



## Whare Atua Temple

### Stolistes and Dadouchos

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Having introduced the Office of Sentinel, now let us consider the pair of Officers who disappear with his after the 1=10 Grade, the Stolistes and the Dadouchos.

A starting point would be that in the 1=10 Grade, the Candidate is prepared by the Sentinel under the guidance of the Hegemon.

During the 1=10 Grade, the Candidate is led into two Paths, said to signify the Tree of Knowledge, Good and Evil. On entering the third Path, he [the candidate] is again barred at the altar, by both North and South acting for once in unison. Mortal man has gone as far as he may, unaided. But the way is cleared for him by the Hierophant. The crossed implements are thrust apart, and the Candidate sees the Hierophant, representing the Second Order, before him with no separating bars, no Veil. Then comes the most dramatic part of the whole Outer Order. The Hierophant comes round the Altar and takes the Candidate by the hand. Personal contact with the Higher Self occurs, in symbolism. By God's Grace, may this happen in you, 'the Candidate.

After this Grade, none of the three Offices appear again. Signifying that now you are responsible for the performance of their Offices, personally. You are 'on your own' regarding your personal life in the world. You now, in symbolism, are responsible for everything in your own outward life, while within, the Hegemon, through the Kerux, guides you, under the direction of the Hierophant. We therefore advise you to clarify as far as you are able, just what these Offices represent in your living.

Study well the Offices as proclaimed in the Opening of the 0=0 Grade, take whatever hints you can infer from these Offices. Study also exactly what happens in the 1=10 Grade with these Offices, the sequence of events, the placing of the Officers in each Point, the directions 'Given them from the Throne, the fact that, in the Second Point, they function only in Silence, but without directions from the Hierophant. You are henceforth responsible for these functions. No one has any right or

responsibility for your personal life, but, according to our symbolism, you have had direct contact with the World of Spirit!

From this tip, it is now all over to you. For a little space, we can assist you to focus your attention on the various matters presented to you in the course of every Ceremony and study, but we can not interfere with your choice of action other than by fraternal cooperation in your work. We can not and have no desire to live your life for you. That is now your job, and real progress can only be related to your sincerity. As far as we are concerned, we know and trust the real Hegemon within you to guide you as far as your own dedication can carry you, which is to the very Throne of God Himself - if you will!

Recall that it is under the guidance of your own Hegemon, as depicted in our Rituals, that you have been preparing all your life to this End. It will take 'courage and determination' to attain your full potentiality - your courage and your determination. We know, and we wish you well, on the Spiritual Journey on which you now have voluntarily set your feet. It is not all pleasant to the personality, but it is God's Will that you travel that mystic Path, the Way of the Adepti.

Symbolically the STOLISTES and DADOUCHOS are "always in opposite parts of the Hall". Here is a clue. When they state their "Duties" in the 0=0 Grade they speak in mystical terms, rather than the literal Elements they represent, the Cup and the Fires they tend.

In reverence, sink into their Offices; if practical sit in their places, hear their consecrations in the Equinox Ceremony. Move with them as they stand before or behind the Candidate in the 0=0 Ceremony. Move with them in either Grade. Recall that they are within the Temple, while Sentinel remains outside it. They therefore represent something within your Order life, not just the personality which has little importance in the eyes of God; humiliating as that may sound.

Remember that, in 0=0 Grade you came at length to stand briefly between the Two Pillars. While in the 1=10 Grade you started from that mystical point, but the Red and White Tetrahedrons were removed from the Lights on the Two Pillars, revealing the candle within them. You are on your way! Stolistes and Dadouchos now stand on either side of you. They Consecrate and Purify the Hall, not you, and the sequence is opposite from before. You work differently from before, in symbolism than in the Temple of the Neophytes.

If you cannot occupy their seats in the hall personally, do it astrally, in your mind. We have a picture of the Hall, use it! Get to feel their actual functions in the Hall.

And with succeeding Grades, do the same! Get familiar with all the roles, each in turn, identify with them. That will help your quest!

In this period we may indicate problems but we must not solve them for you, for you are now an individual, responsible to yourself.

Of the Offices, you may see some as 'Feminine' and some as 'Masculine'. We refer to all as the Office, not the gender of the Officer, though for convenience there may be a 'Soror Hiereus' the Office itself is deemed sexless, and we refer to the Office not the Officer in considering that function.

In the case of STOLISTES and DADOUCHOS the former is referred to Water, may be seen as Feminine, the latter Fire as Masculine; but not with the usual 'Sexist' concept of current social terms.

In all speculative work it is useful to use the Tree of Life as a frame by which we may interrelate what components we have. Each Grade is related to some Sephirah, but our perception of the Tree varies as we progress. So can each Office be related to the Tree and we are free to do our own speculation. We give a few hints, but no dogma. Exercise this freedom.

Before asking the candidate to take the Obligation in the 0=0 Grade, the candidate were told "There is nothing incompatible with your civil, moral religious duties in this Obligation." The following words referred to the process of Initiation as 'Natural Virtues'. Thus there is natural freedom in the Order, subject only to the Obligation. It may take time to appreciate this freedom, for we are accustomed to restrictive 'laws' of conduct and miss such hand rails to guide our personal lives. We offer hints, not 'laws'. By using this freedom, you exercise your spiritual vitality in the purity of Reality, or you do nothing and stay put!

We do not 'push' the candidate, nor do we await the candidates responses. We trust that the candidates' heart has the 'Natural Virtue' to accept our offerings and God's Will.

**For Example:** Can the candidate relate to the Offices of Stolistes and Dadouchos to the Two Pillars? They sit outside their respective Pillars in the 1=10 Grade. In the 0=0 Grade the Triangular Pyramid on the North Pillar is red, and its apex is to the West, while that one the White Pillar in the South is White, apex to the East. In considering these dual roles the candidate is 'Realizing' the Zelator Grade. On leaving the Tree of Knowledge, the candidate enters the Tree of Life through the Grade of Zelator.

In the Name of A-D-N-I

[**Footnote:** There are some minor editing changes in the above text by Frank Salt to better fit into the structure of the Whare Atua Temple Order – Cancellarius]