



O.C.E. GRAND LODGE

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MARITIME FOUNDATION & PHILOSOPHY OF O.C.E.

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The **O.C.E. Grand Lodge** is founded upon a distinctive **maritime philosophy** inspired by the sea, navigation, leadership and the experiences encountered during a voyage. Its maritime character also reflects the background of its Founder, **Capt. David Ebong, a mariner**, whose experience of maritime life helped shape the language, symbolism and philosophy of the Order.

At the heart of O.C.E. is one central belief:

LIFE IS A VOYAGE, AND EVERY PERSON MUST LEARN TO NAVIGATE THAT VOYAGE WITH DIRECTION, DISCIPLINE, COURAGE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

The maritime philosophy teaches that life, like the sea, is never permanently calm. There are periods of opportunity and prosperity as well as uncertainty and difficulty. What matters is how an individual navigates those changing conditions.

THE MARITIME SYMBOLS OF O.C.E.

THE CAPTAIN - LEADERSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY

Represents self-mastery, courage, decision-making and responsibility for one's direction.

THE COMPASS - DIRECTION & WISDOM

Represents purpose, knowledge and maintaining the right course.

THE ANCHOR - STABILITY & LOYALTY

Represents remaining grounded in one's principles during difficult circumstances.

THE HELM - CONTROL & DISCIPLINE

Represents taking responsibility for decisions rather than allowing circumstances to determine one's entire direction.

THE SHIP - FELLOWSHIP & UNITY

Represents O.C.E. itself - different people travelling together toward shared objectives.

THE SEA - LIFE & OPPORTUNITY

Represents life's changing conditions, challenges, possibilities and uncertainties.

THE VOYAGE - EXPERIENCE & GROWTH

Represents the continuing journey through knowledge, relationships, challenges, achievement and personal development.



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THE CREW - FELLOWSHIP & MUTUAL SUPPORT

The philosophy also recognizes the importance of the **crew**. A Captain cannot successfully operate a vessel entirely alone. In the same way, O.C.E. emphasizes **Brotherhood, Sisterhood, networking, mentorship, cooperation and mutual support**.

THE O.C.E. NAVIGATION PRINCIPLES

- Know your destination.
- Understand your position.
- Choose your course wisely.
- Remain anchored in integrity.
- Take responsibility for the helm.
- Value those travelling with you.
- Learn from every sea you cross.
- Use leadership and influence responsibly.
- Continue advancing toward excellence.

THE FIVE PILLARS

This maritime foundation connects directly with the Five Pillars of O.C.E.:

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THE O.C.E. MARITIME PRINCIPLE

“The sea represents life. The Compass gives direction. The Anchor provides stability. The Helm demands responsibility. The Ship represents our fellowship. The Captain represents leadership. And the Voyage becomes our Experience.”

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