Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks

Abbot's Report

Winter Solstice, 2022

Brother Wiz Weds!

Brother Wiz (Don White) married Orbra Pruitt on Sunday night November 27 after the 2022 closing of the Texas Renaissance Festival. Our brother Rick Dodson officiated at the ceremony at the end of the three day Thanksgiving weekend.

Gordy Makes New York's Top Ten List!

After many years of tickling funny bones at renaissance faires, Brother Pollutus (Gordy Boudreau) has decided to try working indoors for a change. He has taken his show to an Off Broadway theater in New York City. *The Wildly Inappropriate Poetry of Arthur Greenleaf*

Holmes has been placed on the 2022 10 Best List by theaterscene.org. The show has been winning rave reviews and delighting audiences with "evenings of convulsive laughter and surprising insight". After a break for the holidays, the run will continue with six more weeks of Wednesday and Thursday night performances from January 4th through February 9th. The theater is *The Tank* at 312 W 36th St. New York, New York. Call (212) 563-6269 or Email **info@thetanknyc.org** for tickets and more information.

Yankee Castle Nearly Manifests

When our Abbot was a young lad, back in the 50s and 60s, he was a fan of the New York Yankees baseball team. Those were the days of Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris and Yogi Berra. Sometime after the turn of the century, Our Abbot visited Yankee Stadium for the first time

with Brother Who (Magical Mystical Michael) and Brother Pompadour (Dennis Cooper). We were three guys who had grown up in various parts of New York State and we were all working at the *New York Renaissance Festival*. When we visited Yankee Stadium, Derek Jeter was the Yankee's team captain, he was playing second base and he was earning upward of five million dollars a year. Flashing forward to November 16, 2022, Brother Costello (David

Roe) posted on the Benevolent Order's secret Facebook page. Derek Jeter's castle was up for auction with a starting bid of six million dollars. Our Abbot didn't pay much attention but he saved the picture. While composing this *Abbot's Report*, he revisited the post and actually clicked on the link. He was surprised to find that the aforementioned castle was on the shore of Greenwood Lake. Greenwood Lake is less than ten miles from the *New York Renaissance Festival* where our Abbot had been employed as a storyteller for 19 years. When Brother Pompadour (Dennis Cooper) died, his memorial gathering had been held at one of our favorite watering holes on the shore of Greenwood Lake. His spirit communes with our Abbot's as he types this *Report* today. In this fascinating conversation between Kerry Cassidy and Gene Decode, Kerry tells us that we are living on 15 different timelines simultaneously. https://projectcamelotportal.com/2022/12/12/patriot-underground-roundtable-with-gene-decode-and-kerry-cassidy/ Some say that we are living in a computerized simulation and that the artificial intelligence is curious about probable outcomes resulting from every possible occurrence. On at least one of our possible timelines, the Benevolent Order ended up bidding at the auction and winning Derek Jeter's castle. Thoughts have power, especially when those thoughts are shared by a large group of people. Keep imagining a monastery.

Our Abbot fiddled with and obsessed over these margins for hours without any good luck.

Celestial Insights from Brother Francis

The Benevolent Order's official astrologer, Brother Francis (David Doyle) sends our Abbot lists of significant *Celestial Events* every

month. We agreed that some would find this commentary interesting:

Mercury Entered its Retrograde Shadow Zone at this point on Monday December 12 at 5:27 am CST: »¦ Capricorn 8°08'08"
This numerical palindrome calls attention to the meaning of this point of the zodiac. The esoteric image:

AN ANGEL CARRYING AN HARP

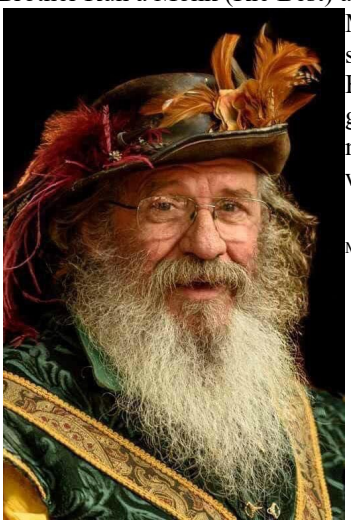
The revelation of the spiritual meaning and purpose at the core of any life situation.

This image simply says that "heaven is within us". All we have to do is to be open and listen to the total harmony of life, a harmony in which we play a part that is necessary to the completeness and meaning of the whole. In order to do this we have to surrender our separative ego-consciousness and flow with the universal current which, to the religiously minded person, is the *Will of God*. This implies a technique of ATTUNEMENT to the rhythm of universal life. Angels are to be considered personalizations of various aspects of this life, and totally subservient to its rhythms and purposes. (*Mercury will* retrograde back to the 8°08'08 point at 7:12 am on Wednesday, January 18 and will then stop to turn direct.)

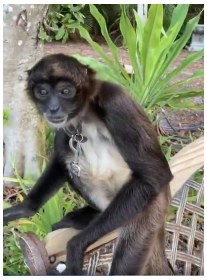
Obituaries

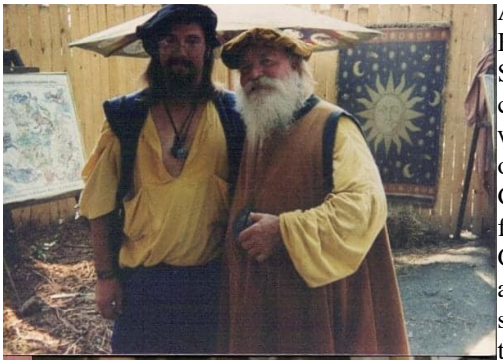
The Dead Wren Dancing and Singing Society lists 52 rennies who died in 2022 as we go to press. Our Abbot has only listed those who remain in his foggy memory.

Brother Run a Monk (Ric Best) aka Ranger Ric passed away on Monday, September 19. He is survived by his wife, Jacklyn Grageda Best, his son, Noah Best and four grandchildren. He was a wonderful man, a clown and a beautiful soul who was characteristically happy.



Mama Monkey died at age 54





Although John William Hanses was not a Scurrilious Monk, he could have been. He was better known by one and all as Brother Gregory. He was a founder of The Celestial Circus and he performed astrologically themed shows inside a large tent/ planetarium. He is pictured here with his friend Alien Allen who died several years ago.

Hilton Jackson, aka Sholo the Nubian didn't talk much but he was a commanding presence and a long time mainstay at renfaires in Texas. He died on April 9. Ladies seemed to love being photographed along side him. He is pictured here with his wife, Ellen Reynolds who died on August 6.

Rick Norton died on June 13th of congestive heart failure. He had been the site manager at Scarborough Faire for more than 20 years.

Jennifer Lutz-St. Louis died on August 3 of long term ciliac disease. She had been Brother Can-You-Spare-a-Dime's (Ray St. Louis') partner and traveling companion for 22 years. Some may remember her best as the Queen of The Blue Moon Monastery in Alachua, Florida. Her passion for helping others was best stated by a good friend, "The only way you could help Jennifer, was to help her help someone else."

Temujin The Storyteller Ekunfeo died on September 9, the first day of a Mercury retrograde. Our Abbot remembers hearing him tell stories at the Florida Renaissance Festial but he also remembers first hearing him at some storyteller's festival someplace else. We give him great respect because telling stories at any renaissance faire is a very difficult gig and Temujin was good at it.