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FOOTNOTES (N)

(1) Charles has eight pages—for this mailing, but they are not truly appropriate for the theme of the Order; Rule 1 states clearly that we are about a discussion of fantasy, Lovecraft and associated areas. Rather than rejecting Charles’ submission entirely and trusting the Post Office to get my letter to him and another submission of creditable material in by the deadline, I’m accepting two pages of this and assigning four (4) pages to complete his minac, by the next deadline. I have absolutely nothing against personal material in the Order, but the reason for the apa’s existence is clearly stated and the OE should maintain the apa’s identity and integrity. I think that this compromise is more than fair. Minac on the theme of the apa; over that, whatever,...

(2) Reg Smith’s submission constitutes four pages, only two of which count toward his minac (Tom Cockcroft’s section allowing one page).

(3) Vernon Shea offers the membership a wealth of excellent material, but only five pages of it can count toward his minac requirement.

(4) Randy Larson, in a lengthy letter enclosed with these & two submission, meticulously itemised all of the non-creditable material in these two submissions; as he noted, the film adaptation doesn’t count, having had prior distribution, but I think him far it nevertheless.

(5) Bob Culp’s submission counts for only two pages toward his minac.

(7) Items 30-34 through the generosity of Randy Everts.

INS & OUTS

Summer schedules seem to have taken their tolls with the roster; the Order has lost the following members, all due to their failure to meet the minac requirement, Jonathan Bacon, Tommy Bass, John Finkbiner and Wally Stoeltling. Gentlemen, the Waitinglist would be honoured to have you again,...Along almost the same lines, Don Herron has declined the invitation to join the Order. This leaves openings in the roster, and allows me to invite Frank Stauf Cliff Biggers Thomas Reid, and Walter Coslet Bill Wallace Mark Sprague to membership with Mailing 16, upon reception of their first submission (of six or more creditable pages) and the amount outstanding on their first year’s dues. Doug Nathman has resigned.

The following people have been dropped from the Waitinglist for failure to acknowledge the OO twice in as many mailings:

Jim Dapkus Terry Dale and
Jim Khennedy Mike Fantina.

Welcomes are due Andy Conder for his joining the ranks of Acolytes with this mailing, after a longish climb up the Waitinglist.

THE COMPANY OF DAMOCLES

The following members must have at least the indicated number of creditable pages in the next mailing to retain their memberships in the Order:

Boerem = 2pp.
Bryant = 6pp.
Burnham = 6pp.
Culp = 4pp.
D. Smith = 6
Everts = 2pp.
Gates = 6pp.
Hall = 6pp.
Hill = 2pp.
Korbas = 4pp.
Lord = 2pp.
Metzger = 6pp.
Shea = 1pg.
Webbert = 1
Williamson = 5

Arthur Metzger has been quite ill since the last deadline and spent some time in the hospital. Knowing that he couldn’t make the deadline he resign-
ed and asked to be placed on the Waitinglist. Since his illness was someth-thing not under his control I have asked him if an extension would be ac-ceptable, since I can't see penalising someone for quirks of "fate." As a result Arthur owes his six pages with Mlg. 16 and the Order has a rare ex-ample of the OE's discretionary ability; for once there seems to be reason for a bit of latitude.

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THE PUR$E$TRING$=
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(Yet another list! 00s seem to be studded with them.) The following members owe their annual dues before the deadline for the next Mlg:

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The Treasury looks like this:

Income: $36.00
(Dues from Collins & Hart ($1.00)):
(Error in last account of $2.00): 2.00
(Extra sets of Mlg. 14 to Schiff, Weinberg, & Inzer): 6.00
(Extra sets of Mlg. 15 to Beasley, Biggers, Bosky, Hart, Hunter, Inzer, Ruimy, Sprague, Wallace, & Warren): 20.00
(Waitinglist fees from Schiff, Weinberg, Inzer, Beasley, & Bosky): 5.00

Outgo: $16.35
(Postage for Mlg. 14): $16.35
(Shipping on jetpacks): 1.70

On hand as of Mlg. 14's 00: $53.52
Income: $36.00
Out-go: $20.00
On-hand as of 9.viii.76: $39.52.

You are a trusting group; no one caught the $2.00 error, and I didn't notice it until preparing the figures a few minutes ago.

This may well be a good place to men- tion the fact that there are still two sets of Mlg. 14 to be had; also, there are a few sets of Mlg. 15 (a yet-to-be-determined number, since I hold five sets in case a member's copy is eaten by the Post Awful). These may be had for the regular amount.

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It's almost time to re-elect the Order's Official Editor.
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LECTION TIME Going by the rules, anyone wishing to run for the office should make his desire known to me, in writing, on or be-fore 10 October. A teller will be appointed and the ballots will appear in the Hallowmas mailing (which is the next one).

Yes (in case anyone asked) I will stand for a second term; I want to get at least one mailing correct before handing over the headache to someone else.

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THE ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
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Ben Indick, in Ibid XV (below) has a few pertinent thoughts about the Order's annual awards and the lack of response they have received in the past. He has suggested that if there is no true interest in them that they should be dropped. If you have thoughts on the subject, please place them in your next submission. By the normal schedule the nomination ballot should appear in the Hallowmas mailing; if the awards aren't seen as being necessary, there would be no reason for the ballot.
THE CRY OP THE CRICKET #15

THE ROSTER

1. Gysg t E. P. Berglund
2. R. Boerem
3. Roger Bryant
4. Crispin Burnham
5. Tom Collins
6. Andy Conder
7. Scott Connors
8. Bob Chlap
9. Dave Drake
10. Howard Duerr
11. Bob Eber
12. R. Alain Everts
13. Ken Faig
14. Meade Frierson, III
#15. John Gatos
16. Toay Hall
17. Lawson Hill
18. Ben Indick
19. Gary Kimber
20. Charles Korbas
21. Randy Larson
22. Glenn Lord
23. Arthur Metzger
24. Harry Morris
25. Dirk Mosig
26. Joe Moudry
27. Kennett Neily
28. J. Vernon Shea
29. Dave Schultz
30. Dave Smith
31. Reg Smith
32. Jim Weobert
33. Chet Williamson

1 = New Member  # = COA  * = a Big no-no  N = new waitlister

THE WAITINGLIST

0. Frank Stauf
0. Walter Coslet
0. Cliff Biggers
0. Bill Wallace
0. Thomas Reid
0. Mark E Sprague
1. David R. Warren
2. Barry Hunter
3. Bill Hart
4. Joel Ruimy

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1051 Wellington Rd Lawrence, KS 66044  (20)
P0B 1261 Stuyvesant Sta New York, NY 10009  (18)
404 4th NW St. Paris, TX 75460  (18)
6004 Kingston Dr. Aliquippa, PA 15001  (18)
2563 Hunter Ter, Fort Myers, FL 33901  (16)
P0B 904 Chapel Hill, NC 27514  (18)
12 Arlington House, Maitland, FL 32751  (19)
4801 Clair Del Ave #1023 Long Beach, CA 90807  (16)
P0B 864 Madison, WI 53701  (17)
P0B 1228 Chicago, IL 60690  (17)
3705 Woodvale Rd Birmingham, AL 35223  (17)
P0B 11031 Montgomery, AL 36111  (16)
210 W. Florence Blackwell, OK 74631  (16)
3952 W. Dundee Rd Northbrook, IL 60062  (17)
428 Sagamore Ave, Teaneck, NJ 07666  (17)
139 Highview Ave ScraboroughONT MIN 232 CANADA  (16)
816 Birch St, #103 Honolulu, HI 96814  (17)
774 Vista Grande Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022  (16)
P0B 775 Pasadena, TX 77401  (16)
1171 Need Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45238  (17)
500 Wellesley SE Albuquerque NM 87106  (16)
Psych. Dept. GSWC Americus, GA 31709  (16)
P0B 1205 Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  (16)
17 Albert Ave West Barrington RI 02890  (18)
10621 Governor Ave Cleveland OH 44111  (18)
3019 N. 79th St Milwaukee WI 53210  (18)
520 Secret Lane Girard OH 44420  (18)
1509 Mar-Les Dr, Santa Ana, CA 92706  (18)
3925 W. Missouri Phoenix, AZ 85019  (17)
P0B 68 Elizabethtown, PA 17022  (16)

21091 Red-Fir Ct Cupertino CA 95014  ($1)
P0B 6 Helena MT 59601  ($2)
621 Olive St Cedartown GA 30125  ($1)
3205 Helms, #2 Austin, TX 78705  ($1)
P0B 66265 Houston, TX 77006  ($1)
5337 Dorman Rd Elba, NY 14058  ($1)
P0B 27 La Belle, FL 33935  ($1)
8 Wakefield Pl Rome, GA 30161  ($1)
222 N. Muller, #75B Anaheim CA 92801  ($1)
769 Algonquin Ave Montreal, Quebec H4P 1C5 CANADA ($1)
EDITORIAL MUTTERINGS

I've converted to a hand-inked mimeograph with this mailing, and since it's the first time that I've run one the late 50's, the printing might be a bit rough herein; please bear with me, and I'll have it mastered by Hallowmas.

Our next deadline, yet again, falls on a Sunday, so the preceding day is the effective deadline, which is

Saturday, 30 October, 1976

Andy Conder did pay the amount outstanding on his first year's dues, I just forgot to list it. Also, I typoed Vernon Shea's dues due last time; it has been corrected in the roster.

For the first time in the Order's history, I'm not running the complete rules in this 00. I have more than enough copies of them, as printed in the 00 for Mlg. 14, to supply new waitlisters and interested inquirers, and will run them in the next 00. Unless there's strong feelings to the contrary, I'll save the time, stencils, paper, postage and effort of running them every mailing.

I seriously doubt that I'll attend the World Fantasy Convention this year, for with luck I'll be starting a new job not too long before that date. As a result of my non-attendance, it won't be possible to hand-deliver submissions to me there, and the next deadline is the same time as the con. Please remember this when planning your next submission.

Welcome to the new waitlisters. Please remember to acknowledge the reception of the 00, so that there will be no danger of losing your position on the Waitinglist. A postcard will do, but a waitlist submission would be even better.

SEALING THE CRYPT

That just about concludes the business for the Order for this mailing. With the next mailing the ballot for the annual Election will appear: please remember to exercise your voting right/privilege.

And also, please remember that the next deadline falls on a Saturday, and is:

30 October, 1976.