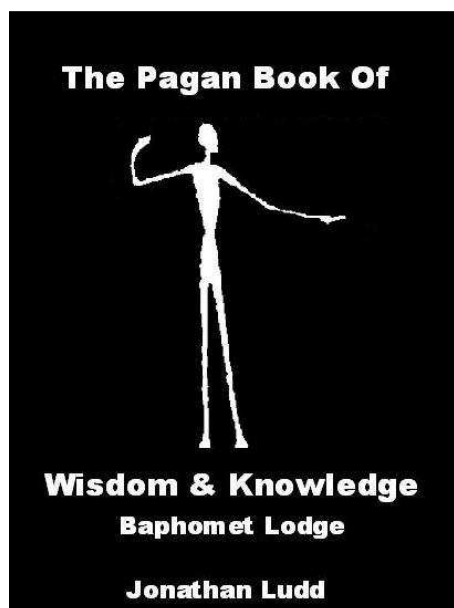
Your journey through the Lodge, and that of all prospective students, will take you back in time to the early civilizations and cultures of this planet, to the ancient peoples who were in possession of knowledge and spirituality that has, over time, become lost to most people of today. You will also be travelling deep inside of yourself to discover or to rediscover, that which is inside of us all. The first few degrees are all about 'know thyself' and of morality and virtue; moving back to the early times on this planet and to the source of your very own being so to be able to move forwards with assurance, knowledge and responsibility. Nothing is ever what it seems in the early scriptures and the first few degrees are strewn with riddles, which do become very clear as you journey onwards. But if you are anything like me you will delight in solving them or at least trying to! The reason for these riddles was often for the sake of protection and safety, as in earlier historical times of persecutions etc and for also sifting out those individuals who, for various reasons choose leave the path early. The word 'Lodge' itself simply means a gathering of Craft and does not relate to a specific building as such and so can be anywhere and the world and the word 'Craft' is not as it is often portrayed in modern day usage, having little or no connection at all to Wicca.

The first few degrees take you, the student, back to the ancient Sumerian times, the first degrees are quite formal and you will find your self performing ritual that has its roots based in Masonic rites –yet we are not Masonic as such but we do have commonalities with the history of Masonry, a starting point of the journey; everything that is acted out has a very significant meaning as will be discovered in later degrees. There is available, a vast amount of extra reading if you so wish it and a list of recommended books is available from your assigned tutor. If you are at all like me and wish to seek out further knowledge on such subjects as why the Masons and the Templars are who they are, and why it all relates to this path from an historical aspect, there is so much to get your teeth into, all of which can be very enlightening to say the least.

This path can be a very bumpy ride at times, as established ideas and ways of thinking can be blown away for all time, it is extremely challenging, yet it is a great joy and a journey of revelation and as is shown on the Baphomet Lodge Web page, it is the path of Gnosticism, the true path of the Knights Templars. Every student will be presented with working tools such as a wand, a staff and various sigils and the International Lodge (virtual) students will be instructed on how to make their own tools. Later on in your degrees you will learn the ancient arts of crystal healing, crystal energy grids, sacred numerology and working magically with herbs and making your own potions too, all in a very different form from the general pagan way of working. You will learn to do spell work too, and one of the tenets as to why 'know thyself' is so very important, relates to the fact that magic and responsibility going hand in hand and of the practitioner knowing themselves inside out, strengths and weaknesses and all. The teachings are all very responsibly taught and at a pace and of a way that is very, very safe. Nothing is ever given for effect alone and again the magic is all a part of a greater whole and connects to all else taught in the Lodge.

It is a journey deep inside to the centre of your soul, to discover who you really are and amazingly at the same time the journey through the degrees mirrors this inner journey, as you discover the 'without' as well as the 'within'. It is a journey of truth and light and a journey to discover the deep hidden knowledge of the universe. It is a journey of change, challenge and of adapting ones established ways of thinking. As for me, this is the only path that I have ever been able to apply myself to totally 100%. It is always so full of revelations, challenges and awakening inner knowledge and I like that. But also, speaking on a personal level, the more I go deeper, the more the understandings become a part of me, I realise who I am and why I am and why I have always been so and my understanding and connection to my place in the universe continually deepens and strengthens. I know I am of it and it is of me and I hope that anyone reading this will be inspired to share this same deep and powerful journey.

Janis – Craft Tutor
Su.endal Lodge and Hattin Lodge, April 2009



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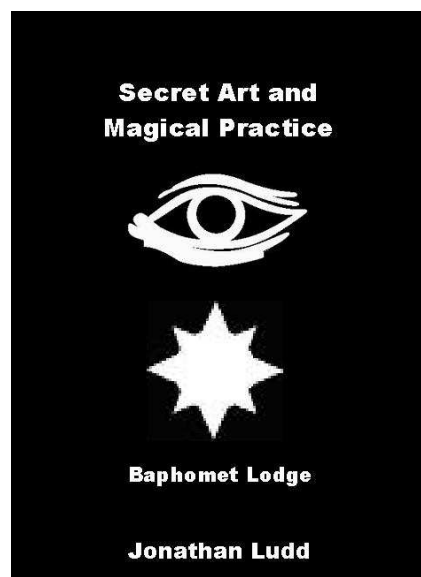
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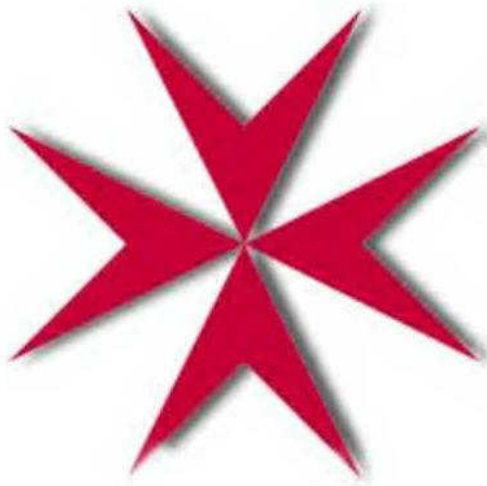
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How to Contact (and join) a Lodge

We have both 'physical' and 'virtual' Lodges that welcome all to their doors, no matter whom (or what) you are. We strive to recognise all religions, all values, and cultures, and more importantly; all people (both male and female). It is our mission to ensure that the world evolves to a 'one-world' spirituality, so to bring peace throughout every region in the precious world that we are privileged to live within. Please take some time to browse through our website, and if you think that Baphomet Lodge is for you, we welcome your contact. Our Lodge Priests are as follows:

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The Seven Alka Antam Principles

1. Reveal the common threads that unite all religions to create peace, love, tolerance and understanding between the religions, and to know that we are all One.
2. Reveal the links between all the religions and that many of them originated in the same places, such as the Motherlands of Lemuria, and they therefore have the same heritage.
3. Reveal that many religions began as pure spirituality before being clouded over by hierarchal dogmatic teachings.
4. Follow spirituality as an experience of the heart, with purification and conscious transformation uniting male and female polarities, to activate the inner divine wisdom.
5. Teach that our Path is of the original Goddess Path of the Divine, brought to this plain thousands of years ago, and known by many names across many religions and traditions.
6. Teach that there are many paths to purification and transformation. That we teach hundreds of paths that culminates in gnosis.
7. Understand that when enough people have opened their hearts to experience spirituality, only then will all dogmas be dissolved, and then a one-world spiritual tradition will unfold.