



O.C.E. GRAND LODGE

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ORDER OF THE CAPTAIN EXPERIENCE

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ONE ORDER • ONE VOYAGE • ONE FAMILY

OFFICIAL HISTORY, ORIGIN & INTRODUCTION OF THE O.C.E. GRAND LODGE

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SHORT NAME	O.C.E. Grand Lodge	FOUNDED	2026
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Nigeria	FOUNDER	Capt. David Ebong
MOTTO	Brotherhood • Sisterhood • Integrity • Service • Excellence	ONE ORDER • ONE VOYAGE • ONE FAMILY	

1. INTRODUCTION

The Grand Lodge of the Order of the Captain Experience (O.C.E. Grand Lodge) is a Nigerian social and fraternal organization established to bring responsible men and women together through brotherhood, sisterhood, leadership, networking, personal development, entrepreneurship, mutual support, charity, service and the pursuit of legitimate success and prosperity.

O.C.E. is built around the philosophy that life is a voyage. Every individual travels through different seasons of opportunity, difficulty, achievement and personal discovery. A successful voyage requires direction, discipline, courage, knowledge, dependable companions and responsible leadership.

This philosophy forms the foundation of the Order.

O.C.E. therefore seeks to create a structured community where members do not simply meet socially but also connect, learn, develop, create opportunities, build legitimate wealth, exercise responsible influence and contribute positively to society.

2. THE ORIGIN OF O.C.E.

The O.C.E. Grand Lodge originated in Nigeria in 2026 from the vision of its Founder, Capt. David Ebong.

The Founder is also a mariner, and his connection with the maritime world played an important role in shaping the identity, language, philosophy and traditions of the Order.

The sea teaches important lessons about leadership and life.

There are calm waters and rough waters. There are moments when the destination appears clear and moments when navigation becomes difficult. Regardless of the condition of the sea, a vessel requires leadership, direction, discipline, teamwork and a dependable crew.

From these principles emerged the philosophy of the Captain Experience.

The Order was established as a distinctive community in which people from different professions, businesses, backgrounds and walks of life could travel together symbolically on one voyage - supporting one another while developing themselves socially, professionally, financially and personally.



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3. THE MEANING OF “CAPTAIN EXPERIENCE”

THE CAPTAIN - LEADERSHIP

The Captain represents leadership, responsibility, courage, discipline and direction.

A Captain does not merely possess authority. A Captain carries responsibility for the vessel, the direction of the voyage and the welfare of those travelling together.

O.C.E. therefore encourages members to become Captains of their own lives - people capable of making responsible decisions, creating opportunities and providing leadership wherever they find themselves.

THE EXPERIENCE - THE JOURNEY

Experience represents the lessons acquired throughout the voyage of life.

Success, failure, relationships, business, leadership, challenges, opportunities and personal development all contribute to experience.

“Every life is a voyage, every experience is a lesson, and responsible leadership provides direction.”

4. WHY “GRAND LODGE”?

Within O.C.E., the Grand Lodge represents the central institution responsible for preserving and administering the identity, standards, traditions, governance and development of the Order.

- Identity
- Constitution
- Leadership structure
- Membership system
- Maritime traditions
- Symbols and insignia
- Ceremonial practices
- Code of Conduct
- Programs and activities
- Administrative structure

Although lodge terminology has historically been used by different fraternal and social organizations, O.C.E. maintains an independent institutional identity.

The Order does not claim historical descent, authority or recognition from Freemasonry or any other existing fraternity merely because it uses lodge terminology.

Its traditions and identity are intended to remain distinctively O.C.E.



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5. THE FIVE PILLARS OF O.C.E.

BROTHERHOOD

Building genuine bonds of friendship, loyalty, responsibility, cooperation and mutual support among members.

SISTERHOOD

Creating an environment where women participate with dignity, responsibility, equality, fellowship and mutual support.

INTEGRITY

Encouraging honesty, discipline, accountability, confidentiality where legitimately required, responsible conduct and respect for the Order and society.

SERVICE

Using the collective strength, knowledge and resources of the Order to support members and contribute positively to communities and legitimate charitable causes.

EXCELLENCE

Encouraging members to continually improve themselves professionally, socially, intellectually, financially and personally.

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6. THE MARITIME IDENTITY OF O.C.E.

The distinctive character of O.C.E. comes from its maritime philosophy and traditions.

THE ANCHOR - STABILITY

The Anchor represents stability, loyalty, commitment and strength. Members should remain grounded even when circumstances become difficult.

THE COMPASS - DIRECTION

The Compass represents direction, wisdom, purpose and sound decision-making. Every successful voyage requires a destination and the ability to maintain the proper course.

THE HELM - LEADERSHIP

The Helm represents responsibility, control and leadership. Members are encouraged to take responsibility for the direction of their lives.

THE SEA - LIFE

The Sea represents life itself. Calm waters represent seasons of peace and prosperity. Rough waters represent challenges, uncertainty and adversity. Both form part of the voyage.

THE SHIP - THE ORDER

The Ship represents the O.C.E. community. Members may come from different professions, businesses, cultures and backgrounds, but within the Order they travel together toward common objectives.



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THE CAPTAIN - RESPONSIBILITY

The Captain represents leadership through discipline, wisdom, courage, responsibility and service.

7. THE THREE CIRCLES OF O.C.E.

OUTER CIRCLE - Applicant • Discovery • Introduction

The Outer Circle is the entry point into the O.C.E. community. Individuals within this Circle are primarily regarded as applicants or prospective members.

The purpose of the Outer Circle is to allow applicants to understand the basics of O.C.E. before making a deeper commitment.

- The identity of O.C.E.
- Its history and objectives
- The Five Pillars
- Basic membership expectations
- Code of Conduct
- Social activities
- Maritime philosophy
- Organizational structure
- Opportunities available within the community

Outer Circle participants may attend approved social gatherings and introductory activities and interact with members.

Participation in the Outer Circle does not automatically make an individual a Full Member of the O.C.E. Grand Lodge.

It represents the beginning of the voyage.

8. MIDDLE CIRCLE

Preparation • Networking • Connection • Development

The Middle Circle represents the bridge between being an applicant and becoming a fully inducted O.C.E. member.

At this level, approved participants begin receiving deeper orientation about the Order.

The Middle Circle is designed particularly around preparation, networking, personal development and opportunity creation.

- Professional networking
- Business connections
- Entrepreneurship discussions
- Mentorship
- Career networking



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- Member-to-member referrals
- Business referrals
- Approved collaborations
- Social connections
- Leadership development
- Personal development programs
- Selected O.C.E. events
- Selected business opportunities
- Knowledge sharing
- Professional introductions

Your network should become a source of knowledge, opportunity, support and legitimate advancement.

O.C.E. therefore encourages members to understand that networking is not simply about knowing influential people. It is about building trustworthy and mutually beneficial relationships.

The Middle Circle also prepares an individual intellectually, socially and organizationally for the responsibilities associated with the Inner Circle.

Progression is based on the requirements and approval procedures established by the Order.

9. INNER CIRCLE

Full Membership • Practice • Wealth Creation • Leadership • Influence

The Inner Circle represents full membership of the O.C.E. Grand Lodge.

Entry into the Inner Circle is reserved for individuals who have successfully completed the required membership process, received approval, undergone the official induction and been formally certified as O.C.E. members.

The Inner Circle moves beyond introduction into practice and application.

WEALTH CREATION

Developing legitimate approaches to entrepreneurship, investment awareness, financial discipline, business development, opportunity identification and sustainable wealth creation.

SUCCESS DEVELOPMENT

Developing discipline, confidence, strategic thinking, goal setting, productivity and the personal habits necessary for advancement.

POWER & PERSONAL CAPACITY

Within O.C.E., power should be understood primarily as the development of personal capacity, knowledge, leadership, financial independence, confidence, influence, strong relationships and the ability to create opportunities. Greater power must always be accompanied by greater responsibility.



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ADVANCED NETWORKING

Inner Circle members become part of a deeper network where trusted relationships, mentorship, professional introductions, business collaboration and member-to-member opportunities may be developed.

LODGE ACTIVITIES

Members may participate in authorized Lodge meetings, leadership activities, retreats, development programs, ceremonial gatherings, service projects and other members-only activities.

MEMBERSHIP ITEMS & MATERIALS

Where particular items, regalia, materials or resources are required for approved Lodge activities, they may be provided, issued or prescribed according to the rules governing those activities.

INNER CIRCLE KNOWLEDGE

Certain internal traditions, ceremonial procedures, educational materials, membership information and activities may be reserved exclusively for properly inducted Inner Circle members. Such information is progressively introduced according to membership level, responsibility and the Constitution of the Order. Therefore, not everything concerning the Inner Circle is disclosed to Outer or Middle Circle participants. Full induction marks the transition from learning about O.C.E. to becoming formally responsible for upholding O.C.E.

10. THE O.C.E. MEMBERSHIP VOYAGE

OUTER CIRCLE - Discover the Order.

Learn the basics, interact with the community and understand what O.C.E. represents.

MIDDLE CIRCLE - Connect • Develop • Prepare

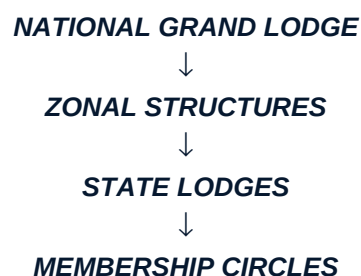
Build relationships, expand your network, develop yourself and prepare for greater responsibility.

INNER CIRCLE - Membership • Practice • Advancement

Become fully inducted and certified. Participate in the deeper programs, traditions and activities of the Order while developing wealth, leadership, influence, knowledge and service.

11. GOVERNANCE OF THE ORDER

The O.C.E. Grand Lodge operates through an organized leadership structure designed to maintain accountability, discipline and continuity.



Each State Lodge may be established in the respective state capital and operate according to the Constitution, regulations and authority of the national organization.



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Officers are expected to serve according to clearly defined responsibilities and terms of office.

Within O.C.E., leadership is regarded primarily as service and responsibility rather than privilege alone.

12. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF O.C.E.

1. Promote brotherhood and sisterhood among members.
2. Encourage integrity, discipline, loyalty and responsible leadership.
3. Establish a distinguished social and professional network.
4. Promote legitimate entrepreneurship and wealth creation.
5. Encourage professional and business networking.
6. Promote charitable and humanitarian activities.
7. Support members during legitimate periods of difficulty.
8. Encourage mentorship and personal development.
9. Promote peaceful social interaction and mutual respect.
10. Organize dinners, retreats, conferences, social gatherings and community programs.
11. Encourage financial responsibility and economic advancement.
12. Develop responsible leaders who contribute positively to society.
13. Create opportunities for members to exchange knowledge, skills and legitimate business opportunities.
14. Build lasting relationships between members across professions and communities.
15. Preserve the lawful traditions, identity and ceremonial heritage of O.C.E.

13. THE O.C.E. PHILOSOPHY

O.C.E. teaches that no meaningful voyage is completed entirely alone.

Members are encouraged to become individuals who can be trusted in both calm and difficult waters.

The Compass gives Direction.

The Anchor gives Stability.

The Helm represents Leadership.

The Ship represents Fellowship.

The Sea represents Life.

The Voyage represents Experience.

The Captain represents Responsibility.

The objective is not simply to belong to an organization.

The objective is to grow through the voyage.

14. INDEPENDENCE OF THE ORDER

The O.C.E. Grand Lodge maintains an independent identity.



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Its maritime traditions, membership structure, philosophy, ceremonies, insignia and organizational practices are intended to remain distinctively O.C.E.

The Order should not represent itself as a branch, subordinate body or historical continuation of another fraternity unless such a relationship has been formally and lawfully established.

O.C.E. therefore develops and preserves its own traditions and institutional history.

15. FOUNDING DECLARATION

The establishment of the Grand Lodge of the Order of the Captain Experience in Nigeria in 2026 represents the beginning of the institutional voyage of O.C.E.

Future generations of members are expected to preserve its founding principles while allowing the Order to grow through responsible leadership, fellowship, legitimate enterprise, service and documented traditions.

Its history will ultimately be determined not merely by its ceremonies or titles but by the character, achievements and positive contributions of its members.

Every generation that joins the voyage becomes responsible for what O.C.E. will become.

16. OUR DECLARATION

WE ARE O.C.E.

We are Brothers and Sisters travelling upon one great voyage.

We believe in Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

We stand upon Integrity.

We answer the call to Service.

We pursue Excellence.

We seek knowledge.

We build legitimate prosperity.

We develop leadership.

We create meaningful connections.

We support one another.

We understand that greater influence brings greater responsibility.

Our Compass gives us direction.

Our Anchor keeps us grounded.

Our Helm reminds us to lead responsibly.

Our Ship reminds us that no meaningful voyage is travelled alone.



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And our Voyage reminds us that every experience provides an opportunity to learn, develop and advance.

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