



# Admission Procedure

Inner Garden Foundation

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## Application Procedure

Dear friend, you may have an interest in joining the Inner Garden Foundation. This note explains the steps of application and possibly admission. Before you continue, please read note A001 "Group Profile" and familiarize you with our website.

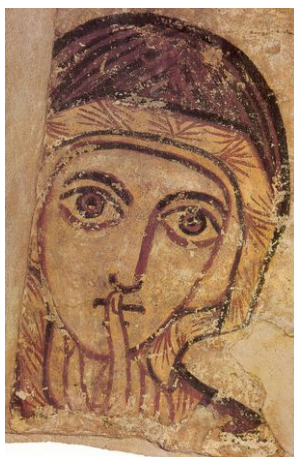
The procedure of application and admission is as follows:

1. Please fill in our Application Form (A000) which is found on our site. This form may serve as your Expression of Interest so make sure you tell us a bit about your your experience and why you want to join Inner Garden. What are you looking for in Alchemy? What field of alchemy interests you most? Pdf this form and it by email to [info@innergarden.org](mailto:info@innergarden.org).
2. This will be forwarded to the Partners of IGF, who together will determine admittance.
3. Oftentimes, a short videoconference follows as part of admittance procedure. Thereafter, we will let you know if you are admitted.
4. You may then either digitally sign the NDA in Adobe or email us a scan or photo.
5. Transfer the one-time contribution of EUR 100,-
6. Conceive an Emblem and Nomen Mysiticum for use on the forum and within our group.
7. Once this is done you will be considered a Candidate Partner. You will be brought into contact with a Guide and can start your training.

We allways have a seat available for the Laboratory course. For the Inner Work course (Vision Quest) there is a waiting list and it may be one or two years before you can start.

## Candidate Partnership

As you may know by now, Inner Garden is a private research group, acting as a sovereign body under the aegis of an old alchemical brotherhood. It's primary focus is the practice of Alchemy and the pursuit of the Great Work. Research results from Partners are distributed within the Foundation so that all Partners can profit from the shared effort. Hence we don't have to continuously reinvent the wheel. Alchemy is an Art governed by secrecy, and even today more experienced Alchemists are reluctant to release valuable hints. The value of being able to tap into this Foundation's knowledge can therefore hardly be overestimated.



You are first admitted as a Candidate-Partner. There is a probationary period before becoming a (full) Partner. In this probationary period you may receive training, and lesson by lesson you may be initiated deeper into the secrets of the Royal Art. If you manage to reach a more advanced level of knowledge of Alchemy, and as you become more involved in the works of the Foundation, you may be invited to become a Partner. This is by invitation only.

With regard to becoming a Partner: nomination is done by the current Partners on the basis of:

1. Proven experience like going through the 10 herbal lessons ending with the Opus Minor, or completing the 1<sup>st</sup> work in VQ (Inner Alchemy).

- Added value for the group: the way in which you may contribute something to the Foundation like a transcription, translation, article or a research paper.

Partners of the Foundation have free access to the complete body of research projects and book transcriptions of the Foundation. This is the benefit of working within a hermetic study group like Inner Garden. Every year, each Partner hands in his notes on research to the Foundation, and receives back multiple other project results from the other Partners. These results are only shared within the walls of our virtual monastery that is Inner Garden. Needless to say we are very careful who will be admitted to the Inner Garden as full Partner. As a Candidate-Partner you have to opportunity to study with us and in time may enter through the gate of the Inner Garden.

## Forum

Our Forum consists of several different groups. When you start out as candidate-Partner you ave access the the General Forum. Once your experience in either lab-alchemy or inner work has become obvious, the other fora will be opened to you.

**Inner Garden Forum**

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Forum	Topics	Posts	Last post
<b>Candidate Forum</b>			
General Forum	145	1191	THE Perfect ... by Guillelmus 14 min 2 sec ago
Golden Chain of Homer	5	111	The GC ... by Oranda 12/11/2013 - 22:41
<b>Partner Forum</b>			
General	11	80	mineral ... by Moreh 05/15/2015 - 18:50
Lab	21	86	Antimony Ore by Ibn Hamda 05/26/2015 - 06:03
Oratory	6	36	Chivalry ... by Moreh 10/23/2013 - 20:02
<b>Research Groups</b>			
Experimental Forum	11	56	Book of ... by Moreh 22 hours 52 min ago
NN-Group	38	259	Alchemical ... by Hydromym 06/22/2015 - 00:12

**What's Going On?**

Currently active users: 2 (2 users and 0 guests)

Guillelmus, Benjamin

Statistics

Topics: 237, Posts: 1819, Users: 33

Welcome to our latest member, Ruglius

Forum Contains New Posts | Forum Contains No New Posts | Forum is Locked

Access to the forum is not a right but a privilege. The forum exists by the virtue of those who share and participate on the forum. Members who hardly partake in forum activity will be removed from the forum without prior warning. There is some leniency towards new members as they may need some time to tune in to the subjects discussed. Everyone is encouraged to occasionally post something about what you are doing, the problems you run into or the achievements you have reached. Asking questions is no problem. Tell us what you have been able to find out by yourself

and ask. Don't be grumpy if you don't get a reaction, just make your question more interesting next time. Forum membership is not a must. If you prefer to work by yourself or only with your Guide that is fine too.

## **Nomen Mysticum and Emblem**

The Nomen Mysticum is a pseudonym, or an Alchemical Motto for use in all matters relating to the Inner Garden. In hermetic brotherhoods of old, members were often not addressed by their mundane name, and more by their Mottoes or Nomen Mysticum. These Mottoes were used in publications to ensure privacy (for safety reasons) as *nom de plume*. The Nomen may be used in public, whereas the name of birth is not shared in public. However, the Nomen is more than a practicality to hide one's identity. It served to separate the magical identity from the mundane identity within the context of the Alchemical Tradition. The Nomen Mysticum symbolizes the highest aspirations of the owner.

The following languages are most often used for the Nomen Mysticum: Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Classical Arabic, Sanskrit, Egyptian. These profound languages are preferred in light of their intimate historical connection to the Royal Art. Any other language is allowed, as long as the name does not become unwieldy or unpronounceable. The Nomen Mysticum is sometimes called the initiate's aspiration name, in that they symbolize the higher qualities or aspirations of the initiate. In the tradition of various religious orders and congregations, members would abandon their birth name to assume a name that often referred to an admired saint. It is up to the Candidate to either pick or personalize a motto, choose an admired saint, or even use their regular birth name.

Some examples of Latin mottoes are: "Sapientia Sapienti Dona Data - Wisdom is a gift given to the wise, Ad Majoram Adonai Gloriam - For the greater glory of the Lord, De Profundis Ad Lucem - From the depths to the light, Per Ignem ad Lucem - Through fire to the light, Fortiter et Recte - Strongly and rightly, Vestigia nulla retrorsum - I never retrace my steps, Perseverantia et Cura Quies - Perseverance and care for rest, Sapere Aude - Dare to Know, Magna est Veritas - Great is the Truth, Sub Spe - Under hope, Ex Fide Fortis - Strength out of faith, Finem Respice - Look to the end, Ex Orient Lux - Light from the East, Resurgam - I will rise again, Fidelis - Faithful.

However shorter mottoes or names without a specific meaning are also allowed. Some examples of the influential Gold und Rosenkreuz Order are: Rosarius, Degos, Geronni, Ophiron, Orion, Rufus, Franc, Ocarus, Vultus, Farferus, Neastes, Homerus, Hegrilogenä, Taurus, Victrinus, Sophon, Orthosophus, Paragogus, Tholon.

In fact it is preferred that the Nomen Mysticum is only one or two words, and it should generally not consist of more than four words. The choice of motto must be presented to or discussed with the Candidate's Guide, and should express the Candidate's feelings and/or intentions concerning the path of initiation. Sometimes the Motto contains an aspect that needs resolution, like a 'Koan' - a motto that can be pondered upon by intuitive thinking. When addressing another brother or sister on the Forum the Nomen may be preceded by "Br." from brother or "Sr." from Sister.

In addition to the Nomen Mysticum you are invited to pick a unique Emblem or Logo. This Emblem is used as visual identification of yourself on the forum (like the modern Avatar). An emblem should preferably be an esoterically significant glyph or archetypal image. The general rule is: the more basic the image, the better. Appendix 1 contains an overview of some alchemical Symbols. More inspiration for symbols can be found at:

<http://www.symbols.com/index/wordindex-a.html>.

A few examples of emblems of Partners and Candidate-Partners are:



## Membership fee

There is a single fee related to membership, namely an admission fee. This concerns a one time contribution. We request you to contribute € 100,- with your application, after your application has been approved. There is no yearly membership fee.

The 10 lessons of herbal alchemy start at lesson 1 with the very basics, but quickly starts to offer a great depth of teaching. The lessons end with the making of the Plant Stone. The lessons are not given all at once, but one at a time, after each lesson has been concluded with success (with a test or picture report). This follows the traditional hierarchy of knowledge, where you gradually penetrate deeper into the mysteries of our Art. At some point there is the opportunity to pick up side-lessons, also in more advanced mineral work. Your guide can point this out to you. During these lessons several of our books will be given to you as study material.

Charitable donations to the group are welcome. Donations will flow to foundation's fund, which is used to cover things like general cost (website, administration), purchase of manuscripts, purchase of publishing rights, group activities, and anything else the Partners of the foundation deem beneficial for the propagation and passing on of the Alchemical Tradition.

Donations can be made through our website: <http://www.innergarden.org/en/donations.html> or directly from PayPal to: [info@innergarden.org](mailto:info@innergarden.org).

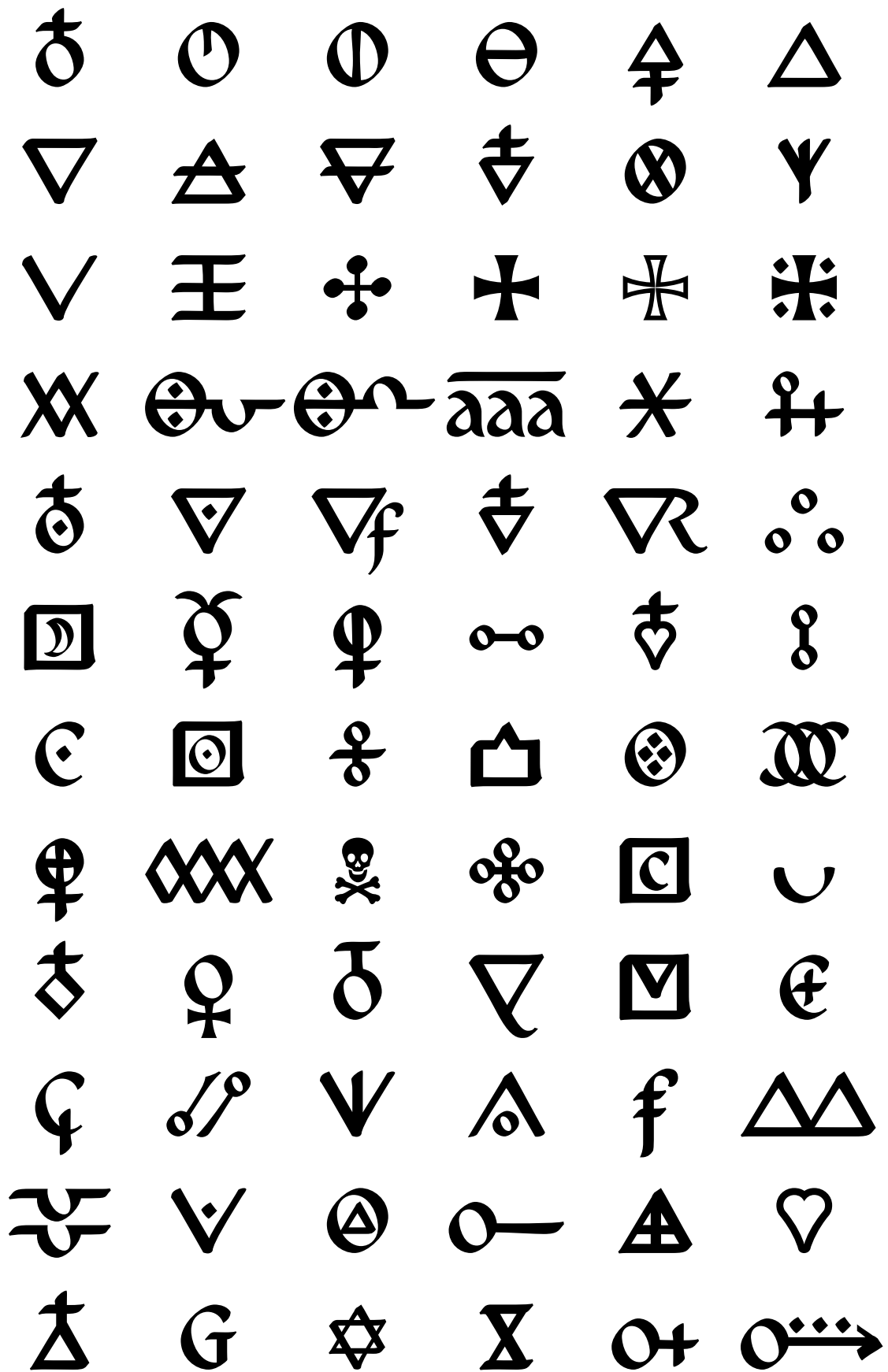
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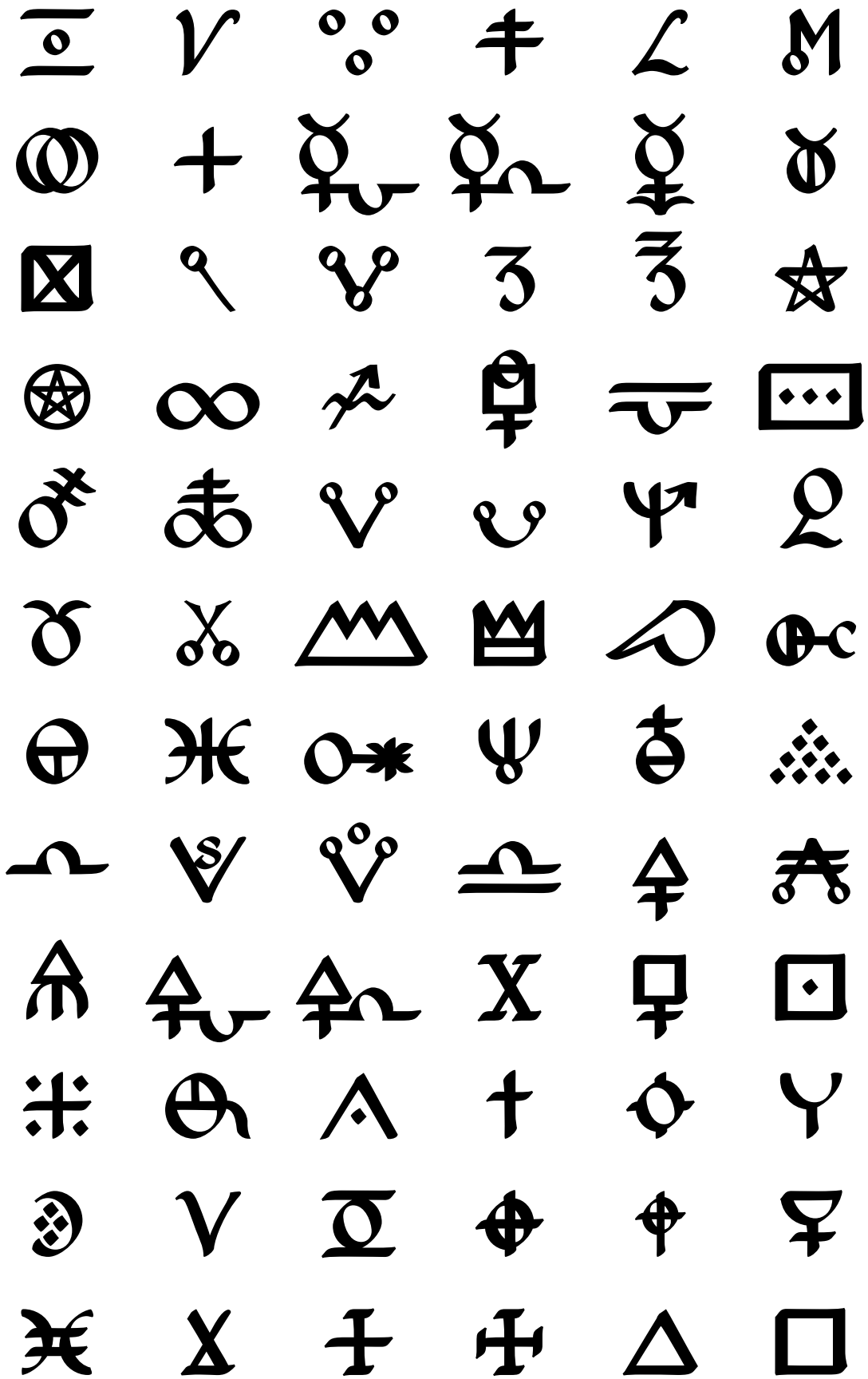
Within the Inner Garden we practice both Internal (spiritual), External (practical) Alchemy, and something which is tentatively called Body Alchemy. Some have a focus more on inner work and some more on practical work or body alchemy, but generally these paths are seen as complementary, through which the alchemist's perception and being becomes purified, and brought into harmony with the energies that present our reality. The realisation of the Great Work is a personal and non-transferable process. The knowledge that is passed on within the Inner Garden may show you the road, but you are the one that should travel it, for better or for worse.

Candidates do not have to acquire a laboratory, the first operations that are thought can be done with regular kitchen ware. In due time, as the student progresses, it will be beneficial to acquire some basic apparatus and instructions on this will follow. This way, the student can explore the path and find out if he or she wants to follow it through, before having to invest in lab ware.

Appendix 1: Examples of Symbols











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