



Ordo Templi Orientis United States Grand Lodge Annual Report

Anno IVxv

Fiscal Year 2007

(March 2007 - February 2008)

✿ *Mysteria Mystica Maxima*

✿ *Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica*

*Annual Report of the
United States Grand Lodge
of Ordo Templi Orientis
Fiscal Year 2007*



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, and was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in California in 1979. It is currently organized in 15 countries, with Grand Lodges in the United States, England, and Australia. 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. 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., is a duly chartered Grand Lodge and National Section of Ordo Templi Orientis, chartered by Ordo Templi Orientis International Headquarters on March 30, 1996. It is a tax-exempt, non-profit religious organization incorporated on June 20, 1996 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 56 local bodies in 25 states as of February 2008. 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.

In the 2007-2008 fiscal year, we have continued our course of slow but steady growth in membership as well as in the programs and services offered to our members. We have made steady progress in implementing the scheduled tasks from the strategic plan we adopted last fiscal year.

In the following paragraphs, you will see our Statements of Mission, Program, Vision, and Values. These statements were developed as part of last year's 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 future of U.S.G.L. over the next several years.

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 and small crosses at the intersections of the grid lines.

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 ceremonial 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 (includes 7 from 2006, not reported until 2007)	192
I° (includes 8 from 2006 not reported until 2007)	93
II° (includes 10 from 2006 not reported until 2007)	75
III° (includes 10 from 2006 not reported until 2007)	56
IV° (includes 4 from 2006 not reported until 2007)	20
Perfect Initiate (includes 4 from 2006 not reported until 2007)	20
Knight of the East and West	20
V°	26
Knight of the Red Eagle	5
VI°	3
Grand Inquisitor Commander	0
Prince of the Royal Secret	1
VII°	0

Initiators

New Initiators	7
Attrition	6
Total Initiators	163
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	0.62

Local Bodies

Local Bodies as of 29 February 2008	56
Camps	9
<i>Change from FY06</i>	-2
Oases	25
<i>Change from FY06</i>	3
Lodges	10
<i>Change from FY06</i>	-2
Chapters	12
<i>Change from FY06</i>	0
New	2
Closed	3
<i>Total Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	-1.7

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Gnostic Masses performed (Oases and Lodges only, per criteria)*	747
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i>	19.9
Gnostic Masses performed (including Camps)*	802
Baptisms performed	76
Confirmations performed	48
Deacon Ordinations performed	12
Priest Ordinations performed	7
Priestess Ordinations performed	8
Weddings performed	0
Bishop Consecrations performed	0

* Estimated based on proportioned partial data. Some local body reporting data (roughly 40%) were lost due to one-time problems with encryption software

Classes

Total number of classes offered*	1098
Change from last fiscal year (%).....	5

Grand Lodge Events

Annual joint meetings of governing and administrative bodies:	10 August 2007, Salem, MA - Hosted by Knights Templar Oasis and NOTOCON
Electoral College Meetings:	15 April 2007 at Sekhet-Bast-Ra Oasis, Oklahoma City, OK 10 August 2007 at Knights Templar Oasis, Salem, MA 13 October 2007 at Thelema Lodge, Oakland, CA 13 January 2008 (on-line)
National Conference:	10-12 August 2007 at Knights Templar Oasis, Salem, MA
Kaaba Colloquium Workshops:	26-27 May 2007, Leaping Laughter Lodge, Minneapolis, MN 1-2 December 2007, Starry Bayou Camp, Houston, TX
Initiator Training sessions:	10 November 2007 at Set Triumphant Camp, Orlando, FL

Publications

U.S.G.L.:	<i>Agape</i> <i>The Eucharist</i> <i>The Pelican</i>
Local Body (twelve local bodies with active, regular publications):	
418 Lodge	<i>Cheth</i>
Heru-Behutet Oasis	<i>Talons</i>
Sekhet-Maat Lodge	<i>Lion & Serpent</i>
Scarlet Woman Lodge	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>
Thelema Lodge	<i>Thelema Community Calendar</i>
Thelesis Lodge	<i>Behutet</i>
Blue Equinox Oasis	<i>Blue Equinox Journal</i>
Heru-Behutet Oasis	<i>Talons</i>
Horizon Oasis	<i>Sky's Embrace</i>
Onnophris Oasis	<i>The Old Hoosier Thelemite</i>
Sekhet Bast Ra Oasis	<i>Ophiuchus</i>
Xanadu Oasis	<i>Dead Souls Scrolls</i>

Library

Number of Titles.....	1,395
Number of Titles Acquired this Year.....	18
Status of Lending Program:	Fully activated for lodge masters and members of the VI° and above.

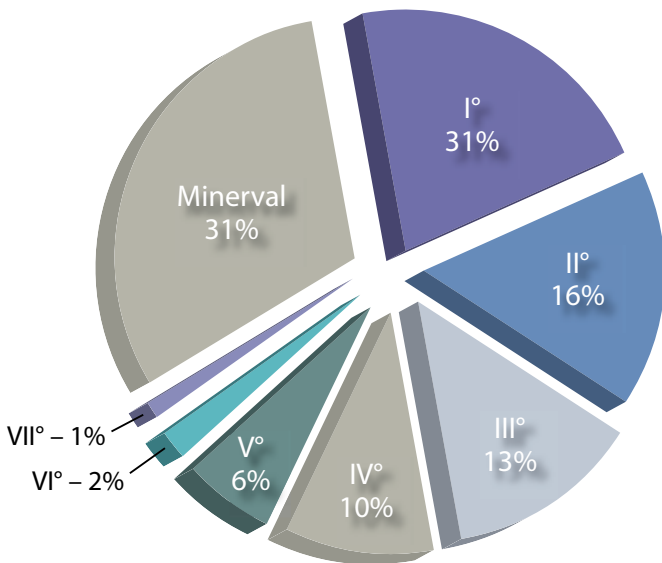
We always welcome literary donations; Grand Lodge has an Amazon.com Wish List and also accepts donations directly from members and friends.

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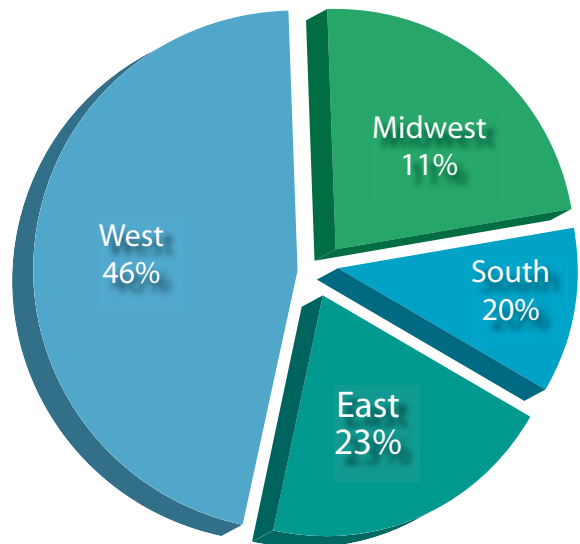
Membership

Active members as of Feb 29 2008	1,513
Active members change from last year.....	42 (2.9%)
Active membership change from U.S.G.L. founding	430 (40%)
 New U.S.G.L membership.....	 219
Number of new Minervals (<i>includes Minervals performed in FY06 but not reported until FY07</i>)	188
Re-admissions (<i>requiring Executive approval</i>).....	0
Reactivations (<i>not requiring Executive approval</i>).....	31
Moved to U.S.G.L jurisdiction	0
 Attrition:.....	 129
Moved from U.S.G.L. jurisdiction.....	4
Inactivated.....	114
Resigned.....	10
Expelled.....	2
Deceased.....	0
 Bad Reports (includes 4 non-members).....	 17
 Bad Reports lifted	 0
 Suspensions.....	 0

USGL Membership by Degree
(as of February 29, 2008 e.v.)



USGL Membership by Region
(as of February 29, 2008 e.v.)



Region Key

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

Income

Dues.....	\$41,578
Fees	25,206
Donations	1,676
Conferences.....	39,990
Sales	5,532
Other	563
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$114,545</i>

Expenses

Administration	\$24,334
Local Body Subsidies	24,946
Program Expenses	94,414
Conferences.....	46,510
Local Development	32,390
Printing	5,920
Initiations.....	516
Quartermaster	5,332
Agape.....	1,464
Library	180
Internet	1,800
Prison Ministry	302
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$143,694</i>

Net Income for year ending February 29, 2008 (\$29,149)

Assets

General Fund	\$7,820
Building Fund	3,276
Temples & Regalia	17,390
Archives	12,137
Office Equipment.....	6,230
Real Estate.....	5,000
Receivables	6,138
Inventory	1,598
<i>Total Assets.....</i>	<i>\$59,589</i>

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable.....	4,568
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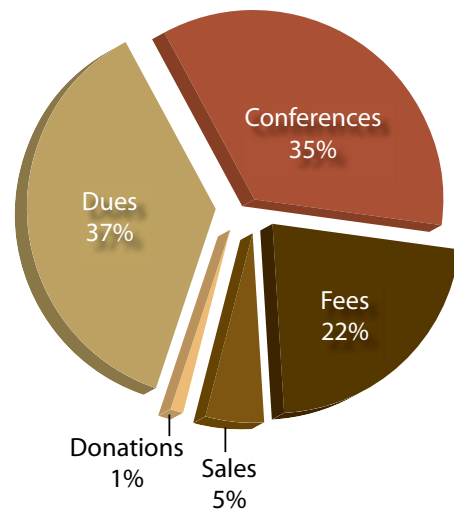
Net Assets \$55,021

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

Ordo Templi Orientis USA 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.

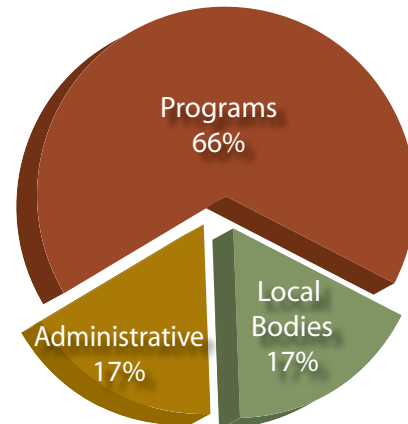
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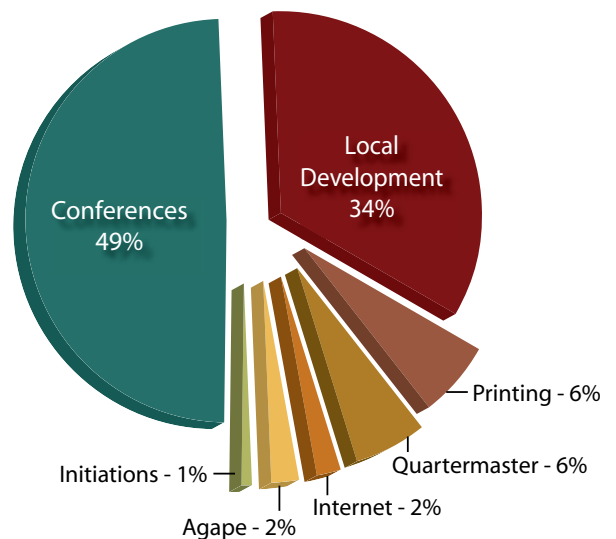
USGL Expenses

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USGL Program Expenditures

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