**The Esoteric Order of Dagon**

Mailing Number Nine  
February 5, 1975

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**footnotes**

*1* Well, 'twas the season to be eldritch, I guess...

*2* Known in saner circles as Young Willum Pugmire

*3* Tom Collins reports he had Doubleday's publicity department send these. Many thanks, Tom.

*4* Methinks you must have misunderstood the invitation, Reed; 6 pages were required. But, since I'm an old softie, send three pages (or more) next time and we'll call it square.

*5* This arrived one day late, and at the wrong address (!!) You didn't owe any pages this time, which is lucky, as these can't count for page credit. You will owe 6 pages, 5 of them yours, in the next mailing.

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footnotes, continued

*6 This arrived two days late -- just barely in time to be typed here -- so you will owe 6 pages next mailing to retain your membership... and make that 6 legible pages.

*7 The two ballots, being designed for removal, are not counted for page credit.

*8 This is also two days late in arriving, so you also owe 6 pages next time.

The Company of Damocles

The following people owe the indicated number of pages in the next mailing -- deadline May 1, 1975 -- to retain their memberships: Andrus - 3; Bambara - 6; Beck - 2; Berglund - 6; Boerem - 6; Collins - 6; Drake - 2; Everts - 6; Faig - 6; Weinberg - 2; Howard - 6; Lord - 6; Morris - 6; Nelly - 6; Schiff - 2; Small - 6; Stoelting - 6; Webbert - 2; Weinberg - 6. Two of these people owe pages only because they crowded the deadline too far. Don't you do the same!

The Roster

our NEW MEMBER has his name in capitals. # indicates a new address. The number in () is the mailing by whose deadline your dues are required.

1. Fred C. Adams, RD #1, Box 498, Lemont Furnace PA 15456 (13)
2. REED S. ANDRUS, 3682 Redmaple Rd., Salt Lake City UT 84106 (13)
3. Frank Bambara, 8853 Central Avenue, Montclair CA 91763 (12)
4. Claire Beck, PO Box 27, Lakeport CA 95453 (13)
5. (SSgt) Edward Paul Berglund, 472-46-7335, Box #67 CoA DLINC, Pres/Monterey CA /
6. R. Boerem, 1041 LaDeeny Dr., Ontario CA 91762 (11)
7. Sutton Breiding, 424 Central Avenue, San Francisco CA 94117 (14)
8. Roger Bryant, PO Box 8198, Akron OH 44320 (13)
9. Crispin Burnham, 1051 Wellington Rd., Lawrence KS 66044 (12)
10. Tom Collins, PO Box 1261, Stuyvesant Sta., New York NY 10009 (14)
11. Scott Connors, 6004 Kingston Dr., Aliquippa Pa 15001 (14)
12. Robert Culp, 2563 Hunter Terr., Port Myers, FL 33901 (16)
13. Dave Drake, Box 904, Chapel Hill NC 27514 (12)
14. Robert M. Eber, Room 10570 Centennial Hall, Univ of Minn, Minneapolis MN 55455
15. B. Alain Everts, PO Box 864, Madison WI 53701 (13)
16. Ken Faig, PO Box 1228, Chicago IL 60690 (13)
17. Mike Feinberg, 4 Cypress Ave., Oakhurst NJ 07755 (12)
18. Meade Frierson III, 3705 Woodvale Rd., Birmingham AL 35223 (13)
19. Chuck Harmon, Room 709 Higgins Hall, Western Ill Univ, Macomb IL 61455 (12)
20. George S. Howard, 2004 Hasley Dr., Oklahoma City OK 73120 (12)
21. Ben Indick, 428 Sagamore Ave., Teaneck NJ 07666 (13)
22. Glenn Lord, PO Box 775, Pas/DENA, TX 77501 (12)
23. Arthur Metzger, 1171 Neeb Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45328 (13)
24. Harry Morris, 500 Wellesley, S.E., Albuquerque NM 87106 (12)
25. Dirk W. Mosig, Dept Psychology, Georgia SW College, Americus GA 31709 (13)
26. Joe Moudry, PO Box 1205, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (12)
27. Doug Nethman, 4 Shore View Circle, Indialantic FL 32903 (11)
28. Kennett W. Neily, 17 Albert Ave., West Barrington, RI 02890 (14)
29. Stuart D. Schiff, 5508 Dobie Dr., Fayetteville NC 28303 (13)
30. David E. Schultz, 3019 N. 70th St., Milwaukee WI 53210 (12)
31. Chris Sherman, 700 Parkview Terr., Minneapolis MN 55416 (13)
32. Richard Small, 117 S. Meridian St., #3, Tallahassee FL 32301 (11)
33. David C. Smith, 520 Secrest Lane, Girard OH 44420 (14)
34. Wally Stoelting, 2911 Ashby Rd., Columbus OH 43209 (14)
35. Bill Wallace, 3203 Heims #101, Austin TX 78705 (13)
36. Jim Webbert, 3925 W. Missouri, Phoenix AZ 85019 (13)
37. Robert Weinberg, 10550 S. Kenneth, OakLawn, IL 60453 (14)
38. Chat Williamson, Box 13, Rhome PA 17570 (12)

Peggy Gemignani has resigned from the Order, citing reproduction problems and a forthcoming cross-country move. We're sorry to see her go, and hope she'll be back when she's settled again. Rich Small wrote to say that he's been very ill and will be undergoing surgery by the time this is out, so he is retained as a member in spite of owing pages, and we hope he's feeling better, and look forward to hearing from him next mailing.
Since Peggy has resigned, I get to make The Offer You Can't Refuse (Because the Deep Ones have LOTS of tunnels under Staten Island) to:

*****Joe D Sicilari, 4304 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10312, who is invited to send his first contribution of six pages or more and his other $1 of dues and become a member in the next mailing --- deadline May 1st, 1975.

The Rest of the Waiting List (amount in () is what you've paid so far)

1. John Finkiner, PO Box 784, Eagle Lake FL 33839 ($2)
2. Randall Spurgin, 2823 Glen Flora, Waukegan IL 60085 (oops - apt #205) ($2)
3. Reg Smith, 1509 Mar-Les Drive, Santa Ana CA 92706 ($1)
4. Eric Carlson, PO Box 7042, Duluth MN 55807 ($1)
5. Tommy Bass, 507 Barlow St, American CA 3709 ($1)
6. Randall D. Larson, 774 Vista Grande Ave., Los Altos CA 94022 ($1)
7. Loay N. Hall, 210 W. Florence, Blackwell, OK 74431 ($1)
8. Howard J. Duerr, 12 Arlington House, Maitland FL 32751 ($1)
9. (this spot is open. Why don't you get busy and recruit someone?)

Waitinglisters should notify me -- a postcard will do -- that they are still interested and wish to remain on the list before May 1, 1975.

pur$e$tr$ing$ Balance last mailing - $103.90

IN - waitlist fees $2.00
extra mailings $9.00
total in 11.00
 Balance 2/1/75: $85.57

OUT - Printing Cricket 7, 8 7.00
Postage, mailing 8 14.25
Postage, extra mlgs 3.40
Postage 00s 1.50
Postage, Letters .94
Postage, Reminders 1.04
Return of Biophotos 1.30
total out 29.43

Announcements:

1. E*O*D*OElection Results: Teller Joe Moudry writes: "Now, the formali-ties:

   PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERSHIP VOTING: 56.4% (22 out of 39)
   Roger Bryant: 90.9% (20 out of 22)
   Meade Frierson, III 9.1% (2 out of 22)

2. Charles Dexter Award Ballots: These follow immediately after this Cricket.
   Members will find two copies of the ballot. Fill them both out and send one
   to me and one to Fred, in the self-addressed envelopes provided. Note the deadline:
   it isn't too far away, so DO IT NOW. And please note: I, Roger Bryant, hereby
   disqualify myself from the ART category, because, as I've said in print before, the
   art in my zines is not my own, but merely traced or reproduced. So vote for some-
   one who's doing his OWN artwork.

3. Tom Collins would like it to be known: "Those who would like a copy of the hand-
   somey bound History of Amateur Journalism by Truman Spencer may obtain one (HPL has
   a small mention or three) by sending $7.50 to Bill Haywood, 3-09 Cyril Avenue,
   Fair Lawn NJ 07410." Tom asks you to mention his name when ordering, and suggests
   that Bill might like seeing a copy of your Dagazine, too.

4. Dave Schultz and his cohorts (Randy Everts, myself and others) would like to
   announce the forthcoming publication of LIMERICKS LOVOCRIFTIAN. More details
   and, if we get the @#$%^&*!! thing finished, ordering intructions next mailing.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT MAILING IS MARCH 1st, 1975 !!! ********************

(This is Toadstool Typo #79, from Roger Bryant, P.O. Box 8193, Akron Ohio 44320,
The Esoteric Order of Dagon is a quarterly amateur press association devoted to weird fiction and fantasy, with emphasis on the works and followers of H. P. Lovecraft.

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 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 such as this one, but smaller sheets are perfectly acceptable if an equivalent larger number of them 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 always 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, that is, Saturday. Direct mailings and postmailings do not count for minimum-activity credit.

Changes of Address should be sent directly to the Official Editor by letter or postcard. At no time should the Official Editor be expected to hunt for a c.o.a. in a zine.

Extra Mailings will be sold to waitinglisters and members at a price to be determined by the O.E. 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 E*O*D.

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 in 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 should take the wishes of the membership into account before making any major changes.

The Present Official Editor is:

Roger Bryant
P.O. Box 8198
Akron, Ohio 44320
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 to 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 waiting list, 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 waiting list (or inviting you to join, if there are vacancies). You may contribute Dagonzines to the mailings while on the waiting list, 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:

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