

Marrying the Land and Her Traditions With the Aeon and the Law

What Is The Irish Order of Thelema?

The Irish Order of Thelema is a group who have drawn from the historical traditions of Ireland and synergised them with the precepts of the Law of Thelema to create a new and unique Order, which provides a focal point for a community united by a common interest in the principles of individual liberty, the welfare of the human race, and the exploration, application and celebration of 'The Book of the Law.'

It has organised its rites according to the Law of Thelema, which is:

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

The main principle of this Law is that each human being has his or her own definite objective in life. Everyone has every right to fulfil this purpose and no right to do anything else. As it is written, "thou hast no right but to do thy will. Do that and no other shall say nay." It is thus a law of freedom, but freedom is a two-edged sword, liberty and responsibility come hand in hand. Do what thou wilt, does not mean 'do as you like'. It is further explained by 'Love is the law, love under will.' Each experience we have is an act of love or union, between ourselves and one of many experiences available to us, each experience must therefore be 'under will', chosen to fulfil rather than thwart one's true nature.

We also hold that 'The Law is for all', and while each has the right to 'live by their own law', they have no right to impose their ideals and standards upon others. Therefore it is a necessity that our work is based upon principles of tolerance and respect, even of that which we personally disapprove.

Ours is not a path away from the everyday world rather one designed to aid those who will, to embrace and master their daily circumstances and to work collectively towards the fulfilment of our goal –

*The complete emancipation
of the Irish Nation and the
arising within all her people
of full Knowledge and Power!*

The Irish Order of Thelema is thus a social order, living within a culture of liberty and tolerance. Based on these fundamental values, we actively work to manifest them in our own lives, and introduce them to the wider society around us. Our work in the larger community is based on our understanding and experience that these fundamental and inclusive values can create a saner, more tolerant, and ultimately better world to live in.

What is the work of the Order?

Building a Community

All members belong to the community of the Order. Community membership is open to those who find our aims and intentions in accord with their own and who wish to participate in the celebration of the seasonal festivals and various other semi-public events hosted by the Order. These events are celebrated on the eight festivals of the Solar year as well as on certain days of particular significance in Thelema. The Community also celebrates life rites marking significant life events. Community members go through a rite of membership. Community members also commit to support the Order and its activities financially.

Initiation Into Thelemic Mysteries

The Irish Order of Thelema also offers initiation into the mysteries of Thelema and the path of the individual to self determination. This is all framed in the context of Irish cosmology and the journey through the Irish provinces and their attributes.

Establishing Experimental Projects

The Irish Order of Thelema also has further 'operative' levels of activity associated with each chapter of the Book of the Law. These are social laboratories where the ideas of Thelema are tried and tested and new impulses and traditions are nurtured and grown. This currently includes a variety of projects, such as, art, ritual, political activism, the promotion of Thelemic values, research, experiment and more. The activity of the groups constituted under the three chapters is non linear and may include members from the Community membership and can involve collaboration with individuals or groups outside the Order

Permanent Community Space

The Order has a permanent Community space in Belfast, Northern Ireland which provides a venue for ritual, meetings and other activities. Presentations, workshops and talks are offered by Order Members, as well as guests, covering a wide range of esoteric topics. The space hosts the Order's library on esoteric subjects, numbering several hundred volumes. The space is also available for other groups and initiatives of an alternative nature.

We also run activities in other areas in Ireland in rented venues or member's homes.

Publishing

The Irish Order of Thelema has been actively publishing since 2013 and has several books in print. This aims to create a dialogue on how we do things, and creates space for discussion of topics important to Thelema and the traditions of the land.

Celebration of Life Rites

As well as celebrating life rites in the context of our own community, we offer space and our experience to others seeking alternative celebrations and life events. These can be tailored to suit individual needs. We offer hand-fasting and nuptials of many varieties (including same sex, polygamous and time specific unions), funerary rites, known within the community as the Greater feast of the deceased, as well as bespoke rituals for important milestones throughout life.

How Can I Get Involved?

The Irish Order of Thelema runs regular events which are advertised on our website and social media. Please, come along and meet people!

You can also e-mail us with questions, and arrange an informal chat or join us at a 'meet and greet', where we can ask each other questions.

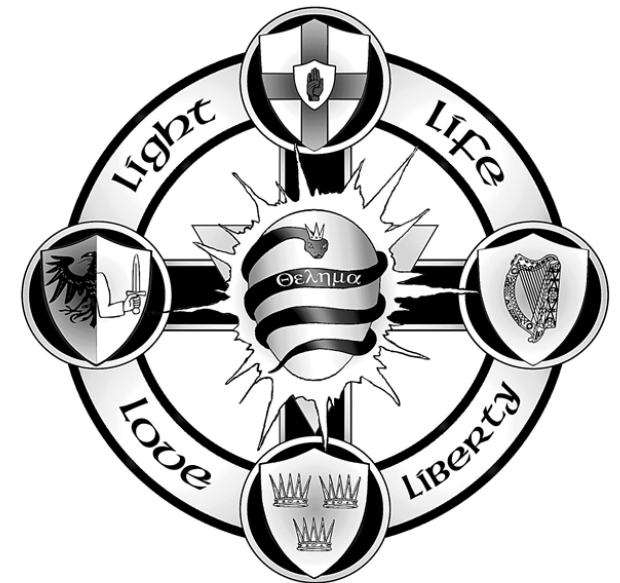
We welcome inquiries about community membership (all members are also community members), initiate membership, attending an event, collaboration on projects and any other questions relating to our work.

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