



## Minutes of the Board of Proctors of E Clampus Vitus®, Inc.

Meeting held on Friday, May 20, 2022

Mother Load Fairgrounds, Manzanita Building, Sonora, CA

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by SNGH Greg Simas. Proctor Gary Parrott was asked to lead those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call. Present – XSNGH Dan McCormick, Russ Chapman, Jeff Winn, John Wrobel, VSNGH Dave Otero, Steve Myers, Ken Jaques, SGNR Jim Cirner, SNGH Gregg Simas, Mark Hall-Patton, Liam Driskill, Lyle Ducheneaux, Brandon Wilding, Proctor Gary Parrott, XSNGH Bill Wensrich, XSNGH Ken Jaques, Proctor Pupae Bruce Robbins, and Proctor Pupae Justin Schoolcraft. Proctor Pupae Paul Renner strolled in just in time to make roll call.

There were 15 Proctors present at the beginning of the meeting. The quorum requirement of 8 was met and the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

3. The Nominating Committee report was presented by SGNR Greg Simas. The following recommendations were made. (1) Roll through SNGH Greg Simas to forever be known as XSNGH Greg Simas, and have him complete his remaining term on the BoP as a sitting XSNGH-P supporting the Board with his vast wisdom and inspirational guidance. (2) Roll over VSNGH Dave Otero and elevate him from

“Nameless to the highest position known within ECV as the new and incoming Sublime Noble Grand Humbug. (3) Elevate current Sublime Noble Grand Recorder Jim Cirner to the position of Vice Sublime Noble Grand Humbug or, to always be referred to during his term as “Nameless”. (4) Elevate Proctor Mark Hall-Patton to the position of Sublime Noble Grand Recorder to include all of the tasks and obligations this appointment entails. (5) Promote XNGH Bruce Robbins from Las Plumas del Oro Chapter #8 to the position of first term Proctor. (6) Promote XNGH Justin Schoolcraft from Snake River Chapter #1811 to the position of first term Proctor. (7) Promote XNGH Paul Renner from Billy Holcomb Chapter 1069 to the position of first term Proctor. Additionally, the Nominating Committee wanted to place in the record their thanks to XSNGH Ken Jaques, XSNGH Bill Wensrich, and XNGH-P Steve Myers for their years of service to the board, and out Ancient and Honorable Order. XSNGH Dan McCormick moved to approve the report, with a second from XSNGH Wensrich. The vote was 14 ayes, with XSNGH McCormick, channeling his inner Brian Nash, voting No. It was noted that all positions would be effective at close of business at the General Meeting on May the 21, 2022, excluding the roles of the current and new SGNR who will combine efforts to complete all administrative requirements and successfully close out the current year.

4. SNGR Jim Cirner presented the Gold Dust report. It showed we were solvent in both the general and historic preservation accounts. The report was accepted
5. SGNR Jim Cirner then presented the Chapter Statistical Report for 2021-2022. He noted it was basically in good shape, except for Eureka Chapter which did not have insurance nor was it currently incorporated in the State of California, and therefore it was currently suspended as a chapter of ECV Inc. He noted that XSNGH Bill Wensrich was working with the chapter, which was corrected by XSNGH Wensrich who said he had not been in contact with Cory Luna of the chapter since February and that they appear to be a dying chapter. They have received a notice of suspension six months ago. VSNGH Otero noted they need to send in their officer information, and SGNR Cirner noted they have. However, SNGH Simas noted they will need to receive a letter by October stating should they not have everything back in order by the February 2023 required information submittal date their charter will be terminated and they will cease to be a chapter of ECV. XSNGH Wensrich noted the necessity of this as well. Irish Kate also will be presenting tomorrow that everything is up to date, according to XSNGH McCormick.
6. Outpost Guidelines – SNGH Greg Simas brought up the idea of a tiered cost for Outposts above the yearly dues to offset the costs of new outposts. Proctor Brandon Wilding moved to incorporate a \$100 application for all groups applying to

become outposts and a \$400 chartering fee to be applied when the group receives a charter. These fees will not apply to any outposts already in the pipeline. Seconded by Proctor Ducheneaux. Motion passed.

To help newly chartered chapters maximize their attendance at their charter doins, a motion was made by Proctor Steve Myers, seconded by XSNGH Ken Jaques, that all new chartered chapters must submit chartering dates for final approval by the Board of Proctors before they can move forward with planning their events. Motion passed.

7. VSNGH Dave Otero then announced some subcommittees he planned to form in the next (his Sublime) year. One would be a PBC Guidelines committee. Others would include a Territorial map committee and a Duties and Responsibilities of Proctors committee. Proctor Gary Parrott noted the need for a committee to form a draft schedule for all ECV doins.
8. XSNGH Bill Wensrich asked for clarification whether the fees being applied to new outposts in item 6 will affect any new Outposts from this BoP meeting. SNGH Simas said yes it would.
9. SNGR Jim Cirner handed out new Proctor chapter assignments. SNGH Simas asked that all Proctors met with their chapters after the all-chapter portion of the BoP meeting on Saturday.
10. Pupae Proctor Justin Schoolcraft was then recognized by SNGH Simas so that he could explain the supplication he brought for his new brethren on the BoP. It consisted of a can of Idaho vodka and a special coupon for Snake River's next doins.
11. Copper Queen Outpost – PxP Ken Moser brought in the Copper Queen outpost. NGH Travis Stransky of Julia Bulette Chapter brought in a letter, which he read, petitioning the BoP for Copper Queen's elevation. The letter is attached. PxP Ken Moser also noted their work of the 2021 TRASH Trek. Mitch Miller, current Glutious Maximus of Copper Queen Outpost also gave a report about their five plaques raised in the previous year, work with local groups, working with other chapters. He gave recognition to other chapters which had helped them. He noted their donations. XSNGH McCormick noted their Outpost bylaws needed significant revision. PxP Gene Duncker said that they had probably included incorrect set of bylaws in their presentation and would correct that. XSNGH McCormick He also noted that the membership list was not up to date. XSNGH Bill Wensrich asked about their bank account and was answered by Miller it was about \$2,700. SNGH

Simas then questioned the current membership of the Outpost. He was answered by Miller that they had brought in 18 new PBCs. About 15-25 members attend their meetings. SNGH Greg Simas thanked them for appearing and noted they would hear the Board's decision at the Grand Council tomorrow.

12. Samuel L. Clemens Outpost – Edward French, Vice President, and Lency Spencer, Historian, presenting. Supplications were distributed. Edward French noted two plaques were placed. Highway cleanup and food-bank help was done. Outpost has about \$10,000 in the bank. Problems with previous President not being active, current has been more active. Sponsoring chapter Lucinda Jane Sanders representative reports they are doing well, had 16 PBCs, though some were retreads. They do have problems with distances and the types of hours jobs in mining require. Edward French talked about placing a plaque at a night-airway beacon, though their knowledge of its history was somewhat problematic (Proctor Mark Hall-Patton comment). They are handling their own finances, according to their sponsoring chapter. French noted that they are policing their Facebook page and their whitecoats at doins. They are getting 15 to 20 at their events, which SNGH Simas noted was a good number for their area. Proctor Liam Driskill asked whether they were making a profit on their events. Spencer noted that they were. Proctor John Wrobel asked why page 5 was upside down in their book, and French noted he was not computer literate and couldn't figure out how to get it to turn over. Proctor Wrobel asked if there are support letters in their booklet and was assured there were from their adjoining chapters. SNGH Greg Simas thanked them for appearing and noted they would hear the Board's decision at the Grand Council meeting tomorrow.
13. Pio Pico – Gil Elvira spoke on behalf of the Pio Pico Historical Brothers and noted that they had cleaned and rededicated one plaque and dedicated two plaques, as well as providing a scholarship to Vanesa Anaya, a local high school student, and helping with numerous cooking and fundraising events, including a Christmas toy drive. Two other plaques are planned. XSNGH Dan McCormick asked what their current active membership was, and was told 375. Attendance at meetings are 15 to 25. VSNGH Jim Cirner asked what their growth was over the last year, and was told about 60. When he asked how many were local, no number was given. Proctor Lyle Ducheneaux asked what the criteria for the scholarship was, and it was explained that it is based on an historical essay. They were asked about the size of their territory, and was told it is a small slice of Yolo County. When asked if there was enough to plaque there, Gil assured the BoP there was. XNGH Mark Stuart, the Historian of Downieville chapter appeared to present on their behalf as the sponsoring chapter, and spoke on how supportive they have been of Downieville.

They have the greatest cook crew. However, he did say that the Pio Pico members were dedicated to history and were doing a great job. “Confusion” Kai Roath, 74th Humbug of Yerba Buena #1 appeared to support them, to note that they are placing plaques with other chapters even as a non-outpost, and are very dedicated. If they make it as an outpost, Kai noted that he wants to put together a three-way event with YB 1, Sam Brannan, and Pio Pico. VNGH of Joaquin Murrieta spoke on their behalf and supports them. He also wrote his chapter’s support letter, which did not make the book. SNGH Simas noted that they had taken to heart what they had been told in the past. SNGH Greg Simas noted that they would hear the Board’s decision at the Grand Council meeting tomorrow.

14. Sam Barlow 33 – XNGH Dan Mancuso of Umpqua Joe introduced Charles Rising of the Sam Barlow 33 Historical Society. He noted the wisdom of the BoP from last year and not accepting them as an outpost with the notice to stop using ECV’s signs and symbols, and restart. They took the advice to heart. They have tried to operate as a chapter, while being an historical society. They spoke about their history and the history of their area. Adam Oliver, Keeper of the Beans, then talked about how they raised the funds to buy needed clamp-chef materials. Joe Feinman, Chief Muckety Muck was next introduced, and noted that their strong membership is 20-30. They are looking to buy a tent to get out to festivals and advertise to become seen. They are working with local historical groups. He also reviewed their public outreach and family events. They have worked on the John MacLauchlan House. He also noted that they have decided to have two different types of vests, a “public” vest and a “doins” vest, so that their public image is a positive one in the community. XSNGH Bill Wensrich about their treasury. Adam answered they had \$2200 in savings, and \$1200 to \$1800 in the checkbook. Proctor Liam Driskill asked whether they would be trying to plaque, and where the \$1,000 starting capital came from. Adam Oliver said it was a donation from a member. They were asked by XSNGH Dan McCormick about their membership list, and noted that there was a significant error in the list, as his name was missing. Charles Rising apologized and will correct it. Proctor John Wrobel noted that there was no provision in the bylaws that membership was only open to males, and Dan Mancuso noted that was specifically removed to allow them to receive a grant. He then noted that since ECV is only open to membership by invitation they did not see an issue. SNGH Simas thanked them for appearing and noted they would be hearing the Board’s decision tomorrow at the Grand Council meeting.
15. John C. Fremont 1850+4 – Chris Chase explained the proposal to create a new chapter in Mariposa County. He reported that it is supported by Mатуca, Grub Gulch, and Estanislao chapters. They have had two meetings with local resident

claspers. He noted that there are about 17,000 people living in Mariposa and that there are about 300 current claspers living in Mariposa County. These were implied to all be proto-members of the proposed new chapter. He also noted that they did not yet have a bank account due to name issues. SNGH Greg Simas asked what the need was for a new chapter. Chase answered geography, specifically distance. Chase noted it was a long way to drive for two meetings a month. It would take three hours to drive from end to end of Matuca territory, according to Chase. Proctor Brandon Wilding asked if this was to be a split, or a new chapter. Chase said this had been discussed among the four XNGHs of Matuca working on the new chapter, and that this would be a split and the finances still need to be worked out. The four XNGHs hope this will not be ugly, and assure that this will be worked out. Matuca will retain the Matuca name. XSNGH asked again about the bank account, and Chase noted that they will be setting it up. B. J. Marsh, XNGH of Matuca not living in Mariposa County, spoke to support the idea. He talked about the problem of getting to the Widders Ball last December because of the ice on the roads as a deciding factor. XSNGH Bill Wensrich asked XNGH Marsh whether the Matuca Chapter has voted to support a new chapter. He said yes. There was another note that there had been some issues on the Matuca board, but they have voted to support the effort to date. Proctor Liam Driskill asked how they were making money. Larry Wesson said they had formed a committee to do that. XSNGH Dan McCormick asked about the 62 year old encroachment permit they are planning to use for putting up a plaque on a state highway. Chase noted that they have a member who worked for CalTrans before retiring, and can work with the necessary office. Skip Skyrud will be their historian. What does 1850+4 designate? The 1850 was for when we became a county, and the 4 was for 4 first in the county's history, including their newspaper, courthouse, and two others which weren't clear from the presentation. Bruce Ainsley, NGH of Estanislao, spoke in favor of the split. Dan Carrion, NGH of Grub Gulch, spoke and noted that there is some drama and some are not happy in Matuca, but most are in favor, and Grub Gulch voted to support after review. SNGH Simas noted they would hear our decision at the Grand Council meeting tomorrow.

16. Outpost Assessments – SNGH Greg Simas noted this time was set aside for discussion.
17. Copper Queen Outpost – After discussion, Proctor Gary Parrott moved to grant a Charter to the Copper Queen Outpost. Second by Proctor Mark Hall-Patton, motion passed.

18. Samuel L. Clemens Outpost – After discussion, VSNGH Dave Otero moved to grant the outpost Probationary status, second by XSNGH Bill Wensrich. Motion passed.
19. Pio Pico – After discussion, Proctor Mark Hall-Patton moved to grant this group Fledgling Outpost status, second by Proctor Steve Myers. Motion passed.
20. Sam Barlow – After discussion, XSNGH Bill Wensrich moved to grant this group Fledgling Outpost status, seconded by XSNGH Dan McCormick. Motion passed.
21. As time was short, further assessments were put off to Saturday's meeting.
22. Proctor John Wrobel then noted that many in CARP asked that Clamper, without the S, should be added to our registered signs and symbols. We need to speak to XSNGH Dan Stark regarding this.
23. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Submitted by,



Mark Hall-Patton  
SGNR, E Clampus Vitus, Inc.



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## Minutes of the Board of Proctors of E Clampus Vitus®, Inc.

Meeting held on Saturday, May 22, 2021  
Mother Load Fairgrounds, Sierra Building, Sonora, CA

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by SNGH Greg Simas. Proctor Gary Parrott was asked to lead those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call - Present – SNGH Greg Simas, XSNGH Dan McCormick, Russ Chapman, Jeff Winn, John Wrobel, VSNGH Dave Otero, Steve Myers, XSNGH Ken Jaques, SGNR Jim Cirner, Mark Hall-Patton, Liam Driskill, Lyle Ducheneaux, Brandon Wilding, Gary Parrott. XSNGH Bill Wensrich, Pupae Paul Renner, Pupae Justin Schoolcraft, Pupae Bruce Robbins.

There were all 15 Proctors present at the meeting. The quorum requirement of 8 was met and the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

3. BoP photo - The annual BoP photo was taken by Bo Pollard.
4. Sublime issue - SNGH Greg Simas reported a severe breach of protocol the previous evening when the Chief Truckee Chapter raised a banner at their hospitality room proclaiming the lowly VSNGH Dave Otero as the current SNGH. SNGH Simas is looking for the expulsion of the chapter. This error was not corrected even after the SNGH asked for its correction, and the banner was left visible all evening. We will return to this later.

5. XSNGH Sid Blumner presentation - XSNGH Sid Blumner then appeared before the BoP with XSNGH Glen Thornhill and XSNGH Wes Beavers. XSNGH Blumner noted that this was his 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Council, and he had hosted brats at Billy Holcomb's hospitality room Thursday evening. He spoke about his history with ECV and GC, and XSNGH Beavers and XSNGH Thornhill gave out commemorative t-shirts and coins. XSNGH Blumner noted how much ECV means to him, and how important writing chapter histories is to our organization.
6. Billy Holcomb Chapter presentation – A large number of members of the Billy Holcomb chapter, including XSNGHs Sid Blumner, R. Wesley Beavers, Esq., Glen Thornhill, Dan Stark, and Brian Nash, entered the hall led by NGH Mickey Moore. NGH Moore proceeded to give the annual Billy Holcomb Chapter report, while supplications were given out to the Proctors. SNGH Greg Simas thanked the chapter for its presentation. XSNGH Sid Blumner noted these XSNGHs were members of the Hanging Committee who would be dealing with the VSNGH and his chapter after the BoP meeting given the egregious insult to the SNGH the previous evening. XNGH Karl White then led the handing out of new SNGH t-shirts were given out to the Proctors, as was the new SNGH badge to the incoming SNGH.
7. VSNGH presentation – VSNGH Otero presented a VSNGH badge to SGNR Jim Cirner.
8. DLGYB presentation - XSNGH Dave Holmes and XNGH-P Tim Spencer next appeared to present the new book by Tim Spencer. Proctor Mark Hall-Patton noted that XSNGH Holmes is his only surviving sponsor. XSNGH Holmes noted that even though the new book is a paperback and was supposed to cost \$4,000, it ended up costing \$8,000. While the book was to be dedicated to him with him not being asked to put any money in to it, he was asked to help fund it. \$3,000 from the previous book was used, and the rest of the cost was funded by XSNGH Blumner. The book will be sold at \$10 per copy, with funds going to the Grand Council. Autographed copies were given to the Proctors. X-Proctor Spencer than noted there will be a next book, which will focus on the history of E Clampus Vitus starting in the later 1850s and including the Sandwich Islands. It will not be done for next year. XSNGH Holmes noted 1,000 copies of this book, E Clampus Vitus, Now and Then, were printed. SNGH Greg Simas thanked XSNGH Holmes and XNGH-PXP Spencer for all their work.
9. Clamper of the Year – Proctor Pupae Paul Renner then announced that XSNGH Loren Wilson has been named the Clamper of the Year by the Dumbellican Brotherhood.

10. Wall of Remembrance – XNGH-PXP Ed Hawkins and XNGH-PXP Mike Eckley then appeared to provide an update about the Wall of Remembrance. XNGH-PXP Hawkins reviewed the history of how the current site near the front gate of the fairgrounds was chosen in conjunction with the fairgrounds staff. The fairgrounds staff agreed with the site. XNGH-PXP Hawkins then turned the project over to XNGH-PXP Eckley. XNGH-PXP Eckley noted that the state of California has approved the building of the Wall. SNGH Greg Simas asked if E Clampus had control over what plaques would go on the wall. XNGH-PXP Eckley noted that the BoP needed to put together a committee to figure this out. SNGH Simas asked if it had to go through the BoP, or did the Fair Board have control. XNGH-PXP Hawkins said it had to they had to be historical. XNGH-PXP Hawkins presented a list the XSNGH Loren Wilson had put together a possible list which had been shown to the Fair Board. SNGH Simas asked XNGH-PXP Hawkins whether the wall could represent all chapters, and he said yes. However there is no written agreement to that understanding. SNGH Simas noted that there will be a committee, and XNGH-PXP Eckley will be on it. It will need to work out issues such as this.
11. Irish Kate update – XNGH Matt Christensen and members of the new Irish Kate Chapter presented an update on their progress. It was noted that VSNGH Dave Otero had died and come back to life at the outpost's fall doins, and some revival kits were presented. SNGH Jim Cirner asked about their missing paperwork including insurance, and was assured it was in the mail. A photograph was taken by the Irish Kate representatives which resulted in a significant amount of mylar being left for later cleanup.
12. XSNGH Dan McCormick presented a gift to VSNGH Dave Otero so that he could get more time where he was being looked at by the rest of the BoP and would again be noted in the minutes. VSNGH Dave Otero said thank you for his gift. SNGH Greg Simas called a break to fix his make-up.
13. ClamPlaquero report – XSNGH Dan McCormick presented a report to the assembled Humbugs. As he noted that previous ClamPlaquero Mark Hall-Patton was such a hard act to follow, there were now Co-ClamPlaqueros, the aforementioned XSNGH and Proctor Brandon Wilding. They would be putting out a Plaque book every five years, and information was presented to the assembled Humbugs for them to take back to their respective chapters. All information should be sent to [clamplaquero@ecvinc.org](mailto:clamplaquero@ecvinc.org). XSNGH Bill Wensrich suggested that information could be put on line. XSNGH Dan McCormick noted that he had not done so as of yet to keep all information was only open to clampers. Proctor Hall-Patton noted that the last

book was done on Amazon and was meant to be available to the public. It was designed to show ECV in a good light.

14. Outpost assessments – SNGH Greg Simas directed the BoP to continue their deliberations from the previous day. After much discussion, Proctor Steve Myers moved, Proctor Russ Chapman seconding, that we thank the representatives from John C. Fremont for coming and please return next year. Motion passed.
15. SNGH Greg Simas then brought up the Wall of Comparative Ovarions in Murphys for discussion. The business currently in the building the plaques are on apparently enjoys the plaques, but the current owners of the building, we are told, have an issue with the wall. The building owners see the plaques as a liability issue. We need a committee to work with the building owners to either add the plaques to our insurance, or to theirs and we pay for the increased costs. Proctor Mark Hall-Patton said we need to find out what are their concerns. Proctor Lyle Ducheneaux, XNGH-PXP Mike Eckley, and VSNGH Dave Otero all volunteered to be on the subcommittee.
16. SNGH Greg Simas asked out incoming Sublime to create a committee to deal with the issues around who will own the Wall of Remembrance, and what will go on the wall. It would not be fair to use funds from chapters which are not able to have a plaque on the wall, if that is the case. What is planned geographical coverage of the wall? Proctor Mark Hall-Patton also noted that given the size of the wall there will be relatively few plaques which can even be possibly placed on the wall. It was noted that the previous memorial brick area at the fairgrounds had been abandoned by the fairgrounds. After discussion, the committee will consist of XNGH-PXP Mike Eckley, Proctor Mark Hall-Patton, VSNGH Dave Otero, XSNGH Dan McCormick, Proctor John Wrobel, Proctor Lyle Ducheneaux, and SGNR Jim Cirner.
17. Humbug Meeting was then seated – SNGH Greg Simas welcomed the Humbugs and chapter representatives, and asked SGNR Jim Cirner to call the roll. All chapters represented except Al Packer, Eureka, Grub Gulch, Humbug, Johann Sutter, John P. Squibob, Lassen Loomis, Lord Sholto Douglas, Matt Warner, Mountain Charlie, Samuel L. Clemens, Slim Princess, South Pass 67ers, Tuleburgh, and Vigilantes. Some chapters did arrive late. SNGH Simas began by announcing that, unfortunately, if information required for the Sublime Grand Noble Recorder, including Proof of Chapter Insurance, is late being submitted by chapters, there will now be a \$50 fine assessed to those chapters which are late. There will be an additional \$50 fine assessed to those chapters which are late in sending in their annual dues. We have been pleading for years. There will be another \$50 fine if the information and dues are not submitted by Grand Council, and if the

information is not to the SGNR by the time of Grand Council, your chapter representatives will not be seated in the big meeting. Proctor Liam Driskill reminded that all HoCo imagery must be kept off the web. Watch your own people. Also, we do have to keep our web sites up to date. Please be courteous of your neighboring chapters, so watch what weekends your nearby chapters are on. A question was directed to Liam about "private" social media pages. VSNGH Dave Otero answered this, by noting "THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PRIVATE PAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. JUST ASK THE TWELVE KIDS WHO WERE KICKED OUT OF HARVARD FOR POSTING STUPID SHIT ON THEIR PRIVATE PAGE. KEEP YOUR SHIT OFF THE INTERNET." (He was somewhat impassioned, and received a hearty "SATISFACTORY!" from the assembled Humbugs.) Proctor Driskill then noted that redshirts will try to argue that the rules don't specifically state social media, but argue with kindness. SNGH Simas then announced that we may not be able to do hospitality rooms at the Gold Lodge, so we are looking at something new which will be here on the fairgrounds. XSNGH Dan McCormick then handed out a flier with some information, and let everyone know that information will be forthcoming. Any room reservations at the Gold Lodge will now be done directly at the Gold Lodge. There will be no official ECV liaison. Please let XNGH-PXP Ed Hawkins know how much you appreciate his 25 years of work here. Also, please thank the manager, Melissa, and assistant manager, of the Gold Chain for their many years of work on our behalf. XSNGH McCormick then spoke about the Plaque Book. He noted that it will take both he and Proctor Brandon Wilding to take the place of previous ClamPlaquero Mark Hall-Patton. A question was raised regarding the Murphys museum. Proctor Hall-Patton noted that the museum was a private one and ECV had never been in the position to control the museum. It was noted that some of the collections had been transferred to the Angel's Camp Museum. A question was raised about the Gazette webpage. The webpage is owned by an individual and not an official page. The only official webpage is [ecving.org](http://ecving.org). There was a question raised about whether there was a specific museum all the chapters could fundraise for. Proctor Hall-Patton noted that the office ECV archive are at the University of the Pacific, and donations could be made there, but chapters should look at supporting the museums in their own territories. VSNGH Otero noted that as we are trying to also solidify out ties with the Angels Camp museum, donations could certainly be made there. Proctor Hall-Patton also reminded the Humbugs of the difference between private non-profit, 501 © 3, museums, or public museums, and privately-owned collections that call themselves museums like the Murphys museum. Don't give to a private museum unless you are well aware of what will happen to the museum if the owner decides to close. Make sure you are not just funding a private collection. SNGH Simas then asked SGNR Cirner to read each Proctor's name and the chapters and groups they will be

responsible for. After this, the meeting took a break so that each chapter or group could meet with their Proctor.

18. After the Humbug meeting, Proctors returned for general discussion. Proctor Pupae Paul Renner was tasked with the ECV Flag committee, apparently to produce needed new flags. (I don't have clear notes on this.)
19. Proctor Mark Hall-Patton then brought up a discussion item about possibly placing a moratorium on accepting new Outpost applications for a specified period of time, perhaps 10 years. He said ECV has grown very quickly over the last few years, both in number of chapters and the geographical distance we cover in the western states. He feels it is time to stop for a few years and come to grips with what we have become as an organization and how we operate. This led to a wide ranging discussion with significant focus on the length of time such a moratorium might be in place for, with most Proctors seeming to feel that 5 years was a better length of time, and the fact that this idea needs further discussion. Proctor Hall-Patton agreed, noting that he was not prepared with a proposal at this time but wanted to begin the discussion only.
20. SNGH Greg Simas then recognized the three members of the BoP who were leaving after this meeting. As the SGNR did not have a recorder, the inspiring speeches of XSNGH Ken Jaques and XSNGH Bill Wensrich were not recorded, though all present were pleased to have heard them. However, given its brevity, the words of Proctor Steve Myers for whom this is also his last meeting did stick with the SGNR. He said "Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, I'm free at last!" SNGH Simas then thanked them all for their long service to ECV and to the Board of Proctors.
21. The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Hall-Patton", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Hall-Patton, SNGR  
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