

House of Akasha, Inc. Bylaws

Article I. Membership

SECTION 1.

I. Application Process

- A. A written application for membership shall be placed with the Chancellor or the secretary of the council.
- B. An applicant must have attended at least 6 House of Akasha functions in 6 months. Shall Include, but not limited to:
 1. A minimum of six (6) Open rituals
 2. Classes held by House of Akasha
 3. Council meetings
 4. Work days
- C. Applications must include the applicant's full legal name. No information will be shared with anyone outside of the council. Applicant can specify the name he / she want to be known by on the application form.
- D. Applicants must accept the constitution, by-laws, and basic statement of faith and spiritual principles of the House of Akasha.
- E. If a member in good standing takes a sabbatical from House of Akasha membership for less than a year they may be reinstated upon payment of dues.
- F. If a person has been in non-member status for a year and a day or more they must reapply for membership.

II. Reception of new members.

- A. New members of the House of Akasha shall be welcomed at the next service and shall make public statement of their acceptance of the principles of the House of Akasha as a guide to live by.
- B. Dedication may be done after membership status has been active for a year and a day.

III. Class of Membership

- A. Officers and members of council of the House of Akasha or any congregation of the House of Akasha will be known as House of Akasha Elders.
- B. Elders of the church are charged with the overall business management of the House of Akasha under the leadership of the Chancellor.
- C. The spiritual and educational needs of the membership are attending by the Clergy known as Priest or Priestess who are ordained in accord with the provisions of these by-laws.
- D. From among the Clergy, the council will appoint one Priest and one Priestess to serve the congregation at the discretion of the council in the position of High Priest and High Priestess.
- E. Together the High Priestess and High Priest are known as the senior clergy, each equally responsible for the spiritual and educational needs of the congregation and community.
- F. All members in good standing may be voted into any office of the House of Akasha in accord with the provisions of these by-laws.

IV. Membership Dues

- A. Dues are \$10.00 per month
 1. Dues can be paid in advance at the annual rate of \$100.00
 2. Dues shall be paid monthly by the end of each month.

SECTION 2.

I. Children of Members

- A. Children of the members of the House of Akasha and its constituency shall be nurtured under its spiritual care when so desired by the child.
- B. At the age of 16 children may apply for membership with the sponsorship of a guardian or parent
- C. Applicants 18 or over may apply without sponsorship.

SECTION 3.

I. Responsibility of Membership

- A. All members accept responsibility for their own actions
 1. Shall not be disruptive
 2. Shall not be abusive either emotionally or physically
- B. Members respect the faith of all people and the right of all to choose a path which is correct for them
 1. Members shall be free to follow whatever path they choose outside of the House of Akasha provided such pursuit is not injurious to the House of Akasha or its members either by action or association.
- C. Dues will be paid each month by each member or for the entire year at a reduced rate.
 1. Failure to pay for 90 days will result in either a lapse or termination of membership.
- D. Members understand and respect that all House functions are Celtic in Nature
 1. House of Akasha honors Celtic deities during ritual.
- E. Members shall dress accordingly
 1. NO SKYCLAD
 2. Formal Rituals: Samhain Imbolg, Ostara and Mabon.
 - a. Assigned formal Ritual wear of a tabbard and robe must be worn by all assisting in the main roles of circle. i.e. all those who will call quarters, cast circle, aspurger, smudger and HP & HPS. These items will be provided by HOA.
 - b. All who participate in circle shall be dress appropriately and respectfully. All Attendees Robe or Cloak. Men - Breeches and Tunic Women- Blouse and Skirt or Dress
 - c. No jeans, shorts, t-shirts or other similar casual wear should be worn during ritual. Participants should ask a member of the council if they have questions about appropriate attire.
 3. Informal Rituals: Yule, Beltaine, Litha and Lughnasadha.
 - a. Assigned formal Ritual wear of a tabbard and robe must be worn by all assisting in the main roles of circle. i.e. all those who will call quarters, cast circle, aspurger, smudger and HP & HPS. These items will be provided by HOA.
 - b. All who participate in circle may dress in whatever fashion they choose that is respectable and appropriate. i.e. can include sarongs, skirts, and tank tops. During the warmer seasons shirts are optional for male attendees. Any attire for formal rituals is also appropriate. Participants should ask a member of the council if they have questions about appropriate attire.
 - c. No jeans, shorts, t-shirts or other similar casual wear should be worn during ritual. Participants should ask a member of the council if they have questions about appropriate attire.