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Footnotes:

*1 Tom thought the deadline was Oct 15; this is the earliest ever for him!
*2 Provided by R. Alain Everts
*3 Must have been asleep last time; Claire qualified as an instant member (see next page) but I overlooked it. He is retroeffectively a member, as of mailing 7.
*4 Plus enclosure, not counted.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT MAILING: FEB. 5th, 1975

Beware! You may owe pages or dues! Check the following page to be sure!
Ins and Outs

I have not heard from Sam Russell or Loay Hall about their invitation to join in thes last three months. Regretfully, they are dropped from the waitinglist. Charles DiDonato and Frank Stauff owed pages, and I have not heard from them in spite of my usual month-ahead reminder. VERY regretfully, these two are dropped from membership. To all of you gentlemen, I remind you that the waitinglist is there, and we would be happy indeed to have you back.

Normally, these events would allow me to invite four people to membership. But it happens that three of the top four people on the waitinglist have submitted 6 or more pages to this mailing. Also, each of them has sent $1 for an extra copy of mailing 8, which copy I can apply to their dues instead. Therefore, SUTTON BREIDING, DAVE SMITH and SCOTT CONNORS are INSTANT MEMBERS effective with this mailing, and are paid up. Other waitinglisters should note that this can happen if you send a zine while you're on the waitinglist. A word to the wise...

(Incidentally, as mentioned overleaf, CLAIRE BECK was in that position last mailing. I missed it then, but have taken action retroactively, and Claire is a full member.)

To fill that fourth vacancy, I get to make

The Offer You Can't Refuse because they don't give seasick pills at the center of nethermost infinity. REED S ANDRUS, 3682 Redmaple Rd, Salt Lake City UT 84106, is invited to send at least six pages of material, as detailed in the rules, and become a member, before Feb. 5, 1975. Your dues are paid up.

The Rest of the Waitinglist is as follows:

1. JoeD Siclari, 4304 Richmond Ave, Staten Island NY 10312 ($1)  
2. John A. Finkbiner, PO Box 784, Eagle Lake FL 33839 ($2)  
3. Randall Spurgin, 2823 Glen Flora #205, Waukegan IL 60085 ($2)  
4. Mike Blake, 71 South Bend St., Pawtucket RI 02860 ($2)  
5. Reg Smith, 1509 Mar-Les Dr., Santa Ana CA 92706 ($1)  
6. Eric Carlson, PO Box 7042, Duluth MN 55807 ($1)  
7. Tommy Bass, 507 Barlow St., Americus GA 31709 ($1)

These gentlemen should let me know (a postcard will do) that they wish to remain on the waitinglist before Feb 5, 1975.

Extra Mailings are now operated somewhat differently. Some discussions with members at Minn-con and a survey of the last two years with respect to the results of the sale of extra mailings has led me to conclude that those who opposed selling extra mailings outside the membership and waitinglist were righter than I was. As of now, extra mailings are available only to waitinglisters and full members. Only the current mailing, #8, is available, at $1. All other mailings are sold out.

Pursestring as of 3 November 1974  

Brought Forward $89.41

| TN: Dues $16; Waitinglist $1; Extra Mailings $17.50, Contributions $5 | Total In $39.50 |
| OUT: Letter postage $3.92; Mailing 7 $13.85; OOs $1.32; Reminders $1.68; Extra Mailings $4.94 | Total Out $25.01 |

Balance as of 3 November 1974 $103.90

Since the treasury seems to be something of a growth industry, and since I have a year's supply of Jiffy bags still on hand (I had thought there were less), I am extending the memberships of all members a half-year.

The Company of Damocles the following people must have the indicated number of pages in the next mailing to retain their memberships: Adams 6; Beck 3; Boerem 4; Gemignani 4; Harmon 6; Metzger 6; Schiff 4; Schultz 6; Small 6; Wallace 6; Webbert 2; Williamson 6.

TOM COLLINS owed $2 dues this time and didn't get it in. Do so, quick! These dues are NOT extended!
The_Boston:_Members_

1. Fred C. Adams, RD #1, Box 498, Lemont Furnace PA 15456 (12)
2. Frank Bambara, 8853 Central Ave., Montclair CA 91763 (11)
3. Claire Beck, PO Box 27, Lakeport CA 95453 (12)
4. SSgt Edward Paul Berglund, 472-46-7335, Box #67, Coa DLINC, Pres/Monterey CA 93940 (11)
5. R. Boemer, 1041 LeDeney Dr., Ontario CA 91762 (10)
6. SUTTON MEIDING, 424 Central Ave., San Francisco CA 94117 (13)
7. Roger Bryant, PO Box 8196, Akron OH 44320 (12)
8. Crispin Burnham, 1051 Wellington Rd., Lawrence KS 66044 (11)
9. Tom Collins, PO Box 1201, Stuyvesant Sta., New York NY 10009 (NOW)
10. SOUTT CONNORS, 6004 Kingston Dr., Aliquippa PA 15001 (13)
11. Bob Culp, 2563 Hunter Terrace, Fort Myers FL 33901 (15)
12. Dave Drake, Box 904, Chapel Hill NC 27514 (13)

*13. Robert M Eber, Room 10570 Centennial Hall, U of Minn, Minneapolis MN 55455 (11)
14. R. Alain Everts, PO Box 864, Madison WI 53701 (12)
15. Ken Faig Jr., PO Box 1228, Chicago IL 60690 (12)
16. Mike Feinberg, 4 Cypress Ave., Oak urst NJ 07755 (11)
17. Meade Frierson III, 3705 Woodvale Rd., Birmingham AL 35223 (12)
18. Mrs M. Genigmani, 3200 NE 36th, Apt 907, Ft Lauderdale FL 33308 (12)

*19. Chuck Harmon, Room 709 Higgins Hall, Western Ill Univ, Macomb IL 61455 (11)
20. George S. Howard, 2004 Hasley Dr., Oklahoma City OK 73120 (11)
21. Ben Indick, 4235 Sagamore Ave., Teaneck NJ 07666 (12)
22. Glenn Lord, PO Box 775, Pasadena TX 77501 (11)
24. Harry Morris Jr. 500 Wellesley SB, Albuquerque NM 87106 (11)
26. Joe Moudry, PO Box 1205, Tuscaloosa AL 35401 (11)
27. Doug Nathman, 4 Shore View Circle, Indialantic FL 32903 (10)
28. KENNETH H NELLY, 17 Albert Ave, West Barrington RI 02890 (13)
29. Stuart David Schiff, 5508 Dodge Dr., Fayetteville NC 28303 (12)
30. David E Schultz, 3019 N, 70th St., Milwaukee WI 53210 (12)
31. Chris Sherman, 700 Parkview Terrace, Minneapolis MN 55446 (12)
32. Richard Small, 117 S. Meridian St #3, Tallahassee FL 32301 (10)
33. DAVID C. SMITH, 520 Secret Lane, Girard OH 44420 (13)
34. WALLY STOELEING, 2911 Ashby Road, Columbus OH 43209 (13)
35. Bill Wallace, 3203 Heims #101, Austin TX 78705 (12)
36. Jim Webbert, 3925 West Missouri, Phoenix Arizona 85019 (12)
37. Robert E. Weinberg, 10553 S. Kenneth, Oak Lawn IL 60453 (13)
38. Chet Williamson, Box 13, Rheems PA 17570

our NEW MEMBERS are welcomed with their names in CAPITALS. An asterisk (*) next to the name indicates a new address. The number after is the mailing in which your dues are next due.

Rumbling_in_the_Hills are less frequent this time. Briefly, this eighth mailing concludes our second year as a functioning organization, with 1,695 pages of material distributed.

Our Official Editor Election ballot is reproduced overleaf, but it's the BLUE ballot that follows this CRICKET in the members mailings only that counts. Follow the simple directions and mail it to Joe so that it will reach him by January 15th.

An addendum to the rules, two pages following: Changes of Address Should be sent directly to the O.E., via letter or postcard. The Editor will not be looking for c.o.a.s in the text of a zine. In no case should a letter or other communication be sent to the O.E. in a bundle of zines unless the outside of the package indicates its presence within.

The change in rules regarding extra mailings, and the extension of dues are explained elsewhere, and I guess that about wraps it up.

Editors of fanzines and the like are urged to mention the Expedition's continuing success, and urge readers to consider joining. New waitinglisters are ALWAYS welcome. See you all at Candlemas.
Instructions

Members will find two copies of this ballot in their mailing.

The WHITE-paper copy is bound into the Cricket and is to be kept for the record. DO NOT vote on the white copy; it won't be counted.

The BLUE-paper copy is loose, and is to be used for voting. Indicate your preference below and send the ballot DIRECTLY to the teller:

Joe Moudry
P.O. Box 1205
Tuscaloosa AL 35401

The ballot must reach Joe by January 15, 1975

'platforms'

Meade's comments can be found in his zine The Unnamable, and Roger's can be found in his zine Roger's Revenge, both in this mailing. Read them, if you're so inclined, before voting.

eligibility

Only full members of the E*O*D may vote, and only they will receive blue ballots. Only full members are eligible to be OE; write-in votes for anyone else are useless.

and (at last) the ballot

Vote for ONE for Official Editor:

Roger Bryant

Meade Frierson III

(write-in)________________________
RULES
of the Esoteric Order of Dagon

The Esoteric Order of Dagon is a quarterly amateur press association devoted to weird fiction and fantasy.

Membership in the E*O*D is limited to 39 (thrice 13) members who have paid dues of $2 per year (4 mailings) and who fulfill the requirements set forth below.

Minimum Activity is six pages of printed or duplicated material every two mailings. Five of these six pages must be the member's own writing or artwork, and all six must not have been circulated elsewhere prior to the deadline of the mailing in which they are to appear. Any other material (pre-circulated or not, the member's own work or not) may also be contributed to the mailings, but the minimum requirements must be met in order to retain membership. NEW MEMBERS must have at least SIX pages of material in their first mailing. (A page is defined as a standard sheet, like this one, but smaller sheets are perfectly acceptable if an equivalent larger number of pages is submitted to meet the minimum requirements) 50 COPIES of each submission are required; format and method of reproduction are the option of the member so long as they meet the minimum requirements and are legible. The member is responsible for printing his "Dagonzine" and sending 50 copies to the Official Editor before the deadline. Zines should be sent in finished (i.e., collated and stapled, etc.) form. They should always have two or more staples --- no corner-stapling --- and should be printed on both sides of the paper if at all possible, to save both paper and postage costs. Double-spacing of one's text is discouraged if it is intended for minimum activity credit.

Deadlines are Candlemas (Feb 5), Roodmas (May 1), Lammas (Aug 1), and Hallowmass (Oct 31). When the deadline falls on a Sunday, the deadline is considered to be the PREVIOUS day, Saturday. Contributions must reach the Official Editor by the day of the deadline. Direct mailings and postmailings do not count for minimum activity credit.

Extra Mailings will be sold to Waitinglisters and members at a price to be determined by the Official Editor. Mailings available and prices will be listed in the official organ.

A Waitinglist is provided when there are no vacancies on the roster. Applicants will be placed on the list upon payment of a $1 fee, which is applicable to the first year's dues, but is not refundable to people who drop off the list. Waitinglisters will be sent a copy of the Official Organ, and must notify the Official Editor upon receiving it that they wish to remain on the list. Waitinglisters are encouraged to contribute to the mailings. As vacancies occur, the Official Editor will invite Waitinglisters to send the other $1 of dues and their first page-creditable contribution, and join the Order.

The Official Editor is elected in the Oct 31 mailing for a term of 1 year (4 mailings). Candidates for the office must notify the present Official Editor of their intention before Oct. 10th. A ballot is distributed with the Oct 31 mailing; the results are announced in the Feb 5 mailing and the new Official Editor takes over after that mailing has been sent out. Only full members are eligible, and only they may vote.

The Official Editor is responsible for all phases of the E*O*D operation. In particular, he is to produce the mailings on time and make a financial accounting to the membership. He is authorized to change or add to the rules as necessary, but he is enjoined to take the wishes of the membership into consideration in making any major changes.
An Introduction to the E*O*D

The Cry of the Cricket is the official organ of The Esoteric Order of Dagon. People who have written to ask about the Order or are interested in joining it, and others who have been recommended to us as potential members, will be sent a Cricket as an indication of what we're up to. This page is for them.

The Esoteric Order of Dagon began as an association for Lovecraft fans, and now considers itself "An Amateur Press Association Devoted to Weird Fiction and Fantasy." Lovecraft and other authors of similar style continue to dominate the conversations, which is as expected and desired.

An "amateur press association" (apa) is neither a fanzine nor a club. The apa member prints his own little magazine, in whatever format and with whatever method of reproduction he finds pleasing and/or convenient. (See the Rules page, overleaf, for more details) He sends 50 copies of his finished product to the Official Editor. The Official Editor, in turn, takes the bundles of zines from the various members and sorts them, so that each member will receive a copy of each contribution.

We do this every three months, and the member is expected to have six pages of material, not previously circulated elsewhere, in every two mailings. For example: If a new member has 6 pages in his first mailing (as every new member must), he does not have to have anything in his second mailing. He may contribute to his second mailing, of course, and we hope he will, but he does not have to. If he does not, he will owe 6 pages in his third mailing. On the other hand, if he should put 3 pages into his second mailing, he will only owe three more in his third. And if he should put 6 pages into his second mailing, he will not have to have any in his third. In sum, the number of pages a member owes in any given mailing is determined by subtracting the number he had in the previous mailing from 6. These are the minimum requirements; any member may submit more pages than the minimum he owes. But doing so will not change the minimum-requirement cycle. That is, even if he puts 20 pages in his first mailing, he will still owe at least 6 pages in his third.

If you are interested, and think you can fulfill these requirements (which amount, on the average, to one page a month) and can afford $2 per year dues, read the rest of this little "Dagonzine". It details the contents of the current mailing, tells you who's in the Order and who's on the waitinglist, and (on the Rules page) tells you in more detail what is expected of you when you join us.

And if you decide you'd like to join the Order, send $1 (half the first year's dues) to the Official Editor. He'll send you a card telling you where you stand on the waitinglist (or inviting you to join, if there are vacancies). You may contribute Dagonzines to the mailings while on the waitinglist, and may buy extra copies of the mailings until you become a full member.

I hope to hear from you. If you want to give the E*O*D a try, or if you have any questions, please write the present Official Editor.