



*A Brief Introduction to...*

**The Society of  
The Astral Star, Inc.**

(in the Outer)

**The Order of  
The Star of Bethlehem**

(in the Inner)

*"An Organization of  
High Ritual/Ceremonial  
Christian Magickians & Mystics"*

*Founded November 1, 1980 - Incorporated March 20, 1993*



## An Introduction to the O.:A.:B.:

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“The Society of The Astral Star” (in the Outer), is also known as The O.:A.:B.: or “The Order of The Star of Bethlehem” (in the Inner). The Order is founded on the principles of Christian Knighthood and the legends of the three Magi who followed a distant star to find the Jewish Messiah.

The O.:A.:B.: is a non-profit religious and fraternal corporation with membership and Temples operating in several states throughout the United States. The Order was founded on November 1, 1980 in Georgetown, Kentucky. On All Hallows Eve, October 31, 1981, the Order elected its first Council of Officers, passed its first Constitution outlining its rules and regulations, and began writing its general course curriculum of instruction. On the Vernal Equinox in 1992, the general membership voted to re-write the Constitution and Bylaws and incorporate the Order in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as both an independent Religious Society (Church) and as a Fraternal Order.

The Order was, and truly is, a diverse group with members from several different mainstream Christian religious traditions or denominations. As an “interdenominational church”, we continue to have membership from most of the major Christian traditions, as well as, numerous non-mainstream magickal traditions including Christo Paganism, Christian Wicca and Christian Witches. Additionally, many members claim affiliation with the Order as their only religious society.

The emphasis of the Order is to practice and teach techniques of High Ritual & Ceremonial Magick within a theological Christian framework for spiritual and religious practice. We utilize techniques of Magick as a personal means to practical mysticism.

We are, for the most part, comfortable with the spiritual content of Christianity. In our modern day culture, Christianity is the norm. There are sound occult and metaphysical reasons why we choose to build on this particular Western Esoteric tradition.



## The Purposes of the O.:A.:B.:

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The first purpose of the O.:A.:B.: is religious; we strive to seek the presence of the Supreme Divine Being, which we call the Almighty - among other things. We seek to know this entity for worship and adoration, to learn who and what we are, and what we are becoming. Toward this end, in addition to the teachings of The Christ, the Order further strives to explore and advance the human potential by having its members study and teach what is generally known as the occult arts and sciences. In keeping with the traditions of the Order, we study and develop what has been called psychic abilities, astrology, numerology, tarot, and other esoteric academic disciplines.

The second purpose is to serve as a Fraternal Order. All members of the Order are considered comrades in arms - Brothers (Fraters) and Sisters (Sorors). The ways of Magick and Mysticism are very often difficult and lonely paths to walk. The Order attempts to provide a form of social outlet for a group of like-minded individuals who can share their experiences and learn from each other.



## The Grade Structure of the O.:A.:B.:

Our rituals are similar to work found in the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn and other similar societies, but we have a different Christian-based philosophy. Instruction, which is rooted in the Kabbalah, begins at the Aspirant level depicted in the table below and goes upward.

ORDER OF THE ASTRAL STAR TABLE OF GRADES / DEGREES						
DEGREE	TITLE	EQUATION	SYMBOL	SEPHIROTH	PLANET	
MAGE GRADES	12TH ARCH MAGUS 10 Years	(11=0)		○ KETHER	♁	
	11TH MAGISTER MAGUS 10 Years	(10=1)		● CHOKMAH	♂	
	10TH MAGUS 5 Years	(9=2)		● BINAH	♁	
	APPRENTICE MAGUS 2 Years	(+8=3-)		■ "THE ABYSS" DA'ATH	♁	
ADEPT GRADES	9TH ADEPTUS EXEMPTUS 5 Years	(8=3)		● CHESED	♃	
	8TH ADEPTUS MAJOR 3 Years	(7=4)		● GEBURAH	♂	
	7TH ADEPTUS MINOR 2 Years	(6=5)		● TIPHARETH	♁	
	PORTAL ADEPTUS 1 Year	(+5=6-)		□ "THE VEIL"	♁	
ELEMENTAL GRADES	6TH PHILOSOPHUS 6 Months	(5=6)		● NETZACH	♀	
	5TH PRACTICUS 6 Months	(4=7)		● HOD	♀	
	4TH THEORICUS 6 Months	(3=8)		● YESOD	♁	
	3RD ZELATOR 6 Months	(2=9)		⊗ MALKUTH	♁	
GENERAL GRADES	2ND NEOPHYTE 6 Months	(1=10)		⊗ MALKUTH	♁	
	1ST ADELPHON 6 Months	(0=11)		⊗ MALKUTH	♁	
	0RO ASPIRANT 1 Year	(0=0)		⊗ MALKUTH	♁	





## Web Resources

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Direct: <http://www.astralstar.org/>



<http://www.astralstar.org/intro/>



**Journal - The Crux Mystica** <http://www.astralstar.org/journal/>



<http://www.astralstar.org/journal/dictionary/>



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