



Ordo Templi Orientis United States Grand Lodge Annual Report

Anno V

Fiscal Year 2014 E.V.

(March 2014 - February 2015)

✿ *Mysteria Mystica Maxima*

✿ *Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica*

*Annual Report of the
United States Grand Lodge
of Ordo Templi Orientis
Fiscal Year 2014 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 was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in California in 1979 E.V. It is currently organized in 28 countries, with Grand Lodges in the United States, England, Australia, Croatia, and Italy, and 145 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 50 active local Man of Earth bodies and 14 active Rose-Croix Chapters in 30 states as of February 2015, as well as Camps in Formation in three additional states (Idaho, Nevada, and New Hampshire). Each local O.T.O. body interfacing with the public (Man of Earth bodies) 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, membership decreased by 12 members net, which is less than a 1% decrease. Last fiscal year, we reported a significant increase of 199 members, a 15% increase over the previous year. However, a number of demits and inactives that occurred during that fiscal year were not officially posted until this fiscal year. In effect, the net increase in membership over the last two years is 14%, or 7% each year.

Our annual joint meeting of governing bodies was hosted by Infinite Stars Chapter and William Blake Lodge over the weekend of July 11–12, 2014 E.V. in Baltimore, Maryland. This year, the annual meeting will be held at our tenth biennial national convention (NOTOCON) in Austin, TX over the weekend of August 14–16.

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. Also included this year is our Non-Discrimination Policy, first adopted in 2000 E.V. This policy was amended this year to include the term “gender identity”.

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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.

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



Mission 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.

Program 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.

Values 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.

*N*ondiscrimination Policy

1. There shall be no consideration of race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation when considering the fitness of candidates for admission, advancement, or appointment of office within Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A.



Summary of Activities

Initiations

Minerval	180
I°	124
II°	69
III°	54
IV°	11
Perfect Initiate	11
Knight of the East and West	6
V°	12
Knight of the Red Eagle	2
VI°	2
Grand Inquisitor Commander	2
Prince of the Royal Secret	1
VII°	0

Initiators

New Initiators	14
Attrition	9
Total Initiators	192
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	2.67

Local Bodies

Local Bodies as of 28 February 2015	64
Camps	15
Change from FY13.....	0
Oases	21
Change from FY13	0
Lodges	14
Change from FY13	0
Chapters*	14
Change from FY13	0
	Note: Two additional Chapters are dormant.
New	2
Closed	2
Correction for error in FY13 numbers	2
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	0

*There was an error in the number of Chapters reported for FY2013, reported as 12 and should have been 14 plus the two dormant Chapters.

E.G.C.

Gnostic Masses reported (Oases and Lodges only, per criteria)	772
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	-2.03
Gnostic Masses reported (including Camps)*	809
Baptisms reported†	167
Confirmations reported†	102
Deacon Ordinations reported†	35
Priest Ordinations reported†	11
Priestess Ordinations reported†	16
Weddings reported†	2
Bishop Consecrations reported	0

*Gnostic Masses reported (including Camps) does not include Astrum Inculta Camp, which did not submit an annual report.

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

Classes

Total number of classes offered*	1189
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	-14.46

*Classes reported (including Camps) does not include Astrum Inculta Camp, which did not submit an annual report.

Grand Lodge Events

Annual joint meetings of governing and administrative bodies:	12 July 2014 at BWI Marriott, Baltimore, MD
Electoral College Meetings:	5 April 2014 at Coph Nia Lodge, Eugene, OR 12 July 2014 at Infinite Stars/William Blake Lodge, Baltimore, MD 18 October 2014 at Scarlet Woman Lodge, Austin, TX 17 January 2015 (on-line)
Kaaba Colloquium Workshops:	29-30 March 2014 at Golden Lotus Lodge, Santa Ana, CA 1-2 November 2014 at Sekhet-Maat Lodge, Portland, OR

Initiator Training

Initiator Training sessions:	23 February 2014 at Alombrados Oasis, New Orleans, LA 19 July 2014 at Blue Equinox Oasis, Detroit, MI 9 August 2014 at Star of Babalon Camp, Raleigh, NC 16 August 2014 at Swirling Star Lodge, Miami, FL 30 August 2014 at Horus Oasis, Salt Lake City, UT 27 September 2014 at Horizon Lodge, Seattle, WA 13 October 2014 at Sekhet-Maat Lodge, Portland, OR 22 November 2014 at Coph Nia Lodge, Eugene, OR 7 December 2014 at Sword and Serpent Oasis, Dayton, OH
Advanced Initiator Training sessions:	12-13 April 2014 at Alombrados Oasis, New Orleans, LA 6-7 December 2014 at Kennedy School, McMenamens, Portland, OR

Publications

U.S.G.L.:	<i>Agapé</i>	<i>The Eucharist</i>	<i>The Pelican</i>
Local Body (Four local bodies with active, regular publications):			
Coph Nia Lodge		<i>The Wand</i>	
Horizon Lodge		<i>Sky's Embrace</i>	
Sekhet-Bast-Ra Oasis		<i>Ophiuchus</i>	
Thelesis Oasis		<i>Behutet</i>	

Library

Number of Titles	1,486
Number of Titles Acquired this Year	10

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.

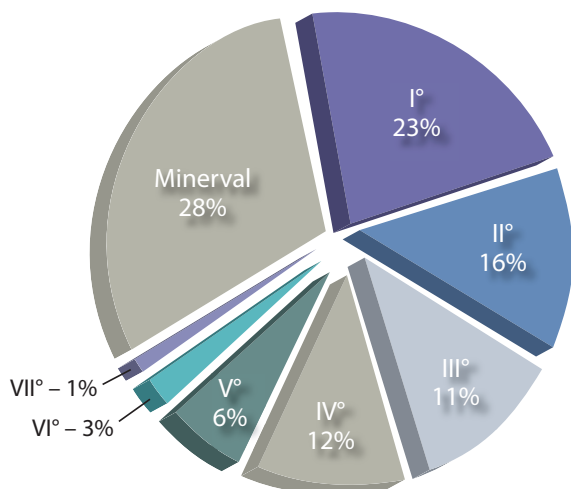
Membership

Active members as of Feb 28, 2015*	1,496
Minervals	420
Full members	1,076
Active membership change from last year	-12 (-1%)
Active membership change from U.S.G.L. founding	413 (38%)
New U.S.G.L membership	259
Number of new Minervals†	207
Re-admissions (<i>requiring Executive approval</i>)	0
Reactivations (<i>not requiring Executive approval</i>)	51
Moved to U.S.G.L jurisdiction	1
Attrition:	271
Moved from U.S.G.L. jurisdiction	3
Inactivated	261
Demitted Minervals	116
Inactivated full members	145
Resigned	4
Expelled	1
Deceased	2
Bad Reports	8
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Suspended	2

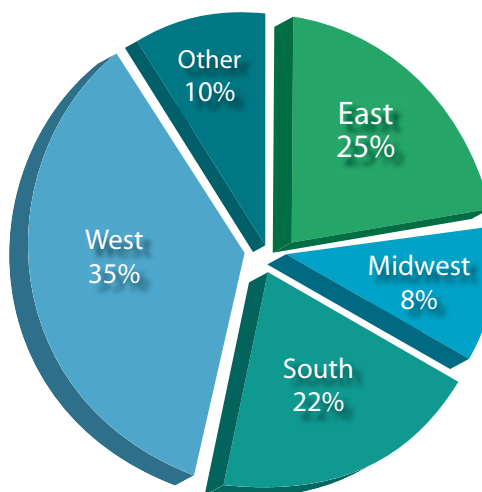
* Includes full members and Minervals

† Includes Minervals performed in FY13 but not reported until FY14

USGL Membership by Degree
(as of February 28, 2015 E.V.)



USGL Membership by Region
(as of February 28, 2015 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.....	\$55,305
Fees.....	33,761
Conference Fees.....	21,210
Sales.....	5,371
Training Fees.....	3,068
Donations.....	749
Other.....	409
Total Income.....	\$119,873

Expenses:

Local Body Subsidies.....	\$32,991
Administration.....	16,200
Program Expenses.....	66,919
Local Development.....	60,293
Conferences.....	1,922
Prison Ministry.....	1,534
Quartermaster.....	1,284
Library.....	959
Internet.....	927
Total Expenses.....	\$116,110

Net Income for year ending February 28, 2015.....\$3,763

Assets:

General Fund.....	\$37,785
Temples & Regalia.....	17,390
Archives.....	16,282
Inventory.....	7,274
Building Fund.....	6,482
Real Estate.....	5,000
Office Equipment.....	4,031
Total Assets.....	\$94,244

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable.....	\$25,740
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Net Assets.....\$68,504

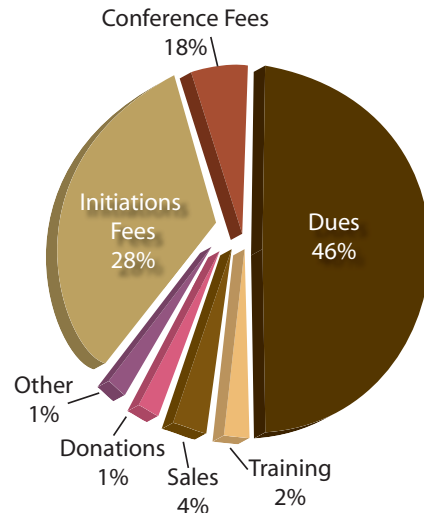
All members pay dues to O.T.O. International. O.T.O. International provides a concession of 50% of dues paid by US-based members to US Grand Lodge for national administration.

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

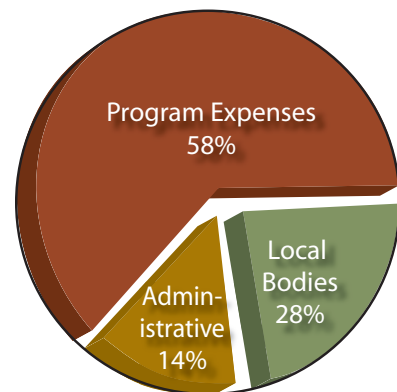
Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A. is a non-profit religious organization, tax-exempt under IRS Code 501(c)(3).

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

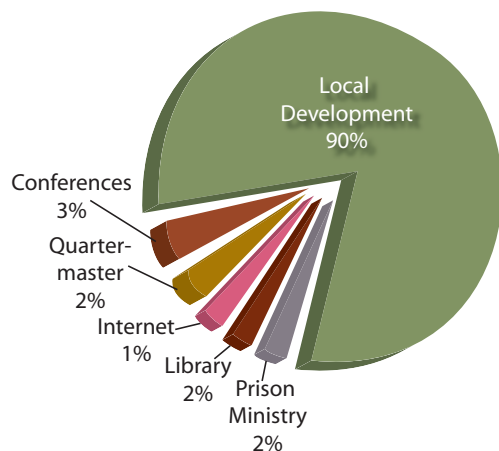
USGL Sources of Income (March 2014 – February 2015 E.V.)



USGL Expenses (March 2014 – February 2015 E.V.)



USGL Program Expenditures (March 2014 – February 2015 E.V.)



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E.G.C. Clergy Training Committee
Finance Committee
Initiation Training Program Committee
Kaaba Committee
Man of Earth Delegate Nomination Panel
Prison Ministry Advisory Panel
Profess House Development Committee

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