

Oathkeeping Ritual for Congress
September 17, 2017
Theophania Temple of Athena and Apollon

Ritual Intention

The intention of this ritual is to call on the various sacred beings who uphold oaths and to ask them to uphold the oaths sworn by our members of Congress to defend the U.S. Constitution. An oath is a suspended curse that one places on oneself, and the purpose of this ritual is to call that in. We are in a time of multiple constitutional crises. This is not partisan. Bad actors from either side of the aisle need to go.

September 17th

The Constitutional Convention of the United States concluded its work with and finished the constitution on September 17, 1787, sending it for ratification. Therefore, this is the birthday of The Constitution of the United States.

Deities

The world's first Democracy was founded in Athens, the city of Athena Polias. The Athenian Constitution was sanctioned and the reforms that led to Democracy were given directly by Apollon through His oracle at Delphi. Both of these Great Ones have a dedication to Democracy and Theophania Temple is dedicated as a vessel to support Their work and to give Them a home in the Capital of the United States. The other deities invoked include: Themis, the Goddess of Justice; Dike, the Goddess who specifically is involved with oaths; the Underworld Court of Hades, Persephone and the Erinyes (Furies) who are chthonic upholders.

Ritual Structure

The structure blends several things together. This is a form of civic religion, but we don't have dedicated Temples, so I use methods created in magickal traditions that enable you to erect some protection and define some boundaries. Cast however makes sense to you. The active methods are more similar to ancient magickal practices of Judicial workings in which we are summoning the Underworld and Empyrean courts and pleading a case, but instead of doing so as an individual practitioner, we are doing so as an act of civic religion. To do this, we are using the Strophe/Antistrophe form from the Greek Chorus in Tragedy. The lines should be read as a Chorus. Divide the group in half so that half are reading the Strophe lines and half the Antistrophe. The lines are keyed to tap that power stream. Frankly, you need to commit to the bit. Go for it and be the Tragedy Chorus pleading for our country. Then, like a Chorus, read the sections of the Constitution aloud together, after each section holding the Constitution up and chanting, "This is your oath! Bear witness, bear witness!" (3x). The reason to do that is that we are calling the courts and getting them to witness the oaths that were sworn and asking for their judgment about who has broken their oaths. This requires them to be spoken and try to hold in your mind, as you are reading, what it means.

Physical materials

All you need is pocket constitutions. The page numbers are keyed to the versions you can get here: <https://freedomfactor.org/product/box-of-100-pocket-constitutions/>

I recommend marking the pages you are going to use in the ritual for your participants.