

# The Magickal Link

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

Welcome to the 2nd issue of the MAGICKAL LINK. We are still in the process of ironing out its kinks. I ask that chapter Reports, if possible be typed with a dark ribbon and in 3¼" columns; then we will not have to retype them. There is still a discussion going about whether this Bulletin should be a monthly or bi-monthly. This will depend upon how much there is to report within the areas covered by this paper.

Deadline on all reports, letters and ads for the Bulletin will be the 10th of the month. We would like to hear from the general membership as well as the Chapters on their wants and needs.

## *From the CALIPH...*

I have just returned from my latest Eastern tour. It was far out. In my wartime career, I have hit many a beach, but this was one of the strangest. On the second day into the drop, I had a radio tape interview with Margot Adler (author of *DRAWING DOWN THE MOON*). Jim Wasserman was responsible for that. Then Vince rented a suite in the Park Plaza in Manhattan and I was announced as the guest of honor. Other people present were Kenneth Anger, Bishop Simon (of *Necronomicon* fame) and Bob Wang (who drew the cards for Regardie's *Golden Dawn Tarot*). I thought it was quite a compliment for all of us.

The subject of my color slide lecture was *GROUP RITUAL*, using recent slides of the *RITEs OF EULEUSIS* done by Chandria as the primary vehicle of exposure. The results were impressive.  
H. A. 777

### OTO SUPREME COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE MEMBERSHIP

#### Resolution 188

Minimum times spent in Minerval is 9 months and the minimum time spent in 1st degree is 9 months. The minimum time in the 2nd degree is one year, with the exception being only granted in writing by the Caliph's signature. No tacit agreement to advance under these minimum periods can be accepted.

#### Resolution 189

To enter 4th degree a candidate needs the usual requirements of good report. Also, either a full completion of LIBER MCLI requirements, or a special recognition of outstanding service to the Order. He/she must have one year minimum as a third and reasonable adherence to the oaths taken in the previous degrees and sponsorship by two members of IVth(4th) degree or up.

#### Resolution 190

A candidate to enter the 5th degree - needs the usual requirements of good report and full accomplishment of LIBER MCLI requirements unless exemption made by a majority of the Supreme Council or the Caliph or the three chief officers in common agreement. One year minimum as 4th degree is adequate to promote only if passed un-animously by the Supreme Council. The candidate will need two 5th degree sponsors or higher, one of whom must be a IXth degree. Reasonable adherence to the oaths is also expected.

#### Resolution 191

In the event a member of the O.T.O. having 2 checks returned from the bank for payment of dues and other fees owed to the Order that such a person should be notified regarding the matter and informed that unless such checks are immediately made good, no personal checks for over the amount of \$25.00 should be sent. Money orders or similar payment should be made instead. Another violation in the form of another bounced check constitutes reason for summary suspension of the member's rights and privileges by the decision of the G.T.G. acting alone.

## Lodges, Chapters & Camps

BROCKEN MOUNTAIN LODGE  
178 Cosey Beach Ave.  
East Haven, CT. 06512

On the first Saturday of every month initiates, friends and welcomed guests are invited to attend this group's activities and to participate if so desired. During the course of the previous month it is suggested that everyone write at least two pages on their own feelings, or ideas pertaining to any verse from the BOOK OF THE LAW. Your creativity can be channeled in any direction you so desire with either a short written piece, a picture or painting, music or virtually anything. . . but always pertaining to LIBER AL in

some manner. Copies of your work are requested for the Lodge files so please bring such.

The 'Fall Catalogue' of the BROCKEN MOUNTAIN PUBLICATIONS is available on request by mailing 50¢ to the Lodge.

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LASTAL Mother Lodge,  
Box 357 N.Y., N.Y.  
10274

Aside from initiations, LASTAL activities presently center on group education. The object is to develop in students an understanding of Thelemic Magick as it is presently understood, as well as the exploration of other systems whose integration into one's own personal work may prove useful.

To this end, LASTAL, in cooperation with Tahuti Chapter (now Lodge), performed a new ritual: Liber CCLXXVII vel Spirae (written by Frater O.G.: IX<sup>o</sup>) at the close of the Magickal Child Bookstore's October 26th Samhain Festival. This ritual is an example of non-qabalistic Magick and is effective in raising the consciousness of the observers, as well as the performers', beyond sectarian levels through a celebration of the O.T.O. structure described in The Equinox III #1.

A course in Ki development is being given by Robert Sisselman III<sup>o</sup>. Creative meditation and empirical Magick are being taught by Elizabeth Dowling III<sup>o</sup>. An ongoing course in Thelemic Magick is being given free to select students (those who make this pleasure a chore are duty-bound to assist the instructor to pay his dues).

Plans are in the works for LASTAL to develop into a Lodge of Perfection within the next year. The purpose is to create a body which will practice techniques of Magick based on the formula of the IV<sup>o</sup>, as well as to begin experiments through

which the potentials of upper-Degree bodies might be explored. This may aid in the growth of the present Order toward the mature structure proposed in The Equinox.

Oasis initiations will be performed as needed to fulfill commitments to members still in Oasis degrees as well as to encourage growth of new Oasis Lodges in other locations. Syllabus workshops shall continue to be taught so that worthy candidates for IV<sup>o</sup> might be found. A new encampment is currently in the planning stages.

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Heru Ra Ha Lodge  
P. O. Box 3111  
Newport Beach, CA. 92663

We are holding Enochian Studies Workshops bi-weekly on Tuesday & Thursday nights at 7:30 PM. This is taking place in our new Lodge House Temple. Gnostic Masses are being held the third Sunday of every month followed by a champagne brunch. Phone (714) 646-4002 for more information.

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BABALON-THERION  
c/o LeRoy Lauer  
15121 So. Casimir Ave.  
Gardena, CA 90249

During the past 9 months, we here in Gardena have been as busy as those proverbial little beavers. We have been providing both space and warm bodies for I<sup>o</sup> and II<sup>o</sup> initiations.

The Gnostic Mass has been celebrated twice at the Gardena headquarters of Babalon-Therion, and dramatic readings of Shakespeare and Crowley were performed.

Printed copies (approx. 17" x 22") of the Enochian boards, very suitable for painting, are available, having been produced for the Guild of Enochian Studies Workshop. LeRoy Lauer printed them and is selling sets of 4 for \$2.00, half of the proceeds to go to the Lodge.

Sell Heidel, a II<sup>o</sup> initiate from Salt Lake City, is recuperating from

8 hours of surgery performed Jan 6., 1981 ev at the UC Irvine Medical Center in Santa Ana, CA. Two Brothers from Salt Lake City, Pat and Raymond, along with Lon and Leroy, were present throughout the surgery in the lovely waiting room of the hospital in support of Sel. As of this writing, all is well. Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

Babalon-Therion Chapter is pleased to be hosting Pat and Raymond during a part of their stay here in Los Angeles.

David Wilson, II<sup>o</sup> member of Babalon-Therion, has been investigating, both in the workshop and on his own, the Enochian System, with positive results. David is an integral member of the Enochian Studies Workshop crew.

Correspondance is welcomed, the providers of such not encouraged to hold their breathes for a speedy reply.

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#### Grand Lodge Report:

Thelema Lodge: Grand Lodge  
of O.T.O.

P.O. Box 2303  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
U.S.A.

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Thelema Lodge is the Administrative center of the Order, world-wide. Bucks stop here — a point that several of the other Lodge Masters have found to be less than ideal. We are working on a partial solution, related to an unusual source of income. I can't disclose much just now, but the next issue of the Magickal Link will have some financial news of interest to us all.

Initiations are held regularly at the Grand Lodge and at other Lodges around the Country. Steps toward international initiations have been continually frustrated for one reason or another, but there is a solution. Are you a III<sup>rd</sup> Degree with travel plans? Would you like to see the Order grow? Contact the Grand Lodge for details.

The mundane year ended with the usual series of parties, car break-downs and general good times. We are all rested up now from the rigors of vacations and the extremes of the Saturnalia. No serious accidents have been reported among O.T.O. members in Magick workings, but we had a narrow escape Dec. 26th during a IInd Degree initiation. Without violating secrecy of initiation, I can disclose a bit for the future benefit of Emirs involved in the IInd Degree rites. Brothers and Sisters of the Oasis! Use caution and moderation in your deeds. Remember that the malice or humor of another may rebound upon you. Soror A.L., Emir of the IInd, drank too deeply of the well. We fished her out along with the C\*d\*t. Somewhat irregular, but rather interesting as a variation.

The O.T.O. Newsletter is slowing moving from the back burner toward the front of the stove. We will be finishing most of the preparation by the end of January. Then it's a matter of printing, collating and mailing. I'm shooting for February.

Non-profit status for O.T.O. and E.G.C. is well along. The filing for tax-exemptions at state and federal levels has started. One by-product of all this will be full financial disclosure in the #12 Newsletter. We have prepared reports in considerable detail for the last three years of operations, and may be able to report the year just ending by press time. This will bore the membership to tears for the most part, but it's a bit of information that needs to be in the hands of every member of the Order. One problem that most organizations face is apathy. O.T.O. is no exception. We have always had a full cheering section on matters of goals, fancy titles and glory. What keeps the Order on the plane is work. Work is not all that popular. These financial reports tell the story for those with the determination to read them. We're here and we are going to stay. O.T.O. has made it through the stormy period of financial luck. It looks like things are gradually going to get stable more and more as time advances.

This is no place for extended editorial, but there are some questions that need to be raised for discussion around the Order. We at Grand Lodge have the advantage and the disadvantage of getting a continuous picture of the effect of Thelema on different subcultures around the country.

Reports from Lodges, Camps and Chapters often mention local situations that are quite a surprise to us. Without mentioning the places where these problems are greatest, I would like to suggest things that need attention. Check these out where you live and in the group that you may be meeting with. Let's work on this together:

1. The status of Women in the Order. Some regions of the U.S.A. exhibit a very polar male-female culture. Other nations show similar extremes. I refer to the wife = slave syndrome. This manifests in a wide range from forced kitchen servent to induced fear of going out alone. We need to continue to shake off the old Aeon here. Love and respect need to be taken together. Women and Men are not "separate but equal." No two people are identical. Gender should not dictate roles to the extent it is now doing it.
2. Pax Templi, the Peace of the Temple. There has been a gradual improvement in this area, but a lot more work is needed in most of the areas of the Order's operations. Let's get going on the spirit of the IIIrd Degree.
3. Practica, being practical. This is heavy venom. Too little and you never have anything real to say about your life. Too much and you are a souless freak. More of our members suffer from too little than too much. What is urgent? What is to be taken with a grain of salt? Where do ideals have to give way before methods? Where do means have to be cut back to protect the worth of ends? These questions need personal answers. Quite frankly, the Great Work doesn't work without address of this problem of how to live on Earth.
4. Tolerance. About Liber OZ and all those rights you are ready to kill to preserve. Those aren't your rights. They belong to the other guy and gal. If you zilsh somebody else on one of these things, be advised that these are the sorts of things that people do kill for. These can be your rights, if you understand that nobody can have them unless everybody has them. That's what I understand of the IInd Degree. That's why I expect to create and live and make as I will.
5. Why all these off the wall questions from a Lodge report? It's in the nature of Grand Lodge to do things like this. What is the nature of your Lodge, Chapter or Camp? Type it up and pack it in in time for the next Magickal Link. Let's have some views with the news. For those who have a lot more views than news, how about a guest editorial for the

O.T.O. Newsletter? I know you haven't seen it lately, but it's here at Grand Lodge and it's a way for you to air your feelings in letter and article.

Next on the Board of Directors of O.T.O.: We are dealing with routine business much of the time, but some of the things on the coming agenda are of wide interest for the membership. 1. Establishment of uniform embellishments on robes for the Degrees. 2. Guidelines for arbitration of disputes between members. 3. Guidelines for the IIIrd Degree anti-slander oath in practice. 4. The Crowley copyrights. 5. The abuse of the name of the Order by fake "O.T.O." groups. 6. Acquisition of archives and provision for access at distant points. 7. European initiation and national lodges. 8. Things we are missing, but you have thought of? Join the foot in mouth club. We need more involvement at all levels.

Next on the E.G.C. Board of Directors: This body is still relying heavily on O.T.O. for meeting and ceremonial space. There is a difference between O.T.O. and the E.G.C. Do you know it? The O.T.O. had a formal beginning under that name in 1902 e.v. with traditions trailing off toward antiquity. The E.G.C. is 300 years old under various forms of "Wandering Bishopry". The Church needs to work on active involvement, fund raising, general growth beyond the O.T.O. and formal rites. Baptism is coming up for discussion. We need an emblem for the Church. Talk it over with the nearest Lodge Master of O.T.O. Most but not all are involved in the leadership of both

Church and Order on the level of Master/Mistress of Lodge, Camp and Chapter of O.T.O. At present, the Order opens "Temples" for the use of the Church. These are places of meeting under the auspices of the Order for the Church and for the Performance of the Gnostic Mass. The Church needs its own independent centers, called "Pantheons". Membership in the Church is simpler than in the Order. Want to learn more about it?

At the back of this issue of the Magickal Link, you will find the current calendar of event for February at Grand Lodge. Many of these classes are being tape-recorded. If you have particular interests in a class you can't attend, drop us a line about access to a recorded version.

Did you get this copy of the Magickal Link by the 1st of Feb.? For Hoor's sake tell us if you didn't ( if you are in North America ). We have just started to use a bulk mailing permit and we have no idea how long it takes to get the mail to you this way. If you are in another part of the world, would you like air mail for the Magickal Link? Might cost you; but if you are planning a visit to the USA we will be glad to send you a copy by air without extra charge to inform you of the activities at the time of your planned visit. It's regular air mail that needs a surcharge.

Tell us what you want. We might even listen!

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## THE KNIGHTS OF BAPHOMET

The Knights of Baphomet are a small group of (currently men) who take the following oath: "I swear to diligently defend the honor of the Caliph, guard the Secrets of the Order, and to help promote the Principles of Chivalry."

The Knighthood is open to both male and females. The OKB (Order of Knights of Baphomet) also welcomes "Squires", or those whose desires lie in learning more about knighthood.

Since this Order is established on a personal basis, those desiring to be "squired" should contact Sir Rusty Sporer, 35023 Lido Blvd., Newark CA 94560, or Sir Russell Sampsell thru the Jane Wolfe Lodge in Canada.

The Knights form an irreversable link to the O. T. O., the Caliph and to the Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica. The latter bond is due to the fact that a majority of the current knights are Bishops in the Church. Therefore, under usual circumstances, only those who are 1<sup>o</sup> or higher in the Order will be considered for knighthood. But it is normal for a Minerval to be squired. This is not intended to mean that ones status in the O. T. O. is a criteria for knighthood or squiring, only that the Knights are sworn to oaths which are severe in nature, and are dedicated to Thelema.

FROM GRAND LODGE SECRETARY

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Grand Lodge could use volunteers to help with typing of the NEWSLETTER and THE MAGICKAL LINK. Also, filing help is needed as well as cleanup help for the office and temple.

## BABALON COVEN

Babalon Coven presently works out of Grand Lodge and meets publically every Full Moon. Basically the group is into lifting Wicca out of the dark ages by modifying the basic rituals into a more Thelemic format. Requirements for initiation includes active membership in the Order, but non-initiates are admitted to certain meetings. The Crux of Babalon Coven's interests lie in worship of Egyptian Lunar Dieties. Most of the rituals performed are original works of the members. For further information on initiations and scheduling we may be contacted care of Grand Lodge Any and all Thelemites are welcome, (especially musicians!) Blessed Beast.

## ATTENTION ASSOCIATES

I've noticed a lot of mail coming to us from States where we have no lodges or camps. Anyone who is an associate in one of these states who would like to contact others in their states should put a notice in this Bulletin. Our address lists are confidential so we cannot send them out. It may be that there are enough associates desiring initiation in one area who could arrange for travel for the Caliph to come to their area for initiatory purposes. I've noticed, for instance a lot of mail from Florida and know if all those folks communicated they might have enough for camp or chapter status.

## NOTICE

I am going to be doing a series of workshops on Shamanic practices at the Grand Lodge Temple in Berkeley. I am looking for a drummer with a drum who can keep a steady beat for these workshops. (I am asking that anyone who attends these workshops please refrain from imbibing mind alternators before the workshops.) The workshops will be listed on the calendar. Anyone interested in doing the drumming please contact me ahead of time. Shirin (415) 841 4833 or PO Box 2303, Berkeley, Ca. 94702

*Love is the law, Love under will.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> GNOSTIC MASS 8:PM Temple \$1.00 Donation Suggested	<b>2</b> "CANDLEMASS" Wicca  call 547-9713 for time & location	<b>3</b> SPECIAL CLASS ON TAROT & DIVINATION #2 with Bill Heidrick Intro. to systems of interpretation and applications in elementary Div. O.T.O. Free. 8PM Others \$3.00 meets in San Anselmo call 454-5176	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> ORGANIZATION MEETING  Drama Guild 8:00 PM Temple	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> O. T. O. BOARD 7PM TEMPLE
<b>8</b> GNOSTIC MASS 8:00PM Temple \$1.00 Donation Suggested	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> SPECIAL CLASS ON TAROT & DIVINATION #3 with Bill Heidrick Major Trumps and basic layouts. O.T.O. Free others \$3.00 8:00 PM San Anselmo call 454-5176	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> OPEN MEETING  The Caliph reports on the journey to the East. 8:00 PM Temple  & CALENDAR MEETING	<b>13</b> OPEN MEETING Handwriting analysis workshop with Jayne 8:00 PM Temple	<b>14</b> INITIATION o°  San Anselmo. Call Grand Lodge for details  841-4833
<b>15</b> GNOSTIC MASS 8:00 PM Temple \$1.00 Donation Suggested	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> SPECIAL CLASS ON TAROT & DIVINATION #4 with Bill Heidrick Minor Trumps and Tree of Life layout divination. O.T.O. Free others \$3.00 8:00 PM San Anselmo call 454-5176	<b>18</b> OPEN MEETING FULL MOON RITUAL  Wicca 8:00 PM Temple	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> E, G, C; BOARD 7PM TEMPLE	<b>21</b> OPEN MEETING Don "Beyond NOX" Workshop in ritual 8:00 PM Temple
<b>22</b> GNOSTIC MASS 8:00 PM Temple \$1.00 Donation Suggested	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> SPECIAL CLASS ON TAROT & DIVINATION #5 with Bill Heidrick Courts and readings with the full 78 cards of the deck. O.T.O. Free others \$3.00 8:00 PM San Anselmo call 454-5176	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> WORKSHOP Shirine on Shaminism 8:00 PM Temple	<b>28</b> INITIATION III°  call Grand Lodge for Details 841-4833

These events are held at Thelema Lodge, Grand Lodge of O.T.O.; P.O. Box 2303, Berkeley, CA 94702 U.S.A.  
Phones: Grand Lodge: (415)-841-4833 Temple: (415)-548-8964 Messages: (415)-454-5176  
Meetings are at the Temple unless otherwise noted: 2822 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley.

The Tarot meetings are at 5 Suffield Ave., San Anselmo this time.

Changing your address? Please let us know.

Love is the law, love under will.

Do you know anyone who would like to receive this calendar?  
Turn them on to us. When we get more addresses, our postage  
rate for the calendar alone will begin to go down.