Instructions:

1. Vote on the BLUE ballot only.
2. Mark your "X" in one of the two boxes below.
3. Put the ballot in an envelope, and
4. Write "EOD election" in the lower left corner of the envelope, and
5. Address it to: Chris Sherman, 700 Parkview Terrace, Minneapolis MN 55416.
6. Get it to him on or before JANUARY 15th, 1976.

There, wasn't that simple?

☐ Joe Moudry
☐ (write-in): ___________________

The Official Editor so elected will take over the activities of the Order as soon as the 13th mailing has been sent out (in February 1976). His term is one year (four mailings).
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FOOTNOTES: *1 Randy, 2 penalty pages; Your zine is supposed to be collated and stapled. It's on the rules page.
*2 Tom, 2 penalty pages for missing the deadline when owing pages for survival.
*3 Dirk, you owed no pages this mailing, so no penalty pages are assigned.

TOTAL 367

PEOPLE WHO OWE PAGES NEXT MAILING ARE LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE

DEADLINES: For the 13th Mailing: February 5th
For the O.E. Election: January 15th
The Company of Damocles

...owe pages if your name is on this list. Bambara-6; Bass-6; Boerem-2; Carlson-6; Collins-6; Connors-6; Finkbinder-6; Frierson-4; Larson-2; Metzger-6; Nathman-6; Schiff-2; Schultz-6; Sherman-2; Stoeilting-6;

The following people owe $2 each DUES: Everts, Faig, Frierson, Metzger, Mosig, Schiff, Schultz, Sherman, Webbett.

The DEADLINE is February 5th. Don't forget!

INS AND OUTS  I regret to say that Claire Beck and Suttin Breiding have resigned. They will be missed. Geroge S. Howard owed pages, didn't produce. He will be, too. Our new members this time are Randall Larson and Loay Hall. Wilum Pugmire reported himself out of work and cash, had to decline the invitation, and requested to be returned to the waitinglist, since he is still interested in joining as soon as he is able; so be it. That gave us 35 members again. Jonathan Bacon, John Gates and Gary Kimber, of the top four waitinglisters, had 6 pages each in this mailing, so they are INSTANT MEMBERS. Gates and Bacon's extra-mailing dollars go to pay their dues. (Gary, I hope you won't mind if the treasury keeps your extra $1 toward the higher postage costs on your mailings.) That leaves one opening, so I get to make ---

The Offer You Can't Refuse (or the CCD Defense League's "Final Solution Committee" will pay you a visit) to

1. Jim Faulkenberg, 2312 A West National, Milwaukee WI 53204. $1 and 6 or more pages before February 5th will make you a member, Jim.

The Rest of the Waitinglist should drop me a postcard indicating they are still interested. Better yet, send 6 pages or more for the next mailing; you may become an instant member like Bacon, Gates & Kimber. Below, the figure in ()'s shows the amount paid toward dues to date. # indicates a new address.

# 1. SSgt Edward Paul Berglund, 472-46-7335, 8th ITT HqCoHqBn 2d MarDiv FMF, Camp Lejeune NC 28542 ($1)
2. Charles Korbas, 1816 Birch St., Apt 103, Honolulu HI 96814 ($1)
3. Lawson W. Hill, 3952 W. Dundee Road, Northbrook IL 60062 ($1)
4. J. Vernon Shea, 10621 Governor Avenue, Cleveland OH 44111 ($1)
5. Wm. Andy Condon, 910 E. 5th St., Paris TX 75460 ($1)
6. Don Herron, 340 Summit Avenue, St. Paul MN 55102 ($1)
7. Frank Stauf, 21901 Red-Fir Ct., Cupertino CA 95014 ($2)
8. Walter A. Coslet, Box 6, Helena MT 59601 ($1)
9. Jim Dapkus, Route 1, Box 247, Westfield WI 53964 ($1)
10. cliff Biggers, 621 Olive St., Cedartwon GA 30125 ($1)
11. Bill Wallace, 3205 Helms #2, Austin TX 78705 ($1)
12. Lord Jim Kbenney, 1859 E. Fairfield, Mesa AZ 85203 ($1)
13. Terry Dale, PO Box 214, Blackwell OK 74631 ($1)
14. Thomas Reid, PO Box 6626, Houston TX 77006 ($1)
15. Bill Pugmire, 5021 43rd Ave So., Seattle WA 98118 ($2)
16. Mike Fantina, 32 Old Army Road, Bernardsville NJ 07924 ($1)
17. This spot open. Recruit someone!

Extra Mailings: This mailing and all back mailings are sold out. Mailing 113 may be ordered for $1 by members and waitinglisters only. All orders received will be entered, but not separately acknowledged. Waiters invited in next time get first priority; thereafter orders will be filled in the order received. Unfillable requests will be refunded. Please do not ask for copies any farther in advance; policy after next mailing will be up to the new O.E.
THE ROSTER

of members has NEW MEMBERS' names in CAPITALS, indicates changes of address by "#", and shows after each name, in parentheses, the number of mailing by whose deadline that member's dues must next be paid. If it's 13, you better hurry!

1. JONATHAN BACON, Box 147, Lamon1 IA 50140 (16)
2. Frank Bambara, 8853 Central Avenue, Montclair CA 91763 (16)
3. Tommy Bass, 507 Barlow Street, Americus GA 31709 (15)
4. R. Bowren, 1041 LaDene Drive, Ontario CA 91762 (19)
5. Roger Bryant, 1019 Cordova Avenue, Akron OH 44320 (17)
6. Crispin Burnham, 1051 Wellington Road, Lawrence KS 66044 (16)
7. Eric Carlson, POB 7042, West Duluth Station, Duluth MN 55807 (21)
8. Tom Collins, POB 1261, Petr Stuyvesant Station, New York NY 10009 (14)
9. Scott Connors, 6004 Kingston Drive, Aliquippa PA 15001 (14)
10. Robert C. Culp, 2563 Hunter Terrace, Fort Myers FL 33901 (16)
11. David A. Drake, POB 904, Chapel Hill NC 27514 (14)
12. Howard J. Duerr, 12 Arlington House, Maitland FL 32751 (15)
14. R. Alain Everts, POB 864, Madison WI 53701 (13)
15. Ken Falg, POB 1228, Chicago IL 60690 (13)
16. John A. Pinkbinner, POB 784, Eagle Lake FL 33839 (15)
17. Meade Prierson, 3705 Woodvale Road, Birmingham AL 35223 (13)
18. John GATES, POB 5218, University AL 35486 (16)
20. Ben Indick, 428 Sagamore Avenue, Teaneck NJ 07666 (17)
21. GARY KIMBER, 139 Highview Ave., Scarborough Ontario M1N2J2 CANADA (16)
22. RANDALD IARSON, 774 Vista Grande Ave., Los Altos CA 94022 (16)
23. GLEN Lord, POB 775, Pasadena TX 77501 (16)
24. Arthur Metzger, 1171 Neib Road, Cincinnati OH 45238 (13)
25. Harry Morris, Jr., 500 Wellesley SE, Albuquerque NM 87106 (16)
26. Dirk W. Mosig, Psychology Dept., Georgia Southwestern College, Americus GA 31709 (13)
27. Joe Moudry, POB 1205, Tuscaloosa AL 35401 (16)
28. Doug Mathman, 4 Shore View Circle, Indiana 30 FL 32903 (15)
29. Kenneth W. Neilly, 17 Albert Avenue, West Barrington RI 02890 (14)
30. Stuart David Schiff, 5508 Dodge Drive, Fayetteville NC 28303 (13)
31. David E. Schultz, 3019 N. 70th St., Milwaukee WI 53210 (13)
32. Chris Sherman, 700 Parkview Terrace, Minneapolis MN 55416 (13)
33. David C. Smith, 520 Secrest Lane, Girard OH 44420 (14)
34. Reg Smith, 1509 Mar-Les Drive, Santa Ana CA 92706 (14)
35. Wally Stoelting, 2326 Deewood Drive, Columbus OH 43229 (14)
36. Jim Webbert, 3925 West Missouri, Phoenix AZ 85019 (13)
37. Robert Weinberg, 10553 South Kennedy, Oak Lawn IL 60453 (14)
38. Chet Williamson, POB 13, Rheems PA 17570 (16)

TREASURY REPORT

This report goes back to last February and covers three mailings -- because I was pressed for time, space and gumption, I guess -- and only one member said anything about it. So much for citizen awareness.

Balance 2-1-75: $85.57
IN: dues: $30
waitlist: 14
extras: 47
TOTAL IN: $91
Balance 10-27-75: $96.12
OUT: Post mlg 9: 16.37
Post mlg 10: 11.56
Post mlg 11: 12.95
Post xmlgs: 12.38
Post 00s: 3.80
Reminders: 4.00
Letter Post: 7.61

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$TRING$
IMPORTANT THINGS:

Hello, there, patient people. Welcome to E*O*D's Dozenth mailing. Let me call your attention to several IMPORTANT things:

1. One page of this Cricket is a facsimile of the Official Editor Election Ballot. MEMBERS ONLY will find a copy of this ballot on BLUE paper as well. Only blue ballots are valid; only members may vote. Ballots must be received by the teller on or before JANUARY 15th. Vote!

2. Next mailing is our 13th mailing, our first DARK HANniversary. It's a milestone for us; I'd like to see us celebrate it right. So please -- try to do something special for next time -- why not have the biggest mailing ever for #13. Maybe if everyone would put 13 pages in the 13th mailing...

3. An Announcement: "I send this note of errata to Litterae Dagonis no. 9 in hopes that, by noting them in your "Cry of the Cricket", those who attempt the 'Lovecraftian Crossword' will not be distracted by them...The errors: 10 (across), the name of the town should be spelled AS IT WAS IN THE 18TH CENTURY. 17 (down) should be 18. Numbers 43 and 44 (down) are not numbered in sequence, but are otherwise correct." --- R. Boerem

4. Phoning the OE: Please call between 5-10 p.m. Eastern time on weekdays, anytime after five Saturday, and Sunday. (I work overnight and sleep mornings and early afternoons. Beware you do not Call at Other Times, and do not wake up Any that you cannot put down.) The number is the same as before: (216) 867-4624.

5. I should be thanking my girlfriend Trudi for her heroic help in collating and producing the last several mailings. I don't know how I would have done it without her... Also, Dave Smith has been helping out with this mailing. Many thanks.

6. Lastly, an apology to the membership about the date this mailing is going out. Since I decided I couldn't make it to the Providence convention, I felt I should hold the mailing open for a few extra days, so that if anyone had meant to hand me their zine in Providence, they could airmail it to me. Thus, I intended to put the mailing out over the following weekend.

Then, my grandfather died on the 7th, and the business of funeral and family kept me tied up for several more days. I daresay many of you have been faunching for this mailing for several weeks now; here it is, at last.
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 (four 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 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 form (i.e., collated and stapled, etc.) Please use two or more staples -- no corner-stapling. Double-spacing of one's submission 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 credit.

Changes of Address should be sent directly to the Official Editor by letter or card. Do not expect the O.E. to find a c.o.a. in the text of a zine. Letters to the O.E. should not be enclosed in bundles of zines unless the outside of the bundle is marked "letter enclosed", or it won't be read until after the deadline.

Extra mailings will be sold to waitinglisters and members (first come, first served) for $1 each. Mailings available are listed in each Cricket.

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 of copy of the Cricket official organ, each mailing, and must notify the O.E. upon receiving it that he is still interested in becoming a member. As vacancies occur, the Official Editor will invite the top waitinglist(s) to send their other $1 dues along with their first Dagonzine, and join the Order. Waitinglisters are encouraged to contribute zines to the mailings while on the list.

The Official Editor is elected in the October 31 mailing for a term of 1 year (four mailings). Candidates for the office must notify the present Official Editor of their intention before October 10th. A ballot is distributed in the October 31 mailing; the results are announced in the February 5 mailing, and the new O.E. 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 make changes 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 143
Akron Ohio 44308

AKRON OH. 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 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," H.P. Lovecraft and other authors of similar style continue to dominate the conversation, 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 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. 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 puts 3 pages into his second mailing, he will owe only 3 more in his third. And if he should put 6 pages in his second mailing, he will owe none 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 than the minimum he owes. But doing so will not change the minimum-requirement cycle. That is, even if he puts 20 pages into his first mailing, he will still owe 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 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 invite 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 (first come, first served) until you are 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:

Roger Bryant
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Akron Ohio 44320