

# Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots

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### Pharaoh's Perspectives

My inclination, and propensity, is to provide information as soon as possible, of any interest or concern, to our membership, and thus to the readership of this publication. I apologize for the small font, and the unusual demand upon your visual acuity that my last article represented. If you found it difficult, you should consider consulting a good Optometrist. I know one, if you are interested. Thanks anyway, for "fighting" the print.

As mentioned in my last article, a number of new Pyramids of our Order, are being formed. I therefor wish to elaborate upon the procedures for formation of a New Pyramid. Generally, and initially, it is a "Pyramid under Dispensation". The Pharaoh has control and authority over all proceedings for establishing Subordinate and Constituent Pyramids under dispensation. The seated Pharaoh receives petitions and grants dispensations or authorizations, to establish Pyramids where none exist. This dispensation once granted, is valid until revoked, or until a resulting "Charter" has been granted to the Pyramid.

The Pharaoh may grant a dispensation for the formation of a Pyramid in a Masonic Jurisdiction beyond California, with the approval of that Jurisdiction. This may be done only if the number of applicants is equal to that specified in Article XIII, Section 18, Paragraph A, detailed hereafter, of the Constitution and General Laws of the Supreme Pyramid, Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots, Revised 2000. That is to say, no Charter shall be granted to any proposed subordinate Pyramid of the Order, unless there are at least thirty (30) Applicant Master Masons, in good standing within their jurisdiction, among whom there are a minimum of ten (10) newly initiated Sciots. These founding thirty (30) Master Masons and Sciots, must make application to the Supreme Pyramid, A.E.O.S., through the seated Pharaoh, for a dispensation permitting them to form and open a Subordinate Pyramid. The "application" will be in the form and substance of that designated in Paragraph B, Section 18, of the Article mentioned above; and, signed by all the prospective members of the New Pyramid.

Before issuing an authorization through dispensation to form a New Pyramid, it is the duty of the Pharaoh to cause the applicants to be investigated for the purpose of determining the qualifications of each for membership in the Order. He may then appoint one of the applicants to act as Toparch of the Pyramid,

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until such time as the Pyramid may receive a Charter. He may also designate a Deputy Pharaoh to supervise and direct the organization and formation of the New Pyramid. The Toparch, and Deputy Pharaoh so designated by the Pharaoh, shall be entitled to every Honor, Benefit, Privilege, or other distinguishing feature, incident to their offices. Upon receipt of the "application", the Pharaoh may then issue, under the Seal of the Supreme Pyramid, attested by the Supreme Scribe, his authorization for the formation of a New Pyramid in accordance with the form and content detailed in Paragraph C, Section 18, of the aforementioned Article.

Lastly, New Pyramids operating under dispensation must then have a net increase in membership of ten (10) percent during their dispensation period, to be entitled to be granted their "Charter".

Before any "Charter" shall be issued, the Pyramid Records, By-Laws, Proceedings, and Application for Charter shall be referred to the Committee on Grievance, Charters and Ritual, of the Supreme Pyramid, A.E.O.S., which will then make its formal written recommendations, regarding Pyramid Formation, to the Pharaoh. "Under Dispensation Pyramids", must remit to the Supreme Scribe, at the Supreme Office, within sixty (60) days of receipt of their "Statement of Account", all funds then due. Payment is to include any per capita membership tax, for the current Sciot Year, in accordance with Paragraphs H and I, of Section 18, of the aforementioned Article. New Pyramids thus granted a "dispensation", will thereafter be allowed representation in the Supreme Pyramid Business Sessions.

I hope that I have clarified policies and procedures of the Supreme Pyramid, A.E.O.S., regarding the Formation of New Pyramids, and challenged you to consider promoting the endeavor where ever and whenever the occasion arises. Remember that "Dedicated Sciots Revitalize Masonry", Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours to, "Boost One Another";

**Robert A. "Rob" Reynolds, Pharaoh, 2001-02**  
*Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots*

## Special Elections

As a result of the death of our Supreme Mobib-Elect Harold Jensen, and in accordance with our Supreme Constitution, the Pharaoh has advanced the elected line and called for a special election for Supreme Pastophori.

This special election will be held during our Semi-Annual session at Fresno, CA. Until the elections are held, the Pharaoh has appointed Past Pharaoh Jerry Blink to function as the acting Supreme Pastophori.

Any qualified member who is interested should submit their name to the Nominations Committee chairman

**George Miller, PP**

## Supreme Armesis

I have made my first Official Visitation as a member of the advancing line in the Supreme Pyramid. This last weekend (Mar 15-17) we visited the Stockton #5 and Modesto #15 Pyramids. We had a great time, initiated six (6) new Sciots into the two pyramids, and really enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day Dinner of corn beef and cabbage. Luckily the rain didn't hit until Sunday morning. We received a very warm welcome from our guests. They had around 90 at the dinner Saturday Night - a very nice turnout! Thank you very much Stockton Pyramid #5 and Modesto Pyramid #15. If all the visitations are like yours, we will have a great year.

Speaking of that, if we have six initiations (or more) at every visitation, we will really improve our membership, and our entire organization. I am reminded of a Grand Master who said; "If each one of us brings in one new member, our organization will double in size". I will add to that; replace yourself in Sciotry (and) bring a new Mason in to fill your shoes. If you bring in one a year, think how big we will be, and what we can do; especially for the children of Masonry. With more members, we not only increase our size, but the amount of donations to our Foundation Fund. This is a great benefit for our children. New Candidates are important - GET ONE.

**Neal N. Leonard**  
*Supreme Armesis*

## Supreme Pastophori

I just returned home from our first O.V. of the year. Stockton/Modesto sure know how to put one on. The initiation of six new Sciots was a highlight of the weekend.

Let's get involved with our new members as well as the older ones. Keeping members is much like farming. You make preparations for sowing the seed by obtaining a new member, and so you must nurture this member or he, like your crop, will slowly wither away. You must constantly cultivate and feed by showing interest in our new members. You can't wait until the new member have lost interest. Share with them the sunshine of your friendship and let them know that you are interested in them so they will blossom and grow as active member.

Your older members need attention too. Give them that extra consideration by asking them to attend meetings and functions. Ask them to participate on a committee, or have your membership committee visit him. Take the time to find out why they have become desinterested. It isn't enough to just find new members, we must keep them.

During the first months of membership our newly obligated Sciots are becoming aware of all that makes up Sciotry. Here is a golden opportunity to impart the knowledge, experience, and devotion that we have acquired over the years. Get to know your new members and help them advance in Sciotry

**W.G. "Jerry" Blink**  
*Supreme Pastophori*

## In Memoriam

**Bonita M. (Bonnie) Broughton**  
**1st Lady of Sciotry 1982**  
**beloved wife of Jack H. Broughton, P.P.**

Bonnie was very active in the Sciots and loved by all that knew her. During Jack's year as Pharaoh, Bonnie organized and led the Harem Dancers. Bonnie led the Scot Ladies in marching during the East-West Shrine Football Games. It was Bonnie that came up with the idea that men should be included in the Ladies Luncheon. Bonnie had a generous big loving heart and will be very missed by those whose lives she touched. Bonnie was a greeter, a mingler, who could turn a stranger into a friend at the drop of a Fezz.

**Memorial Services**  
Saturday April 20, 2002  
1 - 3 pm  
Home of Joy and Ken Wilkinson  
7205 Chesney Way  
Rio Linda, CA 91437  
(916)991-1437

*Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there; I did not die.*

ANON

## Official Visitation Dates

April	12/14 26/28	Chicago Sacramento	Illinois #1 Sciots Tract #11
May	3/5	Fresno	Semi-Annual Fresno #10
June	31/2	New Jersey	Harold Elliott #1/N.J.#2
July	11/14	Lake Tahoe	Open Air / CA Grand Lodge
August	9/11	Long Beach	Pharaoh's Homecoming SD #32/Bert Kirkpatrick #56
Sept	14	San Jose	San Jose #9
Oct	6/9	San Francisco	San Francisco #1 CA GL Sessions

## From the Supreme Scribe's Desk

Greetings, O'Sciots,

The per-capita half yearly payment was due January 2002. The second half payment will be due during July 2002. The number of members you pay for is based on your membership as September 2001.

The 2002 Supreme Directory was received March 21 and copies were shipped to your pyramids on the same day.

Our World Wide Web Internet site is being updated with a new look and much more information. We will be posting a completely new section which will contain photos of special events, such as those found on the front page of this issue of our Newsletter.

At our Semi-Annual sessions you will be presented several proposals from the Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee. These will be presented and held over until the Annual Session in November so you will have time to review them prior to voting on them.

If you need anything, please contact me at (858) 755-0931 or <gparks@san.rr.com>

**Gary Parks, PP**  
*Supreme Scribe*

## The Chaplain's Corner

INNER THOUGHTS - We know, that action is the proper fruit of knowledge and all spiritual insight. But so often we wish only to think and muse, without ever doing good towards anyone. Yes, it's easier to know the good than to do it. It's more comforting to be right than to do the right thing. It's more convenient to sit on the sidelines and give advice than it is to enter the game. It takes less energy to tell others how to carry their burdens than to take up a share of the load with them. But we need to be shaken out of our lethargy, we need to recognize that our lack of love is evident in our lack of good deeds. We need to see ourselves, so often, just as we are: sometimes selfish, often lazy.

Change us by opening our eyes that we may see the needs around us. Show us the poor, and all the ways we can help. Let us no longer pass by the hungry stranger, but offer what is in our hearts and in our minds. Help us to take the more difficult route of service. Help us to forsake the ease and comfort of a purposeless life. Help us to make friends with the unlikable, to bond with those who are different. Help us to take all we know and put it into every resource at hand, so that action may result for the good of all.

**Clive W. Moss**  
*Supreme Chaplain*

## **Did you know! - Bits and Pieces**

Past Pharaoh Willie Seirer and his lady Elaine are planning of being at the Illinois visitation on April 12-14. Willie was instrumental in getting the original group together some years ago. Willie has been having a great deal of troubles with his motorhome and is planning on driving it back to the factory for repairs and then driving their new Jeep to Chicago. Let's wish him better luck than his last outing with the former Jeep.

David Dorworth, DP of Harold Elliott #1 will be installed Grand Senior Deacon during the April Grand Lodge Sessions in New Jersey. David is a wonderful Mason and you should get to know him.

San Francisco Pyramid #1 has a new home. After many years the Pyramid has moved to a different location. Leland Orchard is now functioning as the Scribe of San Francisco Pyramid #1. We hope to visit with them during the California Grand Lodge week.

San Jose Pyramid #9 has just scheduled an Official Visitation for the Pharaoh. The date chosen is September 14 and will be a one day event. Last year we meet at the museum and then went out to a great buffet for the afternoon. This will be an event for you to attend.

Betty Bartholomew, widow of Art Bartholomew, was present at the O.V. in Modesto this past week. She has agreed to stand in at official functions with our Supreme Armeses Neal Leonard. At the ladies luncheon in Modesto she meant to say that she was present because Neal didn't have a "wife" but instead stated that Neal didn't have a "life". She really brought the house down with laughter. At the next O.V., get to know her and welcome here to the travels for this year.

The members of Modesto Pyramid #15 are going ahead with their third year participating in the outstanding Mason program in their area. This year every Blue Lodge in their region has requested to participate in the program. This program has really grown for them and you should consider it for your Pyramid. Contact Modesto or the Supreme Office for more information about how to start the program.

Illinois #1 UD is creating a special flyer for membership in their area. This effort is part the continuing effort by a group of outstanding Masons to make Sciotry all it can be. We will be placing it on the Sciotry web site after all corrections have been made. Go to the web site and look at their great effort.

Speaking of great effort, you should look at the wonderful work which has been done by the web master of Stockton Pyramid #5. It is a real show piece and deserves to be applauded.

Long Beach Pyramid supports a program for the 12th step home in Long Beach. The building owned by the Pyramid houses this program. In recent months a developer has been in pursuit of the Pyramid to sell the property for development.

## **Modesto Visitation**

During the past weekend, we enjoyed an outstanding official visitation hosted by Modesto and Stockton Pyramids. These two Pyramids work well together and create a spirit of boosting one another.

On Friday evening we enjoyed a wonder dinner and lots of warmth from these friendly Pyramids. There were several campers present in the grass field next to the Modesto building.

On Saturday morning the campers enjoyed being host to their traditional morning drinks. We then began the official visitation to the two Pyramids and were pleased to see six Masons who wished to become Sciots. Two were from Stockton and four from Modesto.

After the morning sessions we traveled across town to a quant little restaurant for the ladies luncheon. We were treated to a special entertainment of magic courtesy of San Jose #9. Thanks to Irwin Fershleiser for his involvement.

On Saturday evening we enjoyed another great meal back at the Modesto hall. Again, we were supressed by a world renoun country-western signer who provided a great program.

The weather co-operated on Friday and Saturday but we found rain for the Sunday morning breakfast at the American Legion hall next to the Modesto facilities. For those who drove south, the rain and 40's temperature followed all the way into Los Angeles and San Diego Counties.

Modesto has lost a couple of great Masons and Sciots over the past year and it is pleasing to see others who are stepping up to the plate to carry on in their image.

## **Calling for Club Reporters!**

Information is the life blood of society. It can be used to convey leadership information, provide you with recreational reading, or simple cause you to laugh and enjoy activities.

While we are always looking for meaningful news, it is equally important to develop a group of reporters at large who want to help convey that news to their brothers.

If you have any events within your Pyramid or a related Masonic happening, please contact me with the information so we can attempt to provide the readers with quality reading.

As we know have the ability to provide the readers with pictures you should always be looking for that Kodak moment. Don't worry about spelling and appearance.

Together we can build this communications device into a source of information for multiple interest.

**Editor**

**Pharaoh's Official Visit to New Jersey**  
**Hosted by:**  
**Harold Elliott #1 and New Jersey #2**  
**May 31 - June 2, 2002**



The Joint Official Visitation for our two New Jersey Pyramids will occur May 31 - June 2, 2002. The visitation will again be located in the southern part of the state at the Grand Lodge of New Jersey facilities.

David Dorworth, Deputy Pharaoh of Harold Elliott #1 will be the contact person for this event. David will be a very busy individual over the next few months as he is being installed Grand Senior Deacon at the Grand Lodge Sessions in April 2002.

**Hotel Info:** The Holiday Inn Express  
Mt. Holly/Westampton New Jersey

**Price:** \$83.99 per room + tax  
2 double beds  
Free Continental Breakfast

**Reservations:** Phone 1 (609) 702 5800  
Mention "SCIOTS" when making your reservations.

This location is close to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and next to the hotel we used two years ago.

The meals have yet to be confirmed at this date. California Sciots can check with the Supreme Office for additional meal information while those Sciots in New Jersey will be advised through their O.V. committee. If you have any questions Deputy Pharaoh David can be reached at (856) 829-7463 or email: [rabbitatthedoor@mindspring.com](mailto:rabbitatthedoor@mindspring.com).

The phone/fax number of the Supreme Office is (858) 755-0931.

The Grand Master of New Jersey has invited us to attend a special Mason Homes Family picnic on Sunday June 2nd at the Homes grounds. The Grand Master will be presented his Grand Masters Fez during this visitation weekend.

We will post more information on the meals through the Sciots Internet site: <[www.sciots.org](http://www.sciots.org)>

Fraternally,

**David Dorworth**  
*Deputy Pharaoh*  
*Harold Elliott #1*