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CALIPH'S log: Star Date
You Name It

I have just returned from a most fantastic adventure. In fact I wouldn't believe it except for the fact that I was there myself. But then, how many times have I said that?

I mean, meeting Crowley was something like you wouldn't believe. But then so was being a Company Commander in the Invasion of Normandy. So what else is new?

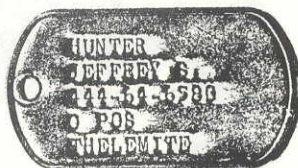
Well, since you were dumb enough to ask, I will tell you.

We have gone International. Yep! that's right, troops! Two weeks ago in Montreal, Canada, I initiated 15 Minervals on one night and 8 Minervals. As Robert Anton Wilson will tell you (NOTE: Cosmic Trigger) $15 + 8 = 23$. Of course they have a 3rd^o for Lodge Master.

I am proud to announce that we now have a Phoenix Lodge in Montreal Canada. I have a suspicion that French speaking Quebec may be a lesson for all of us. When you stop to think about it, what do the French miss? Well, I knew there had to be some reason why the Caliph-to-come had to have

a Master's Degree in Political Theory. What the French miss most is the romance of their Foreign Legion. Their Legion of Strangers. Who happened to be mostly German. And who in the hell are we? We happen to be their Templars. Who happened to be mostly French. Which is why we speak a "lingua franca" in the field. "In the field" means to be in combat. I should know. How in the hell do you think I went from a buck-ass Private in the rear ranks to a Major of Ordnance in only 7½ years of active duty? But then, on the other hand, how many centuries has it been since we have seen a real live Templar on a foreign battle field? But that is our ancient heritage. Personally, I think we should be proud of it.

The next question is: how many countries does it take to elect an O.H.O.? An interesting thought.

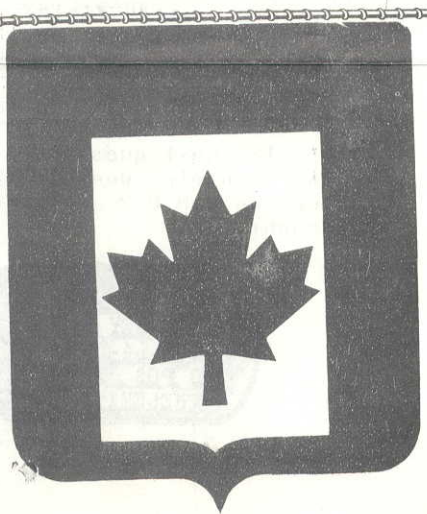


THE COLLEGE OF THELEMA. P.O. Box 415, Oroville, CA. 95965

The 2nd seminar of the College of Thelema which took place for 4 days over the Summer Solstice, was a great success. We studied Tarot, the Yi Ching, the historical roots of ritual, the Astrological houses, hatha yoga and other systems of relaxation and breathing. Early in the morning we worked on yoga exercises and in the evenings we were involved with ritual.

The College of Thelema is supportive of its students who take their studies seriously and who work hard. Several students were so well prepared and so knowledgeable that they did some of the teaching this year. Several did a good job with ritual.

We have also just published Vol. II, No. 11 of IN THE CONTINUUM, on time as usual. This publication has proven to be an invaluable aid to serious students of Thelema. Every back issue is available as instructional articles are planned so as to lead the student to a very solid development in knowledge. Many writings by Crowley are in I.T.C. which are difficult or impossible to find in print. It can be purchased from Phyllis Seckler, P.O. Box 415, Oroville, CA. 95965.



PHOENIX LODGE, MONTREAL

(address will soon change; until further notice use address on contact list)

Faits ce que veulx sera le tout de la Loi.

W.T. Smith Chapter had the honour of an initiation visit by the Caliph who, by all accounts, enjoyed his stay with us. It was also our pleasure to host numerous other guests from the States including the Ripples of Ra-Hoor-Khuit Lodge, the Wassermans of Tahuti Lodge, Richard Gernon (EGC Bishop, NYC), and a phalanx of Chapter and Encampment leaders from the New York City area.

Inaugural Canadian initiations for 17 Montréal-area Minervals were held Friday, June 12; those for candidates from Toronto, Ottawa, and Plattsburgh, N.Y. were held on Saturday, June 13. On Sunday we enjoyed an informal brunch at Café Thélème on rue Ontario. Monday and Tuesday were given over to conferences, and the Caliph enjoyed a visit to the wilds of Québec as a guest of 93 Publishing. A follow-up visit by our Lodge Master to Ra Hoor Khuit Lodge made possible further fruitful conferences with the Caliph.

On Saturday afternoon Hymenaeus Alpha, Patriarch of Ecclesiae Gnostica Catholica, consecrated Richard Gernon and Robert Latulippe as Bishops of New York City and of Québec, respectively. This was followed by an EGC Synod concerning the church hierarchy and the duties and powers of the offices. The participants included the Patriarch, the Archbishop *pro tem* for Eastern North America Mechele Ripple, the new Bishops of New York City and Québec, and Brother Marcel Petit 0°, a "free priest" in the French Templier gnostic succession. Minutes of the meeting are available. Bishop Robert Latulippe is drafting a comprehensive EGC Canon for submission to the EGC Council. All present felt that the induction of Messrs. Latulippe, Gernon and Petit will accelerate the development of EGC, owing to their extensive first-hand knowledge of the tradition.

Groundwork for the Gnostic Mass has started, and plans for classes, workshops and seminars are being developed.

French translations of several of A.C.'s works are underway, as well as an Arabic translation of *Liber AL*. We have a working nucleus of a Translators' Guild, and welcome correspondence from translators.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that W.T. Smith Chapter is now Phoenix Lodge, named to honour (and renew) the efforts of our predecessors in the Canadian O.T.O., Frs. Achad (C.S. Jones) and 132 (W.T. Smith).

Phoenix Lodge extends its thanks to Ra Hoor Khuit Lodge for expert assistance in our first initiations, and to all who helped make the Caliph's visit possible.

Amour est la loi, amour sous volonté.

Babalon Coven & Camp Heru-Behutet

It's been a busy Spring for Babalon Coven and Camp Heru-Behutet, with a Campout on the seaside 4-18 to 4-20, during which time we held a Thelemic Full Moon Ritual and a Gnostic Mass with Fra. H. A. acting as deacon.

Every month on the New Moon we hold a private Coven Meeting, the last of which we invoked Khonsu, and every Full Moon our Circle is open to non-coven members. Call 547-9713 for time and place of meetings.

Our last Full Moon ritual turned into a cook-out sing-a-long, with Fra. Bran on Banjo and the Coven on the high notes.

Camp Heru-Behutet and Boleskine Encampment teamed up forces for the Midsummer Pagan Festival to show the Full O.T.O. strength, and answered many times the question "Who's the O.T.O.?" Along with themselves, they brought the props for a Gnostic Temple and performed the Gnostic Mass on Noon of Sunday June 21st. As it was, Templars and Pagans alike had a howling good time. This month promises to be another action packed month with a field trip under the stars scheduled for Friday July 24th with instruction on Liber Nu, and further lessons at the temple on the Gods of Egypt.

MEMBER to MEMBER

Associates of O.T.O. and interested persons in Norway may wish to contact Brother Arild Strömsvåg for local (Bergen area) classes and for possible formation of an O.T.O. Camp or Chapter in Norway. The following address should be used:

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NORWAY

Grand Secretary General

Beverly Senseman-Crosby, the Grand Secretary General of Ordo Templi Orientis, has tendered her resignation from the office of Grand Secretary General. G.H. Soror Beverly has found that her new job and her newly married state leave her insufficient time to adequately perform the duties of the third ranking office of O.T.O. She has indicated that she will be willing to continue on as the editor of the Magickal Link, so please continue to mark submissions for the Link to her attention via the P.O. Box at Grand Lodge.

The resignation was accepted with gratitude for services well rendered during the July 18th meeting of the Supreme Council of O.T.O. Beverly also proposed a replacement in the office and the Supreme Council has acceded.

Kay Lewis, aka Lola deWolfe, the present Controller of the Order, has been appointed by Council as Grand Secretary General-pro tem. Until nominations for the office can be received and an election by IXth Degree can be held. Soror Lola is an able and an intelligent officer with experience in military office work and Magickal Ritual. We are honored to have two GSG's of such merit and qualifications follow one another in office. Would that the US Presidency could claim even one so worthy and able in recent time.

All mail directed to the Grand Secretary General at the Grand Lodge will reach Sr. Lola until further developments. Lodge, Chapter and Camp reports and applications should be directed to her attention.

I join with other IXths and officers of O.T.O. in extending my congratulations to Sr. Beverly on her marriage to an old friend of mine. O.T.O. brought them together and that is something to be proud of in itself. Beverly has been a life-saver for us at Grand Lodge. Her able work in the many months of her tenure as GSG was often the deciding factor in keeping the Order growing through difficult times. We look forward to a long sharing of wit and wisdom with Soror Beverly aka Rachiel.

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10 April 1981

Ordo Templi Orientis
c/o Robert J. Schuster
2049 Century Park East
Suite 2680
Los Angeles CA 90067

Dear Sirs:

The first edition of my novel Ghost Story made certain references to the Ordo Templi Orientis. These references were factually incorrect. In subsequent editions of the book the name of the organization referred to has been altered. If my error caused any distress to members of Ordo Templi Orientis, I humbly apologize to them.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Straub
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Grand Lodge Report:

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The Address is:
P.O. Box 2303
Berkeley, CA 94702 USA

The Three chief officers of O.T.O.; The Caliph, Grand Treasurer General and Grand Secretary General pro-tem, as well as the Boards of Directors of O.T.O. and the Gnostic Catholic Church (E.G.C.) are all reached through the above address.

Events this last month at Grand Lodge have included the usual classes, rituals and initiations noted on the Calandar last month in the Magickal Link. The Poetry meeting seems to be a new fixture of the Month at Grand Lodge, with considerable interest in this workshop. Classes in Egyptian Deities progress with above average attendance. Classes in the Libers and in Magick in Theory and Practice continue. Sometime around the beginning of September a series of Classes in Tarot Divination will be presented at the Grand Lodge-- this is the same series that was offered last year, and runs about six weeks.

We were delighted last week by the gift of a stained-glass window of the O.T.O. Lamin. The window was made by Soror Vigilo of Phoenix Arizona. It measures aproximately four feet on a side. Measures are hurriedly underway to build a fitting display for the window. It's a splendid piece of work.

W.T. Smith Chapter in Eastern Canada has been raised to a Lodge (see report elsewhere in this issue) following a visit of inspection and initiation by the Caliph. Some 22 initiations took place. One of our NYC Sorors, SL, had difficulty at the US-CANADIAN Border when she returned from visiting the new Lodge. Lacking adequate identification, she was not permitted to cross into the USA. She had a quick thought and produced the Certificate of her last O.T.O. initiation. It worked! Definitely Magick.

On the facing page will be seen the fruits of the Ghost-Story litigation. We have the author's apology and a \$20,000.00 check from his company. This came through in July owing to last minute negotiations. O.T.O. members who may find themselves or the Order criticized by readers of this book "Ghost Story" are advised to keep track of this page with the copy of the letter and the check. A picture is worth 20,000 words in contradicting bad publicity. The Order has certified to the Author and publisher that it is in fact the only legitimate O.T.O. which could be construed to be the organization mentioned in the book, and that no further suit will be entered anywhere by O.T.O. over the matter as it stood at the time of settlement. This is something of a milestone in O.T.O.-Crowley history. Crowley was often Slandered and libeled and so has O.T.O. been slandered and libeled. This is the first time in many attempts over seven decades that either Crowley or the Order has received even so much as an apology for incorrect publication of stories about us. It won't be the last. For the first time in modern history, the Order is strong enough to defend itself in the public eye. O.T.O. has nothing to be ashamed of and we are proud of our prophet. If any wish to denounce us, let them do it with straight facts.

We won't be going head-hunting, especially for small insults from small people; but vast public releases of false information will not go unchallenged.

What will the money go to? Here's a preliminary breakdown:
\$6,000.00---Lawyer's fee
\$4,000.00---reserved for possible taxation (not expected but it needs to be held for several years in a high interest account)
\$3,000.00---directly to individual Lodges, Chapters and Camps for O.T.O. work in progress.
\$1,000.00---Grand Lodge office equipment and fix-up.
\$550.00----Back into the General fund (lawyer's early fees paid out of G.F.)
\$5,450.00---high & low interest accounts and undecided expenditures.

Just how much is \$20,000.00? First of all, it's really \$14,000 after standard lawyer's 30%. Then it's really about \$10,000 when you hold out against possible taxes. That \$10,000 is close to one year's income for the entire O.T.O. as it presently stands. Think of your last dues and your latest initiation fee— that's just been equaled. All in all, it is probably a fair deal. During the early publication of Ghost Story, Order enrolment dropped back. We had far fewer new members and more leaving members than either before or a year later. Who can say? Was it partly this book? The gone don't often say why, and we have never pressed for reasons for leaving O.T.O. This settlement has given us one year's income. The book may have cost us one year's growth.

Local bodies should hold meetings to discuss the use of the money. The best projects will be funded and the larger groups of members will generally tend to get more. Suggestions should be sent to the Supreme Council or to the Grand Treasurer General. At present \$1,000 is ear-marked for southern Calif., \$1,000 for New York State and \$1,000 for all other bodies together. This allocation was chiefly made by membership counts outside the Grand Lodge geographic area. There can be other funding. A substantial amount will be held in savings accounts against the unforeseen.

A photo-copy machine has been obtained by the Grand Treasurer General. Other than routine enclosures from Grand Lodge, larger items will be available at 8¢ per page, postpaid. Of this, 6¢ will go to operate the machine and 2¢ for postage and possible profit to Grand Lodge. The copies are "wet"-grey type, but quite legible. Those who want copies of Crowley's works by this method are encouraged to contact Stellar Visions (see advert. on the right of this page) first. This business is organized to handle such items. Smaller matter and sundry materials can now be quickly obtained via our house photo-copier at the 8¢ rate. There will be less delay in getting copies of resolutions and MSS, for instance.

That's all for now.

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This is to introduce
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"Every man and every woman is a star" (Liber Al vel Legis) Stellar Visions are our visions. They are the visions of such "stars" as Aleister Crowley, many of whose works we offer for sale to the public. Due to our association with the Ordo Templi Orientis we have access to many of his works that have become rare and difficult to obtain. These we are reprinting. We continue to publish in our periodical the work of the present members.

Stellar visions are of things stellar in the traditional sense as well. We think Man will go to the stars this Aeon, and we hope to inform occultists about the technology that they will need to share in this great adventure.

We include Witchcraft among our Stellar Visions; after all, Astarte's name comes from a word root meaning "star", or "of the stars".

As "astronomy" means the numbering of the stars, so "astrology" means their logic. We include both of these sciences and arts.

Indeed, we publish material on Practical Magic, Occult Philosophy, Witchcraft, Astrology, and High Technology, and this we embellish with Art and Poetry.

Stellar Visions are in fact these concepts and more. Come, let us share our dreams.

LITTLE ESSAYS TOWARD TRUTH

Stellar Visions now offers this, out of print, gem by Aleister Crowley on the "Trance States". This edition contains the diagrams left out in the last printing, as well as a glossary explaining many of the esoteric terms. It is a very good introduction to many of the concepts expanded upon in "Book 4".

O.T.O. COLLECTION

A Pre-Publication Sale of the first 100 numbered copies of this O.T.O. material from "The Blue Equinox"

By Aleister Crowley.
To include material from:
LII: CI. CLXII, CKXIV, XV.
"Manifesto of the O.T.O.",
"An Open Letter to Those Who May Wish to Join the Order",
"Concerning the Law of Thelema",
"An Intimation with Reference to the Constitution of the Order",
"Ecclesiae Gnosticae Catholicae Canon Hissae"
(Stellar Visions is in the process of expanding on this material. Watch our periodical for details.)

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STELLAR VISIONS I

The first edition, of our first magazine, was watercolored by hand on many pages, and since so many hours were required to produce it, only 38 numbered copies were ever made. Due to numerous requests, we have decided to reprint it in black and white.

It contains "Soul of the Desert" by Aleister Crowley (stripping out of the Old Aeon into the New" and other original material by members of the O.T.O.). There is an article on the power of the pyramid with an additional comment by Prater Meithras XIth O.T.O., and the first Cosmic News and Views by Soror Celesta.

STELLAR VISIONS II

Contains never before published Crowley works from the Syracuse Collection collected and typeset by Prater Meithras. The "Constitution of the Order of Thelemites" (though never implemented by Crowley), contains so much information that it is surprising that it was never printed before now; "A Letter on Art to Lady F.H. from Crowley" contains some of the instructions for painting the "Thoth Tarot Cards" now used by so many occultists.

"Cabal" also by Aleister Crowley is a guide to the Abbey of Thelema, mentioned in "Confessions" and many other places (the rare descriptions of the rooms, paintings, and other aspects of life there that are invaluable).

"Crowley's Name Campaign" by Grady L. McNulty, has been lost for many years (written long before he became head of the O.T.O.); it makes clear some of the attitudes that may have led to his promotion to the IXth, and the issuance of the "Calliphate Papers".

There is poetry and art by Crowley and others, an open letter to Robert Anton Wilson, by Prater IAKASA, and "Across the Gulf", which Crowley states is a description of his life as Ankh-I-n-Khonsu, and more.

STELLAR VISIONS III SOURCE BOOK 93

The Source Book is entirely devoted as a comprehensive reference to hundreds of occult works from the collection of the Ordo Templi Orientis, the majority of which we hope to soon make available to the student of the occult in an inexpensive softcover format.

COMING SOON IN STELLAR VISIONS IV

The Mythos of the Solar system, a short description of the mythological meaning of the moons and planets.

"The Heroine Priestess" an investigation of the Myth of Psyche and Eros by a modern Priestess of Witchcraft.

Articles on the philosophy of occultism, practical Magic, astrology, and astrology with poetry, art, and much more.

UNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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These events are held at Thelema Lodge, Grand Lodge of Ordo Templi Orientis.
 P.O. Box 2303, Berkeley, CA 94702 USA. Temple address: 2822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, California
 Phones: Grand Lodge: 415-841-4833 Temple: 415-548-8964 Messages: 415-454-5176
 All meetings take place at the Temple at 8PM unless otherwise noted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Just learned: Mildred Burlingame, Greatly Honored and Deeply Lored R^o Member of O.T.O.
 from Agape days to the Present has just entered into the Eternal Embrace of Nuit.

2 Gnostic Mass 8PM Temple \$1.00 Donation Suggested	3	4 OPEN MEETING with Bill Magick in Theory and Practice 8PM Temple	5	6 OPEN MEETING with Jayne Egyptian Gods workshop: Invocation 8PM Temple	7	8 INITIATION III° Place and time to be determined (See the O.T.O. Booth at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire)
9 Gnostic Mass 8PM Temple \$1.00 Donation Suggested (Ren Faire)	10	11 OPEN MEETING with Glenn on The Goddess Forms 8PM Temple	12 TEMPLE DAY 8PM Meeting to plan redecorating of the Temple & temple cleanup PLUS: BEASTER WEDNESDAY	13 OPEN MEETING Film Night 8PM Temple	14	15 FULL MOON RITUAL call 547-9713 for information (Ren Faire)
16 Gnostic Mass 8PM Temple \$1.00 Donation Suggested (Ren Faire)	17	18 OPEN MEETING with Don NOX Workshop 8PM Temple	19	20	21 O. T. O. BOARD 8PM 5 SUFFIELD AVE. SAN ANSELMO	22 INITIATION II° Place and time to be determined (Ren Faire)
23 Gnostic Mass 8PM Temple \$1.00 Donation	24	25 OPEN MEETING Poetry at 8PM Temple with the Caliph and all others	26	27	28 E. G. C. BOARD 8PM 5 SUFFIELD AVE. SAN ANSELMO	29 INITIATION I° Place and time to be determined
30 Gnostic Mass 8PM Temple \$1.00 Donation	31					