

# Ordo Templi Orientis New Zealand



"Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law"

August 2010, Anno IVxviii, e.v.

## Remarkables registration now open

The Remarkables: An OTO Gathering in Queenstown, New Zealand  
14-17 January 2011

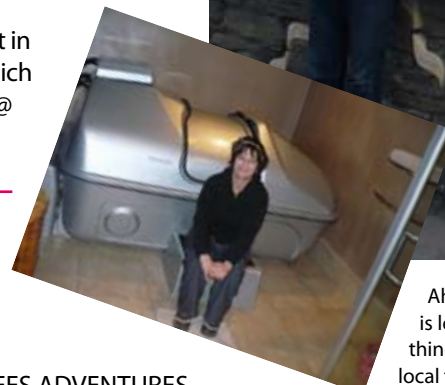
To coincide with its next Rose Croix meeting, Sakura Chapter will house an OTO gathering in Queenstown in January 2011. The gathering will provide an opportunity for friends and family to share in the company of our OTO brothers and sisters, while enjoying an exciting family holiday.

After a reeky trip to Queenstown in July, the schedule and accommodation have been confirmed. Registration for

this event is now open at <http://www.otonewzealand.org.nz/remarkables.php>.

Needless to say, we would love for all New Zealand OTO members to be there and recommend early booking of flights; Wellingtonians might like to join together for a road trip!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries which should be directed to [info@otonewzealand.org.nz](mailto:info@otonewzealand.org.nz).



Ah, Queenstown really is lovely, and with cool things to do; a visit to the local floatation tank being one of them. Be sure to follow it with a massage!

## Chocolate, Trees and Trade Me



Now that we have visited Queenstown, our costs have been confirmed and we will need to fundraise \$3,000 to pull this event off. The pub and movie event fundraisers have met with little success as, it would seem, we don't have enough friends! Hence, let's please focus on the following:

### CADBURY CHOCOLATE

Organiser: Simon  
When: September 2010

We need 20 people to put their hand up to sell 50 each over an 8 week period, that's the equivalent of one per day more or less. As we don't have the money to pay for them up front, each person is asked to contribute \$125 to the initial purchase of the bars, redeemable through their own sales of them. The chunky chocolate bars are \$2.50 each representing a \$1 profit on each bar. I will email people individually regarding this.

### TREES ADVENTURES, COURSES 5-8

Organiser: Cynthia  
When: November 2010  
Tickets: \$50 pp

Visit <http://treeadventures.co.nz/courses/course-2/> for the details of this exciting event. It is a fun challenge and great team building exercise for you and a friend. We need a minimum of 20 bookings and with a picnic and/or stop at the Riverhead pub, this will be a fun day out.

### TRADE ME SALES

Organisers: Gerard and Jane  
When: NOW!!!

Some funds have already been raised through sales at Trade Me, and I urge people to come forward with other goods. Look around your house, what have you got to sell? - I know you all have a tonne of books, perhaps it's time for them to find a new home! Gerard is happy to collect and Jane will do the trade.

Even if you can't make it to Queenstown, I hope you will join in these fundraisers to support the growth of the OTO in this region by staging such an event.



A lovely spot for a script run through ...



Fun in Wellington



Shanghai Lil - great jazz, great company, not so great tapas



Some people just don't read the instructions!

## April is the cruelest month

Okay, I know it's August but as I went to write, "July was a busy month," T.S. Eliot's "The Wasteland" sprung to mind - truly genius. At the height of an Enochian working I did once, these very words were said very clearly and audibly to me: "Hurry now, it's time!"

Good Lord, it's been a busy few months what with our second visit to Wellington for initiations and a great Liber Samekh (what an awesome crew in Wellington); followed by a weekend of initiations in Auckland; a recky trip

to Queenstown; a visit from a fab brother from Australia; a visit to Clark's beach; and now we are staring another visit to Wellington in the face with Queenstown as icing on the cake.

We have decided on the Gnostic Mass for Wellington as it is our central public rite and we may not come to Wellington for another year (yes, it's the Wellingtonian's turn to visit the big smoke / or little smoke depending on how you're positioned).

Thanks to Evan for braving his first lecture in my memory, and a great one for all accounts; and to the enormous dedication of our Lodge Master, Fr Nomad without whom life would have a little less shine.

Initiation application forms are now being distributed for Wellington and these will need to arrive back no later than 60 days prior to the Wellington dates (of course any Aucklanders traveling along might also like to apply!)

And now, for a quote because there is space on the page ....

Soror OSIS

**We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.**

**T. S. Eliot**

## Dates to Diary

### AUCKLAND

#### August

12th August

Workshop

26th August

Workshop

29 August

Gnostic Mass

#### September

1 September

Money due in account for chocolate purchase

9th September

Workshop

23rd September

Feast for the Equinox

26th September

Gnostic Mass

#### October

7th October

Workshop

21st October

Workshop

No Gnostic Mass this month due to the Wellington visit

### WELLINGTON

22nd October

Road trip to Wellington

23rd October

Initiations

24th October

Gnostic Mass

25th October

Read through initiations / Return trip to Auckland

## What's hot from Scott



I recently came across an old book called "Search for Abraxas" by Neville Drury and Stephen Skinner. The book is a general survey of various western systems

of attainment ranging from Ceremonial Magick, Gnosticism, the art and esoteric techniques of Austin Osman Spare, and the Surrealists and Decadents. It's a short volume and general in scope but definitely worth seeking out for its syncretic approach to linking the methods of various schools of thought with the central theme of transcendence being personified by the titular god, Abraxas.

Fulgur has released two new books this month. "Dearest Vera" is a collection of letters by Crowley student and legendary occult artist, Austin Osman Spare. Dearest Vera chronicles Spare's relationship with poet, Vera Wainright.

"Vudu Cartography" is a collection of images by Gnostic Bishop and author of the Voudon Gnostic Workbook, Michael Bertiaux. Bertiaux is the head of several magical orders working with a Voudon/Ophidian current in the New Aeon. As I understand it, he is also pretty intrinsically linked to the line of apostolic succession inherent to the OTO/EGC.

**Dead Names:** This is the ostensibly true story of the translation of the Simon Necronomicon. Most people, me included, don't believe the Simon Necronomicon to be the translation of a real ancient manuscript. I also don't believe this matters when addressing the efficacy of a grimoire or system of magick. Dead Names weaves a semi-fictional (I assume, I really have no proof) account of the path the Necronomicon took from stolen manuscript to Avon paperback. Simon addresses the roots of the system described in the book touching on the Yezidi, Sumerian traditions, ancient Semitic magic, and other influences on the Necronomicon text. For many the real interest in the book lies in its vivid descriptions of the New York City occult scene in the 1970s.

Some of the characters represented include Robert Anton Wilson, Motta, the Warlock Shop/Magickal Childe crew, Herman Slater, as well as Grady McMurty and James Wasserman at the very start of the Caliphate OTO in America. Definitely a different and volatile time compared to today! Many colorful figures associated with the esoteric underground at that time make appearances. I would recommend it for its historical content as well as the author's sly winking insistence that Simon is not in fact Peter Levenda.

**Weiser Consise Guide of Aleister Crowley:** An expensive little volume but a worthwhile survey of the life, works, and system of Aleister Crowley. The book is likely best suited for the beginner who is confronted with the vast pile of libri,

tomes, poetry collections, and fictions which is the corpus of the work of AC.

Richard Kaczynski does an admirable job of distilling the vast body of work into a few key chapters and even managing to clearly state the methods, purposes, and differences between the OTO and AA. I wish this book was available when I was first trying to make sense of Crowley in my teens. This slim volume is likely to become many a reader's trusted roadmap. Highly recommended!

A movie I saw recently which is well worth renting is Sauna. A Scandinavian horror, the story feels like a collaboration between HP Lovecraft and David Lynch. I cannot recall the last film I saw that more effectively communicated a horror on the cosmic or spiritual scale rather than lurking killers or floppy monsters. The story centres on two brothers and the sins they commit during war. They come across an abandoned village in the swamp and a sauna where "one's sins can be washed away without the burden of religion." Whatever lurks insides will devour guilt like the Aztec goddess and patron of steam baths, Tlazolteotl. There is, however, a dire price to pay.

This one is highly recommended!

Cheers!

Scott

## Gunther to visit Australia



Author of "Initiation in the Aeon of the Child," J. Daniel Gunther, will be visiting Australia for a series of guest lectures in October.

With over 30 years experience as an instructor in A.:A.; Gunther has tirelessly and selflessly assisted students in their pursuit of the Great Work. He will be lecturing on different

topics related to the system of initiation and doctrines of A.:A.: in the Aeon of Horus.

Gunther will be lecturing over two days, mid-week, in Sydney on October 13 and 14. If you are interested in attending, visit <http://www.otoaustralia.org.au/otoaust.htm>, but be quick as places are limited to just 50 (flights are really cheap though).

## Television Magick

Here's two very simple yet very effective rituals I have performed recently: turning off the television; and a no-carb diet.

I have been toying with "Life without TV" for the longest time and so am thrilled to have discovered its hidden secrets – a return to calm and longer evenings – just like a powercut with candles and cards; though this is with computers and Facebook, but powerful none the less. Try it!

And say "no" to carbs. Carbs are comfort foods and we derive little comfort from our food, we are forced to confront our attachment to it. Also, it's good for the waste line.

Next for me is sitting in a dark room to meditate. Who's still scared of the dark? I am.

Watch this space...

Sr OSIS