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## Thanksgiving Dias Work Party Appreciation and Congratulations



Thanksgiving weekend produced a laborious labor of love in the form of our weekend work party.

First, Brother Jon spent the majority of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as Project Point and Chief Constructionite for the completion of the new dais and steps for our temple. Many, many hours were also logged by Melissa, Cristin, Marcos, Diego, Michael S, Monk and Ken.

Ken and Shellay also spent a lot of time over Saturday and Sunday reorganizing our storage room and installing new lights. There is now much more visible space and much less shadow. We'll never lose the corkscrew again...

The following weekend Doug B and Jon put the finishing touches on the shrine by giving the obelisks a fresh coat of paint (the tops are now affixed, no more falling pyramids!) while Shellay and Melissa did a final cleanup of the temple.

Warm appreciation and thanks to all of our brothers, sisters, and friends who donated their time and hard work to support Horizon Oasis.

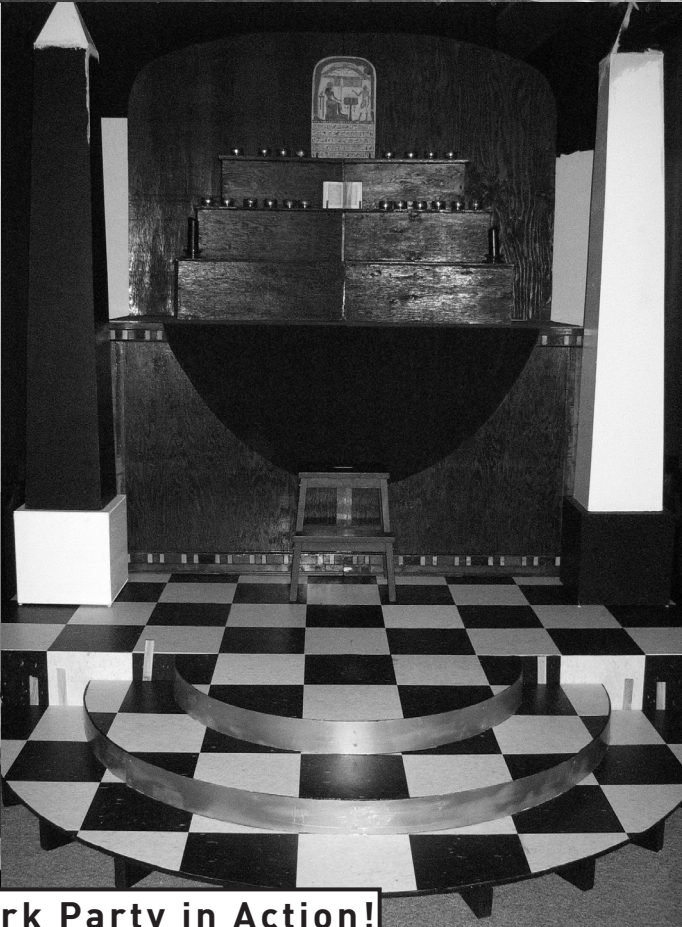
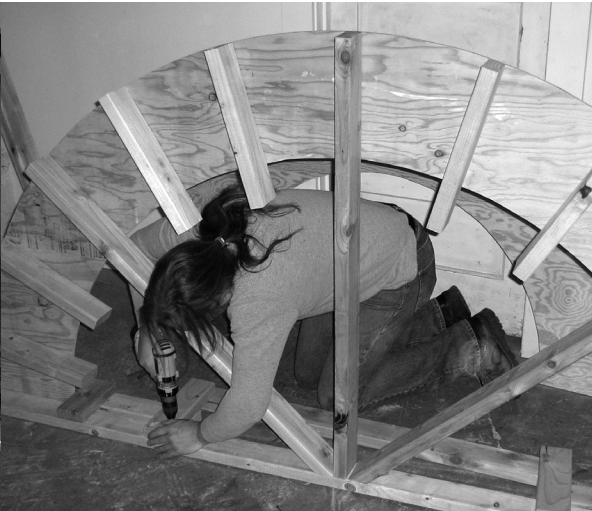


## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Sky's Embrace is looking for new regular contributors to undertake a commitment of at least 1-2 pages (approx. 750 words per page) of written content at least every other month.

Additionally, we are taking new contributions of any painting, drawing, photography or other visual art. Visual pieces do NOT have to be related to Thelema or the occult to qualify for publication (but they are subject to editorial approval).

Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sea-oto/message/1565> for more information or contact the editor at the address to the left to arrange a submission!



**Dias Work Party in Action!**

# Reflections on Five Years as a Local Body Officer

## by Sr. Melissa

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Last month marked five years for me as E.G.C. Secretary for Horizon Oasis and with it I have taken some time to reflect on Horizon's history, from the perspective of this one officer. I was a wide eyed second degree when I first took the role of Mass Coordinator for Horizon. The job quickly morphed into so much more that the title of E.G.C. Secretary was instated. Working in a valley that has been steadily growing has given me the opportunity to help extend the scope of our body. It has also given me a front row seat to many of the challenges facing the local bodies of our Order.

Working under two different body masters, Sister Onyieh and Sister Shellay, I learned what it means to be a local body officer. Learning how to focus many visions into one template is not always easy, but gives the opportunity to more fully understand both conflict and compromise. I'm thankful that my skills at approaching each are greatly improved by my experiences as a local body officer.

Over the years I've been given several opportunities to try out new ideas that have tested the boundaries of Horizon and it's members, and have created fond memories for me for the things that went well, and tremendous learning opportunities from those that did not.

Among my favorite memories are the Black and White Ball. The party was great and I had no worries that we could throw a good party. Brother Yuri provided music and the wine did flow, we even had a wine tasting! Where I went on a limb, and where my brothers and sisters supported me in spades, was when they supported Horizon by really getting into the silent auction. It took months of preparation, gathering over 30 items, and we raised over \$1100.

Another high point for me was the acquisition of our portable Mass kit. We were at a point where clergy were complaining that there wasn't enough space on the calendar for them to celebrate enough. But how to increase our Mass calendar

without also increasing our (then) per diem rent? Sister Onyieh had approved a budget for us to build a portable kit for use in the basement of Edge of the Circle Books, etc. Then Brother Jon had an inspiration. He recalled that an already built kit did exist, and was likely sitting in storage, taking up space for someone who was no longer using it. He called. It was there, and we could have it for the amount we'd budgeted to build...and the only labor was hauling it!

It was in this kit, the prototype built by Brother Doug B, that our current obelisks came. And we continue to support the twice monthly schedule that this acquisition afforded us, plus several more celebrations of the Gnostic Mass in the last year, within the freedom of our temple.

Another great event that nearly wasn't, was the Centennial Three Days celebration. This was an example of a time when my vision defied the laws of physics (another law that is for all). I had envisioned the creation of a tent over the dining room at the Queen Anne Masonic Lodge, in which we would dine and have music and dancing. My tent wouldn't stand, however, and I was ready to give up. Brother Jon to my rescue! In no time he had an alternate plan, one that accounted for gravity, in place. From that point onward, a good time was had by all.

I can't emphasize enough how much my memory as an officer for Horizon has been colored by my appreciation for Jon. Long before he became an officer himself he has been making himself indispensable to me and to the body itself. However big the idea, if it was possible I knew Jon would help it to happen.

Back at Queen Anne, it was Jon that worked with the Masons to grant us the cleaning agreement, which offset our rent and made it possible for us to save the nest-egg that got us into our current space. Later on, as Deputy Body Master, it was Jon who shook the dues-paying tree, getting local members to pledge up to the level that got us started on our

road to 24/7 renting. Without his support, I don't know if I would have navigated the last five years as well as I did, and I don't think Horizon would have either.

Working with several fine co-officers over the years, I have learned about teamwork. Over the years, the officer core, to our benefit and folly, has been the driving force behind most every event at Horizon. And every officer takes their turn in various and necessary roles for the team and the community. Be it planner, devil's advocate, assistant, revolutionary, work horse, comic relief, policy monger, cheerleader or brainstormer, I have come to understand that an effective body officer needs to be all of these things at one time or another.

This past year has also given me the opportunity, with the guidance of Tau James, to begin a program of E.G.C. Novice Training. It has evolved somewhat from it's original format and will continue to do so over the next several months as we settle into a system that is both useful and user friendly. Novice Training is something that I continue to be passionate about, and will continue to facilitate in the future.

Why reflect on all of this now? Well to let you all know that being a local body officer is one of

the best ways to get to understand the O.T.O.! I highly recommend it as a way to be involved. The body is ever changing, and a part of that change on an essential level is a periodic change in local body officers. Horizon has several incoming new officers. Brother Neal is our new Deputy and Initiation Secretary, and Sister Egypt is relatively new as Secretary. Sister Kjirsten is taking on the role of Librarian. And effective January 1st, I am pleased to announce that Sister Cristen is being upgraded from Mass Coordinator to E.G.C. Secretary.

That's right! I'm resigning my position as E.G.C. Secretary at the end of the month. It's time to shift my focus to NOTOCON, E.G.C. Novice Training, and personal study in the coming year; AND to make room for new officers that are ready to serve Horizon and offer new ideas and energy. This could be important to you because there are always going to be roles that need to be filled, and they could be filled by YOU! I strongly encourage all interested members to think about ways that they would like to contribute and then act on that! It will change the way you look at the O.T.O., and maybe even yourself.

Many thanks for five amazing years! Many thanks for the amazement yet to come!



## A Note from Ken about Drum Circle

Starting over the summer of 2008 I launched the monthly drum circle at Horizon Oasis' Temple. My stated purpose: To serve the community by facilitating a place and time to gather and enjoy experimentation in rhythm & music. We gather every 3rd Friday at 7:00pm to learn and work out drum rhythms.

There are two very important features to remember about our get-together: the first is that all instruments are welcome, not just drums, and the second is to have fun. While I have some experience & practice drumming, we have recently enjoyed great success bringing in some "big guns" of drumming, most notably Bill Matthews of Fremont Drum

to teach & jam. We will bring him back several times next year; Bill enjoyed us & the Temple as much as we enjoyed him.

When I first started attending Horizon Oasis mass at the Queen Anne Masonic lodge, drumming was a regular feature, performed during communion. I miss the feature of mass that encourages live music during the ritual. Ultimately, having the community involved in exploring their musical skills will foster a ready pool of musicians willing to perform for any mass team that desires live music.

It is my hope that this monthly gathering will enrich the community while providing an encouraging atmosphere of creativity and confidence in performance art, however each individual wishes to express their joy in music.



# **Do What Thou Wilt... Ask Me How!**

*With Your Host, Brother Jon*

Our January letter is something special. It reads in part: **"I am the reincarnation of the Beast 666 and I am ready to take my place as the head of the O.T.O."**

*Editorial Note:* In the history of the O.T.O., this subject has come up a few times, and it seems only right that it be addressed directly. With that in mind, I will be presenting this month's article as correspondence directly to the purported reincarnation of the prophet.

Greetings Good Sir or Madame,

*Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.*

First, allow me to say welcome! As you can well imagine, we have been looking forward to hearing from you, and I will do my best to give you a brief outline of what will be expected of you.

Incidentally, for the purposes of efficiency and to avoid confusion you have been assigned reincarnation-of-the-prophet claim #415, and we ask that you reference this number in future correspondences. Sadly, you missed 418 by only 3, but with your encyclopedic knowledge of the Qabalah, I am certain you can explain why and how 415 is an even more auspicious numeration.

To begin with, in order to verify your assertion, you will need to provide a detailed record of your birth in June or July of 1948. There is a little room for flexibility here, but reincarnation can be seen as a predicable event, and current wisdom indicates that it should have happened in the time frame within 6 months of Sir Aleister Crowley's death on December 1st 1947. You may have experienced several incarnations since that time. In such a case, a detailed accounting of each of these incarnations will be absolutely required in order to validate the claim. Any documentation you can supply to validate this claim would be extremely helpful.

Next, you will need to supply a complete

bibliography of all of your currently publishable materials. In order to raise the money you will need to sustain yourself during the years it will most probably require to advance through our order, you will need a means of support, and publishing your current works would certainly meet these requirements. Obviously those titles published during previous incarnations will not be useful for this venture, so we will need access to documents written during this incarnation. 5,000 pages should be enough to start, and of such profound quality so as to quell all doubt of your authenticity as the prophet incarnate. Even so, you should not slow your writing, and we will be expecting regular publications of a profound nature.

I would be happy to help you find a publisher once you have gathered sufficient materials, provided that one of your many students shoulder the task of editing the documents before they are delivered to me. Oh, I nearly forgot, you will need to show evidence of your abilities as a profound teacher, basing these assertions upon the testimony of your several well-trained students.

Next, of course, you will need to initiate into the Order itself. I understand that this is a formality, but it is a formality that you observed in your last incarnation, so it should be no trouble this time around. You will need to find sponsors, and raise the money for dues and fees. The fees could probably be covered by publishing royalties, but they needed to be mentioned as formalities. However, I feel moved to write a few words about the degrees in the O.T.O. and sponsorship.

As you may or may not be aware, sponsorship in the O.T.O. is taken very seriously, and if your public and private behavior during your incarnation as the Prophet of the Aeon are an indication of your current deportment and disposition, you may have some difficulty finding sponsors. In modern order protocol, when an initiate sponsors a candidate in the O.T.O., they essentially vouch for the good conduct of that candidate in public and private events, attesting to that candidates suitability for initiation. Having exhaustive records of your historical conduct may

give some of our more thoughtful initiates pause about signing their name next to yours during this process. Of course this could become a nuisance, but these initiates cannot be faulted for their diligent desire to protect the Order from the scandals that so often surrounded you during your earlier incarnation.

Provided you can secure sponsorship and with minimum waiting periods between the degrees, you should have reached the paramount of those degrees open to all free men and women in roughly 5 years. At this point, you will have to be invited to the more solemn degrees that constitute the first actual leadership roles within the O.T.O.

This brings up another point: If you are currently incarcerated, on probation, or in others ways adjudicated mentally unfit, you cannot be initiated into the O.T.O. As the post mark of your letter indicates it originated in a correctional

facility, I must assume that you are either an inmate or an employee of the state correctional facility. If you are an inmate, you will need to wait until you are freed from incarceration and off of probation before petitioning for initiation in the O.T.O.

With all the above in mind, there is still the matter of the current O.T.O. leadership to discuss, but these mysteries are beyond my ability to address. I can only say that if you display only a small portion of the wit, wisdom, guile and humor of your past incarnation, you will ascend steadily to a place of prominence within this Holy Order.

Thank you for contacting us, reincarnation-of-the-prophet claim #415! May you come rapidly to the realization of your true will!

*Love is the law, love under will.*

Jon

## Horizon Oasis Regular Monthly Events for Jan. 2009

All these events open to the public and held at the Horizon Oasis Temple, 1423 10th Ave, Seattle WA 98122 (except as noted!)

### **Gnostic Mass**

*January 10th @ 6PM*

*January 25th @ 6PM*

Horizon performs Liber XV, The Gnostic Mass, on the 2nd Saturday and 4th Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

### **Horizon Monthly Class**

*4th Tuesday - Jan 27th @ 7PM*

Bodymaster Shellay

Maughan will be teaching the Rose Cross ritual. "The Pentagrams protect, but they also light up the astral and make entities aware of you. The Rose Cross Ritual veils the aura against outside influences."

### **Novice Night**

*2nd Monday - Jan 12th @ 7PM*

Novice Night is a monthly date where Novices (and potential Novices) in the E.G.C. can gather to share, practice, and receive information through discussions and workshops.

### **Enochian Magic Class**

*2nd Tuesday - Jan 13th @ 7PM*

A focus on detailed knowledge about the history, symbolism and practice of the Enochian magic system.

### **Drum Circle w/ Ken**

*3rd Friday - Jan 16th @ 7PM*

All experience levels are welcome. We are not restricted to drums, please bring any instrument and join with us. The emphasis is community, humor and good times.

### **RPG Night**

*1st & 3rd Thurs. - Jan 1 & 15 @ 6PM*

Join fellow Horizoners for a night of gaming.

### **Offsite Events**

#### **Magic in Theory and Practice**

*1st Sunday - Jan 4th @ 5PM*

Br. Kolson hosts a study of *Magick in Theory and Practice*, Aleister Crowley's "treatise on magic and mysticism for beginners." Contact [mkolson@attglobal.net](mailto:mkolson@attglobal.net) for details.

#### **Garden of Pomegranates**

*3rd Saturday - Jan 17 @ 12PM*

Each month Brs. Diego & Ken offer a discussion of *Garden of Pomegranates* by Israel Regardie, an essential text of western esoteric qabalah. Contact [ken\\_r\\_barton63@hotmail.com](mailto:ken_r_barton63@hotmail.com) to RSVP.

# Horizon Oasis Calendar

# January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Liber XV The Gnostic Mass 6PM Potluck 7PM Community Meeting 8PM	29	30	31	1 RPG Night 6PM	2	3
4 <b>Horizon Massage Fundraiser 2pm-8pm by Appt.</b> Offsite Study Group 5PM Magic in Theory & Practice	5	6	7	8	9 <b>Offsite: Officer's Retreat</b>	10 <b>Offsite: Officer's Retreat</b> Mass Choral Rehersal 3PM Liber XV The Gnostic Mass 6PM (w/ Music)
11 <b>Offsite: Officer's Retreat</b>	12 Novitiate Night 7PM	13 Enochian Magic Class 7PM	14	15 RPG Night 6PM	16 Drum Circle with Ken 7PM	17 <b>4th &amp; P.I. Initiations Order Members 4th/Pl° and above only ALL DAY</b> Offsite Study Group 12PM Garden of Pomegranates
18 <b>Offsite: Notocon Organizers 11AM</b>  <b>*** at 3PM Members and guests only</b>	19	20 <b>Officers Meeting 7PM</b> <b>Horizon officers and invited guests only</b>	21 <b>Anahata Chapter of Rose Croix 7PM</b> <b>V * Degree and above only</b>	22 Bellydance HAFLA! w/ Kendra 8PM	23	24 <b>Private Rental: Temple Dremtz</b>
25 Liber XV The Gnostic Mass 6PM	26	27 Horizon Monthly Class 7PM Rose Cross Ritual	28	29	30	31