

Ordo Templi Orientis New Zealand



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

May 2010, Anno IVxvii, e.v.



Midwinter resolutions

It's certainly starting to feel wintery, and with only a month to go 'til the Solstice, the days are already getting short - in fact today, May 23, is only 21 minutes longer than the shortest day. But when a winter's day is as clear and still as was enjoyed here yesterday, one is treated to a very special beauty - the light lends everything a gentle pastel hue, as if daubed with watercolour paint, befitting of the rest and reflection Nature is enjoying before the Spring. Amongst such quietude, it is appropriate to review one's life and consider positive changes for the future, perhaps in the form of resolutions. This is done, of course, at midwinter in the northern hemisphere, and it seems strange that we do not do the same at our midwinter. A recent lecture I attended by Juliet Batten made the good point that we disconnect ourselves from our environment when we follow the same festive calendar as the northern hemisphere. In the south, it is June that is the appropriate month for us to relax in the company of family; feast the return of the Sun; and plan our next great step on the road of life.

With the approach of the Solstice, we have the approach of Man of Earth initiations. On Sunday, June 13 we will be in Wellington initiating our first new member from that region in many years, and the following weekend we will be performing initiations in Auckland up to Third Degree. Six Minervals will be initiated, making for a total of seven new members for the Order here, with two returning members.

Let the Illusion of the World pass over thee, unheeded, as thou goest from the Midnight to the Morning.

- The Book of Thoth ("The Moon")

Enjoy your Winter!

Fr Nomad
Master, Kantharos Lodge

Queenstown event schedule online

The Remarkables, Queenstown, New Zealand, 14-17 January 2011

A draft schedule of the weekend's events is now available online at <http://otonewzealand.org.nz/remarkables.php>. These are suggested activities only. The schedule leaves plenty of time to book your own activities, shop, lunch with fellow OTO members or chill with the family by the lakeside.

There are 93 restaurants in Queenstown (truly!), mostly within walking distance. Each meal will be preceded by Will, and Resh will be lead at each of the quarters.

Bookings are essential for most events. All prices are in NZ dollars. A bus or mini-bus will be provided for transport.

The purpose of this gathering is to provide an opportunity for friends and family to share in the company of our OTO brothers and sisters, while enjoying an exciting family holiday. So please check out the website and start making the most of those Jetstar specials (though some of us will be driving). Accommodation to be confirmed in next issue.

Dates to Diary

AUCKLAND

Sunday, May 30	Gnostic Mass
June Fundraiser - Trade Me	Please deliver all spare goods for sale to Jane or Gerard
Friday/Saturday, 18,19 June	Initiations
Sunday, 27 June	Gnostic Mass
Monday, June 21	Feast for the Solstice
Thursday, August 12	Feast for the First Night of the Prophet and His Bride

WELLINGTON

Saturday, June 12	Liber Samekh
Sunday, June 13	Initiations



Evan at the infamous Backbencher pub



Our first visit to parliament



Raising the Capital

A few of us visited our capital city, Wellington earlier this year to meet people interested in taking initiation. We return in June to perform initiations as well lead a group Liber Samekh ritual. We currently have one U.S. member resident in Wellington, so hope to see a chartered body there soon. Plans are to return later this year to perform our second Gnostic Mass in Wellington.



Fundraising fear not

To make the Remarkables event in Queenstown in January 2010 possible, a number of fundraising events are planned as follows. As we are a small group, it would be super if everyone could contribute their time to make these fundraisers a success. Each of these events aims to raise \$1,000, bringing the total raised to \$6,000. We will email details out closer to the time of each event.

Should we are successful in raising these funds, we could continue them or variations of them on an annual basis thereby making real steps towards one day investing in an OTO property/temple.

MOVIE NIGHT: SORCERER'S APPRENTICE

When: AUGUST 2010
 Organiser: Simon
 Tickets: \$25/head

Come to a preview of the 2010 remake of the Sorcerer's Appreptic, starring Nicolas Cage. Ticket price includes wine and nibbles.

TRADE ME SALES

Organisers: Gerard and Jane
 When: **NOW!!!**

Look around your house, what have you got to sell? The antithesis of a hoarder, my golden rule is, if you haven't used it in the last year, and you don't "love it," chuck it out. And throw it at Jane so she can upload it to our Trade Me account and earn money for the OTO. Gerard will be happy to collect and delivery any goods.



CADBURY CHOCOLATE

Organiser: Cynthia
 When: SEPTEMBER 2010
 Cost: \$120, redeemable

Who doesn't love chocolate?! This should be an easy sell with each person around the country required to sell one bar a day for 60 days. We will ask each person to contribute \$120 to the initial purchase of the bars, redeemable through you own sales of them (so that we have the money to pay for them up front). The chunky chocolate bars are \$2.50 each representing a \$1 profit on each bar.



TREES ADVENTURES, COURSES 5-8

Organiser: Cynthia
 When: OCTOBER 2010
 Tickets: \$50/head

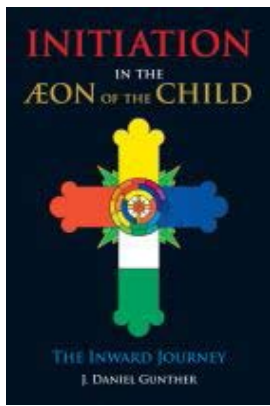
Need 20 bookings minimum. Visit <http://treeadventures.co.nz/courses/course-2/> for the details. This is a fun challenge and great team building exercise for you and a friend.

THE PATRIOT

Organiser: Jane
 When: JULY 2010
 Tickets \$35 includes entertainment and nibbles, BYI alcohol.

PAK'N'SAVE

Organiser: Gerard
 When: TBC
 Gerard still investigating how we might help with a local stocktake to earn an additional \$1,000.

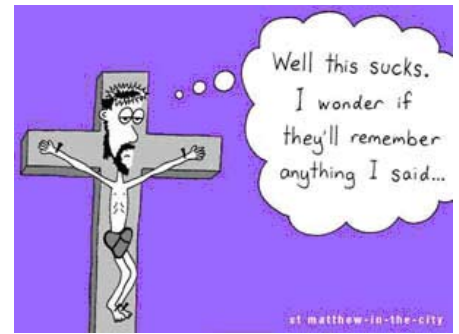


Gunther to visit Australia

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 with venue and costs to be confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kantharos Lodge in the first instance.



A St Matthews in the City billboard again drew complaints at Easter. The billboard (above) was an attempt to make people question their theology and ask, "Did he go through that for nothing," said Church spokesman, Reverend Clay Nelson.

Last Christmas, a billboard outside the church drew international attention and criticism from around the world, when it featured Mary and Joseph in bed with a caption saying, "Poor Joseph, God was a hard act to follow." Though the Advertising Standards Authority ruled that the billboard was not offensive, the billboard was defaced, attacked with a knife, repaired, attacked again and finally removed.

The church hoped that this Easter message would be less "in the face" of parishioners.

The Devil's music



Fr Ascendas

Recently while reading the chapter, The Synagogue of Satan, from Crowley's "Konx Om Pax," I was pleasantly surprised to see the following quotation:

My object all sublime
I shall achieve in time –
To make the punishment fit the crime –
The punishment fit the crime!

Being a Gilbert and Sullivan fan, I recognised it immediately; it's fair to say that if the old man had had an iPod, this sort of thing would be on it. Have a listen: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp6czeTuNEU&feature=related>.

Talking stick moot Fr Nomad

Math and Jo run a very interesting meeting of minds each month above the Queen's Ferry tavern in the CBD. "Talking Stick Moot" introduces a guest speaker from a variety of esoteric and philosophical backgrounds. There is opportunity to ask questions and further the discussion and a few prizes, relevant to the night's topic, are drawn by lottery.

So far I have been to talks on astrology, wealth magick, and meditation, and have always learnt something from each. If you are interested in going along on the first Wednesday of any month, just go to <http://www.meetup.com/Talking-Stick-Moot/> to register (there is only space in the Gin Room for a few dozen people, so pre-booking is necessary). The cost is only \$5, and there's always the chance you could win a prize as well.

Thelema

A New Spiritual Tradition for a New Age

Modern Thelema is the creation of Aleister Crowley (1875-1947), a prolific writer and poet, world traveler, mountaineer, chess master, artist, yogi, and social provocateur. He was also a noted drug addict, sexual libertine, and misogynist. Some of his excesses were due to his upbringing, but he also used the "shock value" as a teaching tool - to convey that one shouldn't live one's life solely by satisfying the expectations of others. If anything, his life as an anti-role-model has prevented Thelema from turning into a silly cult of personality.

Thelema is a modern manifestation and expansion of the ancient notion of Will. The word first appears in the Bible in several places exemplifying divine will, such as in the Lord's Prayer: "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). To many Thelemites, the chief expression of this idea is "Do what thou wilt." This is not to be interpreted as a license to

indulge every passing whim, but rather as the divine mandate to discover one's True Will or true purpose in life, and to accomplish it.

Although much is written about it, Thelema has no precise definition, leaving it largely up to the individual to interpret. It is, however, possible to identify common principles that are generally accepted within the larger Thelemic community: True Will must be discovered.

Crowley, like many spiritual teachers, recognised that one's Will is generally buried beneath a thick layer of what can be called Individual Ego - the conscious sense of "I" that feels separate from the Universe and is a complex mix of beliefs, values, and norms derived from socialisation and various life experiences. A Thelemite is therefore one who seeks to break through one's "conscious programming" in order to reconnect with



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NZ OTO flyers have been printed and you should all now have received bundles for distribution. A distribution list was sent out a while ago, if you are unclear where you should be delivering to, please get in touch.



Simon and Cynthia get hitched in February

"The wings of love droop not with time, nor slacken for life or for death."

OTO New Zealand Accounts

Profit and Loss to 31 March 2010

Opening Balance	857.52	
INCOME		
Bank Fees	2.33	
Miscellaneous	28.95	
Sales	241.00	
Dues	1276.99	
Initiation Fees	3337.94	
Donations	6139.34	
OUTGOINGS		
Retreat		73.00
Bank Fees		75.00
Miscellaneous		88.90
Website costs		112.50
Hall Hire		300.00
Wellington		505.28
Initiation expenses		4748.26
Gnostic Mass		4633.71
	11026.55	10536.65
Balance for year	489.90	
Actual Balance	1347.42	
Closing Balance	1347.42	

OTO NZ Accounts to year ending March 2010 are now complete. You will receive your donation receipt over the next week. Don't forget to complete the IR 526 form to receive a cheque for a 1/3 portion return of your donation.

The closing balance is not adjusted for the US\$522 to be sent to IHQ or the additional NZ\$700 that is to remain in our dues concession account.