



April 5, 2020

To: All XSNGH's, PxP's, Proctors, NGH's, Chapters, Outposts and Brethren of E Clampus Vitus, Inc.

Re: Clampyear 6025 and the Continuing Public Health Situation

The Sublime Officers of E Clampus Vitus have already taken the necessary and prudent action of postponing the Annual Grand Encampment to May 21 - 23, 2021. The TRASH Board, at its meeting yesterday, decided to postpone this year's Trek to July 16 – 18, 2021 for many of the same reasons. In the letter dated March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Sublime Officers explained that the annual Board of Proctors meeting would take place via teleconference with a subsequent meeting at the TRASH Trek. With that meeting now off the table, it seems advisable that we defer all Board action, except that which is necessary to continue the business of E Clampus Vitus Inc. until our next opportunity to meet in person at the Annual Grand Encampment now scheduled for May 2021.

As previously advised, all Outposts should plan to submit an annual status report through their Sponsoring Chapter as per usual. Sponsoring Chapters and Outposts have received the information they need to submit material for review by the Board of Proctors, and should follow those guidelines. Also as previously advised, the Board of Proctors will be notified as to the particulars of the May teleconference by separate communication.

Brethren, as you are all aware, the current public health situation has affected thousands of lives across the country. And the impacts of shelter-in-place orders and the closure of businesses have affected millions more. It is certain that this state of affairs will continue for several weeks, and some estimates indicate even longer. It is a difficult, stressful, and uncertain time, and we all need be sure that we look out for each other as well as ourselves until the current public health situation and its impact ends. Together, we and our communities will get through this.

Meanwhile, we are all feeling that impact every day, and over time it can be increasingly frustrating for many who may not have experienced any direct or significant health effects. There are many stories in the news of folks who have allowed their frustration to get the better of their common sense and, having ignored shelter-in-place and social distancing guidelines, found themselves sick, or worse caused others to become sick. Enduring vigilance will be required of each and every one of us to help this current public health situation end sooner rather than later.

The Brethren of E Clampus Vitus are not immune from that frustration, especially when we see notices of, along with everything else, the postponement of our beloved doin's, meetings and other functions of ECV. For many it can seem like insult added to injury and we yearn for the camaraderie of a clampfire and the sound of a brother's laugh.



But now is not the time to yield to that impulse, to let frustration get the better of our common sense, rather we must remain steadfast, and show our families and our communities that we care through our enduring vigilance. We ask each of you to keep yourselves, your families and friends safe by following the shelter-in-place and social distancing guidelines.

We advise Chapters to continue following Federal, State and local guidelines. We encourage you to maintain your meeting schedule, using available telecommunications technology. We strongly suggest you contact your insurance carrier prior to re-scheduling an event; to be sure your Chapter will be covered for the event at its scheduled date, and to determine if any additional riders are needed. We encourage prudence in re-scheduling; it would be ill-advised to rush things and have to pull back again should there be a resumption of shelter-in-place orders.

Above all, we encourage you to keep Clamping to the best of your abilities! While we may not be able to have a doin's or dedicate a monument, now is a great time to get background work or research done so that monuments CAN be erected when this current public health situation passes. Now is a good time to get Chapter business details in order, to update rosters and mailing lists. We encourage these activities and all those for the good of the Order.

Lastly, all Chapters, Outposts and Clampers are asked to please continue to check the Grand Council Website for updated information.

Please direct all questions to [sgnr@ecvinc.org](mailto:sgnr@ecvinc.org).

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