He is more important as a man who had the integrity to ignore the Machine Age and its frenzied leveling-out-to-rubble of life's rich irregularities, who had the courage to study & think & converse & write, in accordance with the deeper traditions of a more orderly age. He was the twin of the 'Last Puritan,' except that he knew what he wanted, and frankly admired that character. His intimate acquaintance with astronomy, history and literature, as well as a host of other interests, made him a civilizer among barbarians....  

Robert H. Barlow, 1944
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This will be, of necessity, of very truncated 00: I have only two wide stencils left, and it's the 30th of the month after the deadline. Knowing the "service" I've received for postage paid for the last few mlgs, I'm already fearful of what will happen to the bundles now that they'll be entering the maw of the P.A. at the Cthulhumas glut. Because of this foreseeable problem, I've done a few things to try to make things Right: the Election Ballot & Poll will have a deadline only slightly ahead of that for Mlg. 25: Ballot deadline: 14 February, 1979  Mlg. 25 deadline: 16 Feb. Members only will find a light brown duplicate sheet containing the ballot, inserted in their 00s (it duplicates the ballot as printed within this number of the 00).

The following members owe the indicated number of pages for minic with the next deadline:
Cannon 4pp Everts 6pp Lord 3pp Smith 6pp
Connors 6pp Faig 6pp Morris 6pp Sprague 3pp Total pg.

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And the following people owe their annual dues with the next deadline (at the new, deflated rate of $3.00/annum):

Campbell (late)  Faig  Indick  Orneo
Collins  Fulwiler  Morris (late)  Schultz.
Evarts  Hill  Mosig

Tom Collins would have had material in both this mailing and the preceding one, but his printer (YHOS) encountered troubles that have precluded their actualisation.

An extremely overdue treasury report will appear in the next 00, as a part of my summing up before passing the task to newer, fresher, and better tentacles.

On the next page appears a reproduction of OElecti on ballots that should have appeared in members' bundles. A quick glance there will show that there are three candidates for the position, so the "Australian ballot" will be used in voting. In this system the member places a "1" next to his first choice's name on the ballot; a "2" beside the second choice, and a "3" beside the third. This is a weighted system that, under normal conditions should assure that there will be no tie (and necessitate a run-off).

Also on the same page/ballot appears the last Moudry attempt at an acceptable Laureate Poll, also based on the Australian ballot. Under each category the member should rank his first, second, and third choices. Members' voting in the Laureate Poll will automatically receive three points for taking the trouble of filling out the ballot, and these points will show up in each member's total point listing.

THE WAITINGLIST

1. Lane & Evie Lambert  2108 Shady Lane  Huntsville AL 35810
2. Mark Alessio  32-54 84th St, East Elmhurst NY 11370
3. Jill Levy  1819 Ave, L Brooklyn NY 11230
4. Michael Roden  982 White Oak Rd., Cincinnati OH 45245
5. Roger Bryant  1019 Peckham St., Akron OH 44320
6. Loay Hall  802 East Bridge, Blackwell OK 74631
7. R.S. Harding  P.O. Box 505, Shoals IN 47581
8. Larry K. Apakian  2230 Forester Ave, Holmes PA 19043
9. a friend of a member  data forthcoming

If all of the invited waitlisters qualify with the next deadline we'll have a full roster again. With the recent falling-off of interest fandom wide I see that the Order is still quite healthy. The best way to be certain of this is for each member to tell interested friends who are also Lovecraftians about the Order, and how short the Waitinglist currently is.

The Roster

1. Larry Baker  c/o 105 Orville Dr, Bohemia NY 11716 (26)
3. Crispin Burnham 1051 Wellington Rd, Lawrence KS 66044 (26)
4. Tom Campbell  somewhere in the wilds of Atlanta (25)
5. Peter Cannon 310 West 89th St, New York NY 10024 (26)
7. Scott Connors  6004 Aliquippa PA 15001 (21)

THE CRY OF THE CRICKET #24
The Once-A-Year Election

Immediately below the perceptive member will find three (3) names, arranged alphabetically, and beside each a rule. Since there are more than a minimum number of candidates standing for the Election this year, please follow these few simple rules when casting your vote:

Place a "1" on the rule beside your first choice for Official Editor; place a "2" beside your second choice's name; and place a "3" beside that of your third choice. These simple steps should assure that there will be no need to bother the Pest Awful with runoff ballots, in case one candidate receives no clear first-choice mandate.

If that should happen, totals of first and second place votes will be tallied in a weighted fashion (a first place vote would count as 3 points, and so on).

The candidates:

Bosky
Mosig
Niely
Mr. Write-in

The Laureate Poll follows the same voting rules as above, except that voting members fills in names beside the numbers in each category.

I. Best Serious Material:
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

II. Best Mailing Comment Writer:
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

III. Best Fiction:
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

IV. Most Stimulating to M/C:
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

V. Best Poetry:
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

VI. Best Visual Design/Art work:
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

VII. Best Regular Submission:
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Election/Leaureate ballots must be in my hands no later than 14 February to be tallied.