

Aliah

Templar Ascension

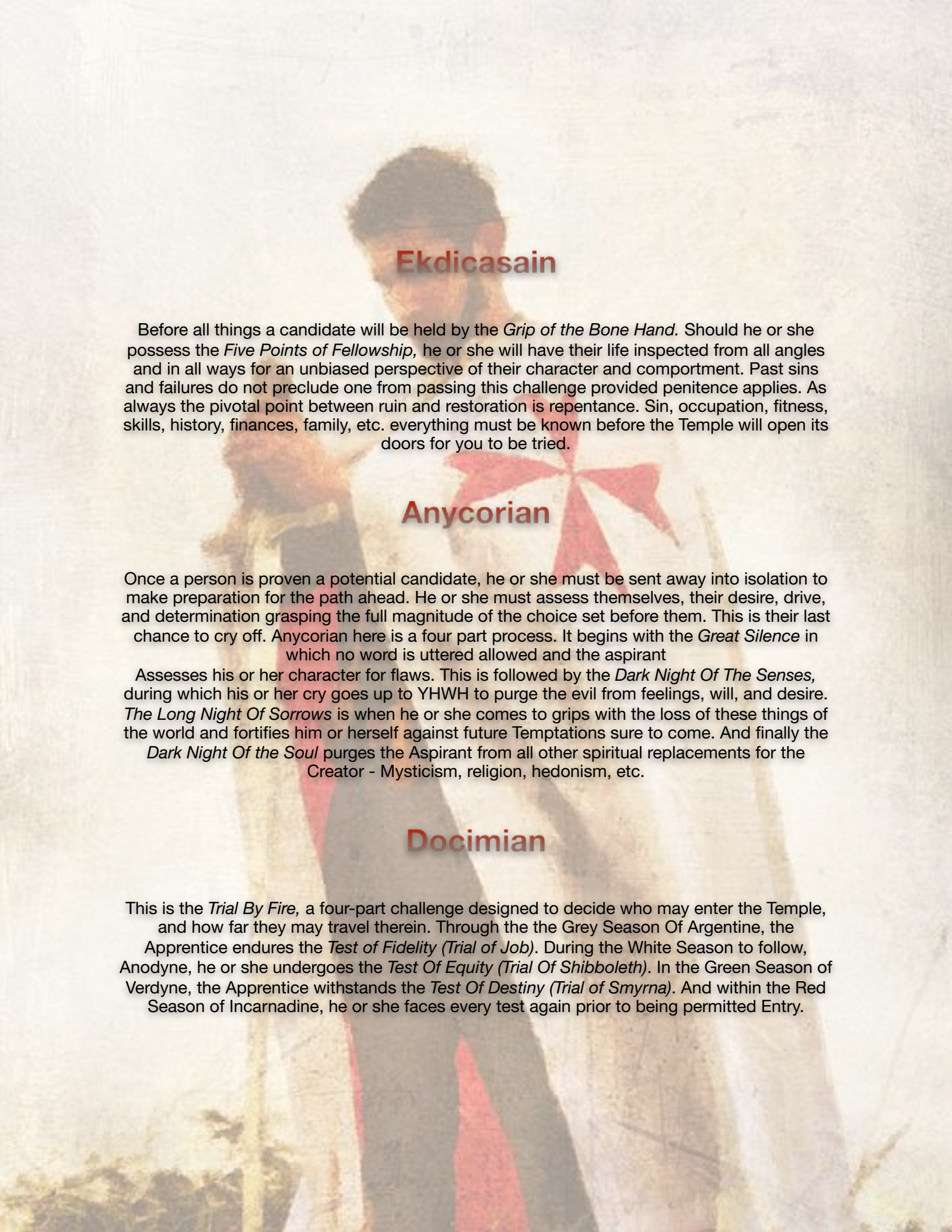


Temple Positions & Affiliations

- + **Gentile Court** - Nethanim & Apprentices
- + **Outer Court** - Sergeants & Serving Brothers/Sisters
- + **Holy Place** - Pages & Squires
- + **Holy of Holies** - Knights

The Templar Way is not for the faint of heart. Ours is a hard road and a harsh reality. We do not seek the simple life, the soft path, or the safe way. We ask for the Old Paths, and we ourselves are walking them in faith and fear of Almighty YHWH on High. As the Master called for disciples, not believers, our aim and ambition is to be the Temple of YHWH, in this world and to help shape all who are willing, into that same Superstructure. To this end, only the noble of Christendom, those most holy and most worthy, these being them which know and behold their own unholiness and unworthiness, scorning and rejecting both, forsaking all and focusing upon Him Who matters most, these are the ones who are welcome among our numbers and the only ones wanted within our ranks. Our way is all cost, loss, and self-sacrifice. And to that end, every Aspirant for the *Poor Fellow-Soldiers of 'Christ' and of the Temple of Solomon*, better known to history and the masses as *Templars*, must of necessity, withstand heavy scrutiny and face severe inspection of life and testimony. Before all things he or she must undergo the Ekdicasain, the Life Judgement, to determine whether or not he or she is a fit candidate for Apprenticeship. Afterward, the Aspirant must endure Anycorian and finally Docimian before being granted entrance to the Temple.

Apprentices train for a year before being made either Sergeants or Serving Brothers/Serving Sisters. Sergeants remain so always. Serving Brothers/Sisters must serve for half a year when at Templecade he or she may be made a Page. A Page serves in this position for one year. At which point, should he or she prove worthy and capable he or she shall be Squired and serve in said capacity one and a half years before being Knighted in good and noble fashion. And a Knight must serve 3 years in each of the four ranks before being considered for advancement one to the next.



Ekdicasain

Before all things a candidate will be held by the *Grip of the Bone Hand*. Should he or she possess the *Five Points of Fellowship*, he or she will have their life inspected from all angles and in all ways for an unbiased perspective of their character and comportment. Past sins and failures do not preclude one from passing this challenge provided penitence applies. As always the pivotal point between ruin and restoration is repentance. Sin, occupation, fitness, skills, history, finances, family, etc. everything must be known before the Temple will open its doors for you to be tried.

Anycorian

Once a person is proven a potential candidate, he or she must be sent away into isolation to make preparation for the path ahead. He or she must assess themselves, their desire, drive, and determination grasping the full magnitude of the choice set before them. This is their last chance to cry off. Anycorian here is a four part process. It begins with the *Great Silence* in which no word is uttered allowed and the aspirant

Assesses his or her character for flaws. This is followed by the *Dark Night Of The Senses*, during which his or her cry goes up to YHWH to purge the evil from feelings, will, and desire. *The Long Night Of Sorrows* is when he or she comes to grips with the loss of these things of the world and fortifies him or herself against future Temptations sure to come. And finally the *Dark Night Of the Soul* purges the Aspirant from all other spiritual replacements for the Creator - Mysticism, religion, hedonism, etc.

Docimian

This is the *Trial By Fire*, a four-part challenge designed to decide who may enter the Temple, and how far they may travel therein. Through the the Grey Season Of Argentine, the Apprentice endures the *Test of Fidelity (Trial of Job)*. During the White Season to follow, Anodyne, he or she undergoes the *Test Of Equity (Trial Of Shibboleth)*. In the Green Season of Verdyne, the Apprentice withstands the *Test Of Destiny (Trial of Smyrna)*. And within the Red Season of Incarnadine, he or she faces every test again prior to being permitted Entry.



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