Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks

Abbot's Report

Winter Solstice 2024

Surprise Endings

Scarborough Renaissance Festival in Waxahachie, Texas will be missing two of its Scurrilious Monks in 2025. Brother Mutha (Al Olson) performed as Smee the Singing Executioner at Scarborough in 2024. His show will not be returning in 2025. He is currently working for The Texas Ballet Theater in his sixteenth season backstage at *The Nutcracker Suite*. After several years of serving as Props Master for the show, this year he was promoted to Head Carpenter for the Union Carpentry Crew. A group of Ballerinas from the Ballet Theater visited Scarborough last Spring and they were tickled pink to see the head of their Stagehands Union working *on* stage instead of back stage. Brother Pluck (Martha Gay) played harp with various configurations of her band *Cantiga* at

Scarborough for nearly forty years. They loved making beautiful music under the pecan trees and they also loved the time they spent with their community there for such a long time. Martha regrets not having been able to wish fond farewells to their many fans and colleagues since they were not told that they wouldn't be returning for another year until after the show was over. *Cantiga* will still be performing next year at The Sterling Renaissance Festival in NY and at The Texas Renaissance Festival in Todd Mission. Martha says, “Gigs come and gigs go but the music and our love for it remains the same.”

Hurricanes Attack Blue Moon Monastery

A week before the Winter Solstice, our Abbot was pleased to receive a video phone call from Brother Moxie (David

Ballard) and his lovely tenant Sarah Hess, a talented silver jeweler and fire twirler. Brother Moxie is the sole surviving monk of the three who founded the Blue Moon Monastery and Primate Research Center in Alachua, Florida. On August 5, the monastery was visited by Hurricane Debby and then on September 26, Hurricane

Helene came to town. Debby and Helene both left big messes behind them when they left. They tore down the

sign, they took out part of the Cantina and they knocked down some trees. Fortunately, none of the residents suffered injuries. Our Abbot had told stories at many of the same renaissance faires where the Moxi Puppet Show had been performing back in the eighties and nineties but since then, he has not seen Brother Moxie in more than twenty years. In 2007, David took a job as the Events Coordinator for the city of Gainesville, FL. In that capacity, he was producing 26 concerts a year. In 2013, *Jest Fest* was held for the first time at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza in downtown Gainesville. The event was a huge success, attracting thousands of visitors to the city. In 2015, *JestFest* was moved to the city's Thomas Cultural Center and Gardens. Five stages and performance areas, both indoors and outdoors, were created and it was soon condensed into a free single day show from noon to 6 pm. David hired many acts that would be familiar to most of the readers of this *Report* including The Flying Wallendas, The Brothers RogueOafAnFool, Arsene Dupin, Daniel the Duke of Danger, Magical Mystical Michael, and Avner the Eccentric. *JestFest* typically drew crowds of 20,000 people or more. In 2020, the show was nearly killed by Anthony Fauci's COVID19 psyop. David managed to have many of his performers appear via video on the internet that year and the webcast had more than 200,000 views. Brother Moxi is now retired and *JestFest* is nobbut a happy memory.

American Health Care is Sickening

In the 1960s, the birth control pill became the first major medication that was taken for more than a couple of weeks. Pharmaceutical executives recognized this as a terrific money making opportunity. Since that time, the medical industry has built a business model that focuses on treating chronic diseases like cancer, diabetes, obesity, heart disease, erectile dysfunction and depression. The pharmaceutical industry now makes 90% of its profits from drugs that produce recurring revenue. Fifty years ago, our medical doctors typically had their offices in the same buildings that they lived in. Those days are long gone. These are the days of Health Maintenance Organizations where it's most profitable to be seen by as many specialists as is humanly possible. The Benevolent Order's official astrologer, Brother Francis (David Doyle), is currently being treated for cancer, kidney disease and heart problems. In recent Emails he has written, *The Medical Industry is like the mythological monster "Hydra". Cut off one of its heads and two grow in place. With an irregular heartbeat, I've had a cardiologist for several years. With kidney disease I have had a nephrologist and urologist for years. With the recent cancer, I have a chemo oncologist and a radiation oncologist. Now my primary care doctor is referring me to a hepatologist, a pulmonologist, and a medical geneticist. My nephrologist is pleased that my lab results have shown improvement since last visit over a year ago. I'm still in stage 2 of kidney failure; but, he says total kidney function is adequate. My urologist is pleased that no blood or cell debris is in my urine. I had chemo-therapy from Aug 14 thru 19. Within 3 days it had wrecked my immune system and I went to the hospital. It left me with a fungal infection and a bacterial infection in the blood. Even while in the hospital they strapped me to a gurney and sent me to radiation treatments. I was discharged from the hospital the evening of Sept 1. My radiation therapy lasted until Sept 17. It was only weekdays for 20 days. I am now recovering from side effects of radiation. These may last for weeks or months or are sometimes permanent. In a few weeks they will look inside of me to see if all cancer is gone. The cancer was only 3 centimeters wide and the thickness of a coin. The actual tumor was surgically removed in May. I refuse*

to have any more chemo or radiation. PERIOD. Breaking News: We just received another Email from Brother Francis. He writes, *After surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy, in mid-November a cystoscopy showed my bladder to be healed and free from cancer.* Our Abbot did a fair amount of research on cancer when Brother Charles (Chuck Dixon), Brother Piece-O-Cake (Terry Boquist) and Brother Swallow

(Jonny Fox) were seeing oncologists. There are actually laws which state the only acceptable treatments for cancer are chemo-therapy and radiation. These laws are ridiculously absurd. Several treatments, herbs and medications have been proven to be less harmful and more effective.(Chaga & Moringa!) Brother Runs With Scissors (Mary Lee) is currently being treated for cancer. She recently posted on Facebook, "Why do our emergency rooms provide such inadequate, incomplete, and indifferent treatment?" Our Abbot continues to hope that medical treatments and devices that are kept hidden by and our military and corporate Secret Space Forces will soon be made available to the public. It's about time.

News From NOLA

Brother Costello (David Roe) recently sent his Abbot this message from New Orleans: My krewe-societedeschampselysee.org, continues to feed the

homeless camps and fill community fridges and is generally moving food and clothing to those in need. we often have hot dog feedings which could be construed as weenie roasts. Last week we recieved 20 cases of ball park franks on buns ready for microwaving - 480 total, and next week we will get the same for distribution. We throw a mighty fine party on January 6th to mark the end of the xmas season and the beginning of carnival. We end the season with a parade to the Mississippi River on Mardi Gras Day when we will carry ashes and mementos of friends and family who have passed on to whatever comes next. From now through Epiphany, we fill 100 backpacks with all kinds of cool, useful, and fun things for our friends who currently are not allowed to have tents, but only what they can carry. The state is trying to move all the homeless into a camp with fencing. For students of recent history, this is quite frightening.

Obituaries

John O'Connor was just a kid when he teamed up with a couple of other kids, Robby Williams and Kevin Hunt, to form the juggling team known as *The Flaming Idiots*. The trio started out at Scarborough Faire and later moved on to several other Renaissance Festivals. John married Rose of *Iris and Rose*. Beginning in 2000 and ending in

2004, the Idiots performed their show at the Zachary Scott Theatre in Austin, Texas. In 2004, they moved the show to the Victory Theater on Broadway in New York City. Before John died on July 20 2024, The Idiots finished a Reunion Tour Starting in Seattle and then traveling to Edmonton, back to Broadway in NYC, then back to Austin and finishing up where it all began with a one weekend appearance at Scarborough Renaissance Festival.

Renaga Farbiarz manufactured and marketed wind chimes. Sometime in the nineteen eighties, he shared a mobile home on weekends for a month or two with Brother Donald, Brother Ronald and Brother Charles in Plantersville, Texas. He later based in Eureka Springs, Arkansas where he claimed to have created the world's largest set of wind chimes.

Our Abbot remembers Larry Bolch as a member of the performance company at Scarborough Faire.