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Pharaoh's Perspectives

Much has been happening since I last wrote to you in these pages. Our eight Traveling Gavels continue their journeys in California, New Jersey, and Illinois. At each of our Pharaoh's Official Visitations, Appointed Supreme Officers have been Installed, Sciote Name Badges distributed, and Officers Certificates of Appointment delivered. On occasions the Supreme Officers participated in the Initiation of Candidates to our Order. All in keeping with my theme that "Dedicated Sciots Revitalize Masonry".

In March, 15th through 17th we conducted an Official Visitation jointly to Stockton Pyramid No. 5, and Modesto Pyramid No. 15, in Modesto, California. Much was said, and pictures presented in our last edition of this Newsletter. Early in April, 12th through 14th, we conducted a visitation with Illinois Pyramid No. 1, staying at AmeriSuites O'Hare, in Chicago, Illinois. We presented the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois, James E. Durbin, with a gift from the Grand Master of California, and with his Certificate as Supreme Ambassador to Illinois, and finally with his Grand Master's Sciots Fez. Many fine meals, a tour of downtown Chicago, and visits to a local Craft Blue Lodge highlighted the visitation.

Late in April, 26th through 28th, we conducted an Official Visitation to Sacramento Pyramid No. 11, in Sacramento, California. O'Toparch Robert "Bob" Nicholls proved to be a very interesting and amicable personage. We had an opportunity to visit the Shriners Hospital for Children for Northern California, in Sacramento, a full scope orthopedic and burn center, present the the office of Supreme Mystic prior to these sessions, and made a marvelous presentation, magical I would say, at its conclusion.

Finally, we conducted an Official Visitation jointly with Harold Elliot, New Jersey Pyramid No. 1, and New Jersey Pyramid No. 2, from May 31st through June 3rd, staying at the Holiday Inn Express, Mount Holly, New Jersey. We assisted in opening the Pyramid, and presented the newly elected and installed Grand Master of New Jersey, Most Worshipful, Larry S. Plasket, with a gift from the Grand Master of California, and his Grand Master's Sciots Fez. We were honored to observe the Formal Opening of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. A. & A. M. of New Jersey, at their Grand Lodge facilities. We then took a shuttle to the spacious grounds of the Masonic Homes to join New Jersey Freemasonry, on that warm Sunday, at their "Family Day". It was a wonderful day of free food, beverages, iced cones, games, music, and attractions (including

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New Jersey Visitation



I was so fortunate to have been able to travel to New Jersey for the Official Visit of our Pharaoh. A grand time was had by all of us who attended. Our Sciote membership in New Jersey were great host to us during our stay. It was good to meet new faces as well as visit with those we already knew. We had the opportunity to join our New Jersey Sciots at the New Jersey Grand Lodge's annual Masonic picnic which was held on the grounds of their Masonic Home. How impressive that event was! I'm sometimes envious of a smaller state in that when Grand Lodge holds a function, the entire gang shows up! Imagine, the New Jersey Grand Master Larry S. Plasket straddling his Harley (motorcycle) as he leads his officers who are also on their bikes into the event. What a sight it was! I'd venture that there were around 4,000 Masons and their families partaking of wonderful food and drink, listening to music, and attending a number of ceremonies. They honored two of their 75 year members, presented educational scholarships, and held a ground breaking ceremony for the new additions to their Masonic Homes.

We hope to be able to negotiate our visit next year to again coincide with this event. To have the opportunity to join in such an activity is truly something to remember for a long time to come.

Lee Stafko
Supreme Mobib

Pharaoh Continued

Masonic Motorcycles headed by the Grand Master on his Special Edition Shriners Harley Davidson) some 4,800 joined us for a Cornerstone Setting Ceremony, two seventy-five year membership presentations, and scholarship awards. The entire visitation, including meals elsewhere, was absolutely wonderful, and well planned. We now look forward to our Open Air Degree and Grand Lodge Cornerstone Setting Ceremony at Sciots Tract 11 in July, 11th through 14th, and to my Homecoming at Long Beach Pyramid #43, A.E.O.S., in August, 9th through 11th, 2002. Sincerely and Fraternally Yours to "Boost One Another".

Robert A. "Rob" Reynolds

Pharaoh 2001-02

Illinois Official Visitation

During April and just prior to our Semi-Annual sessions we held our first Official Visitation to our newest Pyramid in Chicago, Illinois. The visitation was attended by four Pharaohs along with several other Supreme Officers being present. The Grand Master of Illinois, Most Worshipful James E. Durbin, is currently serving as Mobib this year and will be elected to the office of Toparch for the 2003 Sciot year.

Our visitation was full of highlights and activities. On Friday evening we were invited to attend a local Blue Lodge with our Sciot brothers. Saturday we had a very busy day which included a ritual practice session with their officers during the morning, lunch with their officers and members, after which, the Pharaoh and the Supreme Officers held a formal installation of all their local Pyramid officers which included the Grand Master of Illinois. After installation, the local officers joined with the Supreme Officers by sitting side-by-side for an initiation of several new Sciot members.

One of the high points of the afternoon was the presentation of the special Grand Master fez to Most Worshipful Durban. This was accomplished by having all four of the Pharaohs participate in handing the fez off from year to year showing our support over the multiple years it took for Illinois to become a regular Pyramid. On behalf of the Pharaoh and Officers in attendance, I want to thank all the members of Illinois #1 for their hospitality and good will. All the traveling members from Supreme elected to become Charter Members in this new Pyramid. At the Semi-Annual sessions it was my honor to present a motion, seconded by Past Pharaoh Willie Seirer, to grant a Charter to Illinois #1. The motion passed and the Pharaoh and myself will travel to the Illinois Grand Lodge sessions in October 2002 to make the presentation in front of their Grand Sessions.

Gary Parks, P.P.

Supreme Scribe

Nomination Committee

Any qualified member who is interested in being nominated for a Supreme Elected position should submit their name to the Nominations Committee chairman George Miller, P.P..

At this time we have two Sciots who have declared their interest in the position of Supreme Pastophori. Both Sciots have served their local Pyramid as Toparch. The below information is being provided for general information about these candidates and not an endorsement of either candidate by the Editor of this publication.

Candidates for Supreme Pastophori

Roy Steinfeld is a Past Toparch of Long Beach Pyramid #43. Roy is currently serving as Supreme Proclamator. He has also served as Master of his Blue Lodge, and has been active within the California Grand Lodge committee programs. Roy is single and lives in Torrance, California. Roy is employed with the California Driving School.

William Berman is a Past Toparch of Harold Elliott #1. He currently serves as Supreme Mohar, Southern New Jersey. William has twice served, 1991 and 1999, as Master of Ionic Lodge #94 F. & A.M. New Jersey. William served the Grand Lodge of New Jersey as Grand Chaplain in 1993 and Grand Marshal in 2001. William is married to Irene and lives in Blackwood, New Jersey. William is a retired New Jersey Police Officer.

The following is the correct address for the Chairman of the Nominations Committee.

George Miller, PP

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The Chaplain's Corner

Our Father, we bow our heads at this time in gratitude for all the blessings we have received from thee. We are an honored nation in a great company of nations. Our Flag stands for all that is noble and true in word and in deed. May we be stirred with pride as we gaze upon its beautiful colors of Red, White and Blue, and may our love for our Flag grow with each year of our lives. May Flag Day to us mean a closer walk with Thee and with each other.

Please reflect upon on these words, remember that our Flag is the inspiration of many many deeds that have been carried out through the years.

Clive W. Moss

Supreme Chaplain

Supreme Mobib on Annual 2002

O'Sciots, Near and Far...

Well, I guess you'd say we're at that halfway mark in the year. Please note that there is an informational flyer in this issue addressing Supreme Session that is upcoming November 7-8-9-10 in Stockton, California.

Plans are coming right along to make this a good session, providing you and your Lady with some fun time as well. I hope you'll consider attending.

I truly believe that we need to see more white tassels at our legislative sessions if we are to keep Sciotry alive and running smoothly. Your Supreme officers are here to assist and support our local Pyramids... not the other way around, as some may think.

Help me to bring about the realization that our members at large are the most important part of our organization. You are the ones who keep things moving.

Let's boost one another more visibly than we've seen in the past few years. It'll take all of us, working together. But we can do it! My goal is to promote bringing the FUN back into our Order. And, you all know, it's not fun playing with yourself.... so come on out to PLAY in SCIOTRY in 2003!

Lee Stafko
Supreme Mobib

San Diego Pyramid #32

Sciots Pyramid 32 donate sports equipment to Ocean Beach Elementary School in San Diego

The Sciots of Pyramid 32 donated numerous sporting goods items to Ocean Beach Elementary School in San Diego on May 17th, 2002. The YMCA has been attempting to organize recreational programs for the children at the school. Unfortunately there was no equipment I.E. balls, bats, and nets.

Pyramid 32 bought and donated approximately 30 assorted balls. Baseballs, footballs, soccer balls, playground balls, tetherballs, bats and nets to go with the various games. There was a wonderful ceremony at the school when the items were delivered. The children were assembled on the playground and they opened with the Pledge to our flag. They then sang God Bless America. The children were very excited and cheered the acceptance of the equipment.

There was a reception held at the Ocean Beach Elementary School on May 29th, 2002. The students and staff honored the Sciots with an award honoring them for their efforts. San Diego Sciots are dedicated to helping youth groups and schools. This was a great opportunity to further our goals and boost our community.

Richard J. Carlson
SD #32 Pastiphori

From the Supreme Scribe's Desk

Bits 'n Pieces,

At our Semi-Annual sessions we elected our new Supreme Pastophori Irwin Fershleiser of San Jose #9. Congratulations to Irwin and his lady Jeanne who are starting their journey to the Pharaoh's throne.

The Supreme Internet Web site has undergone some changes and you should sign on to review the new options.

The Annual Sessions are coming quickly and within this edition of the Supreme Newsletter you will find flyers related to the Pharaoh's homecoming in August as well as the Annual Sessions information. Stockton will be a fun weekend and you should make plans to attend. Supreme will have representation from Illinois and New Jersey as well as multiple candidates for Supreme Pastophori.

At this time the Supreme Office has no information to present to you regarding the San Jose O.V. in September. You should contact the leadership of San Jose Pyramid directly for information.

All per-capita fees will need to be paid prior to the Annual Sessions in order for your Pyramid to be able to vote.

As of this date the Supreme Office has not received any by-law resolution. As any proposals are received I will mail them out to the local Pyramids for their review per our constitution.

Our Supreme Auditor Art Meigs underwent by-pass surgery.

The Pharaoh just made two new Supreme appointments: Ira Drucks as Supreme Adjutant and Richard Greenwood as Supreme Trustee 1 year.

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

Gary Parks, PP
Supreme Scribe

Official Visitation Dates

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
Nov	7/10	Stockton	Annual Supreme Sessions Stockton Pyramid #5

Elected Supreme Officers 2002

Robert A. Reynolds (43) (Kris)Pharaoh
Lee Stafko (5) (Joan)Supreme Mobib
Neal Leonard (56).....Supreme Armeses
Irwin Fershleiser (9) (Jeanne)Supreme Pastophori
Carl Lindstrom, P.P. (5) (Yolanda)Supreme Lecture
Gary Parks, P.P. (32) (Carole)Supreme Scribe
Chuck Bruggeman, P.P. (43) (Jan).....Supreme Chancellor
Richard Greenwood (43) (Ann).....Supreme Trustee 1 Yr.
George Copus (32) (Nancy)Supreme Trustee 2 Yr.
Bruno Katelo (11) (Kris).....SupremeTrustee 3 Yr.

Deputy Pharaohs 2002

John Conlan (1) (Dell).....San Francisco # 1
Rudy Walter (15) (Rita)Stockton # 5
Thomas Tefft (9) (Suzanne)San Jose # 9
Harry Dyck (10) (Bernice).....Fresno #10
Lee Sutter (11)Sciots Tract #11
Clarence Jackson (15) (Dorothy)Modesto #15
Jerry Blink, P.P. (32) (Carol)San Diego #32
Fred Bon (43) (Tammy).....Long Beach #43
Bill May (56) (Gerry)Bert Kirkpatrick #56
David Dorworth (NJ1) (Donna)Harold Elliott NJ #1
Neal Kantor (NJ2) (Ethel)New Jersey #2
Howard Schermerhorn (IL1) (Grace)Illinois #1

<For a complete listing of all Appointed Officers and Committees,
 please contact your local Pyramid Officers or the Supreme Office>

Appointed Supreme Officers 2002

David McKee (11) (Cathy)Supreme Mazai
Jan Eligh (43)(Margaret).....Supreme Marshal
Roy Steinfeld (43).....Supreme Proclamator
Clive Moss (11) (Betsy).....Supreme Chaplain
Johnny Rantz (43) (Darlene)Sup.Standard Bearer
Rudy Walter (15) (Rita)Supreme Klaschr
Frank Rapp (NJ1).....Supreme Neokori
Arthur Meigs (43) (June)Supreme Auditor
Chuck Bruggeman, P.P. (43) (Jan).....Supreme Parliamentarian
Richard Carlson (32)(Paula).....Supreme Historian
Ira Drucks (NJ2)(Lenore)Supreme Adjutant
Bruce Carmitchel (43) (Ruth)Supreme Mystic
Richard Carlson (32) (Paula)Supreme Historian
Ken Wilkinson (11)(Joy)Supreme Chief-of-the-Me
Moe Crosby (11) (Donna).....Supreme Mohar No CA
Timothy Nunn (43) (Pam).....Supreme Mohar So CA
John Ryan (NJ2) (MaryJane).....Supreme Mohar No NJ
Bill Berman (NJ1) (Irene).....Supreme Mohar So NJ
Gary Parks, P.P. (IL1) (Carole).....Supreme Mohar IL
Richard Greenwood (43) (Ann).....Pharaoh's Aide de Camp
Don Jones (43) (Norma).....Pharaoh's Staff Assistant
Vic Stewart (11) (Bobbie)Pharaoh's Commandant
David Stites (32) (Heidi)Supreme Web Master
Hans Zuckett (43).....Supreme Sub Chief-of-the-Me, So.CA
Thomas Evans (15) (Diane).....Supreme Sub Chief-of-the-Me, No.CA
Arnold Kantor (NJ2) (Rita).....Supreme Sub Chief-of-the-Me, No.NJ
Jerry Grosskoph (NJ1)Supreme Sub Chief-of-the-Me, So.NJ

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