



Quorum of Faith

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faith, and may not rise above the rank of Devoted Member. A player whose PC is a certified worshiper of an evil deity (other than Dymora) should contact the Quorum of Faith Coordinator at lsj-temples@theshiningjewel.com to determine the faith with which their PC should affiliate.

Enrollment Options

The easiest way to lower the cost associated with divine spells cast is to enroll with the Quorum of Faith in the temple or shrine associated with your deity. Faiths from non-affiliated Quorum members may enroll as well, but the highest rank they can rise to is that of Devoted Member. Currently, there are four different options, or ranks, of enrollment for PCs to achieve in the Quorum of Faith.

1. **Adventuring Member:** The Adventuring Member (AM) is the most common type of member in the city. The Quorum recognizes the fact that the AM is always on a mission (for the city or individual citizens) and wishes to help as much as possible. Anyone may take advantage of this rank of membership, as it is open to all character levels and classes.
2. **Initiate Member:** The Initiate Member (IM) is the entry-level position in the Quorum of Faith. Whereas the Adventuring Member is open to all classes, the IM is open only to those that have (or will have) divine spell capabilities. The IM may use his influence to allow his fellow non-QoF members to have a 5% discount as if they were Adventuring Members.
3. **Devoted Member:** The Devoted Member (DM) is a little more involved with the Quorum than the Initiate. Whereas the IM was learning the ropes, the DM has established himself as a committed, contributing member to the Quorum and the city. This is the highest rank a PC may attain if his faith isn't an official member of the Quorum. (Options for consideration in establishing a new shrine to the Quorum are notated in a later section.)
4. **Quorum Member:** The Quorum Member (QM) is the final level in which a PC may attain. The QM is completely devoted to the cause(s) of the Quorum of Faith as well as

the spiritual health of all citizens (and visitors) within Amthydor.

Enrollment Costs:

The annual costs are paid in full when you enroll (there is no prorated rate). The TU requirement within each rank of membership is to be expended in scenarios before becoming eligible for advancement to the next rank (for example: to become an Initiate Member, the PC must spend 20 TU up front for his annual cost, but also participate in 20 TU of scenarios prior to gaining the next rank's benefits). A PC may not join at a higher rank than she/he has TU available to spend for that rank, even if all other requirements are met. A PC may advance to a higher rank of membership in mid-year by paying the difference in the annual TU and GP between their current membership rank and the new rank. Benefits for a new rank are gained **after** the TU requirement is met. Renewal membership TU must be spent when TU are reset on January 1st, prior to any scenarios being played. In any case, TU and other payments made are **not** refunded.

Failure to pay/maintain the costs of membership will result in the PC losing not only the benefits within the Quorum, but his status as well. If the PC wishes to rejoin the Quorum, he would then have to start over as if she/he were a new Initiate Member, paying the full annual costs in TU, GP, and scenarios needed for advancement. A PC who drops below the minimum character level required for membership due to death or draining effects is not penalized, but may not advance further until the level requirements for the new rank are met.

Any questions should be directed to the Quorum of Faith Coordinator at lsj-temples@theshiningjewel.com.

Ranks of Enrollment:

ADVENTURING MEMBER

Prerequisites: None.

Annual Cost: 20 TU.

Benefits:

- 5% discount to the cost of divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing)

type up to 3rd level (spell cast on member PC only).

INITIATE MEMBER

Prerequisites:

- PC must be at least 3rd level.
- PC must be able to cast 1st-level divine spells.
- PC must be enrolled as an Adventuring Member of their faith for a period of 20 TU prior to advancement to this rank. The player cannot simply “spend” these TU by marking them off the log sheet. The PC must have actively participated in adventures whose TU add up to this requirement, while maintaining his/her status as an Adventuring Member.

Annual Cost: 30 TU and 25 gp in annual dues.

Benefits:

- 15% discount to the cost of divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing) type up to 3rd level (spell cast on member PC only).
- 10% discount to the cost of other divine spells up to 3rd level (spell cast on member PC only).
- 5% discount to cost on all divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing) type up to 3rd level cast upon fellow party members.

DEVOTED MEMBER

Prerequisites:

- PC must be at least 7th level.
- PC must possess at least three (3) levels of a divine spellcasting class (cleric, druid, paladin, ranger or approved variant/prestige class).
- PC must be enrolled as an Initiate Member of their faith for a period of 30 TU prior to advancement to this rank. The player cannot simply “spend” these TU by marking them off the log sheet. The PC must have actively participated in adventures whose TU add up to this requirement, while maintaining his/her status as an Initiate Member.

Annual Cost: 60 TU and 100 gp in annual dues.

Benefits:

- 20% discount to the cost of divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing) type up to 3rd level (spell cast on member PC only).
- 15% discount to the cost of other divine spells up to 3rd level (spell cast on member PC only).
- 10% discount to the cost of divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing) type of 4th or 5th level (spell cast on member PC only).
- 5% discount to cost on all divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing) type up to 4th level cast upon fellow party members.
- +2 competence bonus to Knowledge (religion) checks [only applicable if you have ranks in Knowledge (religion)]

QUORUM MEMBER

Prerequisites:

- PC must be 11th level or higher.
- PC must possess at least seven (7) levels of a divine spellcasting class (cleric, druid, paladin, ranger or approved variant/prestige class).
- PC’s church must be a full member of the Quorum.
- PC must be enrolled as a Devoted Member of their faith for a period of 60 TU prior to advancement to this rank. The player cannot simply “spend” these TU by marking them off the log sheet. The PC must have actively participated in adventures whose TU add up to this requirement, while maintaining his/her status as a Devoted Member.
- The PC must have an invitation to join or possess three suitable certified recommendations or favors from the high-ranking Quorum of Faith members.

Annual Cost: 100 TU and 500 gp in annual dues.

Benefits:

- 25% discount to the cost of divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing) type up to 4th level (spell cast on member PC only).
- 20% discount to the cost of other divine spells up to 4th level.
- 15% discount to the cost of divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing) type of 5th or 6th level (spell cast on member PC only).
- 10% discount to the cost of other divine spells of 5th or 6th level (spell cast on member PC only).
- 5% discount to cost on all divine spells of the Conjunction (Healing) type up to 5th level cast upon fellow party members.
- +2 competence bonus to Knowledge (religion) checks [only applicable if you have ranks in Knowledge (religion)]
- May make Knowledge: Religion checks unskilled at a penalty of -5 to your roll.
- -2 circumstance penalty to Charisma based skill checks made when dealing with NPCs of legal faiths who are not part of the Quorum.

Rules of Conduct

The Quorum of Faith holds its members to a certain standard of acceptable behavior, and seeks to ensure that all enrollees behave always in a manner that reflects well on both the Quorum and Amthydor as a whole. A PC who initiates or participates in activities that bring direct harm to the Amthydor or its citizens may be expelled from the Quorum with loss of all benefits and without compensation. Reports of questionable conduct should be directed to the Quorum of Faith Coordinator at: lsj-temples@theshiningjewel.com for determination.

New Faiths to the Quorum

The Quorum always has many requests from clergy whose faith is not a member. But a single request for inclusion will not bear any results. The Quorum likes to see a commitment to their united endeavor. By creating a united effort, the Quorum might consider a faith more closely. A petition must be submitted to the Quorum council bearing at least 25 names¹ of Initiate-rank members of the same faith. (This petition should include the Player's name, the PC's name, class, character level, rank of membership, deity, and email address. The total list should be sent to lsj-temples@theshiningjewel.com.) Should the petition be approved, a shrine will be built and be admitted into the ranks of the Quorum of Faith. PCs of that faith will then be allowed to advance as official Quorum Members if/when they meet that rank's requirements.

Having NPC's Cast Spells at the Temples and Shrines

Adventuring is a hazardous occupation, and there will likely come a time when you, or one of your traveling companions, will need to have a spell cast that is beyond the scope and/or ability of yourself or others of your group. For divine based spells, you will most likely search out one of the local temples, shrines, or druid groves.

When you request spell casting from the Quorum of Faith, you will be asked for a donation to the temple, shrine, monastery or grove where you are requesting the spell (unless you have a certificate or a module says otherwise). This donation is non-negotiable, and was established to recompense the temples for their services, while attempting to ensure equality between the various faiths. The cost for spells cast by NPCs is provided in Core Rulebook II. For reference, the equation used to determine the base cost of the spellcasting is:

¹ Names submitted may not be of the same player. A player may only have one PC on the list for the purposes of determining the possible interest of a new shrine.

Planar Forks

[10 gp * spell level * caster level] +
material component cost + 10% cost
of focus component + [5 gp * xp
spent]

For 0-level spells, the spell level is considered ½. The material and/or focus component costs are charged if the spell requires a component with a cost of 5 gp or greater. In the case of spells that are available to multiple classes of divine caster at different levels, unless otherwise specified the priority for determining the class of the caster is: cleric, druid, ranger, and paladin. Spells are assumed to be cast at the lowest level possible unless otherwise noted. NPC's who are not members of the Quorum of Faith may, of course, charge you less or more for a given spell, and may possibly be negotiated with. However, many temples follow the above equation as a general guideline.

When requesting divine spells from NPCs it is generally assumed that the enrolled PC will seek out his own temple to have the intended spells cast and discounts applied. But should a PC go to a Quorum temple or shrine not of his/her own faith, he will receive a -5% discount adjustment to all requested spells cast (this only affects those at the enrollment rank of Initiate Member or higher). Thus, a cleric of Sorena who is enrolled as a Devoted Member but goes to the temple of Peliron for a 3rd level divine healing spell would receive only a 15% discount, instead of the listed 20%.

An enrolled member of a legal Unaffiliated Quorum faith that visits his Primary Allied Faith receives the (full) discount appropriate for a member of that faith. The same member will receive a -5% discount adjustment when visiting any other Quorum faith. For example: A cleric who is a Devoted Member of the faith of Zara would receive only a 15% discount on healing spells of up to 3rd level when visiting the temple of Hyperion but would receive the full 20% discount at the temple of Sorena.

As of this time, planar forks (a.k.a. planar forked rods, the focus required for a plane shift spell) are considered restricted until such time as the Quorum of Faith and allied temples can review certain recent events. No new forks will be made available until after their review is completed.

Tithing

The Quorum of Faith, and most other temples on Raia, realizes that adventuring and keeping the forces of evil in check is a hazardous job, requiring much in the way of resources. Thus, the temples do not require their faithful adventurers to regularly tithe. Occasionally a donation is asked for in exchange for information or services, or dues for special benefits [see Having NPC's Cast Spells at the Temples and Shrines and Enrollment options above], but the temples rely on the regular tithes from their faithful congregations who have more settled lives and dependable income.

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