

Tacitus Athanasius Rite of Initiation

Tacitus Athanasius shall build a hidden stone vault deep within the Excidium territory. The location shall only be known by initiated members of the organization. Lanterns shall be hung from the ceiling as the only means of light from the back two corners, shrouding most of the space in near darkness. The leader and sergeant shall be seated near the back corners of the room from the entrance nearest the lanterns as the new initiates are brought in, blindfolded, and forced to kneel near the entrance. The initiated members shall flank the perimeter of the vault. Once all members are assembled the blindfolds shall be removed from the new initiates' faces.

Each member, starting from the front of the hall nearest the leader shall ask the new initiates a question or a confession of their loyalty to the organization. If the member accepts the response that member shall ignite their saber. If not, more questions will be asked until a proper response is given. Once a proper response is given the next initiate is asked a question by the next member in a counter-clockwise order. This continues for as long as necessary until all members have asked the initiates a question and the leader and sergeant are next in order for questioning. At this time the members ringing the new initiates and the leadership shall raise their sabers and come forward in a salute, forcing the initiates in the center of the small enclosed circle. The heat of the blades shall singe and burn the initiates and compel them to answer the final two questions. If the leadership does not accept their answers the process continues regardless of the fatigue and heat affecting the initiates. Once the sergeant and the leader ignite their sabers and close their end of the circle, the initiates may rise across from them and ignite their sabers to close the circle of the saber salute.

The leadership shall then explain the concept that circles have no beginning and no end, and that all members are required to form the bond and integrity that the circle represents. So as the saber arc in the circle expose darkness to the light, so too shall Tacitus Athanasius do the same for Excidium and be the blade in the darkness to protect and avenge. The new initiates are then instructed to kneel once more and don their blindfolds. One by one, the members are to ignite their sabers beginning to the right of the leader and continue counter clock-wise until the leader and sergeant are the only present with sabers ignited. One by one, the members are to file out silently from the vault and await the new initiates and the leaders at the surface. The leader and sergeant then extinguish the light from the lanterns and using only their saber's as a guide instruct the initiates to rise and use the Force to follow them out of the vault. Once they reach the surface, the initiates are to remove their blinds and see the full organization in the light of day for the first time as one.