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When answering this advertisement, please mention this magazine.
1. **New O.E.:** The teller reports that JOE MOUDRY has won the Selected for Official Editor with 16 votes. Meade Frierson received one write-in vote.

   The new O.E. takes office with the mailing out of this bundle, so send all official correspondence to JOE MOUDRY, P.O. Box 1205, Tuscaloosa AL 35401. Congratulations!

2. **New Rules:** Joe's new redaction of the E*O*D Rules appear at the back of this Cricket. There ARE some differences, and THEY ARE NOW IN EFFECT, so read them carefully. Joe has some additional introductory comments in his zine, The Arkham Anchorite; you should read those, too.

3. **The Awards:** Immediately after the Cricket, MEMBERS ONLY will find Charles Dexter award ballots. There are two copies of the ballot so that you may keep one with your mailing. Vote -- and send the ballots to Scott Connors. (Oh, and by the way -- despite the title, these are the THIRD annual awards...)

4. **Proposals:** Scott Connors has made two proposals concerning the operation of the Order, and Joe would like to hear everyone's comments about them (per Rule VI:3). Express thyself -- in a mailing comments, or directly in a letter to Joe.

   a. Proposed: that Dick Tierney be made an honorary member of E*O*D.

   b. Proposed: that the membership be enlarged due to the growing waitlist, and the required number of copies be raised to 60 or 65.

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   *Late Again* I guess we might as well consider it a tradition. Scott Connors and Randy Everts asked me to hold the mailing long enough for them to finish the 227-page Lovecraft Collector's Library. So, once again, the last mailing goes out a week later than it ought. But I think you'll agree that it was WORTH waiting for.

   Many thanks to Dave Smith for yeoman's labor in helping with this mailing, and to Trudi for understanding, and to ALL of you for making it such a whopping grand mailing.

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   The Technicalities: The Cry of the C'ricket #13 (vol. I no. 13), the Official Organ of the Esoteric Order of Dagon, is published on behalf of the Order by the outgoing Official Editor; Roger Bryant, 1019 Cordova Avenue, Akron OH 44320. Toadstool Typo #107, February 1976.

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   The Company of Damocles: The following members owe the indicated number of pages next mailing to retain their memberships: Boerem - 2; Drake - 2; Gates - 6; Hall - 6; Hill - 2; Kimber - 6; Lord - 2; Schiff - 4; Weinberg - 6.

   The following members owe dues ($2 each) next mailing: Collins - Connors - Drake - Neilly - DC Smith - R Smith - Stoelting - Weinberg.

**DEADLINE** for pages and dues: May 1, 1976

   send them to the new O.E.: Joe Moudry

   P.O. Box 1205

   Tuscaloosa AL 35401
FOOTNOTES from the Contents Page

*1 Actually, this is the THIRD year we've done this, Scott....

*2 Please note the rule (II:2 iE) about smaller-than-standard pages; this zine really
only counts as 4 pages for credit. Rule III:2 iG requires 6 pages from new members.
I've made you an instant member anyway, since you qualify in every other way, but you
owe 2 pages next time.

Ins and Outs  Jim Faulkenberg, invited to join last mailing, wrote and declined to
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do so at this time. Regrettably, three people owed pages and were not
heard from: Frank Bambara, Eric Carlson and Chris Sherman. They are dropped from the
membership. This leaves four openings. Three of the top four waitinglisters qualify
as instant members: Paul Berglund, Charles Korbas and Lawson Hill (but Hill should see
footnote 2, directly above). The remaining opening gives me one more chance to make

The Offer You Can't Refuse----

...or you'll have old Father Yig for a bedfellow some
cold night. J. VERNON SHEA, 10621 Governor Avenue,
Cleveland Oh 44121, is invited to send $1 dues and at least 6 pages to Joe for the
next mailing and become our newest member.

The Rest of the Waitinglist  (the amount in parentheses is what you have paid toward
dues.)

1. Wm. Andy Condon, 910 S.E. 5th St., Paris TX 75460 ($1)
2. Don Herron, 340 Summit Avenue, St. Paul MN 55102 ($1)
3. Frank Stauf, 21091 Red-Pix Ct., Cupertino CA 95014 ($2)
4. Walter Coslet, P.O. Box 6, Helena MT 59601 ($1)
5. Jim Dapkus, Route 1, Box 247, Westfield WI 53964 ($1)
6. Cliff Biggers, 621 Olive St., Cedartown GA 30125 ($1)
7. Bill Wallace, 3205 Helms #2, Austin, TX 78705 ($1)
8. Jim Kennedy, Room 208 A, Mary Ward Hall, 800 Font Blvd, San Francisco CA 94132 ($1)
9. Terry Dale, PO Box 214, Blackwell OK 74631 ($1)
10. Thomas Reid, P.O. Box 66265, Houston TX 77006 ($1)
11. Bill Pugmire, 5021 43rd Ave So, Seattle WA 98118 ($2)
12. Mike Fantina, 32 Old Army Road, Bernardsville NJ 07924 ($1)
13. Mark E Sprague, 5337 Dorman Road, Elba NY 14058 ($1)
14. David R. Warren, P.O. Box 27, La Belle FL 33935 ($1)
15. Barry Hunter, 8 Wakefield Place, Rome GA 30161 ($1)
16. William E. Hart, 222 N. Muller #75B, Anaheim CA 92801 ($2)
17. Joel Ruimy, 769 Algonquin Ave, Montreal Quebec H4P 1G5 Canada ($1)
18. Peter H. Cannon, 575 West End Ave., New York NY 10024 ($1)

People near the top of the waitinglist should remember that if they send 6 or more
pages to Jow for the next mailing they stand a good chance of becoming instant members
without having to be "invited" and wait another mailing. Do it!


IN Dues - $22.00   OUT Post. mlg. 12 - $13.69   Reminders - $ 1.50
W.L. fees - 5.00 " xtra mlg 12 - 4.94   Printing - 6.50
xtra mlgs - 15.00 " OOs mlg. 12-- 1.90 Letter post - 2.32
Total IN- 42.00 Jiffy Bags -- 32.18 Total OUT - 63.03

New Balance: $ 78.09  2/13/76

Extra Mailings

The new rules for purchasing extra mailings are spelled out in the Rules, section
VII. Please refer to them.

The inside cover is by the ever-popular David G. Smith.
THE ROSTER

The membership list has NEW MEMBERS' names in CAPITALS, indicates new addresses with a "#", and shows after each name, in parentheses, the number of the mailing by whose deadline that member's dues must be paid. If it's 14, it's time to DO something!

1. Jonathon Bacon, P.O. Box 147, Lamoni IA 50140 (16)
2. James T. Bass, 507 Barlow St., Americus GA 31729 (15)
3. GySgt EDWARD PAUL BERGLUND, 472-46-7335, 8th ITT HqCo HqBn 2d MarDiv FMF, Camp Lejeune NC 28542 (17)
4. R. Boerem, 1041 LaDeney Drive, Ontario CA 91762 (19)
5. Roger Bryant, 1019 Cordova Avenue, Akron Ohio 44320 (17)
6. Crispin Burnham, 1051 Wellington Road, Lawrence K3 66044 (16)
7. Tom Collins, P.O. Box 1261 Stuyvesant Sta., New York, NY 10009 (14)
8. Scott Connors, 6004 Kingston Drive, Aliquippa PA 15001 (14)
9. Bob Culp, 2563 Hunter Terrace, Fort Myers FL 33901 (15)
10. Dave Drake, P.O. Box 904, Chapel Hill NC 27514 (14)
11. Howard Duerr, 12 Arlington House, Maitland FL 32751 (15)
12. Bob Eger, 4801 Clair Del Ave Apt 1023, Long Beach CA 90807 (16)
13. R. Alain Everts, P.O. Box 864, Madison WI 53701 (17)
14. Ken Fraig, P.O. Box 1226, Chicago IL 60690 (17)
15. John Finkbiner, P.O. Box 784, Eagle Lake FL 33839 (15)
16. Meade Frierson, 3705 Woodvale Road, Birmingham AL 35223 (17)
17. John Gates, P.O. Box 5218, University AL 35486 (16)
18. Loy Hall, 210 West Florence, Blackwell OK 74631 (15)
19. LAWSON W. HILL, 3952 W. Dundee Road, Northbrook IL 60062 (17)
20. Ben Indick, 428 Sagamore Avenue, Teaneck NJ 07666 (17)
21. Gary Kimber, 139 Highview Ave, Scarborough ONT M1N 2J2 Canada (16)
22. CHARLES KORBAS, 816 Birch Street, Honolulu HI 96814 (17)
23. Randall Larson, 774 Vista Grande Avenue, Los Altos CA 94022 (16)
24. Glenn Lord, P.O. Box 775, Pasadena TX 77501 (16)
25. Arthur Metzger, 1171 Neub Road, Cincinnati OH 45238 (17)
27. Dirk Mosig, Psychology Dept, Georgia Southwestern College, Americus GA 31729 (17)
28. Joe Moudry, P.O. Box 1205, Tuscaloosa AL 35401 (16)
#29 Doug Nathman, 253 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston MA 02116 (15)
30. Kennett Neily, 17 Alvert Avenue, West Barrington RI 02890 (14)
31. Stuart Schiff, 5508 Dodge Drive, Fayettevilleville NC 28303 (17)
32. Dave Schultz, 3019 N. 70th St., Milwaukee WI 53210 (17)
33. Dave Smith, 520 Secrest Lane, Girard, OH 44420 (14)
34. Reg Smith, 1509 Mar-Les Drive, Santa Ana CA 92706 (14)
35. Wally Stoeleling, 2326 Deedwood Dr., Columbus OH 43229 (14)
36. Jim Nebert, 3925 West Missouri, Phoenix AZ 85019 (17)
37. Bob Weinberg, 10553 South Kenneth, Oak Lawn IL 60453 (14)
38. Chet Williamson, Box 13, Rheems PA 17570 (16)
*sigh*

At the last minute, you get cold feet.

I talked to Tommy Bass the other night, and he said something about a load of bricks coming off my back when my OShip ends. It's felt like that sometimes, too. But that same night I got nostalgic, and started looking through the *Cricket* file.

It gets ya right *here* folks...  
The Cry of the *Cricket* volume one, a sight for sore eyes indeed;  
---fingermadges in the cover drawing (reproduced below, hopefully without smudges),  
---Handwritten corrections in the T.O.C.,  
---Problems: "You are probably well aware that this mailing is more than a week late going out",  
---Famous last words: "The second mailing is not to be so delayed",  
---Hand-drawn stars between the Es, Os and Ds,  
---No hand-drawn stars between some of the Es, Os and Ds,  
---Incredible pretentiousness: "Well, Randy, you get away with it this time" (and Randy was right to get pissed off about it, too),  
---Preaching what it took me three years to learn to practice: "I've conceived of the Order as an opportunity to let one's hair down among one's peers",  
---Traditions sustained: "Rumblings in the Hills", which has also migrated to ASPAR MAMA, and still with the same logo,  
---Traditions abandoned: "The Company of Acolytes" --- and did I ever tell you about my first draft, with an O.E. called a "hierophant", and all that jazz?  
---Freudian slips; "Your humble servant, acting as OE for these first four mailings, will run for a third term."  

Oh, lordy. June of '73. And a million years ago...

I had a dozen good lines to start this "Farewell Speech to his Troops". Like, "4073 pages is a LOT". Or, "It used to be E.O.D..." Or, maybe just "Good luck, Joe."

It's been a long way, and yes, I'm glad to get rid of those bricks. On the other hand --- I haven't learned anything at all about pretentiousness, I guess --- I don't think I've ever been so proud of anything as I am of E*O*D. Thanks to all of you for making it that way.

(Is there a dry eye in the house?)

It's been a gas. Thanks.

rOgEr
AUCTION

As a Memorial to Rich Small...
An Auction of Eleven E*O*D Mailings

Scott Lillie has provided the E*O*D mailings owned by Rich Small: one copy each of mailings 1-10, with a duplicate of #8.

These mailings are to be AUCTIONED, with the proceeds being donated to Rich's mother (Mrs. Marian Small, 117 S. Meridian St., Apt 3, Tallahassee FL 32303) to help with her many expenses.

This is one way in which we may show appreciation for The Great Rich's activity in fandom; it is something we can do in his memory.

The Conduct of the Auction

1. The auction is open to anyone, but this is the only notice that will appear.
2. The mailings will be sold SINGLY, not as a set.
3. For each bid, please send a 3x5 card (or a postcard) filled out as follows:

   Bid for mailing #____  Amount $____
   Your name and address

4. To keep the paperwork simple, please send a SEPARATE card for EACH mailing you wish to bid on. Send no money with your bids.
5. At any time during the Auction I will provide the current high bid(s) on mailings you are interested in IF you send a stamped self-addressed postcard. Be sure to specify which mailings you want to know about. You may then bid again if you've been topped.
6. The last day for receiving bids is April 30th, 1976.
7. After the deadline, the winning bidders will be notified by postcard. They should send payment immediately. If payment is not received by May 20th, the next-highest bidder will be notified.
8. Mailings will be shipped after payment is received. (I will wait long enough for checks to clear, if necessary) Unsuccessful bidders will NOT be notified.

Send bids to: Roger Bryant
1019 Cordova Avenue
Akron Ohio 44320
Here are the texts of two letters, reproduced for your information.

Mr. John H. Stanley
The John Hay Library
Brown University
Providence R.I. 02912

Dear Mr. Stanley,

Kennett Nelly of Providence has written me to say that there is some indecision in your mind regarding the "xeroxing" of E*O*D material by researchers at the Library. I wanted to write you to clarify this matter.

Only fifty copies of each mailing are ever produced, and these are distributed exclusively to members and waitinglist members, with the single exception of the Library's copy.

Some members print additional copies of their fanzines for wider distribution, but many print only enough copies for the official mailing distribution. Since the 49 mailing copies can be expected to remain in members' collections, it is likely that John Hay Library will for many years be the only source for much of this material.

I do not believe it is the intention of any member to keep his contributions out of the hands of readers and researchers who may find them useful. Therefore, I do not see any objection to the copying of E*O*D material at the Library, so long as this copying is done for personal use only, and not for republication in any form without the original author's permission.

I hope this clears up whatever confusion there may have been. If you have any questions or comments, I would be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,
/s/ Roger Bryant
Official Editor

Mr. Roger Bryant
1019 Cordova Ave
Akron Ohio 44320
13 December 1975

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Dear Mr. Bryant,

Thank you for clarifying the position of E*O*D with respect to duplication of the mailings.

I had been hesitant to allow reproduction without permission from your organization.

Hereafter, single user copies will be made available subject only to restriction upon publication of material without the original author's permission.

I look forward to receiving the next mailing.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John H. Stanley
Assistant John Hay Librarian
The Rules of the Esoteric Order of Dagon

I. The Esoteric Order of Dagon is a quarterly amateur press association devoted to the works and life of Howard Phillips Lovecraft, the Lovecraft Circle, and the Weird Tales tradition.

II. Membership

1. 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 as set forth in section II:2.

2. A. Minimum Activity for members in the E\*O\*D is six standard-size pages of printed or duplicated material every two mailings.

B. Five of the six pages must be the member's own writing and/or artwork, and all six must not have been circulated elsewhere prior to the deadline of the mailing in which they are to appear.

C. 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.

D. 50 identical copies of each submission are required; format and reproduction are the option of the member so long as they meet the minimum requirements and are legible (as determined by the OE, who will see all copies). The member is responsible for printing his own submission and sending 50 copies of it to the OE before the deadline. Submissions should always be pre-collated and bound with at least two staples per copy.

E. A page is defined as a standard 8½ x 11" form; smaller formats may be submitted, but for minimum page credit the pagecount must equal six standard sized pages.

F. Failure to meet the minimum activity requirements results in the member being dropped from the roster of the E\*O\*D.

G. New members must have at least six pages (as defined in II:2:B, above) in their first submission to qualify for membership.

III. The Waitinglist

1. A waitinglist is provided when there are no vacancies on the Roster.

2. Applicants will be placed on the waitinglist upon payment of a $1.00 fee, which is non-refundable but may be applied to the first year's dues. If the applicant remains on the waitinglist for more than one year, an additional $1.00 will be required to help defray the cost of the OO mailing.

3. A. Waitillisters will be sent a copy of the Official Organ for each mailing, and must notify the OE in writing, upon receiving it, that he is still interested in becoming a member.

B. If a waitlister fails to acknowledge the OE twice in as many mailings, he is automatically dropped from the waitinglist.

C. As vacancies occur, the OE will invite the top waitinglister(s) to send the remainder of his first year's dues along with his first submission (as defined in II:2:D, above).

D. Waitinglisters are encouraged to submit to the mailings while on the list.

IV. Deadlines

1. The deadlines are: Candlemas (2 February), Roodmas (1 May), Lammas (1 August), and Hallowmas (31 October).

2. When the deadline falls on a Sunday, that deadline is considered to be the previous day; i.e., Saturday.

3. Direct mailings and postmailings do not count for minimum activity credit.

V. Change of Address

The OE must be notified of a change of address (COA) by first-class mail. A COA printed or inserted in a submission, or noted on the outside of a parcel, will not be considered official.

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VI. The Official Editor
1. The Official Editor (OE) is responsible for all phases of the operation of the E*O*D.
2. In particular, he is expected to produce the mailings on time and make a financial accounting to the membership.
3. The OE 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 change.
4. A. The OE is elected in the Hallowmas mailing, for a term of one year (4 mailings). Candidates must notify the present OE of their intention to stand for office before 10 October.
   B. A teller is appointed before the Hallowmas deadline and a ballot (to be returned to the teller) is distributed in the Hallowmas mailing; the results are announced in the OE of the Candlemas mailing and the new OE takes over after that mailing has been distributed.
   C. Only persons who are full members of the E*O*D by the Hallowmas mailing are eligible for OE and only they may vote.
5. The OE may appoint an emergency officer (EO) at his discretion.

VII. Extra Mailings
1. One extra set of each mailing of the E*O*D will be sent to the John Hay Library of Brown University for its H.P. Lovecraft Collection.
2. The remaining extra sets of each mailing will be made available at $1.00 each, to those on the waitinglist; if any remain, they will be available to outsiders for $3.00 per set.
3. A. Waitinglisters are given priority over outsiders for the extra sets, and these will be distributed to waitlisters in order of seniority (on the waitinglist).
   B. Waitlisters desiring a set of the mailing must send the OE the $1.00 plus an SASE, in case all extras are sold.
   C. If any extra sets are still to be had after the waitinglist orders have been filled, they will be sold to outsiders at $3.00 the set.
4. No one may purchase more than one set of each mailing.

VIII. The Annual Achievement Awards
1. The E*O*D, to strengthen the quality of material presented in its mailings, shall sponsor an annual achievement (Laurate) Award in appropriate categories.
2. Only members at the time of nomination are eligible, and only they may nominate and/or vote.
3. A. A nomination ballot shall appear in the Hallowmas mailing.
   B. It should be returned to the Laurate teller (as appointed by the OE) before the indicated deadline.
4. A. A final ballot shall appear in the Candlemas mailing, listing the finalists in each category.
   B. It should be returned to the Laurate teller before the indicated deadline.
   C. Prizes, donated by the members, will be presented to the winners of the Laurateship in each category.

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