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THE SATANIC TEMPLE ARIZONA



The way we measure the passing of time varies, and it could easily be described as arbitrary. And it frequently is; our current calendar of January 1st being the 1st day of the New Year came about in 46 B.C.

An Alexandrian astronomer using the Egyptian solar calendar as their foundation, introduced what's now known as the Julian calendar. Not all cycles are so arbitrary, however, and the solstices have been celebrated across humanity as markers of our natural cycles.

Even if January 1st is a bit off from the solstice, or it's a bit arbitrary, doesn't mean it's not important. This is the time we collectively recognize the start of a new cycle and in that alone there is power. This year has been both simultaneously terrifying and boring; isolating, yet also a chance to solidify community in unique ways. Vaccines are coming. "Normal", whatever that is, will never be the same again, but we will rise above this and should not forget who is no longer with us...but more importantly recognize and cherish those who are.



You'll see later in this newsletter that I have accepted a position with TST's International Council. I am thankful for the opportunities I have had with this chapter, to hopefully have a positive effect and help guide us through some challenging times. I am excited to see what is to come with the new Council, new Constitution and new leadership within TST AZ. I am certain this chapter will continue to be a valuable community and congregation of The Satanic Temple.

AVE SATANAS!
~Karl

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 UPCOMING EVENTS



12/31 - 01/01 - Fuck Hindsight! (TST TV)

It's time to ring out this garbage year, and what better way to do so than with a variety show from TST TV? Come see live drag, music, and burlesque, featuring the International Council's own Sadie Satanas!

For more information, click [here](#) or go to thesatanictemple.tv



*1/2 - Saturnalia **Redux** (TST CO & TST TV)*

Did you get bit by the tech bug monster at Saturnalia? Don't worry, you can still see the full show at Saturnalia Redux - including a second round of headliner musical act [Twin Temple](#).

For more information, click [here](#) or go to TST CO's Facebook page.

**DRINK
BEER
HAIL
SATAN**

*Weekly - Friday Night Beer & Satan!
(TST - Convergence)*

The pandemic's put a dent in everyone's social life, but you don't have to give up on hanging out with friends. Thanks to Rene Grigori with the SoCal chapter, Friday nights can still be a party as TST members gather on Zoom to chat, play games, and indulge in the beverage of their choice.

For more information, see the weekly post in the [TST - Convergence](#) FB group (members only.)



01/16 - Baphomet's Bidding (Friends of TST - Ohio)

Our friends in Ohio are hosting their chapter qualifying event - an art auction on Zoom! All pieces are made by Friends of TST - Ohio members and all bids act as donations directly to The Satanic Temple. Stop by and see what weird and wonderful things are in store!

For more information, click [here](#) or go to the Ohio Friends of TST FB page.

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CHAPTER UPDATES

TST AZ Chapter Leadership. TST AZ Council has further changed; Katie Diaz has moved to her new role of Co-Chapter Head, alongside Sly Luna. Karl Kasarda has announced that he has accepted a position in International Council. Oliver Spires is in training to potentially replace him as Media Liaison, and has joined TST AZ Council.

Lynita Killen and Pope Wonka have resigned their positions, and their contributions to the council have been absolutely invaluable. Wonka's art, and philosophical and historical knowledge of Satanism, has represented our chapter, raised funds, and have informed our rituals and community since the beginning. Lynita's community support and campaign leadership have brought us together in social and charitable events, oftentimes both at the same time, such as the post-Highway to Hell lunches that were possible this time last year. Hail Wonka. Hail Lynita. This chapter would not be what it is without each of their contributions.

Current TST AZ Council:

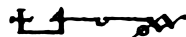
<i>Chapter Heads</i>	Sly Luna & Katie Diaz
<i>Media Liaison</i>	Karl Kasarda
<i>Council Members</i>	Jack Matirko & Oliver Spires



TST AZ Constitution. The TST AZ Constitution has been commented on by Official Members interested in the process of its modification. TST AZ Council has begun reviewing the comments, and making appropriate modifications to the document. Once revisions are complete, Council will provide the proposed amended Constitution to Official members for review, likely by the end of January.



Community Service Campaigns. Highway to Hell (H2H) and Devil's Playground are continuing, but with no events scheduled in January. H2H is quarterly, with its last cleanup having taken place at the end of November. Devil's Playground is on hold for COVID safety this month.



HELLFIRE CLUB



TST AZ's Hellfire Media Club is reborn in 2021! Our first group "read" is the podcast *Conviction: American Panic*. This series explores the Satanic Panic through the personal stories of both victims and accusers who were affected by it. It also draws back to show how the strange bedfellows of child abuse psychologists, law enforcement, and Christian fundamentalists joined to imagine horrific occult crimes where there were none. You can listen to [Conviction: American Panic](#) for free on Spotify. Then join us on **January 16, 2021 for a special presentation by the director of [Grey Faction](#), Evan Andersen**. He will be joining us to share how the Satanic Panic still echoes into cultural hysteria today. The Zoom link will be posted on [TST AZ's FB page](#) on Jan. 1 so look for it there!

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MEMBER CONTENT

Every month we'll be highlighting some of the awesome things our members are doing. This newsletter's Member Content is...

MONDAY'S GREAT SATANIC ARTWORKS! Our amazing member David de Savigny graced FB forum with a new piece of gorgeous Satanic art and a mini art history lesson every Monday for 52 weeks (!!!) Thanks to David for sharing his artistic eye and expertise with us. If you'd like to see more, search the [FB forum](#) for "great Satanic artworks".

We asked him to pick a favorite piece to share with the newsletter and David chose the beautiful Falero painting, "Witches Going to Their Sabbath" (1878). Thanks to David for making Mondays a little brighter for a whole year!



SATANIC SWAG



Listen. There are four months of the year when you can reasonably wear a hoodie for most residents of Arizona, and we're halfway through those four months already. So if you haven't gotten a fleecy, comfortable, black (of course) Satanic sweater from The Satanic Temple's [online storefront](#), well, what are you waiting for? Guaranteed to offend everyone in any church parking lot you happen to walk through - and you'll be warm and cozy doing it.

THE EVIL EYE

Robert Heinlein once said that every younger generation that comes along thinks they invented sex. If you're under the impression that no one was getting nasty before you were born, you may want to skip this month's recommendation: a [9 minute French pornographic film called *Le Messe Noire*](#) from 1928. This short uses the trappings of a Black Mass as an excuse to show taboo behavior, including an all-female group orgy. Seen now, it's more charming than exciting; the women in 1920s bobs and waves, and Lucifer sporting a truly ridiculous false moustache. But if not amazing as pornography to modern eyes, it's worth watching to see a vintage example of how the 'dangerous' and 'corrupting' practice of Satanism was used to titillate and excite.



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 PARTING GIFTS

This month's artwork is from Australian artist and occultist Rosaleen "Thorn" Norton (1917 - 1979). Norton was a pagan *bohème* heavily influenced by Aleister Crowley and known as "The Witch of Kings Cross". Her art caused controversy and censorship in heavily Christian Australia in the 1940s - 50s due to its supernatural and sexual themes. You can find out more about Norton's extraordinary life and artwork [on Wikipedia](#).



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FUCK 2020
CHEERS TO
NEXT YEAR