

To the Proprietors of The Sentinels Repose

I apologise that I was not able to make these arrangements with you in person. Friends and colleagues who are more regular visitors to Anvil than I have informed me that you do hire space at The Sentinel's Repose for those arranging meetings.

Assuming you have no prior bookings, I would like to hire the use of space for 12-16 people, including some chairs or benches so at least some of them may sit within The Sentinel's Repose, at half past seven on the Friday evening of the Winter Solstice.

To reassure you that nothing illegal is being discussed, I should say that this meeting is a follow up to my work as an Agent of the Empty Chamber, collecting information for the Trials of the Pallid Charm. I am gathering Winter mages from among the entrants of the trial to discuss whether the Empire might be minded to extend Amity to the Hungry Wolf. I would prefer it if the terms of the meeting are not discussed with your clientele however – it is to be by invite only.

This does not mean that I would expect you to close your establishment during the meeting – providing we have an area dedicated to us – I expect you will do a good trade among our attendees, but also your usual customers.

I will of course expect to recompense you for use of the space. I will be travelling with a small amount of Heart's Blood and hope we will be able to negotiate that as payment.

Ania of Necropolis