



Ordo Templi Orientis

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APPLICATION FOR LODGE CHARTER

Note: a non-refundable fee of \$30 must accompany this form (or be remitted to the Treasurer of the Electoral College) before it may be processed. Make checks payable to "Ordo Templi Orientis USA," and note in the memo field that it is for a Lodge Charter. Application fees are non-refundable regardless of the outcome of the application.

METROPOLITAN AREA OF EXISTING OASIS: _____

NAME OF EXISTING OASIS: _____

Name of Master: _____ Degree: _____

LODGE REQUIREMENTS:

- A Lodge must have a facility (or facilities) suitable both for an initiation temple and performance of the Gnostic Mass which is completely separated from the home or living quarters of any member thereof
- A Lodge must have all temple furniture and equipment required for *all* the initiations of the Man of Earth Degrees (Minerval through P.I.)
- A Lodge must be able to provide initiations through the III° without outside assistance, and IV°/P.I. initiations with the assistance of a resident (or visiting) Sovereign Grand Inspector General
- The Master of the Oasis that is applying for Lodge status must be a chartered initiator
- There must be sufficient initiates in good standing of the Man of Earth degrees who are willing and able to serve as officers in initiations
- A Lodge is responsible for following all policies for the safe and accurate conduct of our initiations, for accurate and prompt submission of applications and reports to the Initiation Secretary and the Grand Treasurer General, and for the maintenance of accurate and complete records for all initiations

For Electoral College Use:

Date received: _____ Date considered: _____

Action taken: _____

Rather than including details of officers or equipment on a form, which may fall into profane hands, the questions regarding the following details are framed in broad terms. Please contact your Mentor, or the Electoral College, if you have any questions regarding this part of the application.

FACILITIES: *please indicate which facility (or facilities) described on your current Annual Report will be used for your initiation space.*

FURNISHINGS: *please submit photographs of your temple. The College would like to see one or more photos of the temple set up for Fourth Degree, and an additional photo (or photos) of the temple arranged for the P.I. Degree. We would prefer to see photos of both arrangements. In addition, we would also like to see pictures of the temple set up for Gnostic Mass, the central ritual of our Order. Please send as many pictures as needed to show details of the key pieces of the furniture for these rituals. Digital or scanned pictures are preferred, and may be emailed to the College under separate cover for consideration along with this application.*

EQUIPMENT: *on a separate sheet, please list all the non-consumable equipment (not including candles, incense, etc.) the Body has for Initiations and the Gnostic Mass. Please give descriptions of this equipment as needed (especially with such items as those used in the Fourth and P.I. Degrees), describing its degree of safety, adjustability to the needs of different candidates, etc. Pictures of major items will be very helpful.*

INITIATORS: *are there any members of the Oasis (aside from the Master) who are chartered initiators? Yes _____ No _____*
Names (if yes):

Are there resident (or visiting) Sovereign Grand Inspectors General who have indicated a commitment to travel regularly to the proposed Lodge to administer the rituals?

Yes _____ No _____
Names (if yes):

Note: *the Electoral College requests a letter of confirmation from any initiators or SGIGs (other than the Master) named on this application. They should agree that they are available to perform initiations at the proposed Lodge, and specify the extent of that commitment. They are also earnestly invited to speak of any experience they have already had at the Oasis as an initiator, if any. These letters may be included with the application, or sent to the Electoral College under separate cover, either in hardcopy or as email. Frank, complete letters from these initiators and SGIGs are an important part of the information we need to evaluate this application.*

OFFICERS (All initiatory officers must be at least of I°, and be at least of the degree being worked): *number of local members available as officers for*

Minerval and I° _____

II° _____

III° _____

IV°/P.I. _____

POLICY: *on a separate sheet, please summarize, to the best of your understanding, the duties and provisions of a Lodge for both its members locally, and the Order as a whole, which extend above and beyond those of an Oasis. Are there any services that you feel a Lodge should provide that the existing Oasis is not currently offering? Do you see these services being offered locally in the near future? Do you feel that input from either the Electoral College or other Grand Lodge officers would be an aid in achieving this?*

ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING: *The primary purpose of a Lodge is now defined as providing all of the initiations of the Man of Earth Triad, celebrating the Gnostic Mass as often as possible, and that they offer such other rituals, classes, or workshops as their resources permit. Lodges are also encouraged to publish a journal of some kind. Please complete the Annual Report Form to indicate to the College how the new Lodge will be progressing toward these goals (or to indicate any important changes since the last annual report filed by the Oasis). This form may be jointly filled out by the proposed Master and any other charter members of the proposed Lodge. Clarity of expression and planning is very important. Neatness counts. The annual report form can be found at <http://www.oto-usa.org/ec/forms/index.html>. If this change of body status is submitted within 60 days after the regular annual report submission, then the requirements for completing that document have already been met.*

I attest that the information I have provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby agree to abide by all policies of O.T.O. U.S.A. and the U.S. Electoral College of O.T.O. pertaining to Lodges. If I am granted this Charter, I agree to submit a written report annually to the U.S. Electoral College of O.T.O. Furthermore, I understand that a Lodge Charter, if granted, can be revoked at any time by the U.S. Electoral College of O.T.O., with or without cause.

Signature of Master: _____ Date: _____