

THE KAMLOOPS STANDARD SENTINEL
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Founding Ordo Templi Orientis
W.T. Smith in City in Connection
With Secret Order and Outlines It.

The general public is probably not aware of the arrival in Kamloops of a visitor in the person of W.T. Smith who is a guest of F. Page, on whose invitation, coupled with that of Messrs. Bergin, Jackson and several other citizens, Mr. Smith came with the object of starting a branch of the Ordo Templi Orientis.

Mr. Smith states that the O.T.O. is a body of initiates in whose hands are concentrated the wisdom of some twenty orders, some well known to the public at large, others of equal merit if of less fame . . .

Modest Tolerance

The Foundation being universal brotherhood, naturally one of the outstanding principles was tolerance in the broadest sense of the word. No matter what their views on religion, for instance, every man and woman of full age, free and of good report, was entitled to become a member of the order.

He also said that, apart from the fact that secrets of a deeply occult nature were revealed in the ceremonies of initiations into the various degrees, which were gradually made plainer as the brother advanced, there was an actual effect upon the individual to his general betterment of character and outlook on life.