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THE SATANIC TEMPLE ARIZONA



What brings Satanists together and unites us? I'd suggest the tenets, as a framework of ideals. I call it a framework because it's something that provides for expansion of the set of ideals, via the [seventh tenet's](#) call to value the spirit, the principles, over the written tenets themselves.

If we assume unity in this sense, how can we put that unity to use? What goals do we wish to achieve? TST International Council has its goals which include the current [Texas Lawsuit](#) and [Campaigns](#) that fight/fought for equal representation, justice, and other needs. What are TST Arizona's needs and how can we apply our skills to rectify the ongoing wrongs in our state? Next week, our members have an opportunity to [suggest or comment on new Campaigns](#), and jumpstart some of the Campaigns put on hiatus during this pandemic year. This will be a chance to contribute your ideas, art, and/or time to charity for our community.

No matter where each of us is in Arizona, we see injustice from time to time, and ought to work to remedy it. As a *group*, we're privileged over individual persons; we have power in numbers, and can use that power to bring together resources that could help needy populations in Arizona. Donations or work are the "action" part of the [first tenet](#), but we must also act "with reason," targeting our compassionate action; acting to maximize the impact of our activities. If another nonprofit or religion has resources, logistics, or experience that would multiply the benefit provided by our efforts, we ought to try to work together with them.

Reasonable compassion and empathy in our *individual* actions has an interpretation for each situation and each individual. A thing I've considered with relation to personal charity is the intersection of the [first and fourth tenets](#); act with compassion and empathy, but get consent for the type of action you'd like to engage in! That is, respect the freedoms of the person to whom you're offering help, and ask if they have a use for whatever resource you would like to offer. i.e. "hey, would you like a bedroll/meal/twenty?"

Whether you are a chapter member or someone who follows us online, you probably have the ability to help make our State a better place. Collaborate with us or volunteer on your own, but think and act nobly with compassion and empathy.

Hail Satan,
Oliver Spires

Please note that some of the included links in this newsletter go to Official Member only resources, so if you're not able to access them and you are an Official Member, please contact your [local leadership](#) to fix that!

 UPCOMING EVENTS



03/04 - Tragoidia (TST TV)

Miss the old days when MTV actually played music videos? Join Samantha Sphinx on TST TV at 7 p.m. AZ time every other Thursday for Tragoidia, a curated collection of music videos with an emphasis on Satanic tunes across genres.

For more information, check out thesatanic temple.tv



03/11 - Shake It for Satan (TST TV)

Come break it down on the (virtual) dance floor with your fellow Satanists in another installment of TST TV's Shake It for Satan series! 9 p.m. AZ time, artist TBA.

For more information, check out thesatanic temple.tv



03/14 - The Devil's Playground (TST AZ)

Join TST AZ chapter members in our devilishly good works by cleaning up a public park in the Tucson area. (This event is outdoors. Social distancing and masks required.)

For more information, [view the event](#) on the TST AZ FB page or email katetstaz@gmail.com



March - Devil's Food Pantry (TST SoCal)

The Satanic Temple Southern California is collecting food donations throughout March for their neighbors as part of the chapter's Devil's Food Pantry drive!

To view the campaign's Amazon wishlist, click [here](#) or go to the [TST SoCal FB page](#).

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CHAPTER UPDATES



The Satanic Temple Arizona's adopted park on the East side of Tucson, is our Devil's Playground. Co-chapterhead Kate Diaz started our cleanup efforts in February 2020 and our chapter's volunteers have collected hundreds of pounds of rubbish to make for a more relaxing green space in our city. Hail Kate and happy anniversary to the Devil's Playground! Our next [cleanup](#) is March 14th



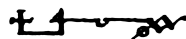
HELLFIRE CLUB



TST AZ's Hellfire Club Salon Series continues with another special guest in March! This time we welcome writer, editor, and horror movie comedy critic [Ryan Boyd](#) from the [Rank & Vile podcast](#). Ryan will be discussing Satanism in cinema, why the on-screen Satanic Panic just won't die, and which demons in horror movies have the silliest names. An exact date and time for the Salon and a Zoom link will be posted on [TST AZ's FB group](#) in early March or you can email ms.zee.kay@gmail.com for details. In the meantime, brush up on your Satanic cinema knowledge in advance with a [quick history of the Devil in cinema from Diabolique Magazine!](#)

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

TST is suing Texas over abortion restrictions, and has extended their deadline for submitting billboard designs to draw attention to the case. You can [submit](#) a design through March 5, and learn more about TST's Texas Lawsuit and the RRR campaign here <https://tst.link/TSTvTX>



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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...

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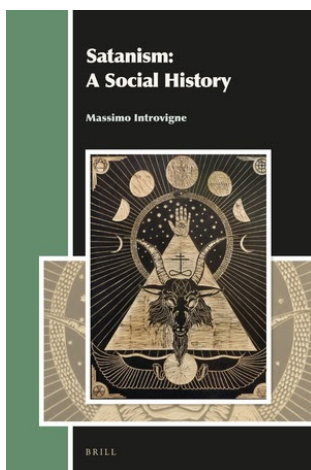
FOR INFERNAL USE ONLY! TST AZ member Jack Matirko has been chronicling news about The Satanic Temple as well as cultural and political insights relevant for TST members on his Patheos blog, [For Infernal Use Only](#), since 2017. Jack and his guest writers have tirelessly documented many of the major developments of TST such as court cases and national campaigns with an expert eye and an insider's perspective. We appreciate their work!

SATANIC SWAG



Happiest of birthdays to The Satanic Temple Arizona! Our chapter is 5 this month and we've made swag to celebrate! Limited edition keychains (left) and rainbow holographic stickers (right) are available in small numbers for \$8 (including shipping). If you'd like to commemorate the occasion please let us know in the [TSTAZ FB forum](#) or email katetstaz@gmail.com

THE EVIL EYE



***Satanism: A Social History* (2016), by Massimo Introvigne (Brill).**

It's hard to believe it's been nearly a year of COVID-19 lockdown. If Netflix and video games are wearing thin and you find yourself with large chunks of unoccupied time, maybe you'd like a challenge - a challenge like 650 pages of history on Satanism, from its earliest appearances in Christian heresies all the way through a certain infamous Pink Mass. This door stopper of an academic tome is *thiccc* in every possible way, from the writing style to the book itself, but it's also rewarding in its completeness. By the time you're finished you will have at least a passing knowledge of nearly every twisting root and branch of the Satanic idea as well as the infamous individuals who adopted figures like Satan, Lucifer, and Lilith as their patrons.

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PARTING GIFTS

Today's parting gift is something a little different than usual: instead of an illustration, painting, or other artistic work, we're sharing an exceptional blog post written by a guest author, "S", on Stephen Bradford Long's blog [Sacred Tension](#).

[S writes the incredible story of the Dutch Kerk van Satan and its Walburga Abbey](#), a sex club and bar owned by Martin Lamers (former student of Anton LaVey), who used his Satanic religious status as both inspiration and legal shield to provide a space that eschewed 1970s social norms. From Satanic "sisters" performing erotic tricks with fruit to media interviews that sound surprisingly relevant to our own battles for religious equality, S has put together a tale previously unknown to those outside the Netherlands. Walburga Abbey is a critical part of our international Satanic history and we are lucky to have this information in English for the first time!



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