

Date: May 21, 6019  
To: All Chapters of E Clampus Vitus  
From: Mark "The Expert" Hall-Patton, Clamp Plaquero  
Subject: Recording Our Plaques

I would again like to acknowledge the Board of Proctors and SNGH Barry for the opportunity to reach out to all the chapters. As Clamp Plaquero, I am looking to continue the process of recording and eventually publishing the plaques "raised throughout the diggings" in a few years. To do so, please send photos of each of your plaques from 6018 (2013) forward to me.

As I told the Humbugs at Grand Council, I will still be using the existing state forms for recording the plaques with the various states. I am currently tracking them down for each state and will have them available to send out if you don't have them already. XSNGH Sid Blunner did send them out in the past, so many of you might already have examples. Please use the same ones, with the only change being the addition of the name/names of the author of the plaque.

I am available by phone (702) 455-7955 or email ([mhp@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:mhp@clarkcountynv.gov)) for any questions you might have about listing your chapter's plaques. If you will be sure to copy me on photos of your plaques and plaquings, as well as the forms you send in to your respective states, I will be able to keep track of the far-flung Clamper plaques and their respective subjects. Whether you call or email, please be aware that you are contacting the Clark County Museum in Henderson, Nevada, and observe seemly decorum with my staff.

One last note. If you are aware of any plaques you have raised in the past which have not been listed in any of the previous plaque books, please send me photos and information, and we will have an "additional listings" section for those plaques which may have slipped through the cracks in the past.



# Grand Council

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### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PROCTORS MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 P.M by SNGH Fred 'Suds' Ludemann

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

SNGR Jim Waterman called the roll of attendees: The following members of the Board of Proctors were present: SNGH Fred 'Suds' Ludemann, Nameless Ken 'Dorsal' Berry, SNGR Jim Waterman, XSNGH Dan Stark, XSNGH Tom Crawford, XSNGH Glenn Thornhill, XSNGH Bob Romer, XSNGH Gary Glud, Proctor Ken Jaques, Proctor Bill Wensrich, Proctor Dennis Holschlag, Proctor Jerry Robich, and Proctor Brian Nash. Absent: Proctor Dan Barger and Proctor Danny Bauder.

SNGR Jim Waterman introduced the 3 new Proctor Pupus

1. Mike Eckley, Mt. Charlie
2. Dan McCormick, Doc Maynard
3. Gregg Simas, Bodie

Minutes of the July 20, 2014, Board of Proctors meeting at T.R.A.S.H. were read with no changes or additions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Gold Dust Report was given orally by SNGR-CFO Jim Waterman. All funds were found to be in good order. A motion was made by and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

SNGH Fred 'Suds' Ludemann gave the Board of Proctors an update and status report on the Trademark Lawsuit.

A discussion was conducted about the Chapter Representative program started after T.R.A.S.H. Each member of the Board gave a report on the status of their respective chapters and their thoughts on the success of the idea and how it was received by their chapters. All reports were positive as to the reception of the idea.

A discussion was conducted on issue of James Marshall Outpost. Letters from the 3 members of Yerba Buena who have been directing and monitoring the progress of the Outpost were reviewed and discussed. Further on the topic will be tomorrow during the Yerba Buena presentation.

A report was given on the background concerning the issue of Nevada 1422 to update the Board of Proctors who were not aware of the issue. More discussion to follow tomorrow when they appear before the Board of Proctors.

The Board of Proctors discussed 3 recent expulsions of members of a Chapter. It was felt to be a positive move by the Chapter.

A report was given on a territory issue between two Chapters The issue seems to be resolving itself with discussions between the two chapters and the possibility of having a shared territory. No action by the Board of Proctors seems necessary at this time.

A report was given on the current status of the outlaw chapters.

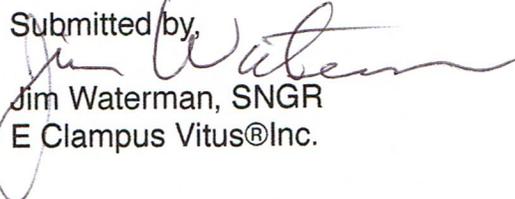
The next SNGR, Proctor Brian Nash was officially introduced to the Board although it was widely known. It seems the nominee had fallen victim to deft interrogators at a recent doins' which he attended.

Good of the Order:

The current and future status of the Wall of Comparative Ovations in Murphys was discussed. The possibility of having to move the Wall to a better location in the event the current owners want to demolish the current building. XSNGH Dave 'Al the 1st" was appointed to look into the logistics of moving the Wall.

At 4:12 P.M. a motion was made by and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

  
Jim Waterman, SNGR  
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The meeting was called to order at 8:03 A.M. by Sublime Noble Grand Humbug, Fred 'Suds' Ludemann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

SNGR Jim Waterman called the roll of attendees: The following members of the Board of Proctors were present: SNGH Fred 'Suds' Ludemann, Namless Ken 'Dorsal' Berry, SNGR Jim 'Hightower' Waterman, XSNGH Dan Stark, XSNGH Tom 'Melon Man' Crawford, Glenn '2N's' Thornhill, XSNGH Gary 'Bean Counter' Glud, XSNGH Bob 'Roadkill' Romer, Proctor Ken Jaques, Proctor Bill Wensrich, Proctor Dennis Holschlag, Proctor Jerry 'Scoop' Robich, Proctor Brian Nash, Proctor Dan Barger,

Absent: Proctor Danny Bauder.

Also present: Proctor Pupa Mike Eckley, Proctor Pupa Dan 'Chunky Tuna' McCormick, and Proctor Pupa Gregg Simas.

Reading of the Minutes of the May 16, 2014, Board of Proctors meeting were waived by SNGH Ludemann.

XSNGH Ron Cox was inserted into the schedule at the stroke of 8:03 A.M. to give a CLAMPBRIQUERO presentation on the enhancing of Adam Lee Moore's grave site. COX showed a sample of the brick to be used. It was inscribed with a chapters name and date for use as an example. He also reported that authority to repair the

grave site could be obtained by any surviving member of Mr. Moore's family. SNGR Jim Waterman offered to assist in tracing down members of Moore's family and will work with Ron in obtaining the required information. Cox also exhibited a sample of a 'passport' booklet that could be used by clammers at different chapters functions along with a stamp, to show attendance. A discussion was held to offer suggestions to Ron on improvements needed to the sample booklet such as adding the ® onto anything in the book that is a trademarked item. No motions were necessary; these were advisements only.

XSNGH Dr. Sid Blumner, gave a presentation to commemorate his 45 years as a member of E Clampus Vitus®. Dr. Blumner handed out ceremonial challenge coins to members of the Board of Proctors. A motion was made to reserve an appearance time for Dr. Blumner to commemorate his 50 years as a Clamper during Grand Council on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at 8:17 A.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Representatives of Billy Holcomb Chapter, led by NGH Steve Southern appeared before the Board of Proctors and made a presentation to 'Nameless' Ken 'Dorsal' Berry of his SNGH badge for use when he is moved into that exalted position. In addition, Billy Holcomb Chapter presented T shirts with a caricature of Ken to members of the Board of Proctors.

Representatives of Yerba Buena Chapter #1 gave a report, with documentation, on the continuing progress of the James W. Marshall #49 Outpost. Members of sponsoring chapter, YB 1, all spoke very favorably of the chapter and the progress they have made. It was recommended that Marshall be granted full chapter status. Members of the Board of Proctors asked questions of the representatives and made comments of their own from personal observations made at Marshall Doins'. The YB 1 group was asked to remain in the room during the James W. Marshall groups appearance which followed YB 1's appearance.

Representatives of James W. Marshall #40 Outpost, Led by their current President, Brett Moroz, along with other officers of the Outpost, members of the Outpost, Noble Grand Humbugs of other chapters and other dignitaries filled the room to show support for the Outpost. A presentation was given and a very well put together booklet of the accomplishments made by the Outpost for the past year was given to members of the Board of Proctors. Questions and comments from the Board were exchanged with the representatives and they were thanked for attending the meeting and informed they would be advised of our decision during Grand Council after it was discussed by the Board of Proctors. After serious

discussion by the Board of Proctors it was felt that James W. Marshall Outpost should be granted full Chapter status in E Clamps Vitus®. A motion was made and seconded to grant the Charter. The vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

On a related matter, it was discussed by the Board of Proctors that Steve ‘Iggy’ Myers, did such an outstanding job in directing, guiding, and cajoling James W. Marshall Outpost, as well as Johann A. Sutter Chapter for the past several years that he has achieved a status like none other. A motion was made and seconded to make Iggy the permanent ‘OUTPOSTQUERO’ for E Clamps Vitus®. The motion passed unanimously.

Representatives of Estanislao Chapter 58 again made an appearance before the Board of Proctors to show their chapters support and willingness to guide, a group of men for the establishment of an Outpost of E Clampus Vitus® in the Helena, Montana area. The Montana group, as they have become to be known, have made previous appearances before the Board of Proctors with their project and have been invited back again. Estanislao representatives, including their entire Board of Officers and at least 10 XNGH’S, led by XNGH Gary Waychoff, who’s grandson is the leader of the group from Montana, assured the Board of Proctors that Estanislao will and has supported the Montana group with the knowledge and funds to help them get everything they need to have according to Outpost Guidelines. Waychoff advised that the group is obtaining estimates for insurance and have obtained their corporate status with the State of Montana. Members of the Board of Proctors asked several questions of Waychoff and other officers about Estanislao’s commitment to the effort. ‘Nameless’, Ken Berry, said that he has relatives in the Helena area and that he’s met with the Montana group and attended one of their meetings. He advised us that he was impressed with what he’s observed. The Estanislao delegation was invited to remain in the room while the Montana group came in for their appearance.

The representatives of the Montana group, calling themselves the 4 Georgians Historical Society 4681 made their scheduled appearance. Their group was led by Alex Tyhurst, the current President and CEO. Mr. Tyhurst presented the Board of Proctors with a booklet they have prepared with a history of the area and photos of events they have been involved in. One item of interest was that the Montana State Historical Society approached them to assist in the placing of a monument in Helena. After accepting the invitation they found themselves leading the operation. Members of the Board of Proctors asked several questions and made recommendations of assistance to the representatives. It was learned that the

territory requested was for 5 counties in western Montana. The Outpost headquarters would be located in Helena, Montana. The counties would consist of, Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater, Silver Bow, and Cascade. It was noted that the Montana group traveled 1,700 miles to attend Grand Council. After the presentation the group was invited to attend the Grand Council meeting to hear the decision of the Board of Proctors after it was discussed. The issue was later discussed by the Board of Proctors and it was felt that the Montana group deserved to be granted Fledgling Outpost status. A motion was made and seconded to grant Fledgling Outpost status. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the Dumbellicans, led by Marsh Fey PXP, and XNGH Ray Bunn appeared to request time at Grand Council to announce the Clamper of the Year. A monetary piece of silver?, was provided to the Board of Proctors to get their attention. When asked who would be receiving the great honor this year the duo appeared confused as to who exactly it was and were unable **or** unwilling to tell the Board of Proctors, as tradition dictates. They were grilled unmercifully but still maintained their ignorance. Fortunately, the Board of Proctors in all their wisdom and sneakiness already knew, and were able to tell the dumfounded duo that the Clamper of the Year was XNGH Dave Bond. The now bewildered twosome left the room with permission granted to make their announcement. However, they did have their tails between their legs, nevermore to challenge the wisdom and cunningness of the Board of Proctors.

Representatives of Platix Chapter appeared before the Board of Proctors to air a grievance which was against the Board. Platix contends that 50 years ago the Board of Proctors committed themselves to never promote or give authority to a member of Platix. They contend that XSNGH Glenn with 2 n's Thornhill was elevated to the lofty position of Proctor 10 years ago clearly in violation of the aforementioned agreement. Platix asked us to revive our 50 year pledge since Thornhill would be leaving the Board of Proctors this year and no one from Platix would be on the Board of Proctors. The appropriate swill was presented for us to use to ponder this decision. After the representatives left the room, a most serious discussion was held to ponder the accusations. After a serious legal discussion was held a motion to table the motion for 50 years was made. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lucinda Jane Saunders Noble Grand Humbug and Hawker, Mike Sea, appeared before the Board of Proctors in his role as Cyber Hawker to discuss establishing an 'Internet Store' for his chapter. Mr. Sea informed the group that due to LJS remote location in Eastern Nevada, it is difficult for them to get to other doins' in a

financially productive manner. They request being able to Hawk their wares on an internet site of their chapter. All proceeds from this endeavor would go directly to their chapter coffers. After discussion by the Board of Proctors it was determined to be a chapter issue and no Board of Proctors decision was necessary.

XSNGH Sonny Marshall appeared before the Board of Proctors to report on a Nevada area group calling themselves '1422.' They are all Clampers from various chapters. Their goal is to obtain a Chapter in the Reno, Nevada area that is often overlooked by other chapters in the Nevada area. Sonny had been asked by the Sublime to mentor these guys when they started appearing at functions this year. They started out on a bad note, calling themselves the 'Marsh Fey 1422' without permission or knowledge of Marsh Fey PXP who protested loudly. Since then they have been schooled on proper conduct and have cleaned up their act. Sonny agreed keep working with them pending any Board of Proctors decision.

Representatives of the 1422 group then appeared before the Board of Proctors as requested. They were represented by Jason Finley, a member of Chief Truckee Chapter and their current cook. Mr. Finley described an area north of the Reno, Nevada area that he and others feel contains a lot of history and is being ignored by local chapters in the area. Finley presented a booklet and other incentives for the Board of Proctors to review. They requested that we consider granting them the opportunity to establish an Outpost in that area. The representatives were invited back next year to make a further presentation.

A further discussion ensued regarding the matter of Hawkers at Grand Council selling wears that do not have the required ® symbol affixed. After a lengthy debate on the subject, it was determined that Grand Council should lead the way in having Chapters conform to the Trademark issue. A motion was made and seconded to inform Hawkers that effective during Grand Council 2015, a Chapter would not be allowed to Hawk at Grand Council if they have items for sale without the required Registered Trademark insignia. Chapters would be urged to sell off old merchandise at other Doins' or alter it to be in conformity. The motion was passed unanimously.

XNGH-PXP Glenn Hearrell from Umpqua Joe Chapter in Oregon gave a report on the status of Umpqua Joe. Glenn said that they recently gave a donation of \$205.00 to the Crescent City Elks Lodge #1689. The Elks Lodge presented the Chapter with a Certificate of Appreciation. Glenn also reported that they are gaining membership and strength and are obtaining positive recognition in the community. Glenn spoke of contributions to persons and groups in their area which have earned

Umpqua Joe much acclaim. The Board of Proctors gave Umpqua Joe a resounding, 'Satisfactory'.

Clamplaquero XNGH Mark Hall-Patton gave a report on his efforts to obtain monument information from chapters for the future book. Mark requested time during Ground Council so he could address the assembled chapter officers and encourage them to be responsive to his endeavors. Mark is also working on the design of the book. After discussion, Mark was given permission to address the representatives of each chapter when they are called for a group discussion with the Board of Proctors later today with the Sublime.

Members of the Bodie Chapter appeared in an attempt to gain permission to cook at the 2016 Grand Council where they will prepare a Santa Maria style barbecue, (whatever that is). Bodie also presented the Board of Proctors an example of the type of device to be used to start the fire needed to prepare the vitals. A motion was made to allow Bodie to prepare the Grand Council Dinner in May, 2016 and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The general Humbug meeting was called and the room filled with representatives of all chapters with the exception of: Matt Warner, Billy Holcomb, Platix, and Lost Dutchman. Members of the Board of Proctors from the last 3 chapters mentioned, filled in for their missing representatives. SNGH Ludemann had each member of the Board of Proctors introduce themselves and which chapter each represents. The fact the representatives are only advisors and not for dictating how a chapter should be run was reemphasized. The group was then briefed with an update on the current Trademark Lawsuit we are involved in. Proctor application forms were handed out and explained that this is a means for chapters who have a qualified person interested in becoming a Proctor to be able to notify the Board of his desire.

Finally, chapters were urged to use the ® symbol on all merchandise. The proper position of the symbol was explained also. Questions from the attendees on the issue were answered. It was also explained that future ability to Hawk at Grand Council would be affected if the usage of the symbol is not adhered to starting with the 2015 Grand Council. Insertion of the symbol on new items is required. Chapters were urged to sell off old stock of product that does not display the symbol. Questions from the floor were answered and the attendees were excused.

Following a short break, a working lunch began with Good of the Order discussion. Proctor Robich discussed the idea of putting a barcode on monuments which would enable a person with a Smartphone to scan information on the

barcode and learn what E Clampus Vitus® is all about. Snowshoe Thompson will finance initial setup. S.C.R.O.T.U.M is working on a website for cyber recorders on how to build a member database. This may tie into Proctor Robich's barcode thing.

There was some clarification on Chapter Passport book. The idea of selling the passports to Chapters as a money maker for E Clampus Vitus® Inc. similar to the Plaque books. They would be sold by the Chapters to make money for the Chapter. Grand Council and individual chapters would produce a stamp for stamping the book at a doins' to show a Clamper attended a meeting. This would not be a mandatory thing but just something fun and a way to generate money for the chapter.

The outgoing members of the Board of Proctors, Tom Crawford, Dan Stark, and Glenn Thornhill gave statements to the Board about their years as members of the Board of Proctors and words of enlightenment to the remaining and new members. Salutations and gifts of appreciation were given to them by SNGH Fred 'Suds' Ludemann and others.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 P.M. after a motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Waterman, SNGR