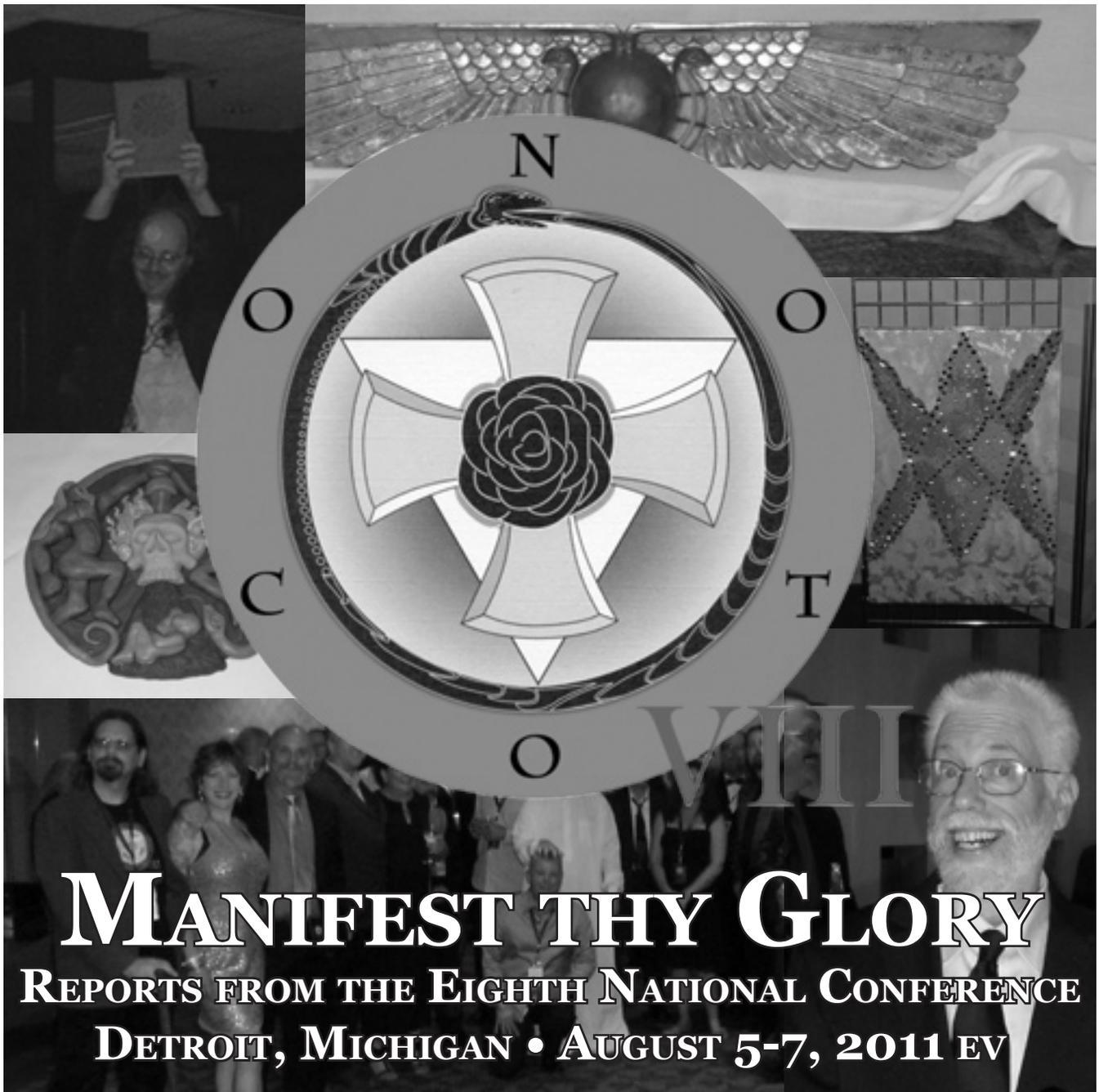


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FROM THE EDITOR

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Care Fratres et Sorores,

First of all, I'd like to welcome our new Editorial Assistant, Brother Terry Murdock, to the staff of *Agapé*. You may have encountered him at NOTOCON, where he was taking photos for this issue and generally helping me talk up the virtues of contributing to our national publication. This brings me to the real topic of this editorial...

YES, YOU CAN!

I truly love NOTOCON, all the more so as I can't make every one. I love the fraternity, the presentations, and the sheer fun of spending a whole weekend with a few hundred of My Kind of People. Of course, this year I also had plenty of serious business to attend to in terms of seeking out new material for *Agapé*. As I conversed with members from all over the United States—some of them old friends, many more of them new acquaintances—I encouraged, cajoled, pestered and downright begged people to think about sending in some writing or art for publication in these pages. I got a lot of positive response, but I also heard what, to me, was a very strange reaction. All too often, when I suggested to a brother or sister that they should submit material to *Agapé*, the first thing they said was, "We didn't know we could!"

Well, folks, you certainly can! Once we get away from the official announcements, as far as I am concerned, *Agapé* has only two criteria when it comes to accepting material for publication:

1. The author is a member in good standing of United States Grand Lodge.
2. The material they submit, be it verbal or visual, is interesting and somehow pertinent to Thelema and Ordo Templi Orientis.

Actually, considering that this issue includes a review of NOTOCON by a brother from Canada, you can see I'm willing to wiggle a bit on that first point occasionally.

There is no minimum degree requirement—*Agapé* accepts material from the newest Minerval as readily as from the most senior Ninth Degree.

You do not have to be an officer, either of of U.S.G.L. or of a local body.

You certainly do not have to wait for an invitation to submit your work. I love nothing better than receiving something out of the blue from a person I've never heard of.

So then, what's stopping you?

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally,
Frater Julianus
Editor, *Agapé*

**ADDRESS DELIVERED BY
NATIONAL GRAND MASTER GENERAL SABAZIUS X^o
TO THE EIGHTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED STATES GRAND LODGE OF
ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS
“MANIFEST THY GLORY”
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN
SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6TH, 2011 EV**

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Brothers and Sisters,

The governor of the great state of Texas has designated this day a “*Day of Prayer and Fasting.*”

Some wag on Facebook has responded by declaring today a “*Day of Debauchery and Gluttony.*”

Given that we Thelemites have our head above the heavens and our feet below the hells, and making full use of my God-given indecisiveness, I hereby declare this evening an *Evening of Prayer, Fasting, Debauchery and Gluttony.* I trust you’ll all be able to figure this out.

[Thanks, congratulations, and news updates omitted.]

This past fiscal year, we experienced a net increase in overall active membership of about 60 members, representing about a 5% net increase in membership. This counters the drop we experienced over the last couple of years due to changes in policy regarding membership inactivation, and I think it represents an encouraging sign that we can continue to grow and thrive even during *interesting times.*

The fifth Collect of the Gnostic Mass describes the nature of sainthood in our Church with respect to our concept of the Lord.

Lord of life and joy, that art the might of man, that art the essence of every true god that is upon the surface of the Earth, continuing knowledge from generation unto generation, thou adored of us upon heaths and in woods, on mountains and in caves, openly in the marketplaces and secretly in the chambers of our houses, in temples of gold and ivory and marble as in these other temples of our bodies, we worthily commemorate them worthy that did of old adore thee and manifest thy glory unto men.

My Brothers and Sisters, *you are* (in various stages of manifestation) these true gods upon the surface of the Earth. “*Deus est Homo.*” “There is no god but Man.” It is *our* shared and individual essence, continuing knowledge from generation unto generation, that is that secret and most holy Lord

of life and joy adored by us and our saints—our Lord in ourselves, whose name is Mystery of Mystery.

Understanding this is the true basis of the Law, and the true foundation of all human rights. Realizing this is the essence of true kingship. Manifesting its glory is the essence of true Sainthood.

How can there be any higher measure of success than to understand and realize ones own divine essence, and to manifest its glory? To accomplish the Great Work? To do your True Will as a god upon Earth? The wealth, status and fame so coveted by some are mere vain baubles in comparison: drugs to soothe a blind ego that cannot perceive, or will not recognize, its own essential divinity.

You partake of the same divine nature as the world’s wealthiest plutocrats, the world’s most powerful dictators, the world’s most beloved celebrities, and the world’s most impoverished beggars.

True kingship is realizing this.

He who believes himself to be a slave is in fact, a slave. But there are slaves and slaves. The Beast himself was the prophet and slave of the beautiful one. One can be a slave through passion and devotion, and never flag in the understanding that one is accomplishing one’s Will in noble service, as very god of very god. But the slave who serves unwillingly, with resentment in his heart, has turned his back on his own divine nature, his own True Will. No-one can free such a slave but he himself, because he is in fact a slave to his own ignorance, to his own blinded ego.

If we know ourselves each to be elaborations and extensions of the divine, then how can anyone have undue power over us? How can we be dominated by any other creature without our sovereign consent? We can be deprived of our money, our property, our health, our limbs, our loved ones, even our individual lives; but, once we understand our true nature, we can never be deprived of that.

And this makes us rather dangerous.

There have always been, and will always be, a class of slaves who will vainly attempt to palliate their myopic egos

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by amassing and wallowing in greater and greater pigsties of material ostentation, who will seek to profit—in their own pathetic way—by sowing ignorance and superstition and fear and confusion and guilt and shame among the people, struggling to hide from them the truth of their divine nature. Like the vampires of folklore, their design is to reduce the humble villagers to a state of cowed subservience, that they may be more easily preyed upon.

They thrive on the life-blood of a populace that has been conditioned by deceit and threat to labor and kill for their betters in exchange for toys, spectacle, transient pleasures, and false honor—things that numb their pain of division, without satisfying it—a populace without self-understanding or consciousness of individual Will, a populace that has submitted to voluntary spiritual castration, a populace, as it were, of zombies.

This is why we must promulgate the Law of *Do What Thou Wilt*: the Law of the Strong, the Joy of the World. This

is why we must manifest the glory of the Lord—by learning and teaching; by reading and writing and speaking; by painting, drawing, carving, and moulding; by song, by dance, by building and by steadfast resistance; with ecstasy and passion and strength; individually—and with our arms linked in fraternity.

Several weeks ago, Sekhet-Maat Lodge in Portland was subjected to an attack by an arsonist. We do not know yet the arsonist's motivation. But we do know that you brothers and sisters came to the Lodge's aid, donating over \$2,000, sufficient funds to cover the all repairs in *one day* after the Lodge put out a request for assistance. Fraternity.

We are attracting attention, Brothers and sisters. Our efforts are being noted by friend and foe alike. Eyes are turning our way.

We live in increasingly interesting times. Prepare yourselves. Understand, realize, and manifest thy Glory.

Love is the law, love under will.



Fraternally,
Sabazius

FROM THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Due to exigencies of our meeting schedules and the schedule of the publication of *Agapé*, the following information relates to the **Summer** and **Fall 2011 EV meetings** of the Electoral College. We will return to our usual arrangement of publishing the actions we have taken and other relevant information with the next issue. The Electoral College, at the aforementioned meetings, held on August 5th, and October 15th, 2011 EV, took the following actions concerning duties in its charge:

Local Body Closures

None.

Change of Body Status

Coph Nia Oasis (Eugene, Oregon) was rechartered as Coph Nia Lodge with Brother David Jones as master, effective August 5th, 2011 EV.

Horizon Oasis (Seattle, Washington) was rechartered as Horizon Lodge with Brother Jon Sewell (Fratr Jonah) as master, effective August 5th, 2011 EV.

Change of Body Masters

Mastership of Blazing Star Oasis (Berkeley, California) was passed from Sister Marlene Cornelius to Brother Keith Flippin effective August 5th, 2011 EV.

Mastership of Sol Invictus Oasis (Fayetteville, Arkansas) was passed from Frater Crusolion to Brother Travis Masoner effective August 5th, 2011 EV.

New Local Body Charters

Kephale Camp was chartered in the Valley of Murfreesboro, Tennessee with Frater Ophion 280 as master effective August 5th, 2011 EV.

Crux Ansata Camp was chartered in the Valley of Denver, Colorado with Sister Julep Watt as master effective October 15th, 2011 EV.

The College wishes to express its appreciation to the past and present masters of each of these bodies. We wish each of them the best in their new offices and endeavors.

NINTH DEGREE REVOLUTIONARY

Members in good standing of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the IX° in the United States (who are not serving as an officer or voting member of any Governing or Administrative Body under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Grand Lodge) wishing to volunteer to stand for election to the office of Revolutionary by the Electoral College are encouraged to write the President of the E.C. See page 19 for contact information.

SANCTION FOR APPEAL

Brothers or Sisters of our Order who wish to pursue appeal of a verdict of the Grand Tribunal may write to individual members of the Electoral College to request sanction be given to take their case to the Areopagus of the Eighth Degree (per *Liber CXCIV*, section 16) via email links found at:

ec.oto-usa.org/ECelectors.html.

HOSTING

ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEETINGS

Local bodies that are interested in hosting meetings of the Electoral College are encouraged to write the President of the E.C. See page 19 for contact information.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Electoral College, to thank the master and members of Blue Equinox Oasis, the NOTOCON committee, and also the master and members of Abrahadabra Oasis for their hospitality in hosting the recent meetings of the College. We greatly appreciate their efforts.

UPCOMING

ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEETINGS

- Winter 2011 EV meeting will be held online on Sunday, January 8th, 2011 EV.
- Spring 2012 EV. meeting will be hosted by Vortex Oasis (Tacoma Washington) on April 14th, 2012 EV.

The deadline for submission of items to be considered (for the Winter 2011 meeting) is December 15th, 2011 EV. Please mail submissions to the Secretary of the Electoral College. See page 19 for contact information.

ATTENDING

ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEETINGS

Dues-current members in good standing of V° and above are welcome to attend and observe the in-person Electoral College Meetings. We request that those planning to attend contact the master of the hosting body so that adequate arrangements can be made.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE WEBSITE

The official Electoral College website can be found at: ec.oto-usa.org.

FORMS

Bodymasters seeking up-to-date forms for the Annual Report, Change of Mastership Application, Application for Oasis Status, Application for Lodge Status, or closure forms, will find them by contacting the document control officer at doc_control@oto-usa.org.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

I would like to invite any initiates with specific concerns or questions regarding the operation of the Electoral College, to write to either the President or Secretary of the E.C. For contact information, please see page 19.

It is my goal as President of the Electoral College to take effective measures bringing about better communication between the E.C. and the membership of all local bodies. Any input provided to this end is warmly welcomed. I believe that communication is of benefit to the entire Order in our mutual goals and aspiration toward enlightenment in all forms. All postal mail correspondence with the Electoral College Secretary should be sent to the address listed on page 19.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE COLLEGE

Please see the article on the next page for important new criteria on temple space for lodges.

Love is the law, love under will.

In the Bonds of the Order,
Dnn Bvchnn
President, Electoral College
O.T.O. U.S.A.

LEGAL GUILD

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Attorneys from Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States are in the process of petitioning the Areopagus to form a Legal Guild. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Frater Kikhos ba-Midhbar at scarletveil93@yahoo.com. Please put "Legal Guild Formation" in the subject line, and include the following information in your message:

1. Area of practice;
2. Jurisdiction;
3. Years of practice;
4. Local body affiliation; and
5. Current degree within the Order.

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LODGE SPACE

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

At the **Fall 2011 EV meeting**, the Electoral College approved the following clarification of the meaning of Lodge Space:

A Lodge must have regular and consistent access to one of the following for conducting its activities:

1. A commercial space, including:

- Temple facility suitable for degree work through Fourth & P.I. and E.G.C. rites
- Room appropriate for repose
- Food Preparation Facilities
- Restroom(s)

Note: The temple facility and room appropriate for repose must be dedicated to use by the Lodge, although the Lodge may sublet use of the space to other appropriate organizations as scheduling permits. The food preparation facilities and restroom(s) should ideally be dedicated to Lodge use as well, but it is permissible for the Lodge to use food preparation facilities and restroom(s) that are shared by other commercial entities if the Lodge facility is part of a commercial complex. The food preparation facilities and restroom facilities should be adequate to serve the routine needs of the body.

2. A self-contained house, residential building, or residential complex dedicated to Lodge activities, including:

- Temple Space suitable for degree work through Fourth & P.I. and also the performance of the rites of Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica
- Room appropriate for repose
- Food preparation facilities
- Restroom(s)

Note: The house or residential building must be physically separate from any private residence, and must have its own separate and legally recognized address. The food preparation facilities and restroom facilities should be adequate to serve the routine needs of the body.

3. Some other space, not as described above, with the prior approval of the Electoral College.

Lodge space must be under the control of the Lodge, or U.S. Grand Lodge, and must also be one of the following:

- Leased or rented by the Lodge or O.T.O.-U.S.A. on a monthly basis or longer.
- owned by O.T.O.-U.S.A. or a subsidiary corporation.

Please note that local bodies are not authorized to lease or rent space in the name of O.T.O or O.T.O.-U.S.A. without prior approval from the Grand Treasurer General; local bodies are encouraged to rent space in the name of the local body.

Note also that space may be leased in the name of the master or other member of the V° or higher, though reasonable exceptions as to the guarantor of the lease due to logistics are acceptable. The ultimate goal in such cases is to lease space in the name of the local body. The Electoral College should be contacted with any questions.

By-the-day rentals and other arrangements, though not preferred, may be considered by the College as fulfilling the requirement for Lodge status in exceptional cases. The prior approval of the College will be required in all such cases before an application for Lodge status will be considered.

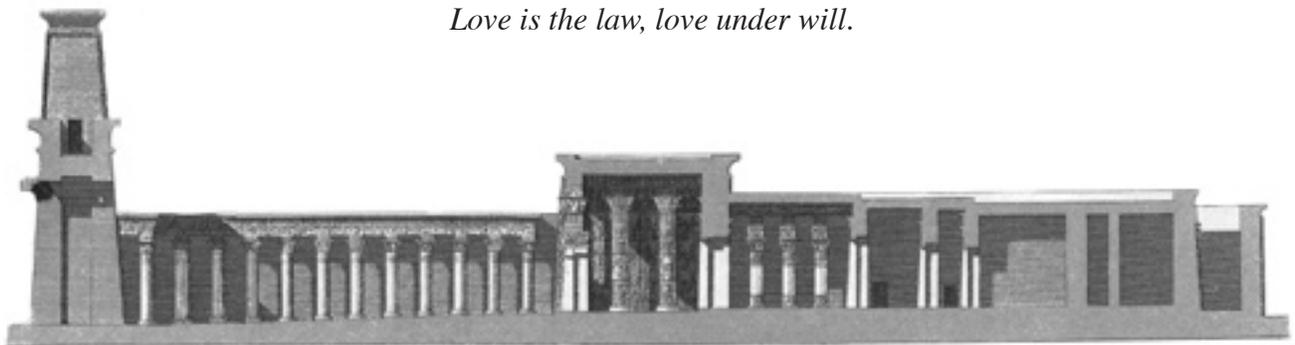
One or more caretakers and/or guests may reside at the Lodge facility, but no such caretaker shall be the owner, leaseholder, or principal signatory of the rental agreement for the facility, unless the owner of the facility is O.T.O.-U.S.A. or a subsidiary corporation. All caretakers, and any guests, shall be required to conform at all times, while present at the Lodge space, to all rules and regulations of O.T.O.-U.S.A. regarding permissible activities at official O.T.O. events.

If a local body officer has questions about whether an existing or potential space meets these criteria, we encourage them to contact the Electoral College directly.

This policy will be in effect at the commencement of the second meeting after this motion has passed.

Any questions regarding this policy clarification should be addressed to the Electoral College Secretary per the contact information on page 19.

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MANIFEST THY GLORY

A NOTOCON VIII SCRAPBOOK

Reflections by Attending Brothers and Sisters
from around the United States and Beyond

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Events, conversations and synchronicities continue to creep up and remind me of many bittersweet moments from this past weekend. I am entirely convinced that there should be a warning disclaimer. Notocon like any other initiation will shake the foundations of what you knew to be true. As was so aptly said "TO MUCH NUMINOUS!"

Nouns like snakeheads, The Tower Trump, and the number 602 all have very different meanings now. I was even able to come to the realization that Buddhists have an inability to vacuum stairs. I discovered that scotch tastes like death and circumambulation solves. Trumping all this is the discovery of what philosophy really means. That which I least expected to find is now continuously ablaze. Thank you so very much. For the conversations (they seem so short now), the classes and the wonderful hospitality I want to send out my sincere gratitude. It was an awesome weekend, but you all already knew that.

—The lowly Minerval
from the west side
of the mitten

Out here in the wilderness, things are different. There's a sense of lawlessness and recklessness, as people seem to "do as they will" as opposed to "Do what thou wilt," that it doesn't matter what you do so long as you don't get caught. When I come to an event like NOTOCON, it's like coming in out of the cold and basking in the light and warmth of civilization.

NOTOCON VIII in Detroit, Michigan was my second experience coming to U.S. Grand Lodge's National Confer-

RECEPTION



When attendees registered they were greeted by our Prophet himself, in two-dimensional form. Apparently the flattening process makes you taller as well.

ence, having previously attended two years earlier in Seattle. Like its predecessor, it exceeded expectations. There is an innate joy to found fraternizing with like-minded, strong-willed individuals that can't necessarily be put into words, but can be expressed somewhat akin to coming home. The value of the chance to share conversation, ideas, and experiences with others in the Order is incommensurate. From listening to brilliant ideas in interpreting *Liber Trigrammaton* to sipping wonderful coffee while hearing other members recite poetry, from seeing the inner workings of U.S.G.L.'s governing system, its policy and procedures and the members of the governing bodies bodies, to the wonderful feasts and entertainments lavished upon us, from wandering the halls of Detroit's Masonic Temple, to even something as simple to guarding a brother from a possible ill choice of Budweiser Wheat. And, of course, it's always great to see Lon.

I strongly urge anyone who hasn't attended a national conference to do so. Aside from the lectures, the sense of community and just downright fun is invaluable. In addition to reconnecting with members of Sekhet-Maat Lodge in Portland, Oregon, the Lodge Master of AMeTh Lodge in London, England, and a host of other familiar and friendly faces, I had the pleasure of meeting and conversation with even the Editor of this publication, allowing for the sharing of further ideas and information that will undoubtedly prove invaluable as our little wilderness

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up here continues to grow. I can only hope for the chance to give back in what I've received in the experience.

I thank Sabazius, the members of Blue Equinox Oasis, the lecturers, and the brethren of U.S.G.L.; friends both new and old, for upholding the principles of our Order, for showing a weary traveller hospitality, and for spreading the Law of light, life, love, and liberty.

—Frater o.d.
 Star of I.S.I.S. Lodge
 Burnaby, British Columbia
 Canada

KACZYNSKI PLAYS KLEIN



During his presentation, *The Forgotten Founder: Henry Klein and the Early History of O.T.O.*, Dr. Richard Kaczynski performed some of Brother Klein's music, such as *The Electricity Waltz* and *The British Colonial Polka*. This was almost certainly the first time any of our founding Grand Registrar General's compositions have been heard in public in more than a century. Dr. Kaczynski hopes to include a music CD in his forthcoming book on Klein and the origins of O.T.O.

My Daughter just turned two years old. Being a single dad who works from home, we do not usually spend much time apart. This year's NOTOCON marked the longest trip I have taken without her. When I returned home, she kept repeating the same question over and over again: "Where did Daddy go?" So, with my mind still reeling from the weekend, I did my best to explain NOTOCON to a two-year-old:

Daddy went to a city far away and stayed in an enormous and shiny house with hundreds and hundreds of old and new friends. The first day I went to a great temple where generations of wise men would meet. And I looked around in the corners and about

the ceiling arches to see what wisdom they had left behind.

The next few days I joined my friends in big rooms where we would talk about things that haven't been talked about openly for many, many years; things that people have long forgotten. Sometimes I would listen to a person talk about something that most people don't even know exists.

Daddy ate all kinds of wonderful food. I dressed up in my best clothes and watched performers play with fire and dance on the Moon. I listened to a funny, skinny guy talk about life and love (and I told him about you).

On the last day we gathered together in a great room and united as one through words and movements. It was a secret way that allowed us to all show our love for one another without touching or talking. I was sad to say goodbye to all of my friends, but I knew that we would see one another again, and besides I had to drive home to you.

Of course, as anyone who has raised a two-year-old already knows, she had wandered off about half way through my speech and was playing with her tea set.

But, she was happy that I had come back.

And I was happy that I had gone, if only to come back. Just as I had said goodbye to all of my brothers and sisters before leaving the Dearborn Regency, I knew that we had to go out into the world to reunite more joyfully: "For I am divided for love's sake, for the chance of union."

—Terry Murdock

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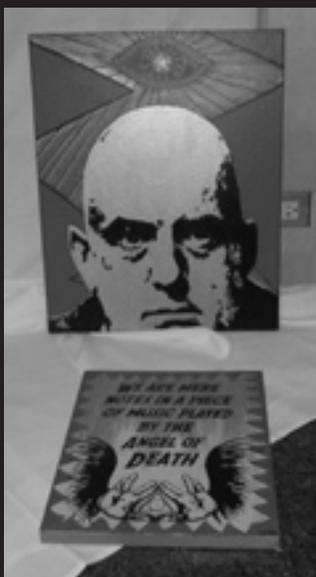
VEND WHAT THOU WILT



David Melton mans the Ouarda Chapter table in the vendors' room. Various bodies and individuals offered t-shirts, jewelry, books (new or used) and pretty much anything in between.

ART SHOW

It wouldn't be NOTOCON without an exhibition of artwork by initiates. On this page we see a small sample of the works offered by (in no particular order) Henry Anderson, "Hippy" Dave, Joseph Thiebes, "Snakedaddy" and other members of U.S. Grand Lodge.



Anyone who knows me knows that I love NOTOCON. Since before attending my first one—2001 EV in Long Beach, California—I have wanted to be a part of it. I have attended every NOTOCON since, and in 2007 EV I brought it to Salem, Massachusetts, where my home body, Knights Templar Oasis, is based.

NOTOCON was lovely.

So, here we are, 2011 E.V., and August found us in Dearborn, Michigan, hosted by Blue Equinox Oasis and the talented Soror Shivani. NOTOCON was finally held in a place with a real historical O.T.O. connection and the opening remarks by Brother Richard Kaczynski, Crowley biographer and former Detroit denizen, giving us a look back at these

times was priceless. “Manifest Thy Glory” the program said, and once again our brethren rose to the occasion. Being but a few moments ago, it is still fresh in my mind. There was love and joy and beauty and work and classes and wine and reunions and work. From the moment I arrived, I pinballed from one meeting to the next, gave a talk on Crowley and the sexual freedom movement, with its own historical context, a Camp-in-Formation Organizer discussion here, a Bishop recruited there, Convocation planning in between, and as if it could be possible, was more alive and in love with everyone than before.

NOTOCON was inspiring.

This love and devotion does not take place in a sanctuary

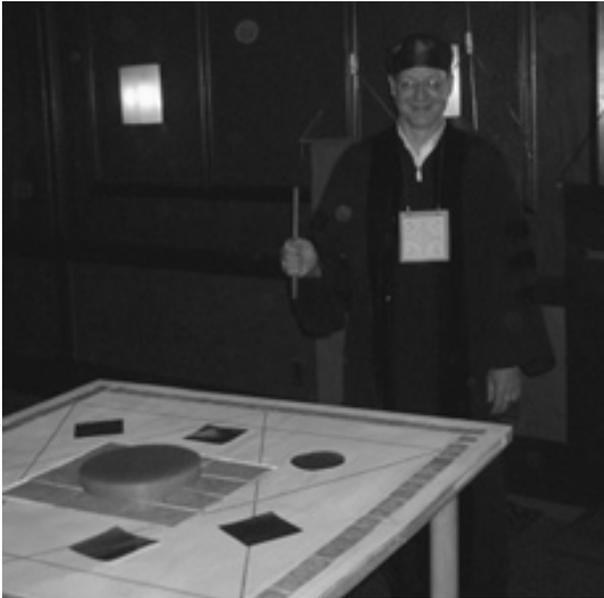
DETROIT MASONIC TEMPLE TOUR



On Thursday many NOTOCON attendees joined a special tour of Detroit’s Masonic Temple, the largest in the world. This magnificent building houses two Lodges, the Scottish Rite Temple and many other grand spaces in its 1,000 rooms. [Thanks to the Detroit Masonic Temple for allowing *Agapé* to reproduce these photos.]



THE ENOCHIAN EVOCATION OF DAVID R. JONES



Brother Jones of Coph-Nia Lodge poses beside his Holy Table, which has been specially built to the specification in John Dee's magical diaries. The Enochian letters around the edge are set on movable tiles to accommodate differing versions of the Table in the original manuscripts. Dr. Jones' presentation, *The Ritual of the Clothes of Passage*, was a scrupulous reconstruction of Angelic Magick as Dee and Kelly would have performed it.

between planes or a deserted island in the middle of a blue sea, it takes place in our minds and hearts and souls as we manifest ourselves on this impoverished plane. We take our Light into the world at large, shining where there is need, and that my sisters and brothers, is everywhere, all around us, at all times, as recent events and Frater Sabzaius's address [see page 3—Ed.] reminds us.

NOTOCON was exhausting.

Never have I attended a NOTOCON where I am not uplifted, invigorated, revitalized, and at least a little bit more in love with my sisters and brothers. We all have different reasons for attending: the workshops, the work, the weekend away with free men and women, the transcendent beauty of the Gnostic Mass as performed by our Primate and his magnificent Priestess, the renewal of fraternal bonds, the reminder of why we work so hard, and yes, the parties. I come for it all. If I have slept more than 16 hours over the entire weekend, I have missed too much! There is too much life and joy to be shared in for sleeping, too many good friends I don't see enough of, too many excellent events to choose from... I did not even discuss two of my favorites: the wine tasting held by the Twin Stars every year, replete with magical and alchemical

discussions and some of the finest wines and ports I have ever tasted, and the Gnostic Mass, enjoyed by all those remaining on Sunday, we come together as a group and participate in the communication of our mysteries.

NOTOCON was joyful.

If I had been a better note-taker at past NOTOCON Gnostic Masses, I could tell you more about the differences in each one, but I do remember a few: 2003 EV in Portland, Oregon, our Priest went to stand in front of the tomb during communication and I heard singing in the celebration of the Mass for the first time. 2005 EV in Reston, Virginia, they used our Mass equipment and I had the honor to attend practice, after helping to set things up. 2007 EV in Salem, Massachusetts, the Deacon intoned the names of each Collect and ingeniously stacked many hotel chairs to make an impromptu stepstool when he needed to adjust the veil structure mid-ritual. 2009 EV in Seattle, Washington, I sang in the chorus, and in Detroit this year we mixed our equipment with theirs for a stunning synergy. The choral director outdid herself and I wished I had had time to participate so that I may be directed by our sister and her talent.

NOTOCON was uplifting.

Now, I count the days (649 as I am completing this writing) to NOTOCON IX in Sacramento, California, hosted by Sister Anna and 418 Lodge. I look forward our next phase in planning, and to every opportunity I have to see any and all of you before then.

NOTOCON was all that and more.

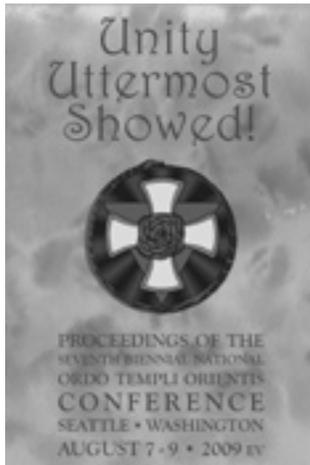
—Sister Beth Kimbell

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PUBLICATIONS OF NOTOCONs PAST

If who were unable to grab a copy at its NOTOCON launch last month, *Unity Uttermost Showed!* is now available from Amazon.com and CreateSpace.com.



**UNITY UTTERMOST
SHOWED!**
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
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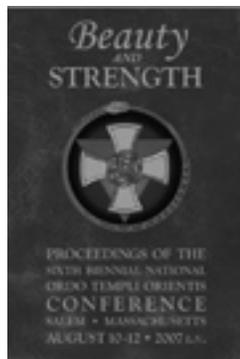
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Unity Uttermost Showed! offers a selection of papers from the seventh biennial National Ordo Templi Orientis Conference (NOTOCON) of the United States Grand Lodge of O.T.O., held in the Valley of Seattle, Washington, in 2009 EV. The papers cover diverse topics including Enochian magick, sacrifice in Aztec mythology, the sacred geometry of an astral cathedral, producing ritual theater, personal responsibility in Magick, promulgation of the Law of Thelema, textual analysis of *The Book of the Law*, and more. Other highlights include the original ritual, the “Feast of Babalon,” and the address given by U.S. National Grand Master Sabazius.

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Includes addresses and articles by Sabazius X°, Richard Kaczynski, Lon Milo DuQuette, James and Nancy Wasserman, Dionysius Rogers, Frater Hrumachis, and many Others of equal Merit, if less Fame.



IAO

by
Soror
ArXe



Part of him
she found in the shed
under the flowerpot—
gray flesh, a ripened thigh bone
trapped between the fertilizer and the garden
hoe.

She placed it into the bag with the other pieces—
the eyes that rotate every which way,
wriggling toes, clattering fingers impatiently drumming
as if it were her fault
he had been broken
this way.

Others she found in the canals—
one hand twitching in the bed of a confounded Nile
crocodile
holding its distance by snapping
ragged fingers once sculpted
by the night's new air.

The torso was the worst: it had not come apart clean.
Flesh was found in a field,
this piece under a branch,
another shred hanging upon on a fence post—
one in a crow's nest, scorching in the sun.
The shoulder made a lion's feast, only a socket
and a dry bone were found: Nevertheless
there was enough.

*His Ka she kept in small blue jar by her window
so it could feel the sun.
Sometimes she would talk to it—
tapping the glass
with her finger,*

*speaking
as she could not speak
before...*

*She murmurs: a la la- ah ah hhhhhear
the w-ay the -widow- fractures
the w-ords and w-atches the gray outside
love iss- naught—
until broken*

After he was gathered
then was the gravity of her loss was made clear—

There was
so
little
left
to live
...



The bees were let cluster in his cavities
while the crows were shushed away.

She waited for the dog
'til its white eye was flashing
and all about was creeping water:
then it became the time:
to wrap them—
bind them;
Tying each to itself, reassembling love
in its most vacant form.



Bind them, wrap them,
each to each, marry them
in thyme.
Bind them, wrap them,
in fenugreek, in linen
soaked in wine.
Bind them, wrap them,
breathe on them in love.
Bind them, mend them,
crush them, bake them,
wind them, spin them

weave them, take them:
Speak them deep and low
into that beginning: the sea
to which the waters go:

*These are the fears of a woman—
Those things of which
she will not speak:
eternity
ascension
despair*

Form made flesh and flesh
was formed—gray knotting of the earth
and sound.
Linen paths grew like vines,
the maggots rusted in the ground—
a beating heart grew of bees
and dung,
and all around the dust was hung
like a curtain
or a shroud.

And on
the Eye of the Northern Wind
sang words sweet, sang words wise.
Held them steady, murmured deep,
rocked the corpse on hopeful thighs.
And then
subtle as the watered hills
began the dead man's cries.
And high above the dog's eye winked
at the desert's funeary lies...

“And they beheld him: the august dead.”

*In her visions she is shewn
the universal mind:*

*She—the bluest candle—
entombed in alabaster,
weeping—*

as if the dead will never rise.



BOOKS FOR THELEMIC CHILDREN

Compiled and Introduced by Anna Tsu

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

“Education is assisting a soul to express itself.”

—Crowley, *On the Education of Children*

Thelemic parents, like their counterparts outside Thelema, desire to give their children the best environment and education possible. In keeping with the respect Thelema holds for each individual Will, most Thelemites do not forcefully indoctrinate their children into their beliefs. Many, however, recognize the importance of at least exposing their progeny to aspects of Thelema, in order to give their children the opportunity for informed choice, in order to share something of what they deeply love with their daughters and sons, and in order to counterbalance (to some degree) the relentless indoctrination into superstition and consumer culture that our children are subjected to via mainstream society and the mass media.

One way that we can expose our children to Thelemic ideas is via the world of books.

The following list of books and related suggestions arose from a discussion on the O.T.O. Temple-Builders elist (open to members of third degree and up). Approximately sixteen initiates contributed to this discussion. Very few of these books are explicitly Thelemic: some were suggested because an initiate remembered they had been important in his or her own development as a child, others were suggested because an initiate's children loved them. Some deal with magical or mythological themes, and others demonstrate character traits that Thelemites consider important, such as moral and physical courage, independence, discipline, perseverance, creativity, service, dignity, and being true to oneself, one's friends, and one's beliefs.

Disclaimers: As you should know by now, Thelemites are of widely varying opinions! The fact that a brother or sister recommended one of these books is no guarantee that *you* will consider it an appropriate book for your child. I strongly recommend that you at least skim any book or read some reviews online before giving it to your child (or, even more effectively, at some ages, “hiding” it somewhere where the child will discover the “forbidden” item on his/her own!).

Neither I, nor any of the other sixteen contributors, have read all of these books. I have attempted to place them into rough categories by age, but in some cases this is based on only superficial knowledge of the text. Of course children's

(and adults') reading abilities vary widely, not always with their chronological age. Adjust as is proper for your child.

Lastly, this is by no means a comprehensive list. There are doubtless hundreds of other excellent books not yet included on this list: consider this a first draft. There is no reason why we can't expand and update this list at points in the future.



The following general suggestions were suggested by several of our contributors:

1. Libraries! Many initiates stressed the importance of their local public library to their personal growth and education. If a child is allowed to wander freely in a library for several hours, he/she will have an opportunity to discover areas of interest that they didn't even know they had. Perhaps they will become fascinated by some area of knowledge that neither you nor they had foreseen. And the free exploration of the child through the library is an expression and exercise of their emerging True Will. Try to watch the child (if necessary) from some distance, allowing them more freedom to explore without watching for your approval or lack thereof.
2. A physical encyclopedia of several volumes, in your home. Preferably one oriented toward children, such as the old *Childcraft Encyclopedia*. This again allows your child to discover interests previously unknown. The various online search engines and encyclopedias show you *what you are looking for*. They have less ability to expose you to what you are not looking for.
3. Read to your children! Share the beauty and wonder of the printed word with them, at bedtime or otherwise, before they can read, and also after they can read. This also strengthens their capacity for imagination (and later, visualization), as they themselves supply the images that flesh out the story. My dad reading to me at bedtime is still one of my fondest memories...
4. Limit their access to electronic media. They will never get bored enough to open the last volume of the encyclopedia (and perhaps discover a true interest) if they are plugged into electronic entertainment all day. *Occasional* boredom is a spur to growth and change, and can be a positive good.

The Book List

Recommended by most contributors, for all ages: Mythology of all times and peoples: Greek myths, Roman myths, Norse myths, Native American myths, Gaelic myths, Japanese myths, African myths, etc. Also folktales and legends from around the world: the Arabian Nights, Grimm's fairy tales, etc. Good for everyone from toddlers up through adults.

Also recommended, by Crowley, for readers of all ages: Shakespeare and the King James Bible. In a letter Crowley sent to his ten-year old son, Aleister Ataturk, he recommends memorizing "Shakespeare and the Old Testament... [esp] Job, Psalms and Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon." (This letter is reproduced in full in Richard Kaczynski's new *Perdurabo*, p 545.) Crowley remarks that these pieces are exemplary of English style, and that developing an effective writing style is of paramount importance. He goes on to encourage the study of grammar, syntax, and logic as being critical to proper expression in communication, and implies that these pieces help cultivate the same.

Ages 3-7:

The Cat In the Hat and others by Dr. Seuss
D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths by Ingri & Edgar D'Aulaire
D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths by Ingri & Edgar D'Aulaire
The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper
Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Anderson
Fairy Tales/Household Tales by the Brothers Grimm
When the Sun Rose by Barbara Helen Berger
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
 Note: The myths and fairy tales listed are good for all ages.

Ages 8 and up:

Biographies of men and women we admire (there are childrens' versions of these in the kid section of your library.) Take your pick of revolutionaries, activists, poets, scientists, artists, etc.
 Any of a selection of Pagan books for children, with adjustments for Thelemic families.
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and others by Lewis Carroll
The Box of Delights by John Masefield
The Dark Is Rising and others by Susan Cooper
The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatly Snyder.
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basel E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
The Green Knowe series by L.M. Boston
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The House With a Clock in its Walls and others by John Bellairs
James and the Giant Peach and others by Roald Dahl
The Lightning Thief and others by Rick Riordan
Moominland Midwinter and others by Tove Jansson

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of N.I.M.H. by Robert O'Brien
 Myths, Shakespeare, and the King James Bible, as referenced above.

Our Wonder World, an encyclopedia published by Geo L. Shuman & Co

Pagoo and others by Holling Clancy Holling

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

The Neverending Story by Michael Ende

The Various and others by Steve Augarde

The Wizard of Oz and others by L. Frank Baum

A Wrinkle in Time and others by Madeleine L'Engle

Note; From here on up, people of any age over the minimum may enjoy and benefit from these books.

Ages 13-17 and on up through adults:

Biographies, Myths, and other general recommendations as above.

Amador by Fernando Savater

Andromeda Klein by Frank Portman

Below the Root and others by Zilpha Keatly Snyder

The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever by Stephen Donaldson

D is for Demon by Michelle Belanger

A Dark Travelling by Roger Zelazny

The Golden Compass and others by Philip Pullman

The Initiate and others by Louise Cooper

The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Mad Scientists Club series by Bertrand R. Brinley

The Master of Five Magics by Lyndon Hardy

Another Fine Myth and others by Robert Asprin

Tortall and Other Lands by Tamora Pierce

Sabriel and others by Garth Nix

The Wake World by Aleister Crowley

Wise Child and others by Monica Furlong

A Wizard of Earthsea and others by Ursula K. LeGuin

Please consider supporting your local independent bookstore when purchasing. Particularly if you are fortunate enough to have a local independent bookstore with a good occult section (such as Magus Books, Field's Books, Powell's City of Books, Beers Books, etc).

Contributors to this article: John Griogair Bell, Craig Berry, Robert Bruce Crow III (especially the portion regarding Shakespeare and the Bible,) Kristin Frasier, Anita Kraft, Steven Ryan, Joseph Thiebes, Frater Evmaios, and others who prefer to remain anonymous.

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A JET-FUELED CIRCUS

by Frater MSNV

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Along with screeching cicadas and scorching heat, mid-summer brings another Fringe Festival celebration to Kansas City, and this year was no different. There was the usual fair: one-act plays, varieties of dance from belly to burlesque, musical performances, and varying degrees of performance art. A rare gem surfaced among the one-acts this year—*Jet Propulsion: A Vaudeville On The Life Of Jack Parsons, The Inventor Of Rocket Fuel*, by Pete Bakely. Mr. Bakely is a playwright and actor in the Kansas City theatre scene, and has no affiliation or association with Ordo Templi Orientis whatsoever.

The play focuses mainly upon four characters: Jack Parsons, L. Ron Hubbard, Marjorie Cameron, and Aleister Crowley. The writer readily admits he has taken a few generous liberties with history (for example, Parsons and Crowley never met face-to-face). These liberties help propel the play forward and reflect rather positively upon Jack's involvement in Magick, Thelema, and O.T.O. Fairly early in the piece, Jack admonishes L. Ron not to mock his Order experience, saying, "They were the first people who really made me feel like I belonged." We also get a few other cameo appearances, including Jane Wolfe and Wilfred T. Smith, who appears as a ventriloquist's dummy. The portrayal of Crowley is somewhat fresh; there is none of the sensationalist media representation, but rather of a man who believes he exerts greater influence over people than he actually does (hence the portrayal of Smith as a puppet) and as someone who is always looking for money. To me, he comes off rather Oscar Wilde-ish in his mannerisms, and provides more comic relief than playing a central role.

For much of the play, Jack is obsessively working on scientific formulae with L. Ron driving the action in full circus ringmaster attire, top hat and tails included. Hubbard would sing a few lines about Jack's achievements and exploits, and



Jack chimes in every few lines with commentary or correction. They go into some of the details of the famed Babalon Working, and chart Cameron's arrival, departure, and return. The play also charts Jack's rise and fall in the scientific community and covers his last-ditch efforts to regain his reputation there. His fervor and zeal in trying to manifest and accomplish his will are demonstrated in great detail, including most spirited performances of Crowley's *Hymn to Pan* and Parsons' own *I Hight Don Quixote*.

All of this is really beside the point. What makes this play important are some of the punches it makes against popular history. It asks why Parsons is practically overlooked while a two-bit hack sci-fi writer was able to create a popular religion that appeals to so many and repulses so many more,

even accusing Hubbard of stealing O.T.O. secrets to start Scientology. It asks why Brother Jack isn't better remembered by the scientific community, memorialized only by a crater on the far side of the moon that can never be viewed by the terrestrially-bound.

At many moments, the sister with whom I saw the show and I laughed at gags the rest of the audience missed, and the show drops enough inside jokes to beg the question of whether Mister Bakely understands us more than he lets on. His treatment of the story is sensitive enough that it brought tears to my eyes a few times as well. My criticisms of the performance are rather inconsequential, and Bakely has indicated plans to do some minor changes and additions here and there; he was still writing it a few weeks before production. Is it coming soon to your town? Perhaps, but only if you're willing to acquire performance rights to do so. Bakely has published a draft on his playwright blog, and you can read *Jet Propulsion* yourself here: peteplaywright.blogspot.com/2011/09/jet-propulsion-draft.html.

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LOCAL BODY REPORT: TAHUTI LODGE

by Sister Katherine Palakovich

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.



In the city that never sleeps, Tahuti Lodge in the Valley of New York City has been up all night with the light from Lady Liberty's torch shining on a myriad of events. Between our publication, visiting guest lecturers, ongoing classes, Gnostic Masses and initiations, our brethren and guests have been exposed to an exhilarating celebration of Thelemic ideas and culture.

We recently released the fourth issue of our lodge's journal *The Scroll of Thoth: The Magical Review of Tahuti Lodge*, thanks to Brother Mark Reynolds' tireless editorial efforts. One example of the featured content in our

journal is the first of a two-part interview with Alan Moore, known for his occult-themed graphic novels *Promethea*, *From Hell*, and *V for Vendetta*. To purchase copies or for more information, please visit our website at tahutilodge.org/TheScrollofThoth.php.

Tahuti Lodge has been bringing Thelemic studies and culture to the Valley of New York City for over three decades, offering a wide range of lectures from some of the foremost experts on modern day Thelema. We proudly hosted Deputy Grand Master Lon Milo DuQuette for a series of events, including presentations on his *Tarot of Ceremonial Magick*, a Goetic magick workshop, and Brother Lon's renowned "Monday Night Magick Class." In a recent visit, Brother Richard Kaczynski offered an informative presentation based on the newly-revised and updated edition of his Aleister Crowley biography *Perdurabo*, together with Soror Hypatia's riveting class on ritual construction. Brother Vere Chappell introduced a new appreciation for the inspired work of Ida Craddock to an engaged audience along with a titillating class on sex magick. The learned Frater R.C. Stein (EAOA/77) instructed our brethren and members on the finer points of Aleister Crowley's *Liber V vel Reguli* and also provided a lecture on the subject of orientation in ritual. We even had a visitor from "across the pond:" musician and author Brother Rodney Orpheus, who led us in the *Mithras Liturgy* and presented an in-depth analysis of Crowley's *Liber Stellæ Rubææ*.

In addition to hosting special events by guest speakers, we offer frequent classes and lectures for our local membership and the public, including several ongoing series which have had extended and well-attended runs—some for well over a year since their inception! These include our Tarot workshops and monthly Tarot study group, biographical lectures on the saints in our Gnostic Mass, a series of full moon

rituals, movie nights featuring videos of Tahuti Lodge's past performances of Crowley's *Rites of Eleusis*—The Rites of Mercury (June 1998 EV) and Sol (May 1993 EV), our monthly *Magick in Theory and Practice* study group and Thelemic Middle Pillar rituals. We've also successfully hosted our first live silent auction, raising over \$1,000 through the efforts of our Fundraising Committee, headed by Soror Magdalene, for our Lodge improvement fund.

Tahuti Lodge celebrates the Gnostic Mass approximately three times a month and we've also had the pleasure of visiting Mass teams from around the country celebrating the Mass in our sacred temple. Further, we continue to offer initiations into both Man of Earth and Lover Triads and ritual celebrations of our Thelemic calendar.

Since receiving our charter from Grady McMurtry in June 1979 EV, Tahuti Lodge, O.T.O. continues in our commitment to the promotion and promulgation of the Law of Thelema in New York City and beyond.

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MAN OF EARTH DELEGATES

Liber CXCIV: An Intimation with Reference to the Constitution of the Order states, "In order that the feelings of the general body may be represented, the Men of Earth choose four persons, two men and two women, from among themselves, to stand continually before the face of the Supreme and Holy King, serving him day and night." The Man of Earth delegates are therefore pledged to give representation to the general feelings of the Man of Earth Triad.

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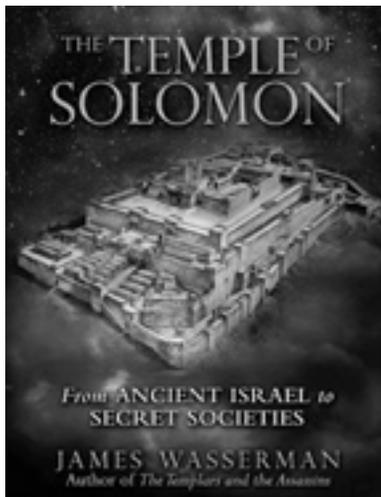
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We thank all of the past Man of Earth delegates for their service.

You may contact the current delegates at MoE.Delegates@gmail.com as you will.

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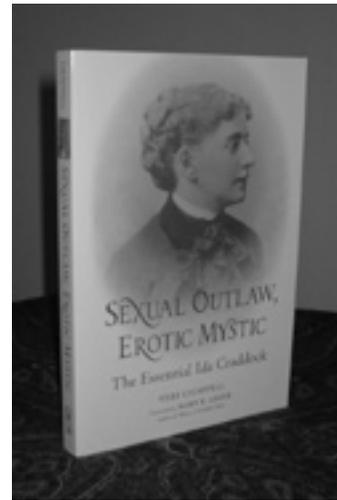
***THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON:
FROM ANCIENT ISRAEL TO SECRET SOCIETIES***

by James Wasserman

Inner Traditions International, 2011 EV

Richly illustrated, this book explores the Temple of Solomon in the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, and the Apocrypha, as well as

its role in the rites of Freemasonry, the legends of the Knights Templar, the doctrines of the Kabbalah, and Muhammad's visionary journey through the heavens. This book explains why the Temple was built, what its destruction has meant for Jews and Christians alike, and why the Knights Templar as well as several modern secret societies have centered their teachings around this vibrant archetype.



***SEXUAL OUTLAW,
EROTIC MYSTIC:
THE ESSENTIAL IDA CRADDOCK***

by Vere Chappell

Weiser, 2010 EV

Persecuted by Anthony Comstock and his Society for the Suppression of Vice, Ida Craddock (1857-1902) was a turn-of-the-century sex educator and spiritualist. She taught the importance of viewing sex as a sacred act. Most of her

personal experience came from her own marriage to an angel named Soph and her essay *Heavenly Bridegrooms* was declared essential reading by Aleister Crowley. Convicted under New York's anti-obscenity laws, she committed suicide rather than face life in an asylum. This book compiles an extensive collection of Craddock's works, including original essays, diary excerpts, and her final letter to her public.



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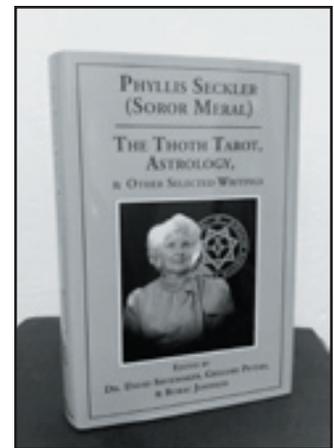
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***PHYLLIS SECKLER
(SOROR MERAL):
THE THOTH TAROT,
ASTROLOGY, & OTHER
SELECTED WRITINGS***

Edited and introduced by
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Phyllis Seckler (1917-2004 EV) was one of the most important and influential Thelemites of the post-Crowley era. An initiate of Ordo Templi Orientis since 1939, and an A.∴A.∴ student of Jane Wolfe, Seckler was an indispensable factor in the resurgence of the O.T.O. and the shaping of modern Thelema as we know it. This landmark publication collects two of her most important essays on the Thoth Tarot, depth psychology, and astrology originally serialized in her journal *In the Continuum*. In addition, this book presents important and previously unpublished correspondence between Seckler, Aleister Crowley, Karl Germer, and Jane Wolfe. The final section of the book presents her last major interview, where she discusses her early years at the old Agape Lodge in Los Angeles, her views on the current state of Thelema, and much more.



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