To join the Council of the Table of Bones, the character must meet the following prerequisites (calculated for Rule of Knowledge):

Rank	Requisites	Points	Gained Perks
Chosen	Arche of Spirit 3	33	membership
	Arche of Power I		Organizational perk: Wealth (stipend)
	Magic Lore I		of I Crown per rank per event)
	I** Primary Skill I		
	Organization I		
Novice	2 nd Specialization Arche 3	34	Organizational language: Magespeak (see
	Arche of Power 2		the Academy)
	Magic Lore 2, Magic Research I		Organizational spell: Spirit Bolt
	Ist Primary Skill 2, 2nd Primary Skill 2		Organizational spell: Spirit Ward
Apprentice	I" Major Arche 3	37	access to Bestow Mask of Death
	Arche of Power 3		access to Mnemonic I
	Magic Lore 3		
	Ist Primary Skill 3, 2nd Primary Skill 3		
	any Language		
Necromancer-	2 nd Major Arche 3	42	Organizational spell: Spirit Bolts
Apprentice	Arche of Power 4		 access to a I* – 4th level lost spell
**	Magic Lore 4		*
	Mistic Lore I, Mistic Ability I		
Mage-	Arche of Spirit 5	58	access to Bestow Invisibility to Undead
Necromancer,	Magic Lore 5		access to Hold Power
I" Hand	Mistic Lore 2		 awarded a fine quality MP reservoir
	Organization 2		Organizational perk: Wealth (stipend)
	8		increased to 5 Crowns per rank per
			event)
Mage-	2 nd Specialization Arche 5	66	 access to a I* – 6th level lost spell
Necromancer,	Arche of Power 5		
2 nd Hand	Magic Lore 6		
	I** Primary Skill 5, 2nd Primary Skill 5		
Mage-	Arche of Spirit 7	85	access to Mnemonic II
Necromancer,	Arche of Power 7		 access to a I* – 7th level lost spell
3 rd Hand	Magic Lore 7		
High Mage-	Arche of Spirit 8	97	 access to a I* – 8th level lost spell
Necromancer	Arche of Power 8		awarded a superior quality MP
	Magic Lore 8, Mistic Lore 3		reservoir or a 1st - 7th magic item
	Aid I		
	Organization 3		
High Mage-	Arche of Spirit 9	117	Organizational spell: Forbid
Necromancer	Arche of Power 9		• access to a I* – 9th level lost spell
	2 nd Specialization Arche 7		1
	Magic Lore 9		
	Aid 3, Feign Death I		
Master Mage-	Arche of Spirit IO	139	access to Mnemonic III
Necromancer	Arche of Power IO		 access to an 8th – 10th level lost spell
	2 nd Specialization Arche 8		awarded the Stave of the Necromancer
	I* Major Arche 4, 2 nd Major Arche 4		(acts a superior quality MP reservoir,
	Magic Lore IO		considered a Bone Weapon, inflicts
	Ist Primary Skill 7, Aid 4		magical Mortal damage, invokes Drain
			with a touch)
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Primary Skills: any Lore, Courtier, Streetwise

The Stave of the Necromancer is made from the long bones of a giant creature. A padded-weapon staff of no less than five feet in length must be made and covered in black and painted to look like a weapon of bones. The staff must bear the symbol of the Council. The Stave functions as a superior quality Magic Point reservoir. As per the eighth level Spirit spell, the Stave inflicts magical Mortal damage; the mage must call "MAGIC MORTAL" when using the stave. Versus undead, the Stave inflicts double damage. Finally, the Stave can be used to invoke Drain allowing the weapon to absorb I Magic Point per dead creature up to a maximum of 20 MPs (the capacity of the staff as a reservoir). To Drain, the member must touch the Stave to a dead creature for a count of 60. The Stave of the Necromancer is considered a personal item and cannot be taken, stolen, or used by anyone other than the Council member. Anyone attempting to take, wield, or use the Stave will take an automatic Mortal hit to the arm.



The Decavi

Founded on the Island Province of Asara in the capital city of Starras, the Decavi are a group of generalist magic users. Unlike the mages of the Academy, the Decavi strive to master magic in a broader sense with greater

flexibility and diverse understanding. Instead of focusing on one specialization of magic, on one arche of spells, the generalist mage finds access to all of the arche and a wide range of formulae.

With the unleashing of enchantments and the cataclysm of magics during the Age of Silence, the Decavi have taken a more adaptive philosophy

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with casting. As the realm entered the Age of Remembering and the techniques for magic were rediscovered, a mage by the name of Decamerain brought to light the way of the generalist.

To the specialist mage, the Decavi seem unfocused, undisciplined, even chaotic. Magic is an open palette to be used by the general mage whereas the specialist sees only the shades of a single color. Because of the difference in "school" of magic, the Decavi find rivalry with most Academy mages. Though the Academy is interested in the generalist technique, its interest remains academic for the two arts are not compatible in formulae, in research, or in practice.

Therefore, according to the precepts of Decamerain, magic is a free art. To this day, the Decavi strive to bring the magical arts to those with talent. With some success, the Decavi have converted a number of specialist mages to the ways of the generalist mage. Unlike the Academy, who keeps much of its power sequestered, the Decavi are open with their formulae and with their knowledge.

The character must petition and meet the following requirements to join the Decavi school of magic (calculated for Rule of Knowledge):

Rank	Requisites	Points	Gained Perks
Acavist	General Arche I	23	membership
	Magic Lore I		Organizational perk: Wealth (stipend of I
	Legend Lore I, History I		Crown per rank per event)
	Organization I		Organizational perk: + Í level I spell slot
Ducavist	General Arche 2	25	Organizational perk: +I level 2 spell slot
	Magic Lore 2		
	I** Primary Skill 2		
Trecavist	General Arche 3	36	 Organizational perk: +I level 3 spell slot
	Magic Lore 3		
	Ist Primary Skill 3		
Tecavist	General Arche 4	48	 Organizational perk: +I level 4 spell slot
	Magic Lore 4		
	I* Primary Skill 4		
Quincavist	General Arche 5	70	Organizational perk: +I level 5 spell slot
	Organization 2		 awarded a fine quality MP reservoir
Secavist	General Arche 6	72	Organizational perk: +I level 6 spell slot
	Magic Lore 6		
	2 nd Primary Skill I		
Septcavist	General Arche 7	87	 Organizational perk: +I level 7 spell slot
	Magic Lore 7		
	I** Primary Skill 5		
	2 nd Primary Skill 3		
Ocavist	General Arche 8	110	Organizational perk: +I level 8 spell slot
	Organization 3		 awarded a superior quality MP reservoir
Encavist	General Arche 9	III	Organizational perk: +I level 9 spell slot
	Magic Lore 9		
	2 nd Primary Skill 4		
Decavist	General Arche IO	128	Organizational perk: +I level I0 spell
	Magic Lore 10		slot
	Ist Primary Skill 7		awarded a mythic quality MP reservoir
	2nd Primary Skill 5		

Primary Skills: any Lore, Streetwise, Courtier



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The Guardians of the Shield

Allied to the Knights of the Banner and the House of Healers, the Guardians of the Shield are a well-trained and highly-organized group of men and women dedicated to the Crown, to the service of the Sar, and

the protection of the Realm's cities and citizens.

Officially recognized by Sar Regenta X in 888 CE, the organization actually began in Sarhall during the unlawful reign of Sar Wescan V, who assassinated Regenta IX to take the thrown. The town guard and members of the Royal Banner, led by Lord High Seneschal of Sarhall named Turun (a Curi name meaning "wall" or "shield"), helped in the removal of the usurper king. To this day, the Lord High Seneschal of Sarhall is still the commander of all the Guardians. Furthermore, as part of their official recognition, the white mistics of Sarhall evoked a great calling to grant Guardians special powers similar to those gained by the Knights of the Banner.

The Guardians serve as elite members of the city guard all across the Realm. They often rise quickly through the ranks to become sergeants and captains of the militia. They wear their golden surcoats with honor and pride—the symbol of the Guardians is a shield emblazoned with a

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radiant sun. The Guardians are the upholders of the law, the bringers of justice, and the protectors of the innocent. If not serving in a town or city, members of this stalwart organization are often assigned to guard caravans, ambassadorial trains, and royal ships. They are friend and protector of the House of Healers and the Silver Guild.

A character of Rule of Knowledge cannot become a Guardian of the Shield. All Guardians must wear at least 6 hit-point armor at minimum on their torso, though chain mail is preferred, and they favor the arms combination of long sword and shield. The Guardians follow a simple code, based on the hero-knight Sir Ilius's Ten Codes of Honor:

- 1) Thou are a keeper of law and justice. Thou shall uphold the laws of the land and loyally serve the Crown.
- 2) Thy city is thy charge. Thy charge is thy honor. To bring harm to thy charge is to harm thyself and thy honor.
- 3) Thou shall always aid and protect the innocent, the young, the weak, and the weary.
- 4) Thy shall follow a strict code of authority and provide honor and respect to those deserving by their station.

The requisites for the Guardians of the Shield are as follows (calculated for Rule of Arms):

Rank	Requisites	Points	Gained Perks
Guardian,	Immunity to Fear I, Leadership I	27	membership
I" Rank	Courtier I, Streetwise I		 Organizational perk: Wealth (stipend of
	History I, Nautical Lore I		I Crown per rank per event)
	Tracking I , Aid I		 Organizational skill: Looting I
	Waylay I, Organization I		Organizational ability: invoke Light x 3 a
			day at will
Guardian,	Immunity to Fear 2, Leadership 2	30	Organizational ability: invoke Translation
2 nd Rank	Courtier 2, Streetwise 2		x 3 a day at will
	History 2, Nautical Lore 2		
	Waylay 2, Aid 2		
Guardian,	Immunity to Fear 3, Leadership 3	45	 Organizational ability: invoke Detect
3 rd Rank	Courtier 3, Streetwise 3		Traps x 3 a day at will
	History 3, Nautical Lore 3		
	Waylay 3, Aid 3		
Guardian,	Leadership 4	58	awarded Guardian's Shield (permanent)
I" Officer	Courtier 4, Streetwise 4, Aid 4		magical shield, cannot be destroyed)
	Constitution I, Feat of Strength I		 Organizational ability: invoke Truthspeak
	Organization 2		x 3 a day at will
			 Organizational perk: Wealth (stipend)
			increased to 5 Crown per rank per event)
Guardian,	Leadership 5	6I	Organizational ability: invoke Detect
2 nd Officer	Courtier 5, Streetwise 5, Aid 5		Magic x 3 a day at will
	I st Primary Skill 2, Language I		
	Constitution 2, Feat of Strength 2		
Guardian,	Leadership 6	72	 Organizational ability: invoke
3 rd Officer	Courtier 6, Streetwise 6, Aid 6		Seal/Unseal x 3 a day at will
	Constitution 3, Feat of Strength 3		
Guardian,	Leadership 7	89	 Organizational ability: invoke Awaken x
4 th Officer	Courtier 7, Streetwise 7, Aid 7		3 a day at will
	Constitution 4, Feat of Strength 4		
Guardian	Immunity to Fear 5, Aid 8	91	 Organizational ability: invoke Detect
Sergeant	I" Primary Skill 3		Invisibility x 3 a day at will
	Tracking 3		 awarded Guardian's Weapon (permanent
	Status I, Organization 3		Electrum weapon)
			 Organizational perk: Wealth (stipend)
			increased to I0 Crown per rank per
			event)
			 Organizational perk: issue a Warrant for
			Arrest
Guardian	Immunity to Fear 7, Aid 9	96	Organizational ability: invoke Mend x 3
Lieutenant	I st Primary Skill 5		a day at will
	Tracking 5, Waylay 4		
Guardian	Immunity to Fear 8, Leadership 8	116	Organizational ability: invoke Heal
Captain	History 5, Aid 10		Critical Wound x 3 a day at will
	I" Primary Skill 7		 Organization ability: Physical Defense level I
	Tracking 7		

Primary Skills: Armorsmithing, Legend Lore, Mineral Lore, Music Lore, Plant Lore, Poison Lore, Weaponsmithing

A First Officer Guardian is often awarded a permanent magical shield that functions as per the fourth level Earth spell *Greater Shield*. Upon reaching the rank of Guardian Sergeant, a member is awarded a permanent magical weapon usually enchanted with the third level Earth spell *Electrum*. These items are considered personal and cannot be taken from the character nor can they be used by anyone else than the Guardian.



The House of Healers

Smaller though no less influential than the Academy or the Circle, the House of Healers can be found in every major town or city and is dedicated to aiding the sick, wounded, and dying.

Founded many, many centuries ago by a Lacian healer named Morewen, the House of Healers holds peace, growth, and community important. Using the theme of a family, the heads of Houses are called Mothers or Fathers and its members are called Brothers and Sisters. The hierarchy is then divided into seats or chairs as if sitting around a supper table. In fact, the House makes no judgment on those receiving aid. If possible, even the enemies of the House are not turned away as long as they can maintain truce and respectful peace.

The House of Healers celebrates the memory and spirit of Morewen especially on nights of a full moon. Such evenings are celebrated with a feast in honor of the matron healer and a affirmation of "Morewen's Promise."

I give my oath by the guidance of Morewen and all I hold good that I shall not turn from the home, heart, and duty of a healer; that I will practice my benevolent art and medicine with generosity and trust; that I shall turn away no man, woman, child, or life in pain or in sickness as long as I am able to share my aid; that I shall always strive to mend and ease the wounds of body, mind, spirit, and land; that I shall never use my art in wrong doing or corruption or raise my hand against another save to defend the sick, the home, or the good. I give my oath and keep it in prosperity and honor lest I fail and forswear all.

Members are called upon in times of war, famine, plague, and disaster to aid those in need. They are often given aid in the form of medicinal supplies and healing potions and scrolls. Members are usually those skilled in *Aid* or mages who concentrate in the Arche of Body with some skill in Air, Earth, Mind, Plant, and Water. However, no member may practice the Arche of Spirit magics beyond level three.

House members cannot take Weapon Proficiency for Mortal or greater weapon, buy Armor Proficiency for armors greater than Chain Mail (8-point), or learn to use Large shields. Furthermore, House members cannot buy Increased Damage or take the skill Killing Strike.

The requisites for the House of Healers are as follows (calculated for Rule of Knowledge):

Rank	Requisites	Points	Gained Perks
Third Aider	Arche of Body I, Arche of Power I, Aid I	28	membership
	Animal Lore I, Mineral Lore I, Plant Lore I		 awarded Morewen's Medal (3 uses
	Poison Lore I , Magic Lore I		per day, invokes Heal Light Wound)
	Courtier I, Streetwise I, Nautical Lore I		Organizational perk: Wealth
	History I , Legend Lore I		(stipend of I Crown per rank per
	Organization I		event)
			free or replacement Aid Kit
Second Aider	Arche of Body 2, Arche of Power 2, Aid 2	32	• invoke Morewen's Medal x 4 per
	Mineral Lore 2, Plant Lore 2, Poison Lore 2		day
	Mistic Lore I , I* Favored Knowledge 2		
	Immunity to Disease I		
First Aider	Arche of Body 3, Arche of Power 3, Aid 3	4 I	• invoke Morewen's Medal x 5 per
	Mineral Lore 3, Plant Lore 3, Poison Lore 3		day (also invokes Heal Critical
	I" Favored Knowledge 3		Wound)
	2 nd Favored Knowledge 3		
Healer, 6 th Chair	Arche of Body 4, Arche of Mind I	43	• invoke Morewen's Medal x 6 per
	Aid 4		day
	Organization 2		Organizational perk: Wealth
			(stipend increased to 5 Crowns
			per rank per event)
Healer, 5 th Chair	Arche of Body 5, Arche of Mind 2, Aid 5	52	• invoke Morewen's Medal x 7 per
	Mineral Lore 4, Plant Lore 4, Poison Lore 4		day (also invokes Purge Taint)
	I st Favored Knowledge 4		
	Immunity to Poison I		
Healer, 4 th Chair	Arche of Body 6, Arche of Mind 3	60	• invoke Morewen's Medal x 8 per
	Arche of Power 4, Aid 6		day (also invokes Heal Mortal
	2 nd Favored Knowledge 4		Wound)
	Poison Research I		
Healer, 3 rd Chair	Arche of Body 7, Arche of Mind 4	82	• invoke Morewen's Medal x 9 per
	Arche of Power 5, Aid 7		day
	Mineral Lore 5, Plant Lore 5, Poison Lore 5		
	I" Favored Knowledge 5		