



ARMILUSTRIUM RITUAL

Preface

We gather here today for the Armilustrum, the festival celebrating the changing of seasons and of Fall cleaning. In ancient times, this festival celebrated the cycle of the year as it affected war: legions, returning home, would stop outside the walls of the city and lustrate their weapons of blood and guilt. Today, we do something similar: returning our minds to work, we stop for a little while, just this day, and clean and lustrate our affairs from the grime of toil and the stress and anxiety of life.

This festival honours a myriad of gods. Whether or not you worship or believe in them or others, we honour them collectively this day. To us, whether religious or secular, these gods represent *tangible* things. We honour Mars Gradivus for our successes in the past year and Mars Pater for providing to us a humble life, the god of strife in war and diplomacy and the god of the humble life of a father. Highest of all, we honour Minerva ΠΟΛΙΩς for her protection to the State of Sandus, the Sandum Nation, and the Sandum People; she is a goddess at the heart of Sandus and is matron to our country. To us, these gods in particular represent the tangible benefits of the State of Sandus and, by propitiating them in our minds, we hope that Sandus will increase by our own work.

We ask now that All the Gods attend and hear our prayers.

Font Purification

Haec aqua a corpore impuritates, modo simili plumbum mutandum in aurum, eluat. Purgetis mentem et animum. Ita est.

May this water cast out all of impurities from my body as from lead to gold. Let the Gods purify my intellect and my mind. It is so!

Altar Blessing

Consecro aram.

I consecrate this altar.

Di Immortales, vos voco ut volentes mihi propitii sitis. Ita dicta esto.
Immortal Gods, I call You so that you may be well-disposed to me. As it is said, so must it be!

Invocations of Gods

Invocation of Janus

Ave Iane Pater, Iane Gemine, Iane Bifrons, Iane Patulcie, Iane Clusivie, Iane Quirine. Te precor ut volens mi bene propitius sis. Initium ritūs bonum nobis permitte!

Hail, Father Janus - Janus of Beginnings, Two Faced Janus, Janus Door Opener, Janus Home Protector, Janus of the Folk! I pray to You so that You willingly might be well-disposed towards me. May you permit a good start to this rite!

Invocation of Jupiter

Iuppiter, ante alios deos summas gratias tibi ago. Te precor ut volens mi bene propitius sis. In tua, Pater Carissime, custodia salutem nostram ponimus.

Jupiter, before all other gods I offer and accord You the highest thanks. I pray to You so that You willingly might be well-disposed towards me. In You, Dearest Father, in Your hands do we place our safekeeping.

Invocation of Mars

Bellice Mars Pater, deponas tantisper clipeum hastamque. Mars, adsis caerimoniae tibi nitida ā casside soluta coma.

Bellicose Mars and Mars Pater, dispense for a while Your round bronze shield and spear. Mars, be present at our ceremony for your benefit with your sleek, shining hair let loose from your helmet.

Invocation of Minerva

Minerva Πολίης, Dea ferox, magne decus ingeniumque patris, bellipotens, cui cassis verita posita est horrido cum decore, quae Εργάνη cogita nobis est — audi Minerva.

Minerva of the City, proud, warlike Goddess, great honour and wisdom of Your Father, powerful in war are You, on whom the dreaded helmet is borne with its frightful decoration, who is known to us as “the Worker” — hear me, Minerva, listen.

**** Include other invocations here. ****

Invocation of All Other Gods

Audite Di Deaeque Parentes, qui hanc civitatem colatis, audite.

Gods and Goddesses, our Parents, You who cherish this State, listen.

Offerings & Prayers

We gather together now to celebrate the Armilustrium, our Fall festival. The season of battles and of strife has now passed. This is now the time for purification, of our weapons and of our minds. The toil and the strife are done and over: that which is consecrated to Mars and to Minerva now will sleep through the Winter's cold, until the warmth returns and the season of toil and strife will once again return.

Now is also the time to show favour to Mars and to Minerva, our protectors, defenders, avengers. For They are our strength; without Their blessings there can be no victory or security. Remember this as you partake of Their sacred feast and offer up your humble prayers so that They may grant us our peace.

Offerings & Polluctum

Light candles and incense, prepre a plate of food to offer for the polluctum, and enumerate and declare what you are offering and what you are praying/intending

Blessing for the Armilustrium Meal

Prayer

O Di, pii castique vos hodie cordibus apertis venimus. Hisce oblati vos colimus. Audite nos, Di Immortales, et hodie deceat nostra in praesentia vobis inesse!

O Gods, we come before You this day with open hearts, pure and chaste. By these offerings we honour You. Hear us, Immortal Gods, and may it befit You this day to be in our presence.

Sicut antea totiens fecistis, et nunc haec accipite et augete civitatem nostram! Accipite libamina nostra, et mittite nobis voluntatem vostram!

As You have so often before, so now accept these offerings and bless our State. Accept our libations and send us Your kind thoughts.

Donate nobis concordiam et abundantiam vitae! Mars Semper Victoriose et Minerva Bellipotens Matrona macte istace dape pollucenda esto, macte vino sincero esto.

Grant us concord and a richness of life! Mars, Ever Victorious, and Minerva, Powerful in War, Our Matron, may you be honoured by this feast offering, may you be honoured by this humble wine.

Do vobis vinum et panem cum bonis precibus. Precor ut volentes propitii sitis sacrificio oblato his qui vos laudaverint. Ita esto!

With good prayers I offer to You this wine and bread. I pray that You may be willing and propitious to these folk who have honoured You, since the sacrifice has been given. It is so!

Nihil amplius vos hodie posco, Superi, satis est.

No more, Gods on High, do I ask of You today; it is enough.

Now, we offer up the arms of our sort of battle to be cleansed and blessed in the Names of the Gods.

Lustrum Armorum

Haec aqua armīs impuritates eluat, ut pluvia aerā purgat. Ita esto!

May this water cleanse these weapons of impurities, as the rain cleanses the air. So mote it be!

Atonement

Iuppiter Optime Maxime, Mars Invicte, Minerva Pacifera, Di Mentales, si quid vobis in hac caerimonia displicet, vino sincero veniam peto et vitium expio.

Jupiter the Best and Greatest! Mars the Unconquered! Minerva the Bringer of Peace! Gods of our minds! If anything in this ceremony is displeasing to You, with this humble wine I ask forgiveness and expiate my fault.

Obeisance

O Di, reddite mi hoc ex pietate mea. Ita vultis, ita est!

O Gods, if I have piously served, return in kind and grant me my prayer. As You will, so it is!

Confirmation of Blessing

Bonum faustum felix fortunatum salutareque habeamus ego _____ et tota Civitas Sandus.

Ita esto!

May I, _____, and the entire nation of Sandus have what is goodly, auspicious, fruitful, fortunate, and wholesome. It is so!

Dismissal

It is finished! Come forward now and give thanks to the God of Battle and our Matron, and take comfort in this respite from the season of conflict, strife, and toil!

Above all else, this is a time to be merry and festive. Garlands and wreaths should be put up representative of the season. In Kremlum Sandus, this means the decoration of the home with fall wreaths. We humbly encourage the drinking and eating of fall-flavoured food and drink.

Sacrum cum pietate maxima Civitati Sande scripsi,



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Blessing of Meal and Offering & Polluctum instruction added

