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AN OPEN LETTER TO ECV

Recent years have seen a number of changes to our beloved Order. Some changes small, others big. None of these changes have come about because of a desire for change. Nor were they change for change sake. They have come about because they have been forced upon us by a changing society. Our society has demanded and gotten numerous changes in the law. More importantly, it is a society of ever-increasing liability awareness and the willingness to sue.

We have no choice but to accept these changes in society and must adapt to these societal changes. The alternative is to become a part of the history we so love and honor. Like it or not we must change or die. It is that simple.

Our Order's changes to survive in the modern world in which we find ourselves have been slow, and one at a time: The incorporation of each chapter. Liability insurance. Guidelines for the treatment of PBCs. Trade-marking of our Order's signs and symbols. Rules for the treatment of PBCs. Liquor liability insurance. None of these changes were brought on lightly or without thought. All were debated and discussed for hours and hours, meeting after meeting. All possible sides were presented for each change. And one by one, they were all added to the requirements of chapters to be in our Order.

Change or die. It is that simple. Adapt to modern society, accept the changes that have been forced upon us, and continue to honor our history with plaques, written keepsakes and histories, monetary donations and involvement in community projects, or wither and fall by the wayside to become history ourselves.

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A small group of malcontents do not accept this simple fact. They want to live in the past. They have ruined and destroyed what they touch. Not content with causing the ruination of one chapter, they have gone on to cause the expiration of two other chapters, and have caused

problems in a number of other chapters as well. They do not respect the rules of our Order. They do not respect the laws of the land. Indeed, some of them have gone from promoting the image of “outlaws” to intentionally breaking the law. They have now added corporate fraud and identity theft to their disgraceful actions.

They do not understand what our Order is about, or what it was meant to be, as envisioned by our Founding Brothers. Although few in number, they have brought in additional likeminded individuals into the Order, who know nothing of the truth of our Order, just what they are told by these uninformed malcontents. Most sadly, there are even a few other Brothers that listen to their blabber and innocently believe it because they too do not know of our Order’s actual history and purpose.

These malcontents do not care that their actions can create legal problems, criminal prosecution or monetary damages in civil court that could deprive other Brothers of their homes, livelihoods and businesses. Perhaps they don’t care because they have nothing to lose. Perhaps they just don’t care. But obviously, they don’t care about the problems they can cause for their fellow Brothers. Not only do they not understand what our Order is all about, they don’t even truly understand the concept of Brotherhood. How anyone can live that way, I just don’t understand. Neither can I understand those others that accept that type of behavior.

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I ask each Loyal Brother of our beloved Order to accept this challenge: Honor the memory of our ClampElders and their goals for our Order so they can look down from the Golden Hills and view their Order with pride. Help ECV grow with the 21st Century. Help your chapters to be stronger and better. Stand up for ECV. We are not outlaws. We are ECV!

Clampfathfully,

Glenn Thornhill, SNGH