



BLAZING STAR OASIS
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MISSION STATEMENT

Blazing Star O.T.O. is a beacon of THELEMIC COMMUNITY AND CULTURE, radiating the Law of Thelema throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, California. We seek to extend the Law of Thelema throughout our region through (1) celebrating our sacramental and initiatory rites, (2) cultivating a community that recognizes the uniqueness of the individual centered around the shared ideals of individual liberty, self-discipline, self-knowledge, and universal brotherhood, and (3) establishing ourselves as a nexus of Thelemic culture and art.



FROM THE MASTER OF THE OASIS

PEACE, TOLERANCE, TRUTH;

Salutation on All Points of the Triangle; Respect to the Order.

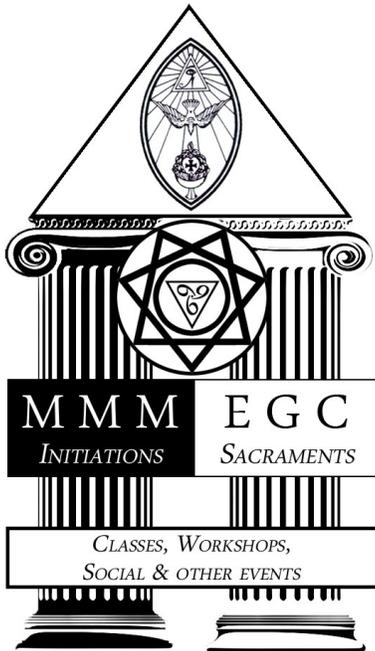
To all the Members, Affiliates, and Guests of Blazing Star:

Greeting and Health.

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

A lot of amazing things have happened in the last quarter at Blazing Star. I'd like to go through some of them to highlight important events that have happened so far, and to look forward to the future.

Although I have been acting as Master informally since the Drinks to the Honored Dead celebration on Halloween of 2015 e.v.... **On January 16, the Electoral College of U.S. Grand Lodge officially announced that Mastership formally passed from Frater Pralixus to Frater IAO131.** Pralixus was Master since August 2011 and – among other things – during his tenure, we moved out of the living room and into the beautiful Bay Area Thelemic Temple that we



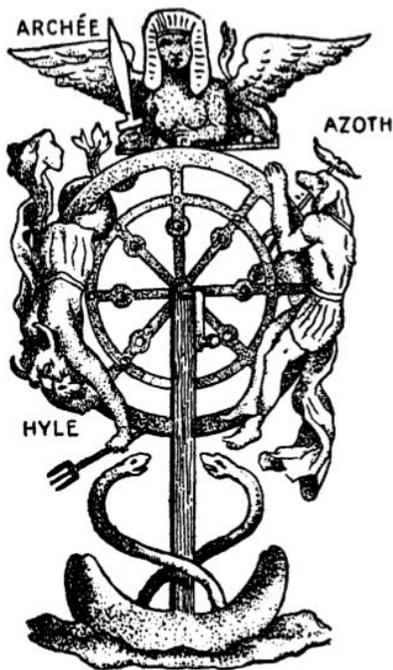


Blazing Star OTO turned 7 years old in January 2016.

know and love. We also have celebrated the Gnostic Mass every week for over 4 years and had classes every Tuesday, let alone all of the initiations we have had. Blazing Star is the strongest it has ever been and it continues to grow, thanks to the leadership of the Oasis and, of course, the love and dedication from people like yourself.

At the beginning of January, many members came together to **flip the Temple around**. This has been a project kept on the backburner for a long time but we finally did it thanks to all of your help! The desk and office is now on the other side of the Temple, allowing for our Gnostic Mass to extend much farther back toward the front door. This creates a lot more space for our rites, and also opens up more room in general. In the future, we plan to get a few more bookshelves to have an even greater library and more retail options!

Speaking of the Library, Soror Athene Noctua has been hard at work weeding the **Grady McMurtry Memorial Library** that we host at the Oasis. She is also diligently logging all the books' Library of Congress call numbers, and we will eventually have all books logged and labeled. We also have had an influx of a lot of amazing books into our library – remember that if you are a Member or Affiliate of Blazing Star, you are eligible to check books out from the library. Here is a list of most of the books we have added to our library only in the last quarter (there were so many added in total that it would take up an entire email by itself):



- Achad, Frater. *Crystal Vision Through Crystal Gazing*. 1980s.
- Achad, Frater. *Q.B.L. or The Bride's Reception*. 1974.
- Bradley & Aronson. *Elmer Crowley*. 2013.
- Churton, Tobias. *Aleister Crowley: The Biography*. 2011.
- Crow, W.B. *The Occult Properties of Herbs*. 1973.
- Crowley, Aleister. *Aleister Crowley: The Complete Astrological Writings*. 1976.
- Crowley, Aleister. *Knjiga Zakona*. (New edition of Liber AL vel Legis in Croatian!)
- Hatsis, Tom. *The Witches' Ointment*. 2015.
- Kansa, Spencer. *Wormwood Star: The Magickal Life of Marjorie Cameron*. 2014.
- Moore & Higgins. *Crowley: A Beginner's Guide*. 2015.
- Ordo Templi Orientis. *Success Is Your Proof: One Hundred Years of O.T.O. in North America*. 2015.
- Regardie, Israel (ed.) *Roll Away the Stone: The Herb Dangerous. Essays on the Psychology of Hashish*. 1974.
- Yorke, Gerald. *Aleister Crowley, The Golden Dawn and Buddhism*.



2011.

- Tons of new books from the A.A.' reading list, 'Course I: General Reading' (see [the appendix of Liber ABA](#)) including Crowley's *Konx Om Pax*, Paine's *Age of Reason*, Molinos' *Spiritual Guide*, Cicero's *Dream of Scipio*, Klein's *Science and the Infinite*, Hume's *Selected Essays*, T H Huxley's *Essays*, Berkeley's *Dialogues*, Hinton's *Fourth Dimension*, and more! Ask our Librarian/Secretary to check them out if you are a locally dues-current Member!

We've had a lot of crazy and fun events in the last Quarter: In January, we had Tom Hatsis – the author of *The Witches' Ointment: The Secret History of Psychedelic Magic* – for a guest lecture at Blazing Star. It was so popular that it sold out entirely and we had to schedule a second date later in January... which also sold out! Thank you to Tom Hatsis for such an entertaining lecture and Q&A, and thank you to everyone who came out to the Oasis to watch and help out. Also in January, we also had the most highly-attended Blazing Star Business Meeting in the history of Blazing Star! Thank you to all the Members who came out – remember: you become eligible to attend our Business Meetings to help shape the future of our Oasis if you are a dues-paying Member (I°+).

I have also worked with our Deputy Master Vicky to arrange for several visits of various Thelemic luminaries to Blazing Star. At the beginning of March, we had the inimitable Lon Milo DuQuette come and give some lectures and serenade us with his sweet tunes. He lectured about The Magick of Aleister Crowley, Understanding Crowley's Thoth Tarot, and he gave a Mini Mass Seminar. We also have a lot of other great events to look forward to:



- *April 2:* We had T Ce Acatl here for a full day of Man of Earth lectures followed by a Minerval initiation where we initiated 7 new Welcome Guests!
- *April 8-10:* Celebrations of the 3 Days of the Writing of the Book of the Law! Look for more details on our Facebook and Google calendars!
- *May 1:* Tau Iatromantis, a.k.a. Dr. David Shoemaker, will be coming to the Oasis to give a lecture on IV°/PI symbolism before Mass (IV°/PI+, obviously).
- *May 28:* Tau Asteria, a SGIG and EGC Bishop from Portland, OR – will be visiting us for a series of lectures and discussions including a workshop on "Positive Leadership" (0°+), a workshop on "Somatic Technique in MMM" (III°+), and a discussion the next day on "How to survive in OTO



when you just can't even". It should be great!

- *August 27:* We will be having Dr. Ron Lelito of Pyramid Lodge (Buffalo, NY) visiting for a guest lecture on "Thelema and the Yezidi: An exploration"!
- *November 2016: Blazing Star will be hosting the US Grand Lodge's Autumn 2016 Kaaba Colloquium!* For those of you who have never been, it is a great time: there are two days full of presentations on leadership in OTO, growing the local body, and there is – of course – lots of great discussions and camaraderie! The exact date will be announced soon; to learn more check out the Kaaba website: <http://kaaba.oto-usa.org/>

And that's only the big events we have planned, and it's only just the beginning of the 2nd Quarter! Stay tuned for more, and keep abreast of our events on our Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/BlazingStarOTO>) and/or our Google calendar (<http://tinyurl.com/BSOPublicCal>)

Finally, I have attached the 1st Quarter Report from our Treasurer, which includes information on our finances. We are committed to administrative transparency to show what we are using your dues and donations for at the Oasis. We have had an immense boost of both dues and donations the last quarter, and we hope the momentum continues into the future! If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at master@blazingstar-oto.org ... Onward!

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally,
OASIS MASTER IAO131

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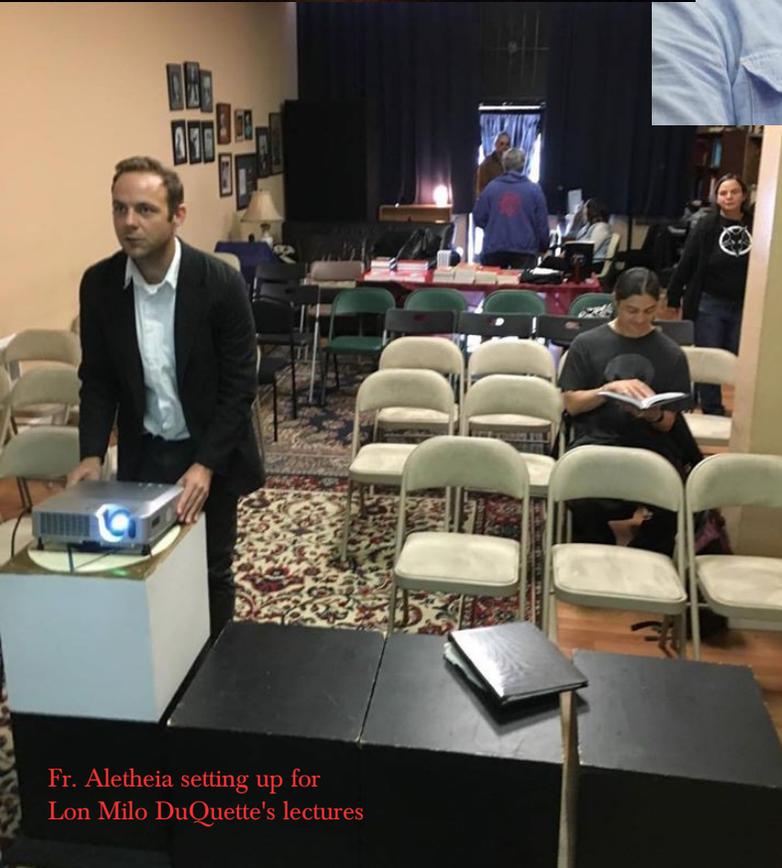




IAO SABADO party



Br. Andrew leading a Tuesday class on the "New Aeon Skeptic"



Fr. Aletheia setting up for Lon Milo DuQuette's lectures



Lon Milo DuQuette serenading us after a day of lectures

FINANCIAL REPORT: 1Q2016, E.V.

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BLAZING STAR IS SEEING AN UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE IN FINANCIAL STABILITY AND GAIN. This new level of financial success is only possible due to your continual involvement and support, from which we will all reap the benefits. As Crowley writes in *Magick Without Tears*, "Money must circulate, or it loses its true value." The Oasis is using these funds to develop along a number of different channels.

First, we are now in a position to develop and enhance our facilities. As time goes on you will be seeing new temple equipment and gear, which will go to enhancing the efficacy and beauty of our rites, as well as the general aesthetic and atmosphere of our temple.

Second, the Oasis is investing in several technological upgrades to improve our capacity to disseminate information, to members and affiliates of the local body, and to the general public (see the Master's address for more on our new BSO channel on Youtube!) [<http://youtube.com/BlazingStarOTO>]

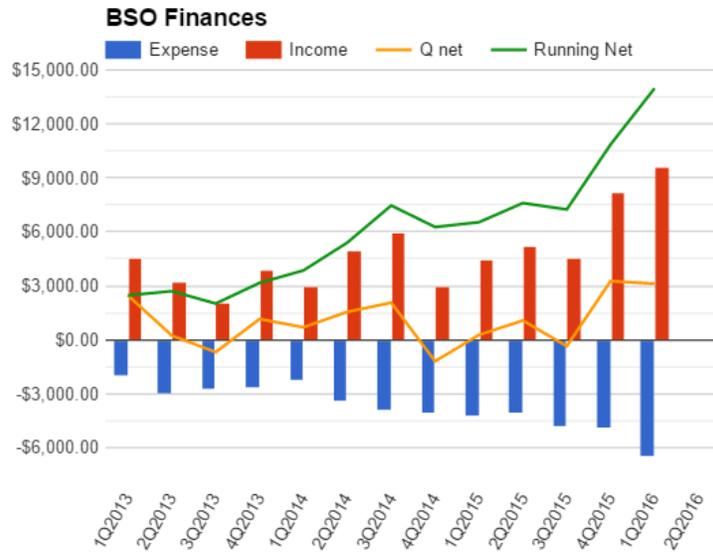
Third, we are continuing to build up our local library to include materials that may be of interest to many of you. (see the Master's address for a list of new titles available for you to check out at the local Oasis library).

These are just a few of the projects we are currently undertaking. As we move forward, Blazing Star Oasis will be working towards making our Oasis kick some serious ass. Your continued support and enthusiasm is the primary factor in our current success, and we look forward to forging the future of Blazing Star with all of you.

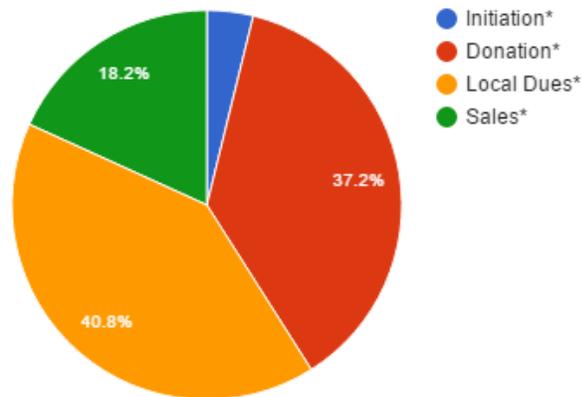
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1Q2016 Expense

