



Ordo Templi Orientis U.S. Grand Lodge

Annual Report
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Annual Report of the United States Grand Lodge of Ordo Templi Orientis Fiscal Year 2006

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 established in 26 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 44 local bodies in 24 states. 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 three 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 *Ecclessia 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 esoteric/occult subject matter. Some of these may include Qabalah, Yoga, Ceremonial Magick, Hermetic Science, Tarot, Astrology, Alchemy, Mythology, and Comparative Religion, as well as various Thelemic celebrations, rituals, rites and holidays that assist and support the development of Thelemic community.

The 2006-2007 fiscal year has been a significant one for U.S.G.L. We have continued our course of slow but steady growth in membership as well as in the programs and services offered to our membership. We have also completed our first strategic plan, which lays out the course for further development of our programs and local bodies, and provides a benchmark for our future success.

In the following paragraphs, you will see our Statements of Mission, Program, Vision, and Values. These statements were developed as part of the 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,

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 small crosses.

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 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.

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.

Vision 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.

Summary of Activities

Initiations:

Minerval	165
I°	85
II°	65
III°	36
IV°	24
Perfect Initiate	24
Knight of the East and West	7
V°	2
Knight of the Red Eagle	5
VI°	3
Grand Inquisitor Commander	3
Prince of the Royal Secret	4
VII°	5

Initiators:

New Initiators	22
Total Initiators	162
Change from last fiscal year (%)	13.5

Local Bodies:

Local Bodies as of 28 February 2006	57
Camps	11
Change from FY05	-2
Oases	22
Change from FY05	3
Lodges	12
Change from FY05	2
Chapters	12
Change from FY05	0
New	3
Closed	0
Change from last fiscal year (%)	5.5

E.G.C.:

Gnostic Masses performed (Oases and Lodges only, per criteria)	623
Change from last fiscal year (%)	18
Gnostic Masses performed (including Camps)	684
Baptisms performed	83
Confirmations performed	51
Deacon Ordinations performed	22
Priest Ordinations performed	4
Priestess Ordinations performed	5
Weddings performed	1
Bishop Consecrations performed	5

Classes:

Total number of classes offered	1,046
Change from last fiscal year (%)	4

Grand Lodge Events:

Annual joint meetings of governing and administrative bodies:

22-23 July 2006, Los Angeles, CA
Hosted by L.V.X. Lodge and Blue Horizon Oasis

Electoral College Meetings:

15-16 April 2006 at Hoor-Paar-Kraat Oasis, Ogden, UT
22 July 2006 at Blue Horizon Oasis, Glendale, CA
14-15 October 2006 at Serpentine Splendor Lodge, Las Vegas, NV
13 January 2007 on-line

O.T.O. Women’s Symposium:

5-6 August 2006, Las Vegas, NV

Kaaba Colloquium Workshops:

24-25 June 2006, Seven Spirits Camp, Tucson, AZ
18-19 November 2006, Set Triumphant Camp, Orlando, FL

Initiator Training sessions:

8 July 2006 At Knights Templar Oasis, Salem, MA
4 November 2006 at 418 Lodge, Sacramento, CA
6 January 2007 at Sekhet-Maat Lodge, Portland, OR

Publications:

U.S.G.L.:

Agape
The Eucharist
The Pelican

Local Body:

Five local bodies with active, regular local publications:

418 Lodge
Scarlet Woman Lodge
Sekhet-Maat Lodge
Thelesis Oasis
Blue Equinox Oasis

Library:

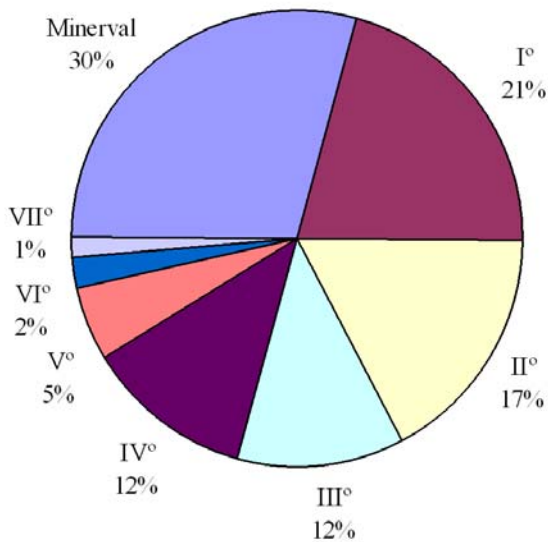
Number of Titles 1,377
Number of Titles Acquired this Year 5
Status of Lending Program: Fully activated for lodge masters and members of the VI° and above.

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

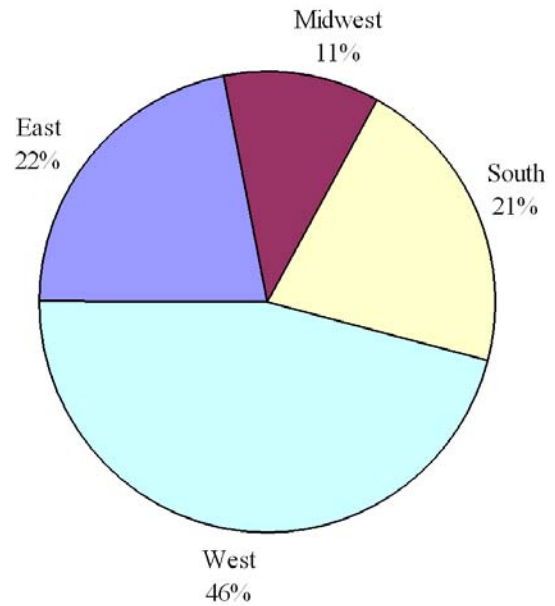
Membership

Active members as of Feb 28 2007	1,471
Active members change from last year	65 (5%)
Active membership change from U.S.G.L. founding	388 (36%)
New U.S.G.L membership.....	247
Number of new Minervals (includes Minervals performed in FY05 but not reported until FY06)	218
Re-admissions (that required Executive approval)	0
Reactivations (not requiring Executive approval)	28
Moved to U.S.G.L jurisdiction	1
Attrition:	182
Moved from U.S.G.L. jurisdiction	3
Inactivated	164
Resigned	12
Expelled.....	1
Deceased.....	2
Bad Reports	6
Bad Reports lifted.....	1
Suspensions	4

**USGL Membership by Degree
as of March 1, 2007 e.v.**



**USGL Membership by Region
as of March 1, 2007 e.v.**



Finances

Income:

Dues	\$44,747
Fees	24,720
Donations	17,313
Conferences.....	11,865
Sales	5,312
Other	410
Total Income	\$104,367

Expenses:

Administration	\$20,074
Local Body Subsidies.....	22,820
Program Expenses	44,592
Conferences	14,285
Local Development.....	14,229
Initiations	5,766
Quartermaster	3,516
Agape.....	2,668
Library	1,985
Internet.....	1,710
Prison Ministry	433
Total Expenses	\$87,486

Net Income for year ending February 28, 2007..... \$16,881

Assets:

General Fund.....	\$45,320
Building Fund	3,260
Temples & Regalia.....	17,390
Archives	9,016
Office Equipment.....	8,594
Real Estate.....	5,000
Receivables	1,700
Inventory	918
Total Assets.....	\$91,198

Liabilities:

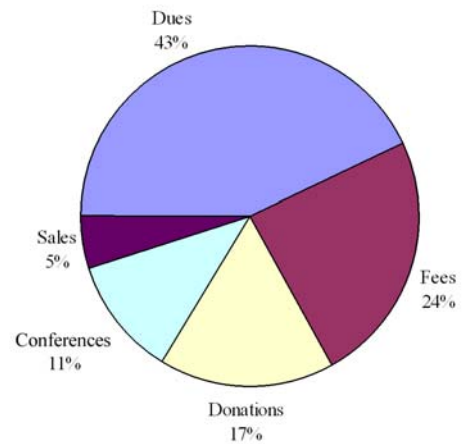
Accounts Payable	\$9,013
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Net Assets..... \$82,185

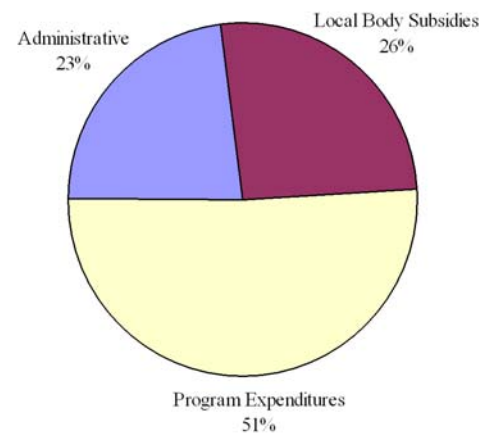
Detailed membership data and financial statements are available upon request from the Grand Treasurer General.

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.

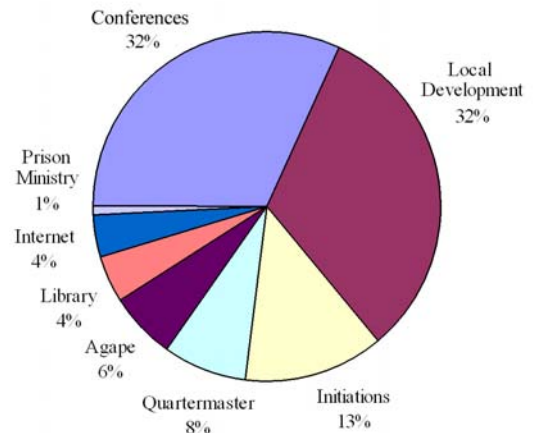
**USGL Sources of Income
March 2006-Feb 2007 e.v.**



**USGL Expense Categories
March 2006-Feb 2007 e.v.**



**USGL Program Expenditures
March 2006-Feb 2007 e.v.**



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