



SABAHIUS X°
Grand Master
Rex Summus Sanctissimus



YMENAIOS B
O.H.O.
Frater Superior

ISSUED BY
ORDER OF
O.T.O.



Grand Lodge of the
United States of America

I° APPLICATION AND PLEDGE-FORM

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law. I, the undersigned, being of sound mind and body, do hereby submit this Application for Initiation into the First Degree (I°) of the M.M.M. of Ordo Templi Orientis.

I understand that there are three (3) formal requirements:

1. I swear in the presence of the power that I hold to be Most High that I accept *Liber AL vel Legis Sub Figura CCXX*, also known as *The Book of the Law*, without wishing to make changes in it.
2. I acknowledge that Ordo Templi Orientis is a dues-collecting organization and that in order to maintain financial good report and continuing membership, I will be required to pay the dues and fees appropriate to such degree as I may attain in a timely fashion, in accordance with the dues-collection policies of O.T.O. in effect at the time.
3. I consent to the binding arbitration of the Grand Tribunal of Ordo Templi Orientis in resolving civil disputes between members of O.T.O.

I attest that I am free[†] and of full age,[‡] and hereby claim my indefeasible right to advancement in accordance with the policies of Ordo Templi Orientis concerning advancement to its preliminary degrees of the M.M.M. I further attest that I do so of my own free will, having sufficient understanding of the nature and purpose of Ordo Templi Orientis that I might make an informed decision. I know full well that no stigma whatever attaches to remaining in the preliminary Minerval Degree for as long as is necessary to make a decision to proceed in O.T.O., or to withdraw. I understand that by taking First Degree I will forge a link with Ordo Templi Orientis that will endure so long as I shall live. I certify that I have read, understood, and signed the *Informed Consent, Release, and Indemnity* statement. I further certify that the information I have provided herein and herewith is true and complete.

All this I affirm on my honor. Love is the law, love under will.

Signed _____ *Date* _____

Candidate: Complete the following. Print legibly.

Note: providing false information on this form is grounds for immediate expulsion.

Full civil name _____ Magical Name (if desired) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country of Birth _____

Telephone _____ Email(s) _____

Health problems, food allergies, medications (if any) _____

Minerval degree received on (date) _____ at (place) _____ Lodge/Oasis/Camp _____

Initiating Body: Complete the following. Print legibly.

Proposed Date of I° _____ Lodge/Oasis to perform initiation _____

Initiator's phone(s)/email(s) (in case of problems) _____

We the undersigned initiates of the I° in good standing hereby sponsor this Candidate and attest by our signatures below to the Candidate's good report:

Sponsor's name _____ Sponsor's name _____
(civil name, print legibly)

Signature _____ Signature _____

[†]Including, but not limited to, being able to travel freely to the initiation facility, and capable of voluntarily taking and keeping a binding oath to the Order.

[‡]At least 18 years old, no exceptions.

I° APPLICATION AND PLEDGE-FORM INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

This form is to be used for application to the I° within the Grand Lodge of the United States of America. Each degree through IV°/P.I. has its own application form. Contact International Headquarters if the initiation is to take place outside the United States of America, or the candidate is not a U.S. resident.

All I° initiations in the United States must be performed at, or under the auspices of, a chartered O.T.O. Lodge or Oasis. If there is no O.T.O. Lodge or Oasis in the area, I° initiations may be performed at a chartered O.T.O. Camp with the permission of the Grand Master.

The minimum time requirement between 0° and I° is 30 days. This requirement can only be waived when the First Degree is given immediately after completion of the Minerval Degree as provided below, or otherwise by the direct order of the Grand Master. This requires a telephone call to the Initiation Secretary, and will generally result in a return collect telephone call. Initiators are advised to charge an additional fee to cover their telephone costs in seeking waivers.

In order for a Candidate to proceed to the First Degree he or she must possess a robe of the traditional O.T.O. design. The use of "temple robes" that are not the property of the Candidate is not acceptable. Candidates should use the robe in which they reasonably expect to complete the Man of Earth series, and this cannot be done if they use the robe of another.

The *First Degree Application* must be completed in advance of the proposed I° initiation and sent to the Initiation Secretary at the address provided in the latest *Magical Link* or *Agape*. Except as provided below, it must be postmarked at least 30 days in advance to allow verification of good report. It is important that the initiator's telephone number be provided in order that a stop-initiation order (due to bad report) may be issued if necessary. It is the Initiator's responsibility to check with the Grand Treasurer General to determine if any back dues or reactivation fees are to be collected from the candidate.

An initiation report (please use Treasury-supplied reporting forms), together with all fund and financial reporting, shall be mailed within 30 days of the initiation by the **initiating body** directly to the Grand Treasurer General at the address provided in the latest *Magical Link* or *Agape*.

An Initiation Summary Report (please use the reporting form provided by the Initiation Secretary) and membership certificates for the signature and seal of the Grand Master, shall be mailed within 30 days of the initiation by the **initiating body** to the Initiation Secretary at the address provided in the latest *Magical Link* or *Agape*.

NOTE: If requested by a new Minerval Initiate, an Oasis or Lodge *may* elect to perform the Minerval's First Degree initiation immediately (within 24 hours) after completion of the Candidate's Minerval initiation; provided the following conditions are met: (1) the Candidate is at least 21 years old and has never been convicted of a crime; (2) the *Preliminary Pledge Form and Application for Admission* was submitted to the Initiation Secretary at least 30 days before the Minerval initiation took place; (3) the Candidate's sponsors for First Degree are local members of the initiating body who have known the Candidate for at least one year; and (4) the Candidate satisfies all of the Requirements for Advancement to the I° specified below. The Candidate shall complete the *First Degree Application* form *only after* having taken the Minerval Degree. The initiating body shall submit the *First Degree Application* to the Initiation Secretary along with the Initiation Summary Report.

NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF APPLICATION: Approval of these degrees is at present *tacit*. This means that if the application is mailed in a timely fashion and no response is elicited from Grand Lodge, it is approved. This system is the easiest for initiators to work with, but requires timely notification in order to work. Failures of proper notification will defeat this system, and chronic failures can result in suspension of initiatory privileges.

CONFIDENTIAL DATA: Information contained in this Application is personal to the candidate and to Ordo Templi Orientis, and must be kept strictly private. Initiators and/or their appointed secretaries should use discretion in their copying and storage.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT TO THE I°:

1. Candidate must be an Initiate of the 0° in good standing, free, of full age (18) and of good report.
2. Candidate must sign the *Informed Consent, Release, and Indemnity* statement.
3. Candidate must have secured the signatures of two sponsors, who are members in good standing of at least I°, who attest to the Candidate's good report.
4. Candidate must pass an oral examination in the official secrets (sign, grip, word) of the Minerval Degree.
5. Candidate must possess a robe of the appropriate design.