

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks

Abbot's Report

Summer Solstice 2021

Smarty Pants Scholarship Fund

Back in 2016, at our monastic conclave in Nuevo Chile, Brother Bothered (Clark Orwick) was largely responsible for appointing more than a dozen new monks. After his death in March of 2021, he managed to appoint one more. Congratulations or condolences go out to our newest brother, Buffey Marie Favata. After Clark died, a group of people who loved him wanted to memorialize him with a scholarship fund for young rennies. While discussing how to set up a GoFundMe for the Ded Bob and Smuj's Smarty Pants Scholarship Fund, someone suggested that donations would be tax deductible if they could be made to a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. The Benevolent Order was the committee's first choice. Although our Abbot was willing to donate \$1111 to the scholarship fund, he was not interested in doing any of the work that had to be done. The solution to the problem seemed obvious. Buffey Maria Favata was one of those who wanted to create the scholarship fund and



she was already high up on the list of monastic candidates. She is known by one and all to be a hard working, diligent, attractive and intelligent woman. Our Abbot wielded his awesome power of appointment and Buffey was surprised to find that not only had she

become a Scurrilious Monk, she was also the Monk in Charge of the Smarty Pants Scholarship Fund. As expected, Buffey did a superlative job of administering the fundraiser for the Ded Bob and Smuj's Smarty Pants Scholarship Fund. She collected \$2622.51 which our Abbot promptly converted into 9.67 Litecoins. Due to the magic of crypto currency, the fund quickly grew to a high of \$3122.53. Then Elon Musk made some disparaging remarks about Bitcoin on social media and all cryptos suffered substantial losses. Smarty Pants' scholarship fund is now sitting at \$1,633.26. Fortunately, no one applied for a scholarship before the announced deadline. The disbursement committee decided to roll the fund over until the next application deadline. By that time, our abbot expects that the 9.67 LTC will reach a new high. If not, he will be making up the deficit. He thinks that Federal Reserve Notes will soon become worthless and that they will be replaced by crypto currencies. He will mourn the demise of cash money but he thinks that the changeover to digital money is inevitable. One should never gamble more than one can afford to lose and our Abbot has not. He is not a reliable financial advisor but he thinks that this might be a good time to buy low. Mercury goes direct on June 23.

Obituaries

Brother Reluctant (Richard Taecker picture taker) was a remarkably affable and congenial gentleman and a very creative individual. When we first met him, in the early eighties, he was traveling from one renaissance faire to another towing a castle behind his Chevy Suburban. Back in the early days of the *Don Juan and Miguel News*,



Richard was the newspaper's movie reviewer. For a while, he was manufacturing and marketing flying dragons of his own design. They were distant relatives of the balsa wood gliders that we played with as children.



Later on, he designed and built a much larger dragon. Its tail is a slide that wraps around a tower at the Arizona Renaissance Festival. He was best known as a gifted photographer. He was a go to guy for craftspeople who needed photos of their wares, for ladies who wanted boudoir photos and for entertainers who needed head shots or pictures for their album covers. His *Enchanted Images* castle was one of the first places where festival patrons could go to have their pictures taken in renaissance garb. He also dressed up as Father Christmas and posed for pictures with children of all ages, including our Abbot. Richard served on the Benevolent Order's Board of Trustees as an intelligent and trusted advisor. He died in a nursing home on February 24 at the age of 73. Who knows what has become of his massive, historical renaissance festival photo archive?

Brother Bothered (Clark Orwick) created *The Ded Bob Show*. The macabre puppet show was so popular and in such high demand that Clark ended up hiring clones to perform at festivals that he was unable to attend. His ingenious innovation of recruiting three bobmotized audience members (zombies) to do his hat passing for him resulted in his becoming one of the industry's most successful entertainers. He shared the wealth. He was a faithful supporter of the RESCU rennie health care initiative. He sponsored dance parties where he played all of the best tunes through his high fidelity sound

system. Brother Bothered supported Scurrilious Monk Weenie Roasts not only by contributing financially and by taking his turns working the grill, he also provided merry entertainments by organizing games of bocce,



petanque, croquet and disc golf. He was so enthusiastic about disc golf that Ian Mikkell Johnson organized a GoFundMe campaign that raised \$2400 to buy a Clark Orwick memorial bench. That bench now resides in Austin, Texas at a shady spot on one of Clark's favorite disc golf courses.

Craig Sutter died at age 57 from thrombosis . The doctor said he went very quickly and that he felt no pain.



Pottery by Sutter has been available for decades at renaissance festivals in Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Georgia. Thousands of mugs, goblets, vases and bowls have been created by Craig and his mother, Julia, in the basement of their home in Wisconsin. Craig's musical career ended on a high point. He had been writing and selling many songs and his music was in demand. He was playing his guitar on his front porch when he died.