

Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots

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New Look and Name!

Beginning with this issue you will notice a change in our name to the "Supreme Newsletter". This new name reflects the intent of the editor to provide a fresh, new, and information based publication based on NEWS.

The cover page for our newsletter will be dedicated to interesting and news-worthy articles. These will related to our past, current, and future Pyramid activities. The Supreme Newsletter will have an increased use of photos and articles submitted from the various Phramids located throughout the USA. As you travel or have an event, take a photo and submit it with your article. We would like to see what is happening in your area.

Future articles from the elected leadership team will be submitted and included in the same manner as other articles and be located within the internal pages. The Pharaoh will have a column within the newsletter to convey his thoughts which will be printed verbatim as submitted by him.

Subordinate Pyramids are encouraged to submit a one-page official visitation form about their O.V. which will be included in the newsletter prior to their event.

Members who have a journalist background or would like to serve as a roving reporter for this newsletter please contact the editor Gary Parks at (858) 755-0931.

The Supreme Newsletter will be published quarterly, April 1, July 1, Oct 1, 2002 in an effort to reduce increasing operational costs. All articles should be submitted to the editor by the 10th of the month preceding the issue date. Let us hear about your local Pyramid and your functions no later than the 10th of March.

Editor



Illinois Pyramid #1 Instituted

Many years ago and through the efforts of several dedicated Sciots from Sciots Tract #11, an effort was made to bring Sciotry into the great State of Illinois. From those efforts we ended up with several Sciots in Illinois as dues paying members of Sciots Tract #11 but were separated by thousands of miles and became inactive. During the spring and summer months of 2001, a prime goal of the Membership Chairman was to recontact those forgotten Sciots within Illinois and finish the job of making Illinois Pyramid #1.

Through the efforts of a few wonderful Illinois Masons and Sciots the Membership Chairman traveled to Chicago in September 2002 and was honored to meet with James E. Durbin, the Grand Master of Illinois. The Sciot history and objectives were presented to the Grand Master who was supportive of our cause. In fact, the Grand Master filled out an application to become a Sciots at our first meeting. Over the next 4 days we held meetings with current Sciots, former Sciots, and new Masons who were interested in becoming Sciots. Under authorization of the Pharaoh we held initiations for new members and made the Grand Master of Illinois a Sciot.

The following week, Grand Lodge sessions were held for Illinois and the Grand Master presented Sciotry to the Grand Lodge Body which voted to allow Sciotry to come into their State this year. At the Grand Lodge sessions of 2002 they will hear about our efforts to support Blue during the year and again vote to continue Sciotry in Illinois.

The Pharaoh then proclaimed and authorized Illinois Pyarmid #1 could be formed under dispensation. In the following weeks they established a meeting schedule, elected officers for the year, and began a very active travel program to present Sciotry to the Blue Lodges within the greater Chicago area. The Grand Master of Illinois became the first elected Mobib of Illinois Pyramid #1 and will serve as Toparch next year. He has agreed to serve as our Ambassador to Illinois this year. (cont. Pg 2)

Pharaoh's Proclamations

The Chinese Mandarins have a wonderful proverb, "May you live in Interesting Times". As your Pharaoh, I should be the fountainhead of optimism, enthusiasm, and energy for our beloved Order. But I find this year, we have a marvelous Executive Management Team, reaffirming and reconstructing the team concept within the Supreme Pyramid, and it's substructures, consisting of Officers both elected and appointed, each resplendent and replete in these positive attributes. A new vigor and optimism has come to our Order. These are indeed interesting times, as we practice and rediscover our rich ritual and history, improve and enhance our policies and procedures, and manage, with careful and professional fiscal oversight, our recovering financial investments. "What is more mortifying than to feel that you have missed the plum for want of courage, to shake the tree." – Logan Pearsall Smith. Your Leaders are shaking that tree! I am profoundly, and most personally humbled at the opportunity provided to me, by each of you, for continued service to our Order, in the company of these fine Men, Masons, Sciots, and Leaders. We serve through the kind actions of your good graces, your collective confidence, your continued sufferance, and your constant forbearance. We are truly returning to our core values, those of assisting and supporting our Membership, the Craft Blue Lodges, and Freemasonry in general. We are "The Few, the Proud, the Dedicated, the Sciots", and we remember to "Boost One Another".

"Facts are not Truths, they are not Opinions, they are not Conclusions; they are not even Premises; but, in Truth, Facts are in the nature and parts of Premises." – Samuel Taylor Coleridge. In the discovery of a consensus of Facts, of approved Premises, it is my desire to lead in a positive direction, and to channel this positive Leadership Energy, into all of our endeavors for Sciotry. We have, therefore, undertaken three (3) major tasks, for the ensuing year under my stewardship. No simple tasks are these; and, an ambitious effort for a single year to be realized, if we are to reach fruition.

First, we have established an "Organizational Structure and Functions Analysis, Study Group" to offer up its recommendations for actions at our Semi-Annual, Supreme Pyramid Business Sessions, at Fresno, in May of this year. Under the Leadership of O'Sciot Vic Stewart, in close consultation and liaison with our Supreme Mobib, Lee Staffko, the Study Group will visit several difficult issues. These include multi-jurisdictional and representative Appointments of Officers, their Job Descriptions, a hierarchy of management, and span of control, in the functional areas of administration, finance, and ritual. Another includes an Organizational Diagram for the Supreme Pyramid, through a structural analysis and efficiency of operations review, and promulgation of the necessary resulting changes to our Constitution and General Laws to implement them. Second, we intend to insure the Development, Publication, and Distribution by Semi-Annual Sessions, of the Supreme Pyramid, "Five Year Plan", for which milestones, both achievable and constructive, will be established by our Supreme Armeses, Neal Leonard. After their presentation by him at Semi-Annual Sessions, and with the approval of all follow-on Leaders who must both comply and realize them, the final approved rendition will be distributed at Annual Sessions in November. Third, and lastly, since this is the year for the mandated "Biennial Constitution Revision" we must first present at Semi-Annual Sessions, and then approve at Annual Sessions, certain changes and revisions to our Laws. Some concerning legislation and jurisprudence, such as Emergent and Regular Resolutions, and others such as an Addendum consisting of a "Uniform Code of Constituent Pyramid By Laws". O'Sciot Arthur C. Meigs, Supreme Auditor, and O'Pharaohs Gary G. Parks, Supreme Scribe, and Charles H. Bruggeman, Supreme Parliamentarian, are directing this endeavor for us. Due to the recent and untimely demise of Harold "Tiny" Jensen, our Supreme Mobib, and Robert "Bob" Hassell, our Supreme Mystic, remembered elsewhere in these pages, it is necessary that a "Special Election" be conducted at our Semi-Annual, Supreme Pyramid Business Sessions, for the Office of Supreme Pastophori, in accordance with the Supreme Pyramid, Constitution and General Laws, A.E.O.S. Each subordinate Supreme Officer has been advanced in station, and an interim S. Pastophori appointed, to wit: Jerry Blink, P.P. Candidates are encouraged to submit their formal letter of intent for candidacy to the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, George Miller, P.P., as soon as practicable for consideration. Those of you who attended my Installation, and our last Annual Sessions, by all reports, found them entertaining, enjoyable, and productive. The Hilton Hotel, Carson Civic Plaza, facilities and accommodations were ideal. I hope that our Semi-Annual Sessions, and next Annual Sessions, will be still more productive and fruitful.

My Theme for this Sciots Year will be: "Dedicated Sciots Revitalize Masonry". As such we have eight (8) "Traveling Gavel" touring the several Jurisdictions under the care and close monitoring of our Supreme Mohars, and specifically under the auspices of the Chairman, of the Public Contact Committee, Junior Past Pharaoh, Willie Seirer, Sr. He was also present, when the Immediate Past Grand Master of California, David C. Decker, MW, PGM, CA, presented a "Traveling Gavel" originating in Texas, which had traveled extensively both through New Jersey and then California. It was presented to the Seated Grand Master of Texas, in Formal Public Ceremonies conducted at the November Annual Sessions, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free, Ancient, and Accepted Masons, of Texas. Our Supreme Lecturer, Carl Lindstrom, P.P., is in close contact, and reviewing the required reports of our Deputy Pharaohs, both in New Jersey, and Illinois, as well as those in California. We are also endeavoring to develop the required Ritual, for approval of our membership, through the Supreme Lecturer, for Opening and Closing of a subordinate and constituent Pyramid, A.E.O.S., in "Ample Form", by our Pharaohs and Past Pharaohs, and for closing by our Advancing Elected Line of Supreme Officers.

In addition to improving the activity and efficiency of our Committee Structure, much in consequence of the efforts of our Supreme Scribe, Gary Glen Parks, P.P., we have much improved the esteem and productivity of our Ambassadorial Program. It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I report to you that eight (8) Ambassadors have been preferred, selected, and appointed to activity on behalf of Sciotry this year. All reside in the State assigned, and three (3) are either Past Grand Masters or Seated Grand Masters of the Jurisdiction to which they are called; and, these are the States which presently require our most attention. The Supreme Pyramid, A.E.O.S., Official Directory will disclose them to you shortly; but, I wish to announce the recent acceptance of duty, by three of the following Ambassadors this year, they are: Ross (Van Ness) Bayer, MW, PGM, NJ, Ambassador to New Jersey; James Durbin, MW, GM, IL, Ambassador to Illinois; and, C. Ray Whitaker, MW, GM, CA, Ambassador to California. The Official Visitations Schedule for my year as Pharaoh of all Sciotry, is almost formulated, and discloses a very busy visitation program, tentatively including Illinois, and New Jersey. Lastly, in California, we are close to forming two (2) new Pyramids, one in Maripossa, and one in Oxnard. A new vigor and optimism has indeed come to our Order, we are indeed living in interesting times, and we indeed have the instruments for our growth

Robert A. "Rob" Reynolds
Pharaoh

Illinois #1 (continued)

The Pharaoh and several members will be traveling back to Chicago on April 12-14 for our first visitation. At this visit we will be holding training sessions, initiations, and presenting the Grand Master of Illinois his special Grand Master Fez. Any member is invited to attend this visit with the Pharaoh and should contact the Supreme Scribe for more information.

Pharaoh Seirer had a traveling gavel created for them and it has been a big success. They have made visitation almost every week or two and are becoming a known entity around the state. Their dedication to travel for Sciotry is commendable.

Illinois Pyramid #1

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Visitations

Dec 19, 2001	Evans Lodge # & Wayfarer's Lodge #1001 Evanston, IL Two 3 rd Degrees, we supplied SW & JW in 1 st , SD in 2 nd
Jan 16, 2002	Glenview Lodge # - Glenview, IL One 3 rd Degree, we supplied SD
Jan 28, 2002	Providence Lodge #711 - Chicago, IL Stated meeting
Feb 6, 2002	River Forest Austin Lodge # - Riverside, IL
Feb 12, 2002	Chicago Lodge - Chicago, IL
Feb 21, 2002	Paul Revere Lodge # - Chicago, IL
Feb 28, 2002	Hesperia Lodge # - Chicago, IL
Mar 7, 2002	Villa Park Lodge # - Villa Park, IL
Mar 14, 2002	Union Park Lodge # - Chicago, IL
Mar 20, 2002	Des Plaines Lodge # - Des Plaines, IL
Mar 27, 2002	Decalogue Lodge # - Skokie, IL

The newly elected 2002 Officers of Illinois #1

Toparch	Howard E. Schermerhorn
Mobib	James E. Durbin, Grand Master
Armeses	Charles R. Dever
Pastophori	Richard N. Taman
Chaplain	George Niemann
Scribe	Manny Roth
Chancellor	Brad Baker
Standard Bearer	Craig Stewart
Proclamator	Mark Klinghoffer
Marshal	Pending
Mazai	Pending
Klashr	Pending
Neokori	Eugene Thornton
Me	Pending
Deputy Pharaoh	Howard E. Schermerhorn
Mohar to IL	Gary Parks, P.P.

To all the good Masons within Illinois, welcome to Sciotry and we are proud of you.

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

Official Visitation Dates

March	15/17	Modesto	Stockton #5 / Modesto #15
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
TBA		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

In Memoriam

Harold L. Jensen Jr.
Supreme Mobib-Elect

*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.*

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From the Supreme Scribe's Desk

Greetings, O'Sciots,

I am happy to report on several activities within this Supreme Newsletter. Look for articles associated with Modesto Pyramid #15 and their outstanding program to honor Masons and Sciots. Also, read about our full speed efforts to the Grand Lodge of Illinois in securing permission to establish our first Pyramid in Illinois under dispensation.

Stockton Pyramid #5 received a WML Award for 2001. This award is granted for a Masonic Web site that contains information that Masons would find helpful informative. The Stockton Web Site is hosted under the Supreme Pyramid Web Site. The WML Award originates from West Milton Lodge 577 F and A. M. (West Milton, Ohio) Great Job Stockton!!!

We are still lacking in membership lists from several Pyramids. As it is important for the Supreme Office to have an up-to-date listing of all members for insurance, per-capita, and mailings please assist your officers in coming up with a complete list of members for your Pyramid. The per-capita half yearly payment is due and it is half of the yearly \$13 fee. This is based on your membership as of September 2001.

The Supreme Directory will be available for the Modesto O.V. so attend and get a copy. 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

Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there. They serve some sort of purpose; teach you a lesson or help figure out who you are and who you want to become. You never know who these people may be: your neighbor, a child, long lost friend, lover, or even a complete stranger who, when you lock eyes with them, you know at that very moment that they will affect your life in some profound way. And sometimes things happen to you and at the time they seem painful and unfair, but in reflection you realize that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential strength, will power, or heart.

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of good or bad luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul. Without these small tests, whether they be events, illnesses or relationships, life would be like a smoothly paved straight flat road to nowhere, safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally. Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from it everything that you possibly can, for you may never be able to experience it again.

Hold your head up because you have every right too. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself... for if you don't believe in yourself, no one else will.

From the Supreme Armeses

O'Sciots,

It is with heavy heart that I write to you as the Supreme Armeses. My plan involved taking the chairs one at a time, but the Supreme Architect of the Universe has directed otherwise. I grieve with the loss of my fellow Sciot, and good and dear friend, Harold "Tiny" Jensen. May he now be in peace. I intend to assist our Supreme Pastophori in his endeavors to make the shoe shine box a viable tool this year. After all, it was my job for a week! I will also work very diligently and with every effort to be the best Supreme Armeses I can be. I will be calling on many of you for assistance and guidance. Let us have a very successful and gratifying year, one filled with promise and good intentions. Give your support to our Supreme Line and the programs which will be presented to you. We are just your workers trying to increase membership and improve Sciotry. We will need your support to accomplish these goals.

Yours to Boost One Another,

Neal N. Leonard
Supreme Armeses

Did you know! - Bits and Pieces

Modesto Pyramid #15

Modesto enjoyed their second annual "Outstanding Mason of the Year" program. Way to go Modesto!

Cornerstone Awards for 2001 included:

Lloyd L. Hickok-Summit Lodge #112

Clyde L. King-Oakdale Lodge #275

Jim S. Whinery-Riverbank Lodge #459

Richard M. Caudle-Escalon Lodge #591

Grodon M. Hart-Modesto Lodge #675

Lady Sciot of the Year Award - Sachie Heffington

Sciot of the Year Award - Tom Evans, Scribe

Art Meigs, our Supreme Auditor has submitted several proposed By-Law changes to be considered for the Semi-Annual sessions in Fresno. The Supreme Office will send out a copy of these proposals to each Pyramid for their advanced review. One of the proposals will be to adoption a set of subordinate pyramid by-laws.

Neal Leonard will be receiving the KYCH.

Deputy Pharaoh David Dorworth will be installed the Grand Senior Deacon at the Grand Lodge Sessions in New Jersey next month. Dave, we knew you had it in you.

Long Beach Pyramid #43 held another outstanding Christmas event while feeding over 100 guests. Music was provided by an excellent local high school choir. They even had a Sciot Santa show up for the kids.

Impressive Ambassadors - We now have serving as Sciot Ambassadors, the Grand Master of California, the Grand Master of Illinois, and a Past Grand Master of New Jersey.

New Jersey O.V. Information

The Joint Official Visitation for our two New Jersey Pyramids will occur May 31 - June 2, 2002. This year the visitation will again be 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 our contact person for this year. David will be a very busy individual over the next few months as he is being installed Grand Senior Deacon at their next Grand Lodge Sessions in April 2002.

The information we have at this time:

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.

If you have any questions Deputy Pharaoh David can be reached at (856) 829-7463

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Fraternally
Dave Dorworth DP/SJ



ELECTED SUPREME OFFICERS 2002

Robert A. Reynolds (43) (Kris)Pharaoh
Lee Stafko (5) (Joan)Supreme Mobib
Neal Leonard (56).....Supreme Armeses
Jerry Blink, PP (32) (Carol)Supreme Pastophori
Carl Lindstrom, P.P. (5) (Yolanda)Supreme Lecturer
Gary Parks, P.P. (32) (Carole)Supreme Scribe
Chuck Bruggeman, P.P. (43) (Jan).....Supreme Chancellor
Howard Quick (NJ1) (Marie)Sup. Trustee 1 Yr.
George Copus (32) (Nancy)Sup. Trustee 2 Yr.
Bruno Katelo (11)Sup.Trustee 3 Yr.

APPOINTED SUPREME OFFICERS 2002

David McKee (11) (Cathy)Supreme Mazai
Jan Eligh (43)(Margaret).....Supreme Marshal
Roy Steinfeld (43)Supreme Proclamator
Clive Moss (11)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).....Sup. Parliamentarian
Richard Carlson (32)(Paula).....Supreme Historian
Irwin Fershleiser (9)(Jeanne)Supreme Adjutant
Bruce Carmitchel (43) (Ruth)Supreme Mystic
Richard Carlson (32) (Paula)Supreme Historian

Ken Wilkinson (11)(Joy)Supreme Chief-of-the-Me
Hans Zuckett (43)Sup. Sub Chief-of-the-Me, So.CA
Thomas Evans (15) (Diane).....Sup. Sub Chief-of-the-Me,No.CA
Arnold Kantor (NJ2) (Rita).....Sup. Sub Chief-of-the-Me, No.NJ
Jerry Grosskoph (NJ1)Sup. Sub Chief-of-the-Me, So.NJ

Moe Crosby (11) (Donna)Sup. Mohar No CA
Timothy Nunn (43) (Pam)Sup. Mohar So CA
John Ryan (NJ2) (MaryJane)Sup. Mohar No NJ
Bill Berman (NJ1)Sup. Mohar So NJ
Gary Parks, P.P. (IL1) (Carole)Sup. Mohar IL

Richard Greenwood (43) (Ann)..... Pharaoh's Aide de Camp
Don Jones (43) (Norma)..... Pharaoh's Staff Assistant
Vic Stewart 911) (Bobbie) Pharaoh's Commandant
David Stites (32) (Heidi) Sup. Web Master

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

AMBASSADORS 2002

C. Ray Whitaker, GM (43)Ambassador to California
Ross Bayer, PGM (HE#1)Ambassador to New Jersey
James Durbin, GM (IL#1)Ambassador to Illinois
James Russell, PP (32)Ambassador to Arizona
Francis Richardson, PP (32)Ambassador to Virginia
Dewey Short, PP (11)Ambassador to Nevada

