

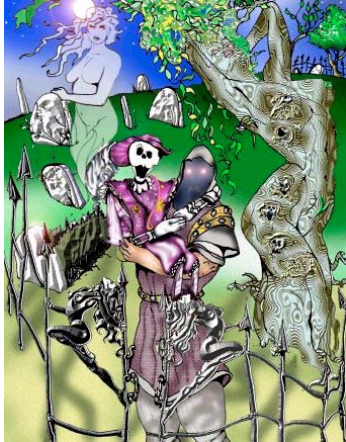
The Benevolent Order of Scurrilious Monks

Abbot's Report

Winter Solstice, 2006

Ded Bob Multiplies!

Ded Bob, a skeletal puppet created by Brother Bothered (Clark Orwick), has been a performer at Renaissance Festivals for more than twenty years but this year, he achieved the status of Cult Hero. Ded



Bob is four times the puppet he was before. Brother Bothered has trained three new puppeteers: former Flaming Idiot John Connor, Sturdy Beggar Dave Silberger and Ian Blue, son of Brother Rio and Linda Blue. Ian, incidentally, first appeared at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival with his beautiful and talented mother before he was one month old. As Sluj, Puj and Nuj, the three have joined Brother Bothered's Smuj as straight men for the wildly popular Ded Bob. If you visit Ded Bob's website, www.dedbob.com you'll find a remarkable number of testimonials and pieces of fan mail along with some surprisingly harsh criticism from spirited fans. You can also sign up for dedbob's mailing list which is guaranteed to keep you better informed than the CBS nightly news. It looks like the plucky puppet has also started performing weddings. Brother Bothered sent us this bit of news in a recent Email:

Brother Bothered's Buddy Bob Betroths Beauty and Beau!

Pastor Ded Bob, as licensed by the Universal Life Church, presided over the whacky nuptials of Danielle Dupont and William Lubrano. The ceremony was celebrated by Seuss clad attendees and family members and a good time was had by all.

Brother Clevenstein is Engaged!!

Speaking of betrothals, Brother Clevenstein, (Clevenger Peters) is planning to marry Shannon O'Brien. The wedding is tentatively planned for

sometime next summer. Shannon is Mother Superior in the popular song and dance team of *Hey, Nunnie Nunnie!* The couple currently resides in her home in upstate New York and they will perform in a radio play as part of Brother Emeritus' (Jim Greene's) Skaneateles Dickens Fest this month. We wish Shannon and Clevy great good luck and many years of happiness as they enter into the bonds of Holy Macaroni. Clevy is trying to sell his Waxed Hands business and booth at the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Wisconsin. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Renny RESCU, a non profit organization providing financial assistance to Renaissance Festival workers who have medical emergencies. You can try calling him at (262) 705-1741.

Sicknesses and Diseases

As we age, stories of ailments and afflictions are becoming more and more common. Brother Lemonade (Rhonni DuBose) is now cancer free after undergoing surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer. She is helping others who are battling the same disease through her breast cancer support group at www.brotherlemonade.com. Brother Billious (Bill Jezzard) had heart surgery at Bumrungrad www.bumrungrad.com hospital in Bangkok last March. He highly recommends a trip to Thailand for anyone who is facing major medical procedures. He wrote, "The doctors are friendly, kind, patient, incredibly forthcoming and human, as well as brilliant and multidisciplinary. The attention to patient comfort and service is nothing short of astounding, someone takes you from area to area so you won't get lost or confused. The entire staff is a joy, nurses, nurses aides, janitorial, whatever. Heads of state come here." The medical care in Thailand is far superior and less than one third the price of what one would expect to pay in an American hospital. You can Email with Bill at thebalilama@yahoo.com. Brother Chumley (Gary Russell) also had a stent



installed in his heart after he suffered a heart attack

on May 11. Brother Chumley was the first ever cover boy for Renaissance Magazine. He is recovering but is still weak and his heart will only beat 45 beats per minute. Reminiscent of his drinking days, Gary is once again walking in a zig zag pattern. Brother Pompadour (Dennis Cooper) also came very close to death this summer. Soon after his psychotic courtesan broke both of his kneecaps with a vodka bottle, Dennis suffered liver failure and heart problems along with several other complications. When we first saw him at the New York Renaissance Festival in Tuxedo in September, he was yellow. He appeared to be at death's door and nobody expected him to last more than a week or two. His health improved during the run of the festival. After surviving the initial shock of alcohol deprivation, his liver seems to have awoken with a terrible hangover but we are hoping that it might be growing back. In addition to being healthier, Brother Pompadour is much easier to get along with now that he's sober for practically the first time during his adult life. Our webmistress, Brother Geek, (Joni Massengale) has also been having serious health problems. In a recent Email, she wrote, "My health hasn't been so great the past few months. I'm seeing a neurologist and they're looking at the possibility of MS. No smoking gun yet so it's turning into a process of elimination." We are all hoping that the doctors have eliminated the possibility of MS. No doubt, there are others among us who are suffering from one sickness or another. Our apologies go out to those we've neglected to mention.

News from Gypsy Guerillas!!

We recently received Email from Brother Also (Jim Lillquist) and it went just like this:
Hello and well met to our friends and fans.

The Gypsy Guerrilla Band is pleased to announce the showcasing of "Kerobushka" from the CD Ernie's Ottoman on National Public Radio's Open Mike podcast. Here is the Open Mic link:
<http://www.npr.org/templates/topics/topic.php?topicId=1094>.

The GGB is also on Marc Gunn's renaissance festival music podcast and website at:
<http://www.renaissancefestivalmusic.com/>
While you're there you can vote for your favorite renaissance festival band!

Ernie Rocks! is now available! The Gypsy Guerrilla Band presents 23 more fun dance tunes including the Tam Lyn reel, Whiskey Before Breakfast, Gravel Walk, Mason's Apron, and the Atholl Highlanders Scottish marching jig. Visit our website for more information and some mp3 sound clips. The GGB website is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~jimlillq>

Thanks to all of you for your many years of support!
Gypsy Guerrilla Band



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Insurance

Our Abbot does not endorse any insurance company. He believes that the insurance industry is a huge racket. However, some of us cannot do without it. Renaissance Festival participants who have had trouble insuring their shops, shows or businesses might want to visit this website:
<http://www.vendorsoftheus.com> . These people specialize in selling insurance to Rennies. Whether or not its any good is anybody's guess.

Our website, www.boosm.org now has a gift shoppe. The only item available for sale is a magnetic peace



symbol, suitable for sticking on vehicles, refrigerators and stop signs. \$3 each or 2 for \$5 plus postage and handling.

Road Dog Diary

Never before have we seen such lively literary discussions. Brother-Can-You-Spare-a-Dime's (Ray St.Louis') recently published book "The Road Dog Diary" is selling like hot cakes. Names of all the characters in the fact based novel have been changed to protect the not so innocent but those of us who were there know who Ray was writing about. Brother Doctor, Brother Swallow, Brother Rio, Brother Costello, Brother Mutha, Brother Twang, Brother Sapphire and many others-- even our Abbot—we all make our appearances in the historical novel, more or less. It is the story of our lives and times. The story

revolves around the rise and falls of the Sticks and Stones Stilt Dancing Troupe. The picture shows Brother-Can-You-Spare-a-Dime, Mark Dawson and



Brother Rio. The book does a bang-up job of describing the vagaries and peculiarities of the lifestyles of Renaissance Festival workers. Information for ordering The Road Dog Diary online can be found at www.roaddogwriter.com.

We Be Yammin'

Brother Whimsy (Joanne Flynn) and her husband Nicolo (Nick Newlin) have been hosting YamFests on November 11th for the past 18 years. After reading about them in his cell for the past ten years, our humble monk Bro RoMo (Ron Moses) was finally able to attend. He sent us this Email: *A wonderful time was had by all at my first ever*



Yamfest. Bro Costello (David Roe) showed up late and rekindled the music flame and we partied into the hours wee. The hosts, Nicolo and Whimsy, were great as were the many members of Joanne's family that attended. We even had Joanne's 81 year young Mom dancing! If you have never been to a Yamfest, I highly recommend it!

Obituaries

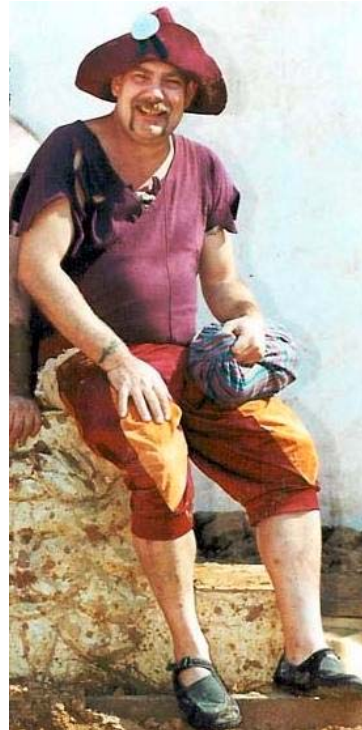
Our Mother Superior's (Julia Sutter's) mother died this year. Condolences and our best wishes go out to Brother Julia now, as always.

Jolene Knepper hung herself from a tree in Toon Town soon after the end of this year's Texas



Renaissance Festival. She had been taking pharmaceutical anti depressants. She died at age 51.

Conrad Richter, better known to one and all as Sturdy Beggar Figgy Pudding, died of kidney failure and a



heart attack at age 51. Rest in peace.

