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## FROM THE EDITOR

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

Thanks to everyone who has submitted articles, poems, artwork, and rituals to *Agapé*! We are always accepting submissions for publication. Please make sure to include a title (especially for artwork), as well as what name you wish to be identified as.

*Love is the law, love under will.*

Andrew  
Editor, *Agapé*

## FROM THE GRAND MASTER

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

I used to put a lot of energy into the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, until I started reading about its many flaws. One of these is the fact that the binary pairs it uses (introvert/extrovert, intuitive/sensory, feeling/thinking, and judging/perceiving) aren't what they are purported to be. Take thinking/feeling. Not only do most—I daresay all—people function somewhere in between these two endpoints; but they aren't really endpoints on any real scale. Thinking and feeling are simply two characteristics with their own independent scales of intensity, not polar opposites. Someone can be a thinking person and a feeling person. There are a lot of This-or-That binaries out there in common discourse that share similar problems. One of them has collectivism on one end and individualism on the other end and is often used to compare attitudes and institutions such as governments, religious organizations, and political parties. However, like thinking and feeling, collectivism and individualism are really not polar opposites. They can, in fact, coexist quite nicely. Perhaps a more useful scale for making similar comparisons would be a scale of the intensity of conformism. Conformism, as I am using the word here, is the standpoint that people should conform to some attainable ideal, that is, to a cluster of preset expectations or stereotypes.

"What is necessary is not to seek after some fantastic ideal, utterly unsuited to our real needs, but to discover the true nature of those needs, to fulfill them, and rejoice therein." — A.C., *Magick Without Tears*, Chapter 8

"The absolute rule of the state shall be a function of the absolute liberty of each individual will." — A.C. (writing as Comte de Fénix), *The Scientific Solution of the Problem of Government*."

We as O.T.O. members agree to conform to our collective customs and conventions in order to harmoniously enjoy each other's society and participation in our Mysteries. But we as Thelemites support every individual's right to discover and express their own identity. It is the right and

responsibility of each individual to be who they are, and we are well-advised to avoid expecting them to conform to conventional stereotypes regarding gender, ethnicity, age, income, whatever. We tend to think of society's stereotypes as refinements of primordial tools originally used to help us make quick judgments about a stranger's threat level. But these tools have always been oversimplifications, and over the centuries they have been built up and twisted by accumulations of bad and misinterpreted data, social and religious dogmas, malicious rumors, and paranoid delusions. Letting them slip away can be a very beneficial meditative exercise, for all involved.



*Love is the law, love under will.*

Sabazius

## UPDATES FROM THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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

The Electoral College took the following actions pertinent to local body leadership at the Summer meeting held online on July 9th, 2022 EV:

- Chartered Gnarled Oak Camp (Nashville, TN) as Gnarled Oak Oasis with Br. William M. as master.
- Chartered 418 Lodge (Sacramento, CA) as 418 Oasis and passed mastership from Br. Andrew Ferrell to Sr. Elizabeth Rose.
- Passed mastership of Alombrados Oasis (New Orleans, LA) from Fr. ..A.. to Sr. Abraxas.
- Passed mastership of Thelesis Oasis (Philadelphia, PA) from Fr. Harmerti to Sr. Amy.
- Confirmed Br. David as Master of Khonsu Camp (Las Vegas, NV).
- Extended the tenure of the masters of Abrahadabra Oasis (Portland, ME), Pyramid Lodge (Buffalo, NY), and Serpent Flame Camp (Hartford, MI) for one year.

The Electoral College wishes to thank the outgoing masters for their years of service and to congratulate the new masters on the trust placed in them.

Procedurally, we approved a requirement that local bodies establish and maintain a website by the Fall 2023 EV meeting of the Electoral College.

Our Fall meeting will be held on October 1, 2022 EV in San Antonio, TX, and our Winter meeting will be held on January 14, 2023 EV online. The deadline for submission of items to be considered is December 3, 2022 EV.

*Love is the law, love under will.*

Fraternally yours,  
Mike Estell  
President  
U.S.G.L. Electoral College

## Kaaba Colloquium

The Kaaba Colloquium Leadership Program is proud to announce that we are currently updating our materials to address the needs of U.S.G.L. leaders in preparation for a relaunch after our long hiatus.

These materials will be threefold, and focus on:

- 1) foundation
- 2) process
- 3) leadership

These will be curated for presentation and discussion in our live, traveling colloquia. The first two will also be made available through the Virtual Kingdom.

We would like to thank the Kaaba III speakers: Brothers Vere, Hank, and Dionysius, Sisters Eliza and Cathy, and Sorors Alecto and Lutea, and those who served in previous Kaaba incarnations for their many years of service. Most especially we want to express our deep appreciation to Sister Eliza who inspired or mentored many on the incoming team, and to Frater Sabazius who has trusted us to carry on this important work.

Kaaba Colloquium was last held in Fall 2019 in Denver, CO and was scheduled for Spring 2020 in Baltimore, MD, which was sadly postponed due to the quarantine. We intend to resume our work at that destination in 2023.

Stay tuned for more updates and introductions to the new speakers, as well as favorite resources and random leadership tips we shall share along the way.

Fraternally yours,

Hattie Quinn

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— Liber III

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