

NOVEMBER 2020

THE SATANIC TEMPLE ARIZONA



Unfortunately, as we are all too well-aware, the COVID-19 pandemic continues unabated. It is currently the worst it has ever been. As this march of drudgery and isolation continues, it becomes alluring to convince ourselves that this new reality is not the case. It is difficult to see and believe in a threat that isn't visible, or palpable... unless you're one of the people who have been affected directly. Perhaps you work in healthcare, or you yourself have lost a loved one. Then indeed it is palpable and all too real. For much of our society, however, it is a fraud, a hoax, a delusion used to induce submission against their "ideals".

It is here where we get an unflinching look into the dark heart of delusion, and it's easy to think to ourselves, especially as Satanists, that we would not fall into such thinking. But it is with that thought in mind that we **must** be introspective in that all of us are capable of forcing our world view to confirm our biases. It is at that very moment when we think we are least susceptible that we are likely most at risk indeed. We must face the data: the lost lives, the numbers of infected and deaths which have become so large that they've become a numbing statistic. We must remember that each and every one of those intangible numbers was a human life - a mother, a father, a sibling, a partner, a friend, a loved one, a person.

TST continues to be on hiatus for official in-person events and gatherings. We'd like to remind everyone that, as Satanists, we lead the way in regards to rational, compassionate and responsible thought and actions. It is upon us, even if we are surrounded by ignorance and blatant willful disregard, to hold to our beliefs and ensure we protect our community, our friends, our family, and even our adversaries.

This will end. Gatherings will happen again. Imbuing the part of the adversary is sometimes to be compassionate to even our foes in this time of human need. Wear your mask, keep your distance, and most of all - take care of yourselves and those around you.

Hail Satan!

~Karl

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!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



12/13 - Saturnalia (TST CO & TST TV)

TST Colorado is kicking off the delights of the holiday season with a Saturnalia party - and you're invited! Join TST CO for a night of revelry, live music, rituals, comedy, and a special guest appearance by magical musical act [Twin Temple](#).

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



12/23 - Satanic Carol Contest (TST TV)

We want YOU to submit your own Satanic Christmas Carol videos for a chance to win free holiday access at TST Virtual Headquarters, and have your video featured on TSTTV!

Deadline to submit is **Dec. 23**, all submissions will be aired on TST Virtual HQ on **Dec. 23**. Don't miss your chance to submit or vote! For more information, click [here](#) or go [thesatanic temple.tv](#)



12/23 - 12/31 - Sol Invictus at Virtual Headquarters (VHQ)

The Satanic Temple's VHQ is reopening for the week of Sol Invictus (**Dec. 23 - 31**). Join us for the festivities, including a lecture on Krampus by the hosts of the podcast [Satanic Study Hall](#).

For more information, click [here](#) or go to [tstvhq.com](#)



Bimonthly - Satanic Panic Saturday! (Grey Faction)

Love vintage Public Service Announcements? Can't get enough of camp horror? Want to know more about the cultural impact of the Satanic Panic? Join TST's Grey Faction every other week for Satanic Panic Saturdays, a live watch party showcasing the best and weirdest of the Panic's scare tactics. Join the [Grey Faction Official Facebook group](#) and look for the monthly announcements.

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CHAPTER UPDATES

TST AZ Chapter Head Selection. After going through the nomination process, letters of intent and then a preferential poll, our two official nominations for the new Arizona Chapterhead position were Oliver Spires & Katie Diaz. Both of them were interviewed by our International Council directly and a decision has been made.

Please send your hearty congratulations to our new Chapter Head - [Kate Diaz](#)

Exciting things shall be coming to TST AZ in the new year with her new leadership!

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[Sly Luna](#)
[Kate Diaz](#)

Media Liaison

[Karl Kasarda](#)

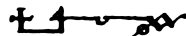
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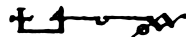


TST AZ Constitution. There's a lot of change afoot in the Arizona Chapter. We are going through the process of re-writing the Arizona Chapter Constitution as a collaborative effort between both the Council and Official Members.

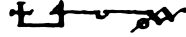
If you are an official member, please ensure that you make your voice heard via the Google Docs link provided in the Official Members Facebook forum. We're closing comments on 12/9, so if you're a TST AZ Official Member please make sure your thoughts are heard!



The Devil's Playground. Due to COVID-19 and the City of Tucson shutting down all public parks through at least December, our park cleanup is on hiatus until further notice.



Highway to Hell (Year 3). While we still await a new sign to be installed by AZDOT, the cleanups themselves still continue. Our last cleanup was on 11/28, which marks our 15th cleanup so far! Thanks to AZ Council Member Lynita Killen and her hard work organizing this ongoing campaign.



Feeding the Dead - Halloween Night's *Inferno*. TST TV hosted a livestream event on Halloween night, *Inferno*. *Inferno* was composed of independently created content from chapter members worldwide.



Chris Turvey, Chalice Blythe, Zee Kay and Karl Kasarda put together “Feeding the Dead” as a call to calm the chaos that was, and continues to be this year. If you’d like you see it, and the all the other submissions included in *Inferno*, you can do so at TST TV [here](#).



INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

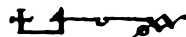
Religious Reproductive Rights. There have been some disappointing developments in TST’s bid to secure the rights of Satanists to obtain abortions without delay or religious manipulation. First, the Supreme Court refused to disqualify the newly-appointed Justice Amy Coney Barrett from our Judy Doe Missouri abortion case, despite her clear inability to rule impartially on a case regarding abortion.

Then on November 23rd, the Supreme Court declined to hear the case at all, effectively ending its journey in the courts. This isn’t all bad news, however. Taking this case to the Supreme Court now, while it is so conservatively bent, could have resulted in a loss and had detrimental effects.

Rest assured, this is not the last time a Satanist will need an abortion and be met with religious harassment. And next time, they will have the added weight of our Religious Abortion Ritual to further legitimize our deeply held beliefs. To see how the ritual may affect laws in your state, see the new directory TST has created regarding the [Satanic Abortion Ritual and Informed Consent](#).



Protect Children Project. A handbook called “The Satanic Temple’s Guide to Religious Freedom in Public Schools” is now available for [purchase](#) or [download](#). The guide informs students and parents of their rights regarding religious practice in school. It also asserts that Satanists are exempt from certain harmful punishments that violate their bodily autonomy, whether by physical or psychological means.



Looking Forward to the Future. The November 2020 TST newsletter reminded us that while the outcome of the 2020 presidential election may feel like a victory to some, our fight is far from over. It spoke of future plans to participate in more holiday displays, do more community service, fight even harder for equality in city invocations and public schools, and continue the fight for religious reproductive rights. It also promised to offer opportunities for members to be better engaged with international campaigns. This is something some of our TST AZ chapter members have asked for in the past, and we are excited for more chances to actively participate on a larger scale.

MEMBER CONTENT



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

SATANIC TIKTOK WITH POPE WONKA!

If you haven't been living under a rock, you've probably heard of TikTok, a social media platform built on individuals creating short videos about anything they like. (If you have been living under a rock, remember Vine? TikTok is basically that, but with longer videos.) Like any social network, TikTok has spawned its own pocket-sized communities based around shared interests, and one of those interests is Satanism.

Happily for us, one of TST AZ's own council members, Pope WonKa, has embraced the medium and is sharing his wisdom. His 60-second *#SatanicTikTok with Pope WonKa* videos are bite-sized chunks of Satanic thought and practice: delightfully fun and accessible while still being thoughtful and informative. WonKa always makes it clear that he's speaking for himself rather than TST

or the chapter, which lets him take a more personal approach - one that helps viewers see what it's really like to be a Satanist.

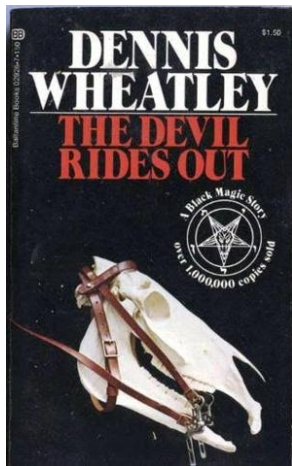
Want to keep up with all the latest in Satanic musings from WonKa? Head on over to [@popewonka](https://www.tiktok.com/@popewonka) on the app or <https://www.tiktok.com/@popewonka> No TikTok account required!

SATANIC SWAG

It's the holiday season! Perhaps your family and friends are already bugging you about what you want for winter gifts, or maybe you'd like to treat yourself for surviving another year. There's lots of new goodies on [The Satanic Temple's storefront](#), including a [whole section of seasonal fun](#). First on our list is the gorgeous [Holly King mug](#) designed by [Bill Crisafi](#). Want something more local, like a TST AZ logo t-shirt? Contact tstazevents@gmail.com or message the [TST AZ Facebook](#) to buy chapter merch through Paypal!



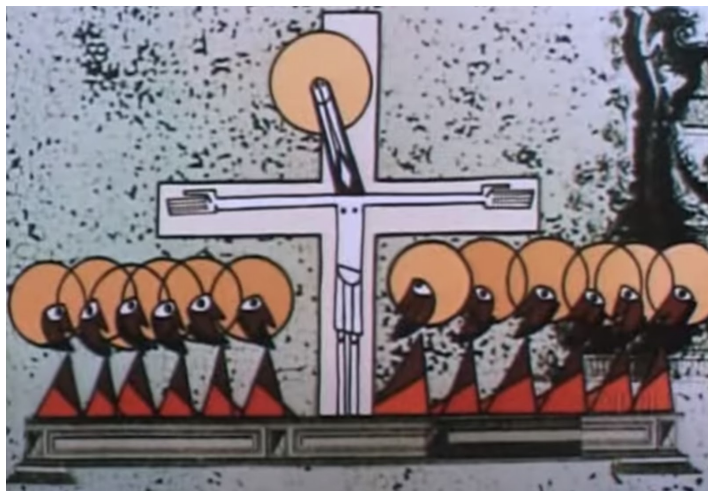
 THE EVIL EYE



The Devil Rides Out (1934), by Dennis Wheatley (Random House). If you're a fan of James Bond, you probably know 007 was invented by the author, Ian Fleming, in 1953. What you might not know is Fleming's rambunctious spy stories were inspired by another, now obscure author: Dennis Wheatley. First published in 1933, Wheatley wrote dozens of thrillers, drawing on his own real-life interest in the occult to produce stories that preview later 'Satanic' horror movies. (Although never game enough to practice magic himself, Wheatley was fascinated by those that did, including Aleister Crowley.) *The Devil Rides Out*, the most famous in his popular Duke de Richleau series, pits a British aristocrat against a coven of magical practitioners - variously described Satanic or simply "evil" - as he races to rescue a friend from a Walpurgisnacht ritual. To modern eyes it's a trite but mildly entertaining adventure novel, but worth reading for Satanists interested in one of the more overlooked but influential sources of Satanic and occult cultural panics.

Content warnings: Very much a product of its time, the book contains pervasive and casual racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, and every other form of prejudice you might expect from the 1930s.

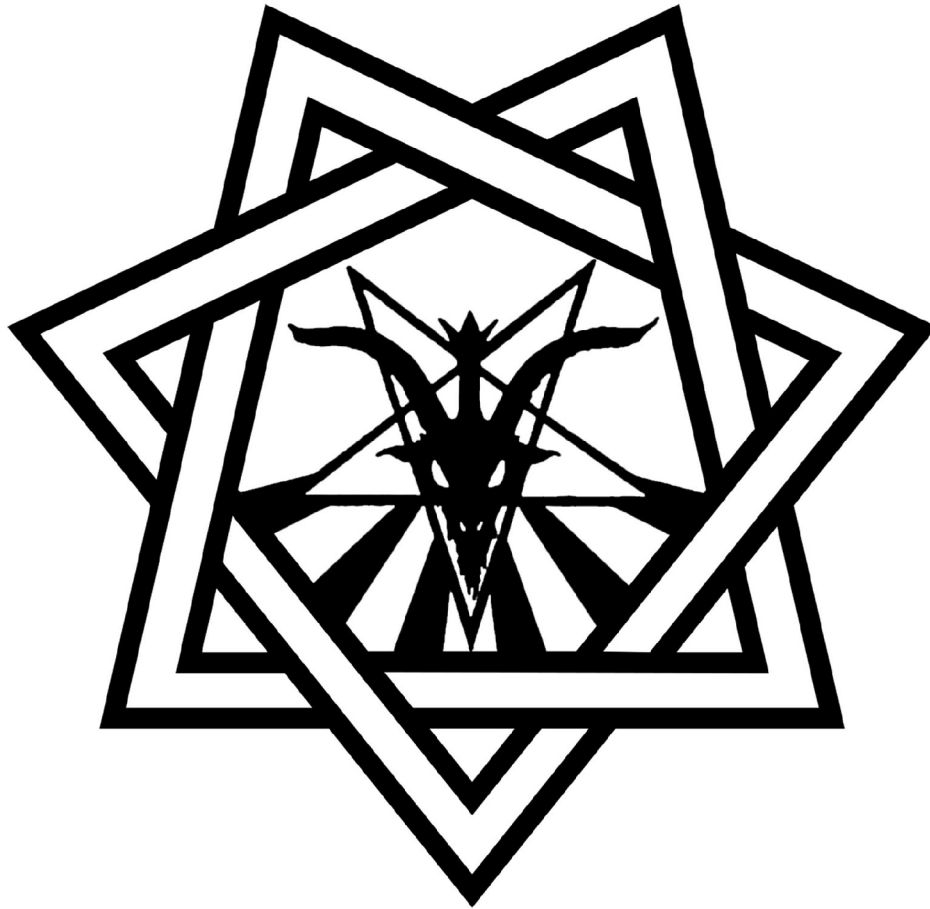
 PARTING GIFTS



This month's artwork is from Bulgarian director Ivan Veselinov. His animated short, *Дяволът в черквата*, or "The Devil in Church" (1969), is a trippy look at what happens when a modern woman goes to a less-than-modern church.

Watch "The Devil in Church" on YouTube [here](#).

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Special thanks to the newsletter committee: Karl Kasarda, Dresden Visage, Zee Kay, and Pope Wonka.