

# Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots

## Supreme Newsletter

William Berman, Pharaoh  
45 La Costa Dr.  
Blackwood, NJ 08012-5534  
(856) 227-6544

Clive Moss, Supreme Mobib  
11597 Colony Road  
Galt, CA 95632-8571  
(916) 687-8785

Art Meigs, Supreme Armeses  
3411 Woodruff Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90808-2736  
(562) 421-2813

Randy Downey, Supreme Pastophori  
1084 Windsor St.  
San Jose, CA 95129-2839  
(408) 255-3719

Chuck Bruggeman, P.P., Supreme Chancellor  
1866 Ashbrook Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
(562) 597-7320

Gary Parks, P.P., Supreme Scribe  
13360 Portofino Dr.  
Del Mar, CA 92014-3557  
(858) 755-8128



Supreme Office P.O. Box 501801 San Diego, CA 92150-1801  
Voice/Fax (858) 755-0931 <[www.sciots.org](http://www.sciots.org)>

Vol. 2006, No. 1

February 2006 Issue

Our 96th Year 2006

### Sciorty Celebrates 1st Pharaoh from New Jersey



Pharaoh William Berman fezzing  
M.W. Robert J. Seridan, Grand Master of New Jersey

Dear Fellow O' Sciots,

I approach the beginning of this year as your Pharaoh with a feeling of excitement and anticipation. There are several initiatives that will be put in place to enhance the abilities of Pyramids to maintain their current, and increase their future, memberships.

At the recent Annual Sessions of the Supreme Pyramid, legislation was adopted to form a standing committee known as "**Promotion of the Order**". The function of this committee is to develop programs and publications that will alert the Masonic community on the whole as to the existence and value of Sciorty. The Chairman of the committee is O' Sciort Howard Schimmerhorn, Deputy Pharaoh of Illinois Pyramid #1. He has put together a group of bright, creative Sciots who are capable of achieving these goals to serve on the committee. I invite all Sciots who might have suggestions regarding this effort to contact Howard at [howard@ckrtransport.com](mailto:howard@ckrtransport.com).

Of course, the production of attractive printed and electronic media is costly. In order to fund this initiative, **a mailing will be sent to all Sciots in the country**, describing the need for, and value of, promoting Sciorty, and soliciting their financial support for this effort. In our 100 year existence, this has never before been done and I have full faith that when a Sciort is presented with the

overwhelming evidence that our future, as an organization, depends solely on the continued vitality of the subordinate Pyramids, there will be tremendous grass roots support.

I go further and ask that each Pyramid that currently comprises the Order of Sciorty make plans to do exactly what Sciorty demands of every Sciort, to support the Blue Lodge. **I ask that each Pyramid, twice between now and next November, contact local lodges and offer them the opportunity for the Sciots to attend a lodge meeting and put on a program about Sciorty.** The program can entail a presentation about our "legendary" history, our "contemporary" history (from 1905 forward), our current status, and plans for the future of Sciorty, as a suggested outline. The program itself does not have to be extensive in time but the impact of a group of Sciots attending a Blue Lodge meeting is invaluable.

By constitutional requirements, each Pyramid must open, do business, and close ten times a year. This requirement can still be fulfilled by going to the lodge that you will be visiting early and, in a separate room on the lodge building, open, do business, and close your Pyramid before attending the lodge meeting that night.

Pyramids will receive dispensation to hold their meetings at the lodges on those two nights this year. I ask that you notify the Supreme Scribe, O' Sciort Gary Parks, two weeks prior to the meeting to secure your dispensation and so that certain insurance requirements are met.

O' Sciots, we cannot expect Masons to want to become Sciots unless they experience the joy of "Boosting One Another" in person. **We must take Sciorty out of the Pyramids and into the lodges.** I'm firmly convinced that this will encourage Masons to want to join us, therefore securing a future for all of our Pyramids.

With the cooperation of the Elected Line of the Supreme Pyramids, and more importantly, the support of all Sciots, I am confident that our Order will not only survive, but will grow, in the future.

Always Boost One Another,

**William H. Berman**  
Pharaoh 2006

## Mobib's Message

Dear O' Sciots and their Ladies,

I wish to thank the membership of sciotry for Electing me to Supreme Mobib, in Atlantic City this last November. In tune with our New Pharaoh's theme for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind every SCIOT: The first aim of Sciotry is to UNITE all Master Masons in a closer bond of Friendship, Fellowship and Cooperation. The constitution of the Supreme Pyramid provides that any Master Mason in good standing is eligible for membership. Every petitioner promises that he will endeavor to visit the Blue Lodge of which he is a member, or a Lodge within the Jurisdiction, at least once a Month. This duty is constantly kept before all Sciots.

The Sciots maintain a Foundation Fund for the Rehabilitation of underprivileged children. We take an active part in fostering the Public Schools Month established by the Grand Lodge of California and in assisting and encouraging Blue Lodge Visitations.

I look forward to working with all Sciots to make Sciotry better, with your input and help we will make it work, please remember that it takes TEAMWORK to make it work.

Yours Always to Boost One Another,

**Clive W Moss**  
*Supreme Mobib*

## Armeses's Message

Hello Sciots,

June and I had a good time at the Annual sessions of the Supreme Pyramid in New Jersey. I am looking forward to seeing all of the Sciots at the Pharaoh's visitations to southern and northern California, the Semi-Annual sessions, and Illinois. We all have to get behind Supreme Pyramid and the newly formed Promotion of the order Committee whose goals are to expand Sciotry and expand our membership.

**Arthur Meigs**  
*Supreme Armeses*

## Bits N' Pieces From the Supreme Scribe's Desk

Hello Sciots,

It becomes my sad duty to report that Clarence Jackson has passed on. We all remember his kind way and dedication to Sciotry. Keep Dorothy in your prayers.

A large thank-you to the Sciots of New Jersey for their efforts at providing the first Sciot Annual Session within New Jersey. This is no easy tasks and those many individuals who participated should be proud of their efforts. A welcome to our newly elected Supreme Pastophori Randy Downey of San Jose Pyramid #9 and the advancement of all the other elected and advancing line officers. The new elected and appointed officers are shown on page 8 of this newsletter.

If you have not yet sent the Supreme Office a listing of your officers installed for the Sciot year of 2006 please do so at this time. Also, the Supreme Office needs a listing of all your members so we can assure an accurate head count of members, provide mailings of our Supreme Newsletter to them, and cover them within your insurance for Sciot activities.

During the year we were approached by the individuals who purchased Camp Blum asking to make a final payoff of the note. Through a friend of our Trustee George Copus I found a person who provided at no cost to us all the necessary figures, papers, and processes to complete the payoff. In keeping with the Sciot Constitution, all additional funds are to be invested within the Morgan Stanley management account.

Fraternally,

**Gary Parks, P.P.**  
*Supreme Scribe*

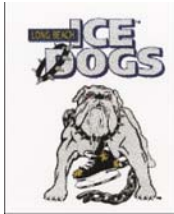
### OFFICIAL VISITS OF THE PHARAOH-2006

March 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> So. CA at Long Beach CA	May 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual at Fresno, CA
July 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> Illinois #1 at Chicago, Ill.	July 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> The Open Air Degree Strawberry, CA
October 6 <sup>th</sup> Pharaoh's Homecoming Burlington, N.J.	
November 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions of the Supreme Pyramid Sacramento, CA	

# ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ORDER OF SCIOTS

## PHARAOH'S VISITATION

March 10 thru 12, 2006



Hosts: Long Beach #43/San Diego #32



MARCH 10 – Friday	5:00 – 8:00 P.M.	Open House – Buffet at International City Masonic Center	
MARCH 11 – Saturday	8:00 – 9:00 A.M.	Continental Breakfast .....	NC
		Location: International City Masonic Center	
	9:00 A.M.	Sciots' Meeting	
		Location: International City Masonic Center	
	11:30 A.M.	Luncheon – All Sciots Welcome .....	No. _____ NC
		Location: International City Masonic Center	
	4:00 P.M.	Pharaoh's Banquet .....	No. _____ \$15.00
		Location: International City Masonic Center / Theme: Sports	
	6:00 P.M.	Carpool from International City to L.B. Sports Arena	
	7:00 P.M.	"L.B. Ice Dogs/S.D. Gulls" Hockey Game .....	No. _____ \$10.00
		Location: Long Beach Sports Arena	

**Make Hotel Reservations with GuestHouse Hotel**

5325 E. Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90804  
 Phone: (562) 597-1341 Fax: (562) 597-1664  
 Hotel Reservations for Group Name – **SCIOTS**  
 Hotel Rates: \$69.00 + 12% Tax — Queen/King  
 (Includes Hotel Continental Breakfast)

**Driving Directions**

405 San Diego Freeway  
 EXIT: Bellflower Blvd – South to 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Right on 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Pacific Coast Hwy  
 Right on Pacific Coast Hwy  
**GuestHouse Hotel is on the Right Side**

**MAKE RESERVATIONS BEFORE February 24<sup>th</sup>**

*International City Masonic Center, 5155 E. Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90804-3311, Phone: (562) 494-9988*

8 ----- (Mail Bottom Portion for Meals & Event Reservations) -----

SCIOT \_\_\_\_\_ LADY \_\_\_\_\_ PYRAMID# \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Meals & Event**

**Light Lunch:** No Charge \_\_\_\_\_ Sandwich/Chips/Beverage/Dessert  
**Tri-Tip Dinner:** \$15.00/ea \_\_\_\_\_ Tri-Tip/Potatoes/Salad/Vegs/Roll/Beverage/Dessert ( \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken upon request)  
**Hockey Game:** \$10.00/ea \_\_\_\_\_ (+ \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket/Tickets for 12<sup>th</sup> Step House)

Phone: (562) 597-7320

Make check payable to: **Long Beach Pyramid No. 43** Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail to Scribe: Chuck Bruggeman, 1866 Ashbrook Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815-3027

**SEMI-ANNUAL SESSIONS**

**FRESNO PYRAMID #10**

**MAY 19 – 20, 2006**

**RAMADA INN, FRESNO CALIFORNIA**

(FROM THE NORTH TAKE THE SHAW AVE. EXIT EAST TO FRESNO ST. TURN LEFT AND IT IS RIGHT THERE ON THE CORNER. FROM THE SOUTH TAKE HIWAY 41 EXIT NORTH TO SHAW AVE. OFF RAMP, RIGHT ON SHAW TO FRESNO ST. YOU WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL ON THE LEFT.)

All events are at the hotel

**REGISTRATION – Sciots only** No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \$

**OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY 5:00 – 6:30 P.M.**, hosted by the Fresno Sciots

(chicken, salads, desserts, beverages) How Many \_\_\_\_\_?

**SATURDAY SESSIONS OPEN AT 9:00 A.M.**

**LUNCHEON FOR LADIES AND SCIOTS 12:30 noon** No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$18.00 \$

(Classic Cobb Salad, dessert, beverages)

**PAST TOPARCH'S MEETING** immediately following luncheon

**PAST PHARAOH'S LUNCHEON** in the lounge, from menu

**DINNER (NO HOST SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 P.M. – DINNER at 7:00 P.M.)**

LEMON CHICKEN.....No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$28.00 \$

ROAST LOIN OF PORK.....No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$28.00 \$

FILET OF SOLE.....No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$28.00 \$

(Salad, entree, dessert and beverages)

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SCIOT** \_\_\_\_\_ **PYRAMID** \_\_\_\_\_ **LADY** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS FOR EVENTS ONLY: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FRESNO PYRAMID #10 MAIL TO ELAINE LEHMAN, 2152 STANFORD #166, CLOVIS, CA. 93611 no later than May 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**PHONE: (559) 323-788**

+++++

**MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY TO HOTEL NO LATER THAN APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>.**

RAMADA INN 324 E. SHAW AVE., FRESNO, CA. 93710 PHONE (559) 224-4040 OR (800) 241-0756

Be sure to say you are with the Sciots. **All rooms are \$82.00 + TAX**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ how many \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_( ) \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ KING BEDS ARE ALL ON SECOND FLOOR \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Sciots Tract  
Pyramid No. 11, A.E.O.S.  
(the Thunder and Lightning Pyramid)**

Presents

The 2006 Sciots tract outdoor degree!

When? Saturday, July 22, 2006

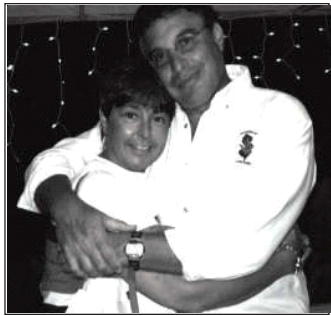
Time ? Festivities all day, Degree at 10:00 am

Where? Sciots Tract, near Strawberry, California

Mariposa Lodge No. 24, F&AM will confer the Degree of Master Mason on a deserving Fellowcraft Mason from their Lodge... ..on the top of an 8,000' mountain in the Sierras. Please join us for this memorable event!

For reservations, contact

Vic Stewart, Scribe  
5118 Dredger Way  
Orangevale, CA 95662  
(916) 988-7931



**PHARAOHS CRUISE 2006**  
**Mississippi River**  
**St. Louis to St. Paul**  
**August 11 - 18, 2006**



**The Pharaoh of All Sciotry  
 and his Lady  
 Bill and Irene Berman**

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime, as we journey through the heartland of America, from St. Louis - gateway to the west - to the scenic Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Along the way, we'll visit historic Hannibal, Missouri, made famous by Mark Twain, and three other ports, each with its own unique features and history. Come onboard with Pharaoh Bill Berman and his Lady Irene, as this steamboat becomes the Pharaohs personal barge. Its not the Nile - its even better - its the Mississippi.

**Heres our itinerary:**

8/11	St. Louis	5:30 pm sailing
8/12	Steamboatin	
8/13	Hannibal	8:00 am - 12:00 noon
8/14	Steamboatin	
8/15	Dubuque	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
8/16	Lacrosse	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
8/17	Red Wing	12:00 noon - 5:00 pm
8/18	St. Paul	9:00 am arrival



**The grand and elegant  
 American Queen**

**Heres our discounted group pricing, which includes Round-Trip Airfare:**

Large Inside Stateroom	Category G	\$1,652.00
Outside Standard Stateroom with Semi-Private Deck Area	Category E	\$2,006.00
Large Outside Stateroom with bay windows	Category D	\$2,240.00
Large Outside Stateroom with Semi-Private Deck Area	Category C	\$2,357.00
Large Luxury Outside Stateroom with Private Veranda	Category A	\$2,711.00



**Star & Compass  
 Travel**

**Terms and Conditions:**

A deposit of \$300 per person is due at the time of booking. The balance is due before May 15, 2006. Deposits are refundable in full if canceled by May 15, 2006. Travel Insurance is recommended to protect against loss. Premiums paid for insurance are not refundable.

**For reservations, please contact:**

**Randy Downey (408) 255-3719**  
 1084 Windsor Street San Jose, CA 9512  
**Fax: (408) 777-8160 Cell: (408) 674-8341**  
 e-mail: [randy@starandcompass.com](mailto:randy@starandcompass.com)

Or book online at: [www.starandcompass.com](http://www.starandcompass.com)

Cst# 2029626-40

Affiliated with Peak Travel Group

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy.  
 Additional charges include \$4 per person, per day fuel surcharge,  
 \$17.50 per person booking fee, and \$20 per person conference/facilities fee.



# Help Sciotry Grow

At our recent Supreme session in Atlantic City, Pharaoh William Berman called for the establishment of a standing committee for Promotion of the Order. Unanimously approved, it will be the task of this committee to develop programs and support materials to increase membership in existing pyramids as well as assist in the establishment of new ones. An outstanding group of Sciots from across the country are being recruited to work on this important effort.



As this is the first time in the history of Sciotry that this type of effort has been tried, it is

not in the budget as it stands. The Pharaoh has asked each of our dedicated Sciots to support this task by making a donation of \$15 or more to help Sciotry grow.

Any Sciot who chooses to support Sciotry with a donation of \$50 will receive a handy calculator with our emblem proudly displayed. These types of donations will go a long way to help produce high quality brochures and similar items to share the ideals of Sciotry with our Masonic brothers.



A gift of \$100 or more will entitle the Sciot donor to both the calculator and this

attractive folding knife. Your donation will also help us develop a display for Grand Lodge sessions and similar activities as well as other ways to advertise our programs.

Let's Boost One Another and Sciotry!

*Clip & mail with your check payable to Supreme Pyramid and Promotion of the Order in the memo section*

Mail to: Howard Schermerhorn, Promotion of the Order Chairman, PO Box 2715, Des Plaines, IL 60017

-----  
YES! I want to help Sciotry grow!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my gift of

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 \$50 \$100 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Pyramid \_\_\_\_\_

## Elected Supreme Officers 2006

**Bill Berman** (HE#1) (Irene) .....Pharaoh  
**Clive Moss** (11) (Betsy) .....Supreme Mobib  
**Art Meigs** (43) (June).....Supreme Armeses  
**Randy Downey** (9) (Micki) .....Supreme Pastophori  
**Duane Nead, P.P.** (43) (Joan) ..... Supreme Lecture  
**Gary Parks, P.P.** (32) (Carole) ..... Supreme Scribe  
**Chuck Bruggeman, P.P.** (43) (Jan).....Supreme Chancellor  
**George Copus** (32) .....Supreme Trustee 1 Yr.  
**Rick Taman** (IL#1) ..... SupremeTrustee 2 Yr.  
**Mark Carl** (HE#1) .....Supreme Trustee 3 Yr.

## Deputy Pharaohs 2006

**John Conlan** (1) (Dell).....San Francisco # 1  
**Ken Edwards** (5) .....Stockton # 5  
**Thomas Tefft** (9) (Suzanne) ..... San Jose # 9  
**Harry Dyck** (10) (Bernice).....Fresno #10  
**Jim Duggan** (11) (Dorothy) .....Sciots Tract #11  
**Tom Evans** (15) (Diane)..... Modesto #15  
**Neal Leonard, P.P.** (32) ..... San Diego #32  
**Fred Bon** (43) (Tammy).....Long Beach #43  
**David Dorworth** (NJ1) (Donna) .....Harold Elliott #1  
**Ira Drucks** (NJ2) (Lenore) ..... New Jersey #2  
**Howard Schermerhorn** (IL1) (Grace) .....Illinois #1

## Appointed Supreme Officers 2006

**Emil Cevik** (43) (Koray) .....Supreme Mazai  
**Jan Eligh** (43) (Margaret) .....Supreme Marshal  
**Paul Ferreira** (NJ#2)(Semra) .....Supreme Proclamator  
**Saul Tisher** (HE1) Mae) .....Supreme Chaplain  
**Raymond Thorne** (HE1) .....Supreme Standard Bearer  
**Gill Chernack** (NJ2) (Rose) .....Supreme Klaschr  
**James Dingman** (9) (Patty) .....Supreme Neokori  
**John Ryan** (NJ2) ..... Supreme Auditor  
**William Sizemore** (43) (Lynda).....Supreme Parliamentarian  
**Bud Ramsey** (9)(Susan) .....Supreme Historian  
**Robert Thornborough** (HE1) .....Supreme Adjutant  
**John Hammond** (II)(Laura) ..... Supreme Chief-of-the-Me  
**Chuck Mignosa** (9) (Eileen) ..... Supreme Mystic  
**Moe Crosby** (11) (Donna) .....Supreme Mohar CA  
**George Apt** (43) (Caroline) .....Supreme Mohar CA  
**Rowlan Francis** (NJ2) .....Supreme Mohar NJ  
**Don Soderlund** (HE1) (Lila) .....Supreme Mohar NJ  
**Manny Roth** (IL1) .....Supreme Mohar IL  
**Paul Scheeler** (IL1) .....Supreme Mohar IL  
**Mark Carl** (HE1)(Carole) ..... Pharaoh's Aide

<For a complete listing of all Committees and staff, please contact the  
 Supreme Pyramid Office>

DATED MATERIAL  
 TIME VALUE

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED.  
 San Diego, CA 92150-1801  
 P.O. Box 501801



SUPREME PYRAMID  
 ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ORDER OF

Non-Profit Org.  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 San Diego, CA  
 Permit No. 2738