

Proposal for an Adept Working Group
Submitted to the Grand Assembly COTS
At Its Annual Meeting, 10 May 1996

Name: Odd Fellowship Working Group

Purpose: To explore the magical aspects of the symbolism preserved in the workings of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal group to which a number of COTS members belong. The symbols of the IOOF show signs of linkage to older esoteric traditions, and COTS members have experienced a number of magical effects in the course of IOOF rituals. Furthermore, as a long-established lodge system, the IOOF provides an example of traditional lodge work which can be used as a model for certain COTS applications (as, of course, it has in a number of other contexts already).

Specific Plan: Members of the Order who belong to the Odd Fellows will work with the symbolism assigned to the degrees in the IOOF they have received, using discursive meditation, scrying, and other magical techniques. Specific information about the symbols and their meanings will not be shared with members who have not received the degrees in question, but techniques and broader issues will be discussed freely within and outside of the working group.

Membership: The working group will be open to any Adept Companion who is also a member in good standing of any unit of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Benefits: The explorations of this working group are intended to gather information about the inner side of traditional lodge technique; this information, in turn, can be used to expand the repertoire of COTS techniques, and provide methods and insights which can be used to work with the symbols of the COTS. All such discoveries will be presented to the Companions once tested out.

Resources Requested: None.

Sponsoring Adepts: The working group is proposed by Companions Jerome, Olivia and Ethan, Adepts by imputation, all of Emerald Lodge #3.