



Ordo Templi Orientis United States Grand Lodge Annual Report

Anno IVxx

Fiscal Year 2012 e.v.

(March 2012 - February 2013)

✿ *Mysteria Mystica Maxima*

✿ *Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica*

*Annual Report of the
United States Grand Lodge
of Ordo Templi Orientis
Fiscal Year 2012 e.v.*

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 as incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in California in 1979 e.v. It is currently organized in 30 countries, with Grand Lodges in the United States, England, and Australia, and 164 Camps, Oases and Lodges 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 49 active local bodies in 30 states as of February 2013, as well as a Camp in Formation in one additional state (Nebraska). 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 and Catholic Church, which is the ecclesiastical aspect of the 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, membership grew by 50 members net, a 4% increase, the same rate as last year.

During this fiscal year, we implemented a new method of selecting Man of Earth Delegates, in which the delegates would actually be chosen by the Man of Earth Triad in accordance with Book 194 and with our updated 2007 e.v. strategic plan.

Our annual joint meeting of governing bodies was hosted by Golden Lotus Oasis in Southern California over the weekend of July 14–15, 2012 e.v. in Southern California. This year, the annual meeting will be held at NOTOCON in Sacramento, CA over the weekend of August 9-11, 2013 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,



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

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| Minerval | 147 |
| I° | 84 |
| II° | 34 |
| III° | 21 |
| IV° | 7 |
| Perfect Initiate | 7 |
| Knight of the East and West | 7 |
| V° | 3 |
| Knight of the Red Eagle | 0 |
| VI° | 5 |
| Grand Inquisitor Commander | 1 |
| Prince of the Royal Secret | 1 |
| VII° | 3 |

Initiators

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| New Initiators | 11 |
| Attrition | 5 |
| Total Initiators | 177 |
| <i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i> | 3.509 |

Local Bodies

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| Local Bodies as of 28 February 2013 | 62 |
| Camps | 13 |
| Change from FY11..... | -1 |
| Oases | 22 |
| Change from FY11 | 4 |
| Lodges | 13 |
| Change from FY11 | -1 |
| Chapters | 14 |
| Change from FY11 | 0 |
| Note: There are two additional chapters that are dormant. | |
| New | 7 |
| Closed | 5 |
| <i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i> | 3.3 |

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| Gnostic Masses reported (Oases and Lodges only, per criteria)* | 741 |
| <i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i> | 6.47 |
| Gnostic Masses reported (including Camps)* | 800 |
| Baptisms reported† | 172 |
| Confirmations reported† | 112 |
| Deacon Ordinations reported† | 36 |
| Priest Ordinations reported† | 9 |
| Priestess Ordinations reported† | 5 |
| Weddings reported | 7 |
| Bishop Consecrations reported | 3 |

* The numbers do not include data from Seven Spirits Oasis (charter was suspended) or AHBH Oasis (Body Master requested the Oasis be closed in 2013). The two Body Masters failed to provide ARF data.

† Includes Baptisms, Confirmations and Ordinations ceremonies performed in previous fiscal years which had not been previously reported.

Classes

Total number of classes offered*1258
Change from last fiscal year (%)-3.2

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Grand Lodge Events

Annual joint meetings of governing and administrative bodies: 14 July 2012 at Golden Lotus Oasis, Mission Viejo, CA
Electoral College Meetings: 14 April 2012 at Vortex Oasis, Tacoma, WA
14 July 2012 at Golden Lotus Oasis, Mission Viejo, CA
6 October 2012 at Sekhet-Maat Lodge, Portland, OR
12 January 2012 (on-line)
Kaaba Colloquium Workshops: 19-20 May 2012 at Black Sun Oasis, Akron, OH
27-28 October 2012 at Lapis Lazuli Camp, Phoenix, AZ

Initiator Training

Initiator Training sessions: 28-29 January 2012 at Black Sun Oasis, Akron, OH
17 March 2012 at Golden Lotus Oasis, Mission Viejo, CA
23-24 March 2012 at Scarlet Woman Lodge, Austin, TX
29 April 2012 at Crux Ansata Camp, Denver, CO
21-22 July 2012 at Sekhet-Maat Lodge, Portland, OR
17 November 2012 at Horizon Lodge, Seattle, WA
Advanced Initiator Training sessions: 4-6 May 2012 at Swirling Star Lodge, Miami, FL
7-9 December 2012 at Horizon Lodge, Seattle, WA

Publications

U.S.G.L.: *Agapé* *The Eucharist* *The Pelican*

Local Body (Fourteen local bodies with active, regular publications):

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| 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> | Sekhet-Bast-Ra Oasis | <i>Ophiuchus</i> |
| Tahuti Lodge | <i>The Scroll of Thoth</i> | AHBH Camp | <i>AHBH Newsletter</i> |
| Thelesis Oasis | <i>Behutet</i> | Subtlety or Force Camp | <i>Doomsayer's Digest</i> |
| Coph Nia Lodge | <i>The Wand</i> | Swirling Star Lodge | <i>The Chariot</i> |

Library

Number of Titles1,448
Number of Titles Acquired this Year11
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.

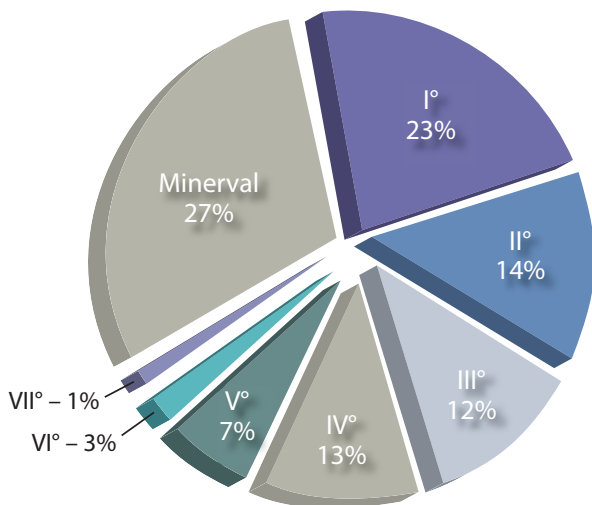
Membership

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| Active members as of Feb 28, 2013* | 1,309 |
| Minervals | 350 |
| Full members | 959 |
| Active membership change from last year | 51 (4%) |
| Active membership change from U.S.G.L. founding | 226 (21%) |
| New U.S.G.L. membership | 259 |
| Number of new Minervals† | 218 |
| Re-admissions (<i>requiring Executive approval</i>) | 1 |
| Reactivations (<i>not requiring Executive approval</i>) | 38 |
| Moved to U.S.G.L. jurisdiction | 2 |
| Attrition: | 208 |
| Moved from U.S.G.L. jurisdiction | 0 |
| Inactivated | 198 |
| Demitted Minervals | 71 |
| Inactivated full members | 127 |
| Resigned | 7 |
| Expelled | 1 |
| Deceased | 2 |
| Bad Reports | 1 |
| Bad Reports lifted | 0 |
| Suspensions | 3 |

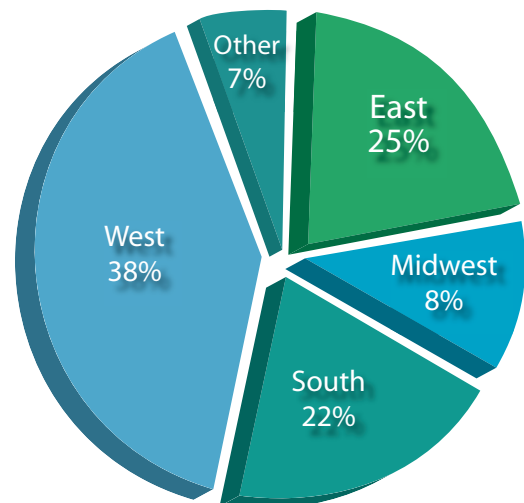
* Includes full members and Minervals

† Includes Minervals performed in FY11 but not reported until FY12

USGL Membership by Degree
(as of February 28, 2013 e.v.)



USGL Membership by Region
(as of February 28, 2013 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:

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| Dues..... | \$49,319 |
| Initiation Fees..... | 32,143 |
| Conference Fees..... | 12,445 |
| Sales..... | 5,281 |
| Training Fees..... | 2,976 |
| Other..... | 382 |
| Donations..... | 282 |
| Total Income..... | \$102,828 |

Expenses:

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| Local Body Subsidies..... | \$30,963 |
| Administration..... | 18,155 |
| Program Expenses..... | 58,976 |
| Local Development..... | 50,080 |
| Agape..... | 3,027 |
| Conferences..... | 2,926 |
| Internet..... | 1,905 |
| Quartermaster..... | 1,038 |
| Total Expenses..... | \$108,094 |

Net Income for year ending February 28, 2013.....(\$5,266)

Assets:

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| Temples & Regalia..... | \$17,390 |
| Archives..... | 13,838 |
| General Fund..... | 8,453 |
| Inventory..... | 5,886 |
| Building Fund..... | 5,482 |
| Real Estate..... | 5,000 |
| Office Equipment..... | 4,964 |
| Total Assets..... | \$61,013 |

Liabilities:

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| Accounts Payable..... | \$6,835 |
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Net Assets.....\$54,178

**All members pay dues to O.T.O. International. O.T.O. International provides a concession of 50% of dues paid by US-based members to US Grand Lodge for national administration.*

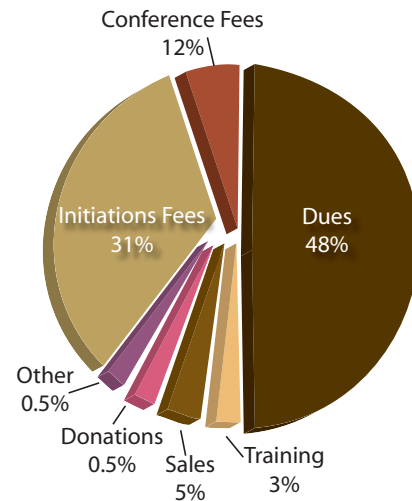
Detailed membership data and financial statements are available upon request from the Grand Treasurer General.

Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A. is a non-profit religious organization, tax-exempt under IRS Code 501(c)(3).

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

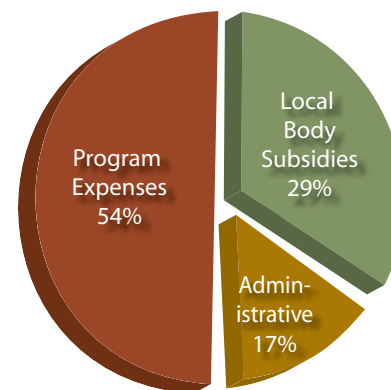
USGL Sources of Income

(March 2012 – February 2013 e.v.)



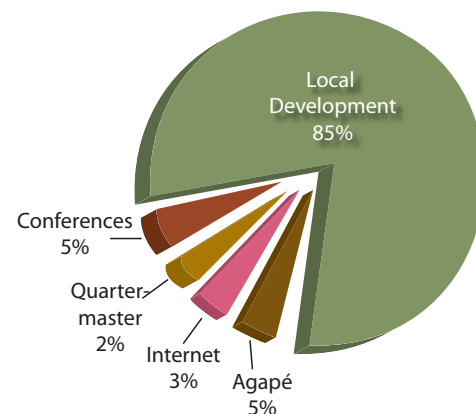
USGL Expenses

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USGL Program Expenditures

(March 2012 – February 2013 e.v.)



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Finance Committee
Initiation Training Program Committee
Kaaba Committee
Man of Earth Delegate Nomination Panel
Mediation Training Development Committee
Prison Ministry Advisory Panel
Profess House Development Committee

U.S. local body contact information:

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