Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks

Abbot's Report

Summer Solstice 2025

Lancelot Entertainment is Buying up Renaissance Faires.

Lancelot Entertainment is incorporated in at least three different states under three different but similar names. In the past year, Lancelot has bought Scarborough Renaissance Festival in Texas, The Georgia Renaissance Festival in Georgia and King Richard's Faire in Massachusetts. In days gone by, Our Abbot told the tales at all of those shows. One of the corporation's three listed directors is Nicholas Peterson. Nick is the son of Jim Peterson who owns Mid-America Festivals. Mid-America Festivals owns and operates the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, the Bay Area Renaissance Festival in Florida, the Kansas City Renaissance Festival, the Michigan Renaissance Festival and The St. Louis Renaissance Festival. Pegasus Entertainment operates independently from Mid-America Festivals. It's rumored that, like many of us, Nick doesn't appreciate the way Jim runs his shows.

White Hart is Growing

Our Abbot visited the White Hart Renaissance Faire on the opening day of its 20th season. He was pleasantly surprised to see how much the faire has grown since his last visit in 2023.

When he arrived an hour after opening, the parking lot was nearly full and there were people lined up waiting to buy tickets. After a quick visit and a selfie with the faire's owner, Brother Felonious Monk (Di Taylor), our Abbot did a walkabout and found that there are at least three new stages along with a couple of other new performance areas. There are several new shops on the original site and a new road loops back into the woods and it is already nearly filled with new vendors. There are two new sets of privies. Music can be heard wherever one walks on the fairgrounds. It looks like a nice place to build a monastery.

Doctor Kaboom! Awarded

Brother Kaboom (David Epley) was the recipient of the 2025 SPARK Award. The SPARK Award is presented annually by The SPARK Museum of Electrical Invention and honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Science Education. Performing

as Doctor Kaboom, he has combined his love for science and his talents for comedy and storytelling to take him far above and beyond his humble beginnings on the renaissance festival circuit.

Cancer Sucks

Our Abbot has been out of touch with almost everyone since his retirement in 2016 but he has recently heard that at least three of our friends are having problems with cancer related illnesses. When Brother Love and Light (Jan Elliot) telephoned a few weeks ago, he learned that her husband, Ed Elliot has lung cancer. Brother Weldd (Tracy Maisel) can barely walk, she has trouble breathing and she is suffering from stage 4 cancer. She has been posting health reports on her Facebook page as she

undergoes painful radiation treatments, biopsies and CT scans. Brother Bees (Chris Puente) has been diagnosed with Li-Fraumeni Syndrome. It's a rare genetic disorder that increases the risk of developing multiple cancers over a lifetime. So far, he has had a brain tumor and probable cancer in his lymph nodes. He has had to cancel all of his summer shows and festivals and his savings have been drained. Those wishing to offer assistance can purchase CDs of his music at ChrisPuenteMusic.com or donate to his GoFundMe at this address: https://gofund.me/7826fd8c

King George is Dead

George Coulam (aka King George) is dead. His body was found by his housekeeper at 9:00 AM on May 21, 2025. According to police scanners, Coulam died from a gunshot. Brother Dollface (Kandra Niagra) reported in Issue 219 of *The Wee Peeple Newsletter* that King George died by his own hand, thus

becoming The Suicide King. At the time of his death, King George was 87 years old. He founded the Texas Renaissance Festival in 1974. He turned a former iron strip mine into one of the most beautiful renaissance festivals in the world. More than a half a million people attended the Festival in its 50th anniversary season of 2024. In April of 2023, a group of buyers had agreed to buy the festival and its assets for sixty million dollars. When the closing date arrived in August of 2023, King George reportedly refused to follow through on that agreement even though he had accepted a down payment and a payment for closing costs. The buyers sued the King. A Grimes County judge ruled in favor of the buyers. He awarded them 22 million dollars in damages and another million dollars in legal fees. The Wily King George chose one hell of a way to avoid paying those damages.