



Ordo Templi Orientis United States Grand Lodge Annual Report

Anno IVxix

Fiscal Year 2011

(March 2011 - February 2012)

✿ Mysteria Mystica Maxima

✿ Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica

*Annual Report of the
United States Grand Lodge
of Ordo Templi Orientis
Fiscal Year 2011*

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

Ordo Templi Orientis (O.T.O.) is an international religious and magical initiatory fraternity open to both men and women. O.T.O. was founded in Germany and England in the early part of the 20th century e.v., and was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in California in 1979 e.v. It is currently organized in 32 countries, with Grand Lodges in the United States, England, and Australia, and 154 official bodies worldwide. Ordo Templi Orientis is the first of the traditional esoteric fraternities to accept the Law of Thelema, the religious revelation obtained by Aleister Crowley in 1904 e.v. It still operates by the original charters, constitutions, documents and principles established during its formative years.

The U.S. Grand Lodge of O.T.O. and M.:M.:M.: (U.S.G.L.), also known as Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A., or O.T.O. U.S.A. (<http://oto-usa.org>), is a duly chartered Grand Lodge and National Section of Ordo Templi Orientis, chartered by Ordo Templi Orientis International Headquarters on March 30th, 1996 e.v. It is a tax-exempt, non-profit religious organization incorporated on June 20, 1996 e.v. under the laws of the State of California. O.T.O. U.S.A. was incorporated for the purpose of the preservation and advancement of the religious tenets, doctrines, principles, teachings, traditions and rites of Ordo Templi Orientis, and all its funds are irrevocably dedicated to furthering that purpose.

U.S.G.L. is the most populous and active national section of O.T.O., with 46 local bodies in 28 states as of February 2012, as well as Camps in Formation in three additional states (Alaska, Nebraska, and North Carolina). Each local O.T.O. body interfacing with the public in the United States is designated as a Camp, Oasis, or Lodge, depending on its size and level of activities. Although there is often much interrelating between local bodies, each operates independently yet answers directly to the national government of U.S.G.L.

Specific local bodies (Oases and Lodges) provide ceremonial initiation into the first series of degrees of O.T.O. Most local bodies also regularly perform an O.T.O. ritual called the Gnostic Mass. This ritual is described in our system as “the central ritual of the O.T.O. both public and private,” and is presented under the auspices of the Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica, the Gnostic Catholic Church, which is the ecclesiastical aspect of O.T.O.

Most local bodies also offer public classes, workshops and book studies that usually cover a wide range of Thelemic and esoteric/occult subject matter. Some of these may include various aspects of the theory and practice of Thelema, Qabalah, Yoga, Ceremonial Magick, Hermetic Science, Tarot, Astrology, Alchemy, Mythology, Comparative Religion, and the history and structure of O.T.O., as well as various Thelemic celebrations, rituals, rites and holidays that assist and support the development of Thelemic community.

This fiscal year, our growth has returned from the growth spurt of 2010 e.v. to a flatter growth rate more in keeping with historical rates. Membership grew by 42 members net, a 4% increase.

During this fiscal year, we performed a comprehensive update of our 2007 e.v. strategic plan. The revised plan may be viewed here: <http://planning.oto-usa.org/2011>.

Our annual joint meeting of governing bodies was held at our eighth biennial national convention (NOTOCON) in Detroit, Michigan, over the weekend of August 5–7, 2011 e.v. This year, the annual meeting will be hosted by Golden Lotus Oasis in Southern California over the weekend of July 14–15, 2012 e.v.

In the following paragraphs, you will see our Statements of Mission, Program, Vision, and Values. These statements were developed as part of our 2007 e.v. strategic planning process, incorporating principles from the original constitutions, documents and principles developed during the founding and initial growth of Ordo Templi Orientis. They form the basic plan from which our strategic plan was built, and offer a concise view of the direction we have charted for the near future of U.S.G.L.

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally,

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Sabazius X°". To the left of the signature is a grid symbol consisting of a 3x3 grid of squares, with a crosshair in the center of each square, resembling a 3x3 grid of crosses.

Sabazius X°
National Grand Master General
Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A.

*M*ission Statement

Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A. is the U.S. Grand Lodge (National Section) of Ordo Templi Orientis, a hierarchical, religious membership organization. Our mission is to effect and promote the doctrines and practices of the philosophical and religious system known as Thelema, with particular emphasis on cultivating the ideals of individual liberty, self-discipline, self-knowledge, and universal brotherhood. To this end, we conduct sacramental and initiatory rites, offer guidance and instruction to our members, organize social events, and engage in educational and community service activities at locations throughout the United States.

*P*rogram Statement

1. To create, maintain, and promote a structured society of men and women within the United States of America, who are united by their acceptance of the Law of Thelema, by a common interest in Magick, Yoga, and Hermetic Science, by the common experience of initiation and sacramental ritual, by common pledges of fidelity, cooperation, and mutual aid, and by certain common ideals, namely: individual liberty; self-discipline; self-knowledge; universal brotherhood; and opposition to tyranny, superstition, and oppression.
2. To manage and govern this society in substantial conformance with the principles set forth in the writings of Aleister Crowley and other historical leaders of Ordo Templi Orientis, with the approval and under the authorization of the International Headquarters of Ordo Templi Orientis, and in such a way as to ensure its continued survival and promote its continual growth and advancement.
3. To provide certain benefits to the members of this society, including, but not limited to: participation in sacramental rituals; social community and entertainment; pastoral guidance and mediation of disputes; instruction in Hermetic Science, Yoga, and Magick; and opportunities for creative expression, community service, and development of beneficial social and professional relationships.
4. To preserve and advance the principles and practices of the religious, philosophical, and magical system of Thelema, and to promote the principles of individual liberty and universal brotherhood.
5. To conserve and manage books, documents, and other properties of historical or practical value which it may possess.
6. To establish physical centers of activity for the society in diverse locations throughout the United States of America.

*V*alues Statement

1. We support the liberty of the individual and the cultivation of self-respect, self-knowledge, self-discipline, and self-responsibility.
2. We affirm the bonds of fraternity and expect fidelity, frankness, cooperation, mutual aid, and good faith among our members.
3. We value hospitality in our community and promote peace, tolerance, truth, and respect to the Order within our temples and precincts.
4. We advocate the principles of Scientific Religion and Universal Brotherhood, and oppose tyranny, superstition, and oppression.
5. We accept and uphold the Law of Thelema as promulgated in the Book of the Law and the writings of the Prophet of the Aeon, Aleister Crowley.

*V*ision Statement

1. We envision OTO USA as a model religious and fraternal order of occult initiates, and a leading proponent of Thelemic thought and culture within the United States.
2. We will maintain a physical presence near every major population center in the country, from which we will offer services in support of our mission to our members and to the public.
3. We will uphold the highest standards of excellence and effectiveness in the practice and dissemination of our religious, spiritual, magical, and ethical teachings.
4. We will espouse and defend the principle of individual liberty while cultivating strong fraternal bonds within our ranks.
5. We will foster harmonious and constructive relationships with the academic, business, civil, and greater social communities within which we operate.

Initiations

Minerval	167
I°	104
II°	61
III°	37
IV°	15
Perfect Initiate	15
Knight of the East and West	13
V°	8
Knight of the Red Eagle	7
VI°	0
Grand Inquisitor Commander	1
Prince of the Royal Secret	1
VII°	0

Initiators

New Initiators ..	8
Attrition	11
Total Initiators	171
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	-0.017

Local Bodies

Local Bodies as of 29 February 2011	60
Camps	14
Change from FY10.....	3
Oases	18
Change from FY10	-3
Lodges	14
Change from FY10	3
Chapters	14
Change from FY10	0
New	7
Closed	4
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	5.2

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Gnostic Masses reported (Oases and Lodges only, per criteria)	696
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	1.13
Gnostic Masses reported (including Camps)	804
Baptisms reported	183
Confirmations reported	99
Deacon Ordinations reported ..	35
Priest Ordinations reported	19
Priestess Ordinations reported	14
Weddings reported	2
Bishop Consecrations reported ..	0

† Includes Baptisms, Confirmations and Ordinations recovered in previous fiscal years, but not yet reported—date range - 12/13/1998 to 2/28/2011.

Classes

Total number of classes offered	1300
Change from last fiscal year (%)	10.73

Grand Lodge Events

Annual joint meetings of governing and administrative bodies:	5 August 2011, Detroit, MI Hosted by Blue Equinox Oasis and NOTOCON
Electoral College Meetings:	16 April 2011 at Leaping Laughter Lodge, Minneapolis, MN 5 August 2011, Detroit MI – Hosted by Blue Equinox and NOTOCON 15 October 2011 at Abrahadabra Oasis, Portland, ME 7 January 2011 (on-line)
Kaaba Colloquium Workshops:	18-19 June 2011 at Warrior Island Camp, Jacksonville, FL 5-6 November 2011 at 418 Lodge, Sacramento, CA

Initiator Training

Initiator Training sessions:	2 April 2011 at Golden Lotus Oasis, Mission Viejo, CA 8 May 2011 at 418 Lodge, Sacramento, CA 15 July 2011 at Dove and Serpent Oasis, Atlanta, GA 4 September 2011 at Sekhet Bast Ra Oasis, Oklahoma City, OK 17 September 2011 at Bubastis Oasis, Dallas, TX 28 January 2012 at Black Sun Oasis, Akron, OH
Advanced Initiator Training sessions:	3 June 2011 at 418 Lodge, Sacramento, CA 5 December 2011 at Sekhet Bast Ra, Oklahoma City, OK

Publications

U.S.G.L.:	<i>Agapé</i>	<i>The Eucharist</i>	<i>The Pelican</i>
Local Body (Fourteen local bodies with active, regular publications):			
418 Lodge	<i>Cheth</i>	Horizon Lodge	<i>Sky's Embrace</i>
Leaping Laughter Lodge	<i>The Laughterful Caress</i>	Blue Equinox Oasis	<i>Blue Equinox Newsletter</i>
Scarlet Woman Lodge	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	Horus Oasis	<i>The Other Eye</i>
Sekhet-Maat Lodge	<i>Lion & Serpent</i>	Onnophris Oasis	<i>Old Hoosier Thelemite</i>
Tahuti Lodge	<i>The Scroll of Thoth</i>	Sekhet-Bast-Ra Oasis	<i>Ophiuchus</i>
Thelesis Lodge	<i>Behutet</i>	AHBH Camp	<i>AHBH Newsletter</i>
Coph Nia Lodge	<i>The Wand</i>	Subtlety or Force Camp	<i>Doomsayer's Digest</i>

Library

Number of Titles	1,437
Number of Titles Acquired this Year	2
Status of Lending Program: Fully activated for lodge masters and members of the VI° and above.	

We always welcome literary donations; Grand Lodge has an Amazon.com Wish List and also accepts donations directly from members and friends.

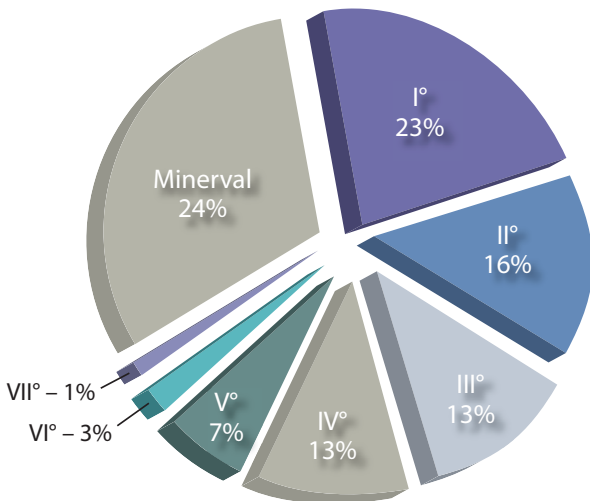
Membership

Active members as of Feb 29, 2012*	1,258
Minervals	307
Full members	951
Active membership change from last year	42 (4%)
Active membership change from U.S.G.L. founding	175 (16%)
New U.S.G.L. membership	235
Number of new Minervals [†]	181
Re-admissions (<i>requiring Executive approval</i>)	6
Reactivations (<i>not requiring Executive approval</i>)	47
Moved to U.S.G.L. jurisdiction	1
Attrition:	193
Moved from U.S.G.L. jurisdiction	2
Inactivated	182
Demitted Minervals	73
Inactivated full members	109
Resigned	8
Expelled	0
Deceased	1
Bad Reports	4
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Suspensions	1

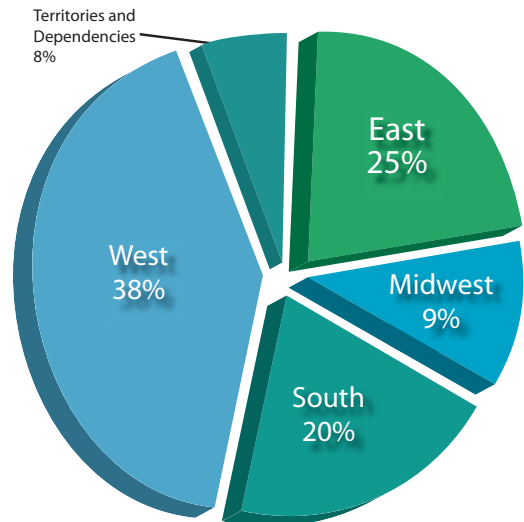
* Includes full members and Minervals

[†] Includes Minervals performed in FY10 but not reported until FY11

USGL Membership by Degree
(as of February 29, 2012 e.v.)



USGL Membership by Region
(as of February 29, 2012 e.v.)



Region Key

- West: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.
- East: CT, DC, DE, IN, MA, MD, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT.
- South: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA WV.
- Midwest: IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI

Finances

Income:

Dues.....	\$48,563
Conference Fees.....	31,745
Fees.....	26,982
Sales.....	8,172
Training Fees.....	2,965
Donations.....	632
Other.....	394
Total Income.....	\$119,453

Expenses:

Local Body Subsidies.....	\$28,634
Administration.....	15,672
Program Expenses.....	75,153
Local Development.....	35,545
Conferences.....	33,884
Agape.....	2,792
Internet.....	1,800
Quartermaster.....	1,132
Total Expenses.....	119,459

Net Income for year ending February 29, 2012.....(\$6)

Assets:

General Fund.....	\$32,377
Temples & Regalia.....	17,390
Archives.....	13,748
Inventory.....	7,094
Building Fund.....	5,482
Real Estate.....	5,000
Office Equipment.....	4,520
Total Assets.....	\$85,611

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable.....	26,166
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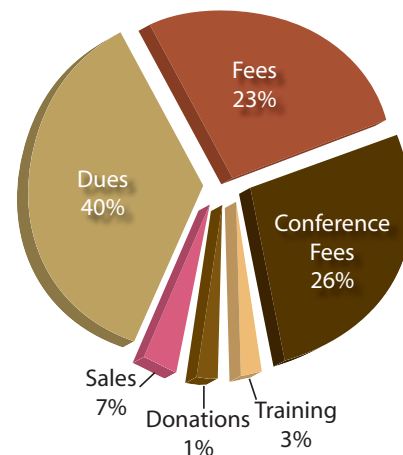
Net Assets.....\$59,445

Detailed membership data and financial statements are available upon request from the Grand Treasurer General.

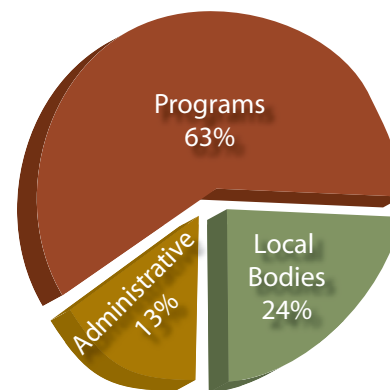
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Donations, gifts, and bequests are fully tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

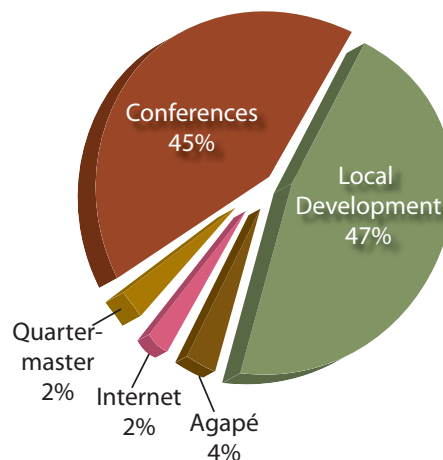
USGL Sources of Income (March 2011 – February 2012 e.v.)



USGL Expenses (March 2011 – February 2012 e.v.)



USGL Program Expenditures (March 2011 – February 2012 e.v.)



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Initiation Training Program Committee
Kaaba Committee
Mediation Training Development Committee
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Public Relations and Media Outreach Committee

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