



New York College

Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis



ANNOUNCING THE PHILOGI SOCIETAS

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Avete Fratres,

Our College has really progressed in the last few years. I want to thank all of you who have attended and contributed. One area, however, where we still are struggling a bit is participation in non-grade work activity such as giving original papers. To help encourage more of this activity I am happy to announce a new recognition program call *Philologi Societas* (Society of Scholars or Learned Men). *Philologi Societas* is really an inner order exclusive to our College and all Fratres of our College are eligible to belong.

To qualify for admittance you must do one of the following:

1. Write an original research paper. The method is usually to state a premise, which is then proven or disproven by research. An example title might be *Little or McKenzie: Who really founded the SRIA?*
2. Write a philosophical essay or meditation, which is your thoughts on a subject with or without supporting references. An example title might be, *My reflections on As Above, So Below*
3. Read a book on an esoteric subject and write and present a report and/or critique
4. Lead a discussion. Generally, this would begin by you explaining the topic for a few minutes and then suggesting one or more questions for the Fratres to discuss. Capture it on a flip chart and submit with your conclusions
5. Lead a practical demonstration such as creating a natal chart, various forms of Tarot divination, meditation exercises and the like. Can be participative or demonstrative.
6. Arrange for a guest speaker (not a Frater of our College) to speak on a esoteric subject or organization
7. Create a work of art around an esoteric theme, present and discuss
8. Create a PowerPoint presentation around an esoteric theme, and use it to present an overview of an esoteric subject
9. Undertake a project for the college such as the construction of furnishings
10. We are open to other proposals!

In general, presentations should be about ½ - ¾ hour, but there is flexibility. You should get approval of your topic from the Celebrant before developing it. We will fit them in on a first come, first serve basis.

When you have completed your first presentation you will be inducted into the *Philologi Societas* and receive a black tam as your badge of membership. The tam can be worn at any SRICF function where regalia are worn.



Your title will be Philologus Zelator. Subsequent presentation earns you a tassel of various colors as reflected in the table below.

Presentation Number	Title	Tassel Color
1	Philologus Zelator	Plain Tam (black) no tassel
2	Philologus Theoricus	Black
3	Philologus Practicus	Yellow
4	Philologus Philosophus	Blue
5	Philologus Adeptus Minor	Red
6	Philologus Adeptus Major	Purple
7	Philologus Adeptus Exemptus	White

Note that you are to only wear the tassel of your highest rank (no multiple tassels worn)

Examples of how you would write out your name or be formally addressed:

Frater John Smith, V^o et Philologus Zelator

V(ery)W(orthy) Frater John Smith, VII^o et Philologus Zelator

R(ight)W(orthy) Frater John Smith, VIII^o et Philologus Zelator

Concerning Tams, Tassels, and Certificates

We get tams from a company called Academic Apparel. We use the Four Sided Verona Tam (for the four Ancient Elements) - price \$45. It comes with a gold tassel which we remove. It will leave a little blemish

