

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks

Abbot's Report

Summer Solstice, 2004

DJ&M II: The Sequel

Scarborough Faire became a movie set this Spring as filming began for Don Juan and Miguel's second movie, "The Lost Princess." The shooting went on for weeks and many long



time Scarborough Faire inhabitants were enlisted as bit players and extras. Brother Rio's unforgettable line: "The only way to the Queen is through Krankenmal!"

Northwood has Moxie!

Brother Oh, Brother (David Ballard) has been named Assistant Entertainment Director of Brother Ted the Head's Northwood Renaissance Festival. Since the Entertainment Director, Sean Poole, never showed up, his assistant has assumed most of the duties of the office. David had just finished a less than triumphant run at the new Virginia



Renaissance Festival which may or may not open again next year.

Jim Peterson usurped King Ted's games from the Michigan Renaissance Festival last year leaving our fledgling monarch strapped for cash but King Ted (Ted King) prevailed and managed to open in spite of the setback. This is the same Jim Peterson who opened a new renaissance faire in the Tampa, Florida area this spring. Some of the entertainer's

contracts turned out to be worthless and we have heard from a reliable source that Jim's construction crew was using bottled water to mix their concrete. Construction has not yet begun on Mr. Peterson's new ten million dollar restaurant at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

Operation R.E.S.C.U.

The Scurrilious Monks Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF) has been activated from time to time in order to help out rennies in distress. The fund has been difficult to maintain and even more difficult to administer. So we are more than a little bit impressed by the work being done by Operation R.E.S.C.U. (Renaissance Entertainers Services Crafters United) "R.E.S.C.U. Foundation raises money for performers, artists, and participants of Renaissance Faires, historical events and other artistic events, their families and other performers and artists across the country who are victims of wrongful acts or have suffered a financial catastrophe due to health, injury, accidents or acts of God." A fund raising auction at the Florida Renaissance Festival netted over three thousand dollars last spring and the foundation's treasury sometimes reaches high points topping \$20,000. R.E.S.C.U., like our Benevolent Order, is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and that is far more easily said than done. Their website address is



www.RESCUfoundation.com and their telephone number is 800-374-9215. Carol Black is one of the movers and shakers of the R.E.S.C.U. foundation and so we take this opportunity to correct a long standing oversight by appointing Lady Ettie as our 77th Scurrilious Monk. Congratulations or condolences go out to Carol Black.

Financial Report

The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks is looking for a bookkeeper. We thought that we were looking for an accountant but our advisor from the Service Corps of Retired Executives has advised us that what we really need is a

bookkeeper. Everything got more complicated when we became a tax exempt organization. We now need somebody who knows how to put all of the numbers into nice neat rows and columns. Thanks to the magic of compounding interest, our Certificate of Deposit now stands at \$10,444 and our savings account contains about \$1401. When our assets reach ten million dollars, we will start building monasteries. Anyone and everyone can contribute to our treasury/ building fund by visiting our website at boosm.org. If you know of a good rennie friendly bookkeeper, please send an E mail to your abbot at donald@boosm.org.

Bro Ro Mo is Counting the Weeks

After nearly ten years of incarceration in the Texas State Prison in Rosharon, Brother Ro Mo has less than a year left to serve. January 17, 2005 is probably pretty close to his proposed release date, assuming he can manage to stay out of trouble up until that time. An excerpt from his last epistle: *"A year and ten days to go! It has been a long, hard and very dark nine years in Hell my dear friend. Your efforts and those of so many of our dear Renaissance faire friends, have kept the light coming on days that were indeed dark and dreary. I look forward to the freedom to visit with you wherever you may be when I find you."* We hope to know more by the time of our next *Abbot's Report*. If you can find it your your heart to send a postcard or letter, the address is:

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Weenie Man Returns!

After a ten year absence, Weenie Man made a surprise



appearance at the Scarborough Faire Weenie Roast in May. The Weenie Roast featured Cowboy Fun activities and the Saloon Girls went crazy over the mysterious man in red.

Obituaries

Brother Palindrome's (Bob Otto's) son, Tiki was killed in a truck accident in Mississippi. Brother Lee's (Ashley Nichol's) sister Sally was shot and killed in Georgia. Brother Prehensile's (Bill Swain's) elephant died and was buried in an elephant graveyard in the Arizona desert. Tamara and Ian are also deader than doornails.



King's Knight

*Bathed in the Northern lights of Avalon,
he wanders this mysterious, mist-shrouded isle
glowing, man and mount in arcane aura.*

*Driven by insatiable hunger for battle and beauty
beyond mortal description, he hears the song
Of sirens, or, might they be angels?*

*Muffled hooffalls upon moss, that mantles
trails to experiences of exquisite discovery,
echo faintly as the heartbeat of a goddess.*

*Silhouettes of exotic flora and fauna fade
In and out on the periphery of his vision
as he and his steed ascend a sloped height.*

*Bright eyed elfin figures fleeing through trees
along the trail beckon, he continues his quest
Upward through thinning mists, kissed now by dawn.*

*Gradations of pale fire flare across the horizon,
giving the gift of glimmer to turret tops emerging
from shadows of a deeper indigo, portals of a palace.*

*Returned from wretched clamor of battles
With the foes of the Mother, and other enemies,
He prepares to resume his game of chess with Arthur.*

--Moses