

# Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots

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### Pharaoh's Message

#### O'Sciots:

The Annual Sessions for 2003 are history. The new officers are installed, and it is time to start the business of running the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots. Hopefully, I will be able to do the job, and will be relying on all you officers and fellow Sciots to assist me in this endeavor. Let's get Sciotry, "Back On Track"

The first business the new Pharaoh needs to get done is to finalize his appointed line. Although this is supposed to have been done months ago, I found out that there are constantly changing situations that require me to make changes, constantly! With the assistance of the elected line officers, the Supreme Scribe, Gary Parks, PP, and many of the Sciots throughout the country, I believe I have accomplished this goal. And with the committee assignments done, I am ready to "go to the printer" with the necessary list to create the 2004 Sciots Directory. I believe I will make my January presentation of the new directory, as was my goal. Thank you all, Sciots, for your input and advice. You are making my job easier.

The advancing Line Officers, Supreme Mobib, Irwin Fershleiser, Supreme Armeses, William Berman, and our newest line officer, Supreme Pastophori, Clive Moss, of Sciots Tract 11, have already had a couple of meetings together to make sure we are all on the same track, and to establish the necessary steps to put Sciotry back on track. Sciot Berman has a lot of experience in shaping an organization, and giving it the necessary guidance to "look into its future". Our meetings have been very fruitful, and we will continue to meet, by email, phone, or by snail mail, if necessary, to make sure we are all together in our goals, and our progression. This year's officers want you to know we are all committed to making Sciotry the Number One organization in masonry.

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### Annual Sessions

The 2003 Annual Sessions of the Supreme Pyramid were very productive. We were honored to have a large group of Sciots from Illinois Pyramid #1 attend this session. We hope this will be the first of many such visits by our newest Pyramid. We again enjoyed having support and attendance from our New Jersey Pyramids. It is truly a pleasure to see our brothers dwell together in peace and harmony.

At our official visitation to New Jersey this past summer, the Pharaoh bought a ticket for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children's fundraiser. It was, indeed, a lucky ticket since he turned out to be the winner of the top prize, a 2003 Harley-Davidson Road King Classic. During our Thursday evening Pharaoh's Banquet we had an opportunity to see the Harley Davidson displayed just outside of our dining area.

Our sessions on Friday and Saturday accomplished many important objectives. New legislation now allows for the office of Pyramid Mobib, Armeses, and Pastophori to have a vote during Supreme Sessions. Supreme per-capita fees have been slowly increased \$2 per year over a three year period, we established how the nomination committee is appointed during Semi-Annual Sessions, and made two small changes in the Ritual.

We elected a new Supreme Pastophori, Clive Moss and lady Betsy, along with a new 1 year Trustee, Richard Greenwood and lady Ann. All other officers were re-elected.

A beautiful service was held on Saturday morning for our Brothers and Sisters who have passed. Neal Leonard was installed Pharaoh on Saturday evening and the sessions were closed after breakfast on Sunday.

## Pharaoh Continued

The Semi-Annual Sessions voted to allow Subordinate Pyramid elected line officers to have a vote at the Semi-Annual and Annual Sessions. The motion passed unanimously. All pyramid Mobibs, Armeses, and Pastophoris can now vote at these sessions. Hopefully we will have a good representation of those officers at our Semi-annual and Annual Sessions. We had to increase our per-capita dues for the Supreme Pyramid to be able to have sufficient funds to run this organization. This is the FIRST increase in 35 YEARS! It was a long time in coming. The impact will be minimal, as the increase will be spread over three years: \$2.00 for each of the next three years. We will have a balanced budget for this year. For details, you may contact the Supreme Scribe.

I made a promise to improve communication to each pyramid, and each Scot this year. I also would like to have each Scot communicate with me as often as they feel the need. My phone number and email address are in this bulletin. [She? Yes! Scot Ladies are an important part of this, as well as any, Masonic organization. I need your input as well.]

Please do not hesitate to contact me; I will give you my best answer or will contact someone who can. Putting Sciorty "Back On Track" is more than one person can do, so lets get together and get the job done.

**Neal N. Leonard**  
*Pharaoh 2004*

## Official Visitation Dates

Mar	12/14	Long Beach	So. CA Visitation Pyramids #32 & #43
April	30/2	Chicago	Illinois #1 Visitation
May	7/8	Fresno	Semi-Annual Sessions Fresno #10 Host
Jun	11/13	New Jersey	New Jersey Visitation H.E. #1 & N.J. #2
July	9/11	Lake Tahoe	Open Aire Degree Sciots Tract #11
Aug	27/29	San Jose	San Jose #9 Visitation
Sept	TBA	San Diego	Homecoming Bert Kirkpatrick #56
Nov	11/14	San Jose	Annual Sessions San Jose #9

## Supreme Mobib's Message

**O' Sciots,**

Thanks to San Diego for a great weekend. At the annual session we discussed and passed legislation that I believe will keep Sciorty moving into the future.

I am honored at being elected to the office of Supreme Mobib. I pledge my full cooperation to the Pharaoh and my fellow officers. I will work with them to better the future of Sciorty, and get it back on track.

To all the pyramid Mobibs, I would like very much to hear from and correspond with each of you. Please send me your name, address, phone number and e-mail address (if you are on line). My information is available on the front of this newsletter. I would like to plan next year together with your help. Sciorty will be celebrating our 100th anniversary year during 2005. Let us plan a very special year for 2005.

To all my brothers in Sciorty, and their Ladies, feel free to call or contact me any time with your questions, problems, or just good news. My darling wife Jeanne and I look forward to visiting with you during the scheduled 2004 visitations and Supreme Sessions. Remember, we are here for you.

Fraternally,

**Irwin Fershleiser**  
*Supreme Mobib*

## Start your own Cornerstone Program

The Cornerstone Award Program was started in 1999 by Modesto Pyramid #15 as a way of bringing together various local Blue Lodges and the Pyramid.

The program consists of invitations being sent out to the local Blue Lodges from the subordinate Pyramid explaining the program and asking them to consider participating in it. The Master and Officers of the Blue Lodges which choose to participate are given the opportunity to select an outstanding Mason to honor at a Cornerstone Award night sponsored by the local Pyramid.

During this evening event, the Master and Officers are in attendance and the Toparch and Master of the Lodge jointly present the honored Mason from each Lodge with a certificate. We also honor the outstanding Scot and Scot Lady of the Year. If you would like more information about how you can start this program contact the Supreme Scribe.

## Supreme Armeses's Message

Greetings, O'Sciots,

It is estimated that in North America, the family of Freemasonry numbers more than 500 different appendant bodies. Many have gone by the side, having disappeared due to lack of interest, loss of membership, or failure to live up to expectations.

Why, then, does Sciotry not only survive, but actually flourish, almost 100 years since its inception? Part of the reason, in my opinion, is that Sciotry understands the crucial link between the appendant body and the true breeding ground of all Masons, the Blue Lodge.

We, as Sciots, pledge to support the Blue Lodge in all of its endeavors, whether it is by providing brethren for degrees, being helping hands at social functions, or simply by attending lodge communications as interested and attentive side-liners.

We are not in competition with any lodge. We do not hold our tenets above those which our lodges cherish. We exist solely to assist in the furtherance of the goals and ambitions of the officers and brethren of the lodges to which we belong and visit.

Other appendant bodies are withering on the vine, but Sciotry grows and grows, with members being initiated, more Pyramids being formed, and other Grand Jurisdictions inquiring about becoming part of this truly vibrant phenomenon.

O'Sciots, it takes sustained excellence and commitment on a daily basis to succeed. These are the traits of a true Sciot. Be proud that you are a Sciot. I certainly am.

"Boost One Another"

**William "Bill" Berman**  
*Supreme Armeses*

## Quote of the Day!

*Slow Down and Enjoy Each Day*

*Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been but also where you're going.*

*Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.*

- Nancy Sims

## Supreme Pastophori's Message

O'Sciots,

I wish to thank everyone for the confidence shown in me, in Electing me to the Office of Supreme Pastophori, thank-you everyone.

I will endeavor to attend all that I can in the name of Sciotry, always keeping in mind that we are out there to Boost One Another.

We have many things that will need to be done in the name of Sciotry, and under the stewardship of our Pharaoh, we will make things happen.

Betsy and I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

**Clive Moss**  
*Supreme Pastophori*

## Sciot's Moment in History



### 1939 World's Fair

*Sciots were active competitors at this event and even had a full musical band*

## The Supreme Scribe's Desk

### Greetings, O'Sciots,

The 2003 semi-Annual Sessions are now history. The exciting and new Sciot year of 2004 has begun. Several issues need to be discussed.

(1) At the Supreme Sessions the budget committee reported the need to increase our per-capita fees as they have not been increased in several years. After discussion, it was decided that increases should be small and done over a multiple year sequence. An emergent resolution was presented and seconded calling for an increase of \$2 per year each year for the next three years. Fees for 2004 will be \$15, 2005 \$17, and ending in 2006 at \$19. The resolution passed by an unanimous vote.

(2) The Supreme Office has been trying for a number years to establish a working database of each Pyramid's membership without total success. This has lead to confusion over who many members are actually within each Pyramid and per-capita billing amounts. Starting new for 2004, the Supreme Office requires each Pyramid to supply a membership list reflecting their membership as of October 1, 2003. Supplying this list in electronic format will be appreciated.

(3) The A.E.O.S. Constitution and General Laws along with the Ritual has been updated and now reflects a date of 2003. Five copies of each have been made available to each Pyramid. If you have not received yours please let me know.

(4) I have already received several databases and will be sending out the 2004 per-capita billing in two parts. The first half of the per-capita will be billed during January 2004 and the second will come in June 2004.

(5) Any 2003 appointed Supreme Officer who is not serving in 2004 will please return your gold tassel to the Supreme Office.

(6) I am collecting photos and articles of your local Sciot events. We would love to include them within future editions of the Supreme Newsletter. Please forward your materials in electronic form if possible. The Supreme Newsletter belongs to you and we want to have your grass roots information in every copy. If you would like to include events on our Web Site, let me know and we will help you.

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

**Gary Parks, PP  
Supreme Scribe**

## Bits N' Pieces

### *Did you know:*

Long Beach Pyramid #43 is making an effort to establish two **Sciot clubs**, one in the Oxnard/Ventura area, and other in Las Vegas, Nevada. O'Sciot W. Allen Taylor, Vice President of the Las Vegas 51's baseball team (a Triple A Affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers' Organization) has been initiated a Sciot and is looking to form a club in that area. What a fun place to have a Pyramid for visiting.

**Illinois Pyramid #1** is continuing to grow in new members and assisting Masonry within Illinois. Their next Sciot initiations will be on January 19 at the Skokie Temple in the Chicago area. They assist the area Blue Lodges in their degree work and hold schools for Catechism Posting for candidates. This is similar to the California program of Candidate Coaches.

**H. E. Pyramid #1** in New Jersey has been actively helping with Blue Lodge program during the Holiday Seasons. Look at article inside this newsletter.

San Jose Pyramid #9 has been growing and becoming stronger thanks to the help of several of their members. Local Masons are planning a **7 day Masonic cruise into Mexico** during September 2004. Look for information in this Newsletter. The Pharaoh will be on this cruise so join us.

D. Turnin Co, in Florida is an authorized vendor of **Sciot fezzes and other articles**. Their company sent a representative to our Annual Sessions in November where they setup a large table to display several new Sciotry items for sale. If you would like a catalog of available items the Supreme Scribe can let you know how to contact them.

**Laurie Promotions** will be replacing jewelry items which the Supreme Office has been sold out of. If you would like to place an order please contact the Supreme Scribe.

The **NJ visitation** will be June 11-12, 2004 A flyer will be in the April Newsletter. Reservations are at the Best Western Burlington Inn (609) 261-3800. Mention "Sciots" for a rate of \$101 plus tax. They are planning a trip to Philadelphia and also the Battleship New Jersey with the Grand Master of New Jersey.

**Sciots Tract #11** will again hold its famous July outdoor degree near Lake Tahoe. The G. M. of California will be in attendance. A flyer will be in the next Newsletter. For information contact Dewey Shortt, P.P. (775) 267-9334.

**SEMI-ANNUAL SESSIONS**  
**FRESNO PYRAMID #10**  
**MAY 7 & MAY 9, 2004**  
**RAMADA INN, FRESNO, CA.**

FROM THE NORTH take the SHAW Ave. exit EAST to FRESNO St. and “turn LEFT”  
And it is right there on the corner. FROM THE SOUTH take Highway 41 EXIT “NORTH”  
to SHAW AVE. off ramp. Turn “RIGHT” on SHAW to FRESNO St. and you will be in  
front of the hotel.

**ALL EVENTS ARE AT THE HOTEL**

**REGISTRATION – SCIOTS ONLY** \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00

**OPEN HOUSE - FRIDAY** hosted by FRESNO #10 \_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 TO 6:30 PM

**SATURDAY SESSIONS** open at 9:00 AM

**LUNCHEON** for Ladies and Sciots — 12:30 Noon at Hotel — No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.00

Grilled Breast of Chicken Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ How many ? \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Tostada \_\_\_\_\_ How many ? \_\_\_\_\_

**PAST PHARAOHS Luncheon** will be in the Lounge — open menu

**PAST TOPARCHS Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_ following luncheon

**SATURDAY DINNER** – at Hotel – indicate choice of entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$27.00

*Social Hour – 6:00 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M.*

Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ How many ? \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Loin of Pork \_\_\_\_\_ How many ? \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations for Events Only – TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sciots: \_\_\_\_\_ Pyramid #: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to: “FRESNO PYRAMID #10”** Mail to ELAINE LEHMAN  
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RAMADA INN - 324 E. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93710 or phone (558) 224-4040

Price for rooms is \$ 76.00 + tax Be sure to say you are with the “Sciots”.

1 (800) 241-0756

King Beds are all on second floor

Double Beds are on the ground floor

## Sciorty Photo Moments!



Long Beach Pyramid #43  
Annual Christmas Party

Past President of the Tag a Longs  
Jeri Gatto is welcomed by Santa



Pharaoh Neal Leonard was in attendance this special day when Long Beach Pyramid #43 invited the members of the Long Beach 12th Step House for Christmas Dinner. Long Beach Pyramid has supported this organization for over 50 years and provides a home cooked meal at Christmas time for the residents of the home.



## Deleware Grand Master is a Scot



## Most Worshipful Grand Master of Delaware Wayne Mower

Member of HE#1 Pyramid NJ

Supreme Armeses William Berman and  
Deputy Pharaoh/Supreme Trustee  
David Dorworth present  
Grand Master Mower with his certificate as  
Ambassador to Deleware

## NJ Sciots assist Masonic Blue Lodges

Harold Elliott Pyramid #1 in New Jersey recently joined with two Blue Lodges to acknowledge the widows of those lodges. Members of the Pyramid produced and delivered the baskets throughout the South Jersey area. The gifts were beautifully produced, comprised of colorful woven baskets with an assortment of nuts, pretzels, candies, cookies, crackers, cheeses, and mints. A thoughtful card indicating that the basket was given compliments of the specific lodge was included. The lodges reimbursed the Pyramid for the costs of the baskets.

Thanks to O'Sciots John Reader, Steve Sharp, and Gordon Gottlieb for making this project a success.

Once again, Sciots support the Blue Lodge.

## Special Masonic Voyage

### All Masonic Family Cruise, and Initiations At Sea

Come sail away with your Sisters and Brothers on this first-ever "All Masonic Family Cruise". We will be cruising from San Diego to Baja California and the Mexican Riviera from September 19-26, aboard the luxurious Legend Of The Seas. Prices start at only \$599.

The luxury ship Legend of the Seas has a completely separate, private conference center which has been reserved for our exclusive use during this cruise. We will schedule our initiations and other activities primarily during the three days when we are at sea. All fraternal regalia will be brought on board by the sponsoring Pyramids, Lodges, and Chapters. Sponsors are: Sciots - Pyramid #9, Masons - Mt. Moriah Lodge #292, Eastern Star - Starlight Chapter #401, and York Rite - Howard Chapter #14.

*To book your cruise contact :*

*Bob or Carol Morgan (408) 265-9166*

## In Memory

### **Rudolph Gatto, P.M., P.T.**

October 20, 1929 - November 23, 2003

Burial with Military Honors at

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery

### **James Russell, P.P.**

**Bruno Ketola, Supreme Trustee**

**A.J. Cavallaro, P.T.**

**Robert Wayne**

**Glenn Sackett**

**Herb Harper**

**Joseph Wisher**

**Milton Avakian**

*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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## Elected Supreme Officers 2004

Neal Leonard (56) .....Pharaoh  
 Irwin Fershleiser (9) (Jeanne) .....Supreme Mobib  
 Bill Berman (HE#1) (Irene).....Supreme Armeses  
 Clive Moss (11) (Betsy) .....Supreme Pastophori  
 Jerry Blink, P.P. (32) (Carol) ..... 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.  
 David Dorworth (HE#1) (Donna) .....Supreme Trustee 2 Yr.  
 George Copus (32) ..... SupremeTrustee 3 Yr.

## Deputy Pharaohs 2004

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  
 Rodger Greaves (11) (Sue) .....Sciots Tract #11  
 Rudy Walter (15) (Rita) ..... Modesto #15  
 Jerry Blink, P.P. (32) (Carol) ..... San Diego #32  
 Fred Bon (43) (Tammy).....Long Beach #43  
 Bill May (56) (Rose) .....Bert Kirkpatrick #56  
 David Dorworth (NJ1) (Donna) .....Harold Elliott #1  
 Ira Drucks (NJ2) (Lenore) ..... New Jersey #2  
 Howard Schermerhorn (IL1) (Grace) .....Illinois #1

## Appointed Supreme Officers 2004

Roy Steinfeld (43) .....Supreme Mazai  
 Jan Eligh (43)(Margaret).....Supreme Marshal  
 Rick Tatam (IL#1) .....Supreme Proclamator  
 Jack Cooper (9) .....Supreme Chaplain  
 TBA .....Sup.Standard Bearer  
 Georg Apt (43) (Carol) .....Supreme Klaschr  
 Bud Relyea (56) (Doris) .....Supreme Neokori  
 Art Meigs (43) (June) ..... Supreme Auditor  
 William Sizemore (43) (Lynda).....Supreme Parliamentarian  
 Jack Broughton, P.P. (1) .....Supreme Historian  
 Tom Evans (15) (Diane) .....Supreme Adjutant  
 Randy Downey (9) (Micki) ..... Supreme Chief-of-the-Me  
 Moe Crosby (11) (Donna) .....Supreme Mohar CA  
 Timothy Nunn (43) (Pam) .....Supreme Mohar CA  
 John Ryan (NJ2) .....Supreme Mohar NJ  
 Don Soderlund (HE1) (Lila) .....Supreme Mohar NJ  
 Manny Roth (IL1) .....Supreme Mohar IL  
 Paul Scheeler (IL1) .....Supreme Mohar IL  
 Richard Carlson (32) (Paula) ..... Pharaoh's Aide

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