

## **House Khepera and Court Amen-Khepera Codex**

House Khepera is designed to bring vampires, donors, other kin and advisors together. Integrity in our structure and our codex give us the ethical standpoint to stand up and show the world our strength in wisdom. All opinions will be held dear, and no one will be ostracized for expressing their minds.

The Court functions as an medieval court system meaning there are no prosecutors or defenders for the accused. There is only the Judge, the accused, the accuser, and witnesses for the accused and accuser. Evidence will be collected by the Guards and presented to the presiding Judge at the time of opening court. Once the Judge has heard from both parties and their witnesses, the Judge will then make a ruling on the offense for the best interest of the House. All rulings from a judge are final as no appeals are allowed. All rulings will be adhered to by both parties and sentence shall be carried out post haste. There will be no pre-trial agreements or plea bargaining allowed for any reason for any court preceding.

All vampires who are tantric and sanguine that have a donor must be tested for HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases at the request of the vampire and or the donor. Court Amen-Khepera or any of it's Charters or Sanctioned Houses are not responsible for the payment or reimbursement of any tests that are requested by the vampire or donor.

Donors are our life. Treat them with the respect they deserve. Do not abuse, maltreat or take advantage of the gift they give us. All donors and vampires must be given the Donor Bill of Rights and are expected to adhere to such.

Any member of the Court Amen-Khepera and House Khepera that harms or threatens to harm any member of this House or the Vampire Community at Large will immediately be brought up on charges within this House and a trial will be held. If the accused is found guilty by the Judge, the member will be expelled from the Court of Amen-Khepera and House Khepera, placed on our black list and if the offense warrants, be turned into the authorities for investigation and possible prosecution. Anyone that is on the black list will not be recognized as a member of the local or at-large Vampire Community.

No member of this House or Court may start a Charter House until such time as that member has reached the rank of Lord or Lady per our point system. Any member who is granted the right to start a Chartered House must adopt and follow the codex of Court Amen-Khepera, must continue to attend Court and or House meetings (including the Required Yearly Court), and file a monthly report with Court Amen-Khepera. Failure to comply with any of these items listed in this paragraph will result in Court Amen-Khepera no longer recognizing said Charter House and members thereof. Further, Charters can be granted to those Houses that are online communities without having to fulfill the head of that House having to reach the rank of Lord or Lady per our point system provided the head of that House can demonstrate and prove that they have been an upstanding member of the online vampire community for at least a year prior to apply for Charter ship. Any and all online Chartered Houses must follow all of the guidelines set forth in this paragraph from the time they are accepted.

The reason for this is that Court Amen-Khepera has expanded to include some online communities as well as other local communities that are outside of the state of New York and outside of Broome County. It is required that these new Charters be held to the same standard that we would hold any of our own local Charters to and needs to reflect in the codex as such. All Court Amen-Khepera and House Khepera meetings are drug and alcohol free. House Khepera has a zero tolerance for drug and alcohol abuse. Any member of House Khepera that attends a meeting or Court under the influence of either substance unless otherwise prescribed by a physician will be placed on trial and if found guilty by the Judge will be immediately expelled from the House, placed on the black list and may face criminal charges for endangerment and possession of illegal substances.

Mandatory search and pat downs for drugs and weapons at all Court Amen-Khepera and House Khepera meetups and meetings. Guards will rotate shifts at the door for search and pat downs. Those who refuse this procedure will not be allowed to enter and must be escorted off the property. Anyone found with drugs or weapons immediately be placed under citizen's arrest and the local authorities called. That person will be banned from ever attending another meetup, meeting or Court and placed on the black list.

As members of Court Amen-Khepera and House Khepera, all our actions are a reflection of the Vampire Community at Large and on House Khepera. We are obligated to be in control of our actions so as to not slander the image of the Vampire Community at Large, Court Amen-Khepera and House Khepera, it's members, Elders, Heads of Rooms, or the larger vampire and other kin communities. We are also obligated to feed in a manner that complies with the rules set forth in this codex, exercising knowledge of safety and control. Elders and Heads of Rooms are obligated to teach so that other members and learn by examples set by the Elders and Heads of Rooms of responsible methods of feeding, actions and safety.

Be truthful to all Elders and Heads of Rooms, they are your guides. Be honest to yourself, others and to what true Vampirism is. Honesty is the foundation of Honor.

Strive to understand the needs of others in the Vampire Community at Large. Make it your business to give help to those in need wherever and whenever possible. House Khepera must be viewed as a beacon to those who need help. Also be aware of the needs of individuals.

To recognize, honor and respect ALL the members within the Vampire Community and Other kin Community. This includes those individuals, houses, clans, etc whose teachings we disagree with. They are leaders in their own right, and our place is not to judge them. Everyone has the right to their own opinions and ways of teachings.

Creating strength through purpose and honor of House Khepera, ones self, each other, and society. To follow the codex set before you with dignity and resolve. Honor the Elders and Heads of Rooms in the community and learn by listening and by asking. The Elders and Heads of Rooms must also honor the student by teaching through example.

The Order of The Black Marble is dedicated to maintaining peaceful relations (The Pax Vampyri) between all Vampiric Courts, Communities, Churches and Societies.

The Order is governed by three covenants, called The Black Trinity.

I. Recognize and respect all Vampire Courts, Communities, Churches and Societies.

II. Resolve rather than create conflict.

III. Revel in our shared heritage.

Membership in The Order of The Black Marble is conditional on one thing alone: Honor The Black Trinity, both in word and in deed. Members are welcomed to The Order by invitation only.

Each of us is on our own path. No one path is more correct than another. Respect each other's differences, views and practices. The Vampire Community is most important, strive to overlook our differences and focus instead on our similarities. Let us learn from each other, understand our differences and accept them with respect and dignity.

House Khepera will hold its required yearly Court at the weekend closest to October 22nd. The purpose of this court is to review the codex, review any new proposals for the codex from chartered houses, discuss possible promotions, discuss the next year's events, go over finances, and any other issues brought before the court.

Promotions within the House will primarily be awarded on December 21st however, they may be awarded at the required yearly Court if deemed necessary.

Court Structure

- A) Newly Awakened Room
- B) Common Room
- C) Hospitler's Room
- D) Physiker's Room
- E) Ministries Room
- F) Arts Room
- G) Guard's Room
- H) Donor's Room
- I) Otherkin Room
- J) Judge's Chambers

Court Assignments (According to the paragraph above)

- A) Lady Amenti
- B) Lord Ahjonge
- C)
- D) Lady Amenti
- E)
- F) Lady Fantasia
- G) Lord Nacht
- H) Lady Amenti
- I) Lord Ahjonge
- J) Lady Amenti, Lady Fantasia

## Point System

Duty	Points
Attendance to meetings and or court	1
Attendance to yearly court	2
Participation at meeting	1
Participation at court	1
Teaching a class	3
Research	2
Special Class	5
Recruit New Member	3
Competition Win	2
Religious Service	2
Judging competition	2
Maximum points earned by a member per month	10

### Promotions

Paige must complete first half of the newly awakened class

Squire must complete second half of the newly awakened class

Knight to Lord or Lady must earn 400 Points

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