Howard Phillips Lovecraft

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The Cry of the Cricket #23

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- Larson 6pp.
- Lord 3pp.
- Moudry 2pp.
- Wallace 6pp.
- Williamson 5pp.
The day after Mailing 25 enters the maw of the Post Awful the Order must have a new Official Editor. I definitely will not have my name on the ballot, so anyone wishing to stand for the office should have a message so indicating such a desire in my paws by 1 November. Since this old and tired OE won't be involved, I'll act as teller and notify the lucky winner as soon as the polls close. Immediately thereafter all unsold back-mailings and monies will be sent to him (and I can relax and stop worrying about Phyllis leaving me).

Yet again, we have a list of names of members who must Do Something to stay in the good graces of our patron diety. This time it's a listing of those who must come across with devaluated federal currency (renew their dues).

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Yes, we have one, but no, I'm not running it this time. Astute 00 readers will notice immediately that there are nine (9!) empty slots on the Roster, so anyone who has $3.00 and at least six creditable pages in my hands by the next deadline will automatically become a member of the Order. The waitlisters who would have "new" noted by their names are familiar to us (I guess that summer is a bad time for apa production?).

We lost our Founder with this mailing, but I have been assured that he will return to us post haste. Also, Charter Member MiFri will do the Phoenix (not the World Con) trick. Until then, I remain YHOS.

THE CRY OF THE CRICKET #23
THE RULES OF THE ESOTERIC ORDER OF DAGON

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-coilated & 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 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*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*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*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:II) & 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*D may be sold (or otherwise distributed) only to waitlisters (members receiving theirs automatically).

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 (Laureate) Award in appropriate categories.
2. Only members at the time of balloting are eligible, & only they may vote.

The present Official Editor is:

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