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The next deadline is Thursday, 2 February, 1978

The following Acolytes owe the indicated number of creditable pages by the next deadline to retain their memberships:

6. Eber = 1 pg.
8. Hill = 1pg.
Although there is no footnote to point the accusing tentacle at him, a certain Charter Member used only one of those wire dingil to hold his submission together....

(1) This item has received prior distribution and thus is not eligible for minac credit.

(2) These items appear through the generosity of Randy Everts.

As of the indicated date of acceptance, not all of the listed items are in my hands. I will yet again trust that they arrive before the bundles are assembled; since charter members are involved, this is rather critical, and underscores the fact that deadlines are made to be met, rather than extended.

In an (vain?) attempt at not delaying the bundles any more, I am not including the long-awaited treasury report, but will issue a fractional Official Organ before the Candlemas deadline to bring the membership up to date on our financial status. The increase of annual dues has, seemingly, helped, but is partially offset by yet another increase in book/educational rate with the U.S. Snail Service [sic].

Sets of back mailings 16-20 are still to be had, for the incredibly low price of $3.00 each. Waitinglisters who may want them have but to send the proper monies and quickly become their proud owners.

The following members owe their annual dues before the next deadline in order to maintain their memberships:


Barry Hunter resigned since the last deadline, due to commitments to his new genzine; R. Doerem declined, reluctantly, membership due to working two jobs; John Gates cited job pressures connected with his Atlanta bookstore, and the other invited waitlisters also failed to achieve membership. The Waitinglist is open to them in the future, should they find time....

Tom Campbell managed to force his way onto the roster with the necessary acceptable minac and funds, and is thus the only new member for Mailing 20. Unfortunately for him, he lives very close to an aging OE, and is here appointed Emergency Officer (EO) of the Order.

Since there are four vacancies on the roster, the top four waitlisters are invited to have in my tentacles the necessary materials by the next deadline to qualify for membership (a "0" appears next to their names on the Waitinglist).

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<td>0. Harry Andruschak</td>
<td>6933 North Rosemead, #31 San Gabriel, CA 91775</td>
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<td>0. Wade Gilbreath</td>
<td>1629-B Cripple Creek Drive Birmingham, AL 35209</td>
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<td>0. George Inzer</td>
<td>POB 851 State University, AK 72467 [new address]</td>
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<td>1. Stuart Schiff</td>
<td>Box 1492-W Azalea Street Browns Mills, NJ 08015</td>
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<td>2. David Bass</td>
<td>814 13th Street Tuscaloosa, AL 35401</td>
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Although I waited 'till long after midnight of the filing date, it seems
that the ubiquitous Mr Write-In (must be of Antient British stock) is the
only other name to appear with the incumbent OE for the annual Oelection.
Members only will find inserted loosely in this 00 a printed ballot, which
should be completed and posted to this year's teller, Jim Webbert, so that he will
receive it on or before 15 January, 1977.

The Roster

1. Larry Baker c/o 105 Orville Drive Bohemia, NY 11716 (23)
2. Michael Beasley c/o English Dept. Enterprise Jr College, AL 36330 (23)
3. Cliff Biggers 1029 Franklin Rd, Apt. 1-C Marietta, GA 30067 (20)
4. Bernadette Bosky 312 Anderson St, Apt. L Durham, NC 27705 (23)
5. Roger Bryant 1015 Pecham St Akron, OH 44320 (25)
6. Crispin Burrows 1051 Wellington Rd. Lawrence, KS 66044 (24)
7. Tom Campbell POB 7911 University, AL 35486 (24)
8. Peter Cannon 310 West 89th Street New York, NY 10024 (22)
9. Tom Collins 336 West 19th Street, Apt. 1-B New York, NY 10011 (22)
10. Scott Connors 6004 Kingston Dr. Aliquippa, PA 15001 (21)
11. David Drake POB 904 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (22)
12. Bob Eber 4801 Clair Del Ave, #1023 Long Beach, CA 90247 (24)
13. R. Alain Everts POB 364 Madison, WI 53701 (21)
14. Kenneth Faig 1111 Church Street, #705 Evanston, IL 60201 (21)
15. Meade Friesen 3705 Woodvale Road Birmingham, AL 35223 (21)
16. Bill Hart 222 North Muller, # 753 Anaheim, CA 92801 (28)
17. Lawson Hill 6633 N. Ponchartrain Chicago, IL 60646 (21)
18. Ben Indick 428 Sagamore Ave, Teaneck NJ 07666 (22)
19. Gary Kimber 139 Highview Ave Scarborough ONT M1H 2J2 CANADA (20)
20. Randy Larson 774 Vista Grande Ave Los Alisos, CA 94022 (24)
21. Glenn Lord POB 775 Pasadena, TX 77401 (24)
22. Arthur Metzger 1171 Need Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45231 (21)
23. Harry Morris 500 Wellesley, N.E. Albuquerque, NM 87106 (20)
25. Joe Moudry POB 1205 Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (24)
26. Ken Nelly 17 Albert Ave West Barrington, RI 02890 (22)
27. J. Vernon Shea 10621 Governor Ave Cleveland, OH 44111 (22)
28. David Schultz 5802 West Meinecke Milwaukee, WI 53210 (21)
29. Reg Smith 1500 Mar-Les Drive Santa Ana, CA 92706 (22)
30. Mark Sprague 295 West Avenue Rochester, NY 14611 (24)
31. Bill Wallace 1608 Hather Austin, TX 78704 (24)
32. Jim Webbert 3925 West Missouri Phoenix, AZ 85019 (21)
33. Robert E. Weinberg 10606 S. Central Park Chicago, IL 60655 (22)
34. George Wetzel 55 Ritters Lane Owings Mill, MD 21117 (22)
35. Chet Williamson POB 68 Elizabethtown, PA 17023 (20)

# = COA;  ! = new member

The deadline for the Candlemas, 1978 Mailing is: Thursday: 2 February, 1978. Produce, or....
I. The Esoteric Order of Dagon is a quarterly amateur press association devoted to the life and works 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 $3.00 per year (four mailings) [members with non-domestic addresses shall arrange dues individually with the Official Editor on a parity basis], 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 art work, 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 & reproduction are the option of the member as long as they meet the minimum requirements & are legible (as determined by the OE, who will see all copies). The member is responsible for printing his own submission & sending 50 copies to the OE before the deadline. Submissions should always be pre-collated & bound with at least two staples per copy.

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

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

   G. Considering the nature & purpose of the E*O*D, a member may receive minimum activity credit for material that he reprints in his submission, as long as the reprinted material is from an obscure source and has not been seen print within the last decade. Minimum activity credit is given at the rate of: one page of reprinted material equals one-half page credit, through a total allowable minac credit of three (3) pages (i.e., six pages of reprinted material).

   H. New members must have at least six (6) pages of creditable material (as defined in II:2:B) in their first submission to qualify for membership (in addition, of course, to paying their first year's dues).

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 waitlister remains on the Waitinglist for more than one year, an additional $1.00 will be required from him upon becoming a member, to help defray the cost of mailing the OO to him.

3. A. Waitlisters will be sent a copy of the Official Organ (OO) for each mailing, & must notify the OE in writing, upon reception of it, that he is interested in becoming a member when invited.

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

   C. As vacancies occur the OE will invite the top waitlister(s) to send the amount outstanding on his first year's dues along with his first submission (as defined by II:2:H).

   D. Waitlisters are encouraged to submit material to the mailings while on the Waitinglist.
IV. Deadlines
1. The deadlines of the Order are: Candlemas (2 February), Roodmas (1 May), Lammas (1 August), & Hallowmas (31 October).
2. When the deadline falls on a Sunday, that deadline is to be considered to be the previous day.
3. Direct mailings and post mailings 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 on the outside of a parcel or noted within a contribution will not be considered official.

VI. The Official Editor
1. The Official Editor (OE) is responsible for all phases of the operation of the E*O*S*D.
2. In particular, he is expected to produce the mailings on time & 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 (four mailings). Candidates must notify the present OE of their intentions to stand for office by 10 October.
   B. A teller is appointed prior to the Hallowmas deadline & a ballot (to be returned to the teller) is distributed in the Hallowmas mailing; the results are announced in the OE for the Candlemas mailing, & the new OE takes office after that mailing has been distributed.
   C. Only persons who are full members of the E*O*S*D with the Hallowmas mailing are eligible for OE & only they may vote in the election.
   D. The OE may appoint an Emergency Officer (EO) at his discretion, who would serve in producing a mailing in the event that the OE was unable to do so.

VII. Extra Mailings
1. An extra bundle of each mailing of the E*O*S*D will be sent (as the OE's File Set) to the John Hay Library of Brown University for storage in its H.P. Lovecraft Collection.
2. A. The remaining extra bundles of each mailing are available, at $3.00/bundle, to the Waitinglist in order of seniority.
   B. If a waitlister submits material to a mailing (as defined in II:2:6) & sends money, he will receive a bundle of that mailing, even if his position on the Waitinglist would not normally entitle him to one.
3. No one may purchase more than one (1) bundle of each mailing.
4. Bundles of each mailing of the E*O*S*D may be sold (or otherwise distributed) only to waitlisters (members receiving theirs automatically).

VIII. The Annual Achievement Awards
1. The E*O*S*D, to strengthen the quality of material presented in its mailings, shall sponsor an Annual Achievement (Laureate) Award in appropriate categories.
2. Only members at the time of balloting are eligible, & only they may vote.

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1978 E*O*D Election Ballot

Vote for one (1) of the following, and post to Election Teller so that it will reach him by midnight, 15 January, 1978.

___ Joe Moudry

___ Write-In (____________________)

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