

Benovolent Order of Scurrilious Monks

Abbot's Report

Summer Solstice 2015

Monks Plan Gathering in Nuevo Chile

It is with great excitement and the Abbot's blessing that the Monks of the Nuevo Chile Monastery announce that they shall be hosting the first ever BOOSM Weekend Retreat. This will be an UNFORGETTABLE event to take place over four days starting on January 7, 2016 and going through January 11. We're hoping to get a good deal on a block of hotel rooms at Magnolia Inn for those who want them. There should also be plenty of camping spaces available as well. Stay tuned to the secret BOOSM Facebook page for updates and announcements. Our Abbot will be attending this three day event and he encourages all Monks to join us. We hope to start building a monastery in a Computer Aided Design (CAD) program. We'll be requiring input. Rio and the ladies of Nuevo Chile will also have some other merry activities planned. There will be music. There will probably be entertainment. There will be walks in the woods. There will be a weenie roast mixed in between some other kinds of meals. We have a little more than 6 months to formulate our final plans. Contact Brother Geek (Joni Massengale), Brother Blue (Rio Blue), or Brother Dances With Scissors (Mary Lee) to talk over any specific ideas, concerns or contributions. Incidentally, it looks as if Mary Lee may be the new crafts coordinator at Scarborough Renaissance Festival. (Congratulations or condolences.) There will be more information about the January gathering in the next Winter Solstice *Abbot's Report*. Fun! Food! Friendship! Let's have us a shindig!

Brother Charles Battles Cancer

Our Abbot recently spent four or five days visiting with Brother Charles (Chuck Dixon) and his lovely wife, Murf. They now live in Murf's childhood home a couple of miles north of Lawrence, Kansas. A year or two ago, Chuck had his left leg amputated due to a cancerous tumor. Now he suffers from the symptoms of lung cancer. He didn't quit burning the Camels quite soon enough. His lungs' inability to process oxygen has sapped his strength. Chuck has always been a guy who

likes to work all day every day. Lately, he's been having to make some difficult adjustments. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon have been working on getting a



reverse mortgage on their house but dealing with bankers has been challenging. They have a semi trailer and a house filled with art, treasures and curiosities and they are planning on having a yard sale soon.

Monk Has a Baby!

Brother St. Sedulous (Michael Reilly) was



presented with a daughter, born on June 9, 2015. He will be parenting singly little Anna, whose full name is Anna Maria Zita Giovanna Reilly.

Brother Dollface Scores Sawdust and Berries!

Last April, Brother Dollface (Kandra Niagra) traveled to Crook's Switch, Texas where she had the pleasure of



touring Brother Capt'n Joe's (Joe Babcock's) home and workshops. Joe recently added a new room to his boat building shop to accommodate his new planer. As soon as it was set up and adjusted, he started fabricating parts for the restoration of a World War II era Danish ship, *The Hanne Frank*. In the process, he created a big pile of sawdust. Kandra was happy to load up a truck full that she needed for a plumbing project. Early in June,



Brother Dollface teamed up with Brother Grandmaw (Cindy Merideth) to pick blueberries in McDade, Texas.

Do We Hear Wedding Bells?

Brother Friendship (Julian Bemi) recently announced on his Facebook page that he will soon be marrying Stephanie Engebretson. More than 400



Facebookians liked this photo so we stole it.

We're Still Roasting Weenies!

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks has already hosted at least three Weenie Roasts in 2015 and there will soon be at least a couple more. We started off on March 12 at the Sherwood Forest Renaissance Faire in Texas. It may have been the first time Kickball was played at a Weenie Roast. Less than two weeks later, on March 24, Brother



Klown (Jimmy Ellis) posted this picture of Brother Emeritus (Jim Greene) with the first weenie off the grill at the BARF (Bay Area Renaissance Festival) in Florida. In May, the monks at Scarborough Renaissance Festival near Waxahachie, Texas sponsored another Weenie Roast on one of many rainy days. Apologies go out to those whose weenie roasts we neglected to mention and thanks go out to all who participated.

