



Grand Council
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P.O. Box 2044, Columbia, CA 95310

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

Meeting held on Friday, May 17, 2024

Mother Load Fairgrounds, Manzanita Building, Sonora, CA

A pre-presentation from past proctor and current Fairground Committee member Mike Eckley with an overview of the state of the fairgrounds. Mike gave an overview of the hospitality area and stated that next year's cut-off date for hospitality reservations will be May 1st. This will allow for more time to organize the layout and prevent last-minute changes.

All Hawkers at the event complied with new state laws requiring all vendors/hawkers to obtain a seller permit in the way a form 410D. Mike restated that a failure by any Hawker to obtain the permit could be a \$1,000 fine for both Hawkers and ECV Inc.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by SNGH Jim Cirner. VSNGH Mark Hall-Patton was asked to lead those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call. Present were SNGH Jim Cirner, VSNGH Mark Hall-Patton, SGNR Lyle Ducheneaux, XSNGH Dave Otero, Brandon Wilding, Jeff Winn, John Wrobel, Russ Chapman, Eric Larson, XSNGH Gregg Simas, XSNGH Dan McCormick, Paul Renner, Liam Driskill, Justin Schoolcraft, Bruce Robbins, Pupa Ray Fowler, Pupa Jesse Villarreal

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. Nominating Committee Report/Introductions. SNGH Jim Cirner read the Committee recommendations to the Board. Jim presented the following to the current Sublime Grand Humbug, Sublime Officers, and Board of Proctors:

The nomination committee has spent countless hours interviewing candidates and mulling over all the information provided to assist in making decisions we feel is in the best interest of our Ancient and Honorable Order. As a committee we unanimously make the following recommendations:



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To Wit:

Recommendation #1 - Roll through Jim “Crapper” Cirner from the position of Sublime Noble Grand Humbug to forever and in violet, be known as X-Sublime Noble Grand Humbug. Jim will complete his remaining term on the Board as sitting XSNGH-P supporting the Board with his vast wisdom and inspirational guidance.

Recommendation #2 - Elevate Mark Hall-Patton from “Nameless” to the highest position known within ECV® as the new and incoming Sublime Noble Grand Humbug.

Recommendation #3 - Elevate current Sublime Grand Noble Recorder Lyle Ducheneaux to the position of Vice Sublime Noble Grand Humbug or, to always be referred to during his term as “Nameless,” as there is no Vice in ECV®.

Recommendation #4 - Roll over Proctor Brandon Wilding to a second five-year term and elevate him to the position of Sublime Grand Noble Recorder to include all of the tasks and obligations this anointment entails.

Recommendation #5 - Elevate XNGH Eric Larson from Al Packer Chapter No. 100 to fulfill the remaining first-term of XNGH Gary Parrot as a Proctor serving the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus.¹

Recommendation #6 - Elevate XNGH Ray Fowler of James Marshall Chapter No. 49 to the position of first-term Proctor serving the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus®.

Recommendation #7 - Elevate XNGH Jesse Villarreal from Dr. Samuel Gregg George Chapter No. 1855 to the first-term Proctor serving the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus®.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the nomination report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

¹ Let it be acknowledged that in January 2024, XNGH Eric Larson of Al Packer Chapter No. 100 was elevated to the position of first-term Proctor to fulfill the remaining term of XNGH-P Gary Parrot, who passed away unexpectedly.



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4. Gold Dust Report. SGNR Lyle Ducheneaux presented that as of May 17, 2024, the ending balances for both the General Account and Scholarship Accounts were found to be in good order and solvent. All the bills through the end of April were paid with no outstanding bills. After the Gold Dust Report was presented, it was accepted.

5. Review of Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to be reviewed since the previous meeting on November 12, 2023.

6. Robert Leroy Parker No. 1889 / South Pass 67'ers No. 1867. NGH Kris Vickery of South Pass 67'ers No. 1867 asked XNGH-P Paul Renner to lead the group in a moment of silence and reflection for XNGH-P Gary Parrot. The two groups then distributed Gary Parrot memorial coins to the Sublime Board, and the Board of Proctors.

7. Reading and Approval of November 12th, 2023 Meeting Minutes. SGNR Lyle Ducheneaux read the meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Chapter Statistical Reports. SGNR Lyle Ducheneaux stated that as of May 14, 2024, all Chapters are currently up to date. "Nameless" Mark Hall-Patton pointed out that Chapters should have ECV Inc® as additionally insured so that the board receives notice of updated insurance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the statistical report. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Progression of Proctors and Chapter Assignments. SGNR Lyle Ducheneaux presented to the board that XSNGH Gregg Simas and XSNGH Dan McCormick have fulfilled their two terms as Proctors, and would be rolling off the board. Pupa Ray Fowler and Pupa Jesse Villarreal are to be elevated to the role of Proctor. All positions, and relinquishment of positions, were made official on May 18, 2023, after the Big Meeting.

Chapter Assignments:

- **Jeff Winn** - Growlersburg No. 86, Humbug No. 73, Copper Queen No. 1915.
- **John Wrobel** - Sam Brannan No. 1004, Yerba Buena No. 1, Monterey Viejo No. 1846, Mountain Charlie No. 1850.
- **Russ Chapman** - Joaquin Murrieta No. 13, De La Guerra Y Pacheco No. 1.5, Platrix No. 2.



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- **Dave Otero, XSNGH** - Chief Truckee No. 3691, Doc Maynard No. 54-40, Peter Lebeck No. 1866.
- **Jim Cirner, XSNGH** - Branciforte No. 1797, Wm. Meeks/Wm. Stewart No. 10, Trinitarianus No. 62.
- **Eric Larson** - Robert Leroy Parker No. 1889, Al Packer No. 100, Matt Warner No. 1900, South Pass 67'ers No. 1876.
- **Justin Schoolcraft** - Snake River No. 1811, Four Georgians No. 4681, Lucinda Jane Saunders No. 1881, Irish Kate Barrett No. 1858.
- **Bruce Robbins** - Las Plumas Del Oro No. 8, Vigilantes No. 1911, Lassen Loomis No. 1914, Pair-O-Dice No. 7-11.
- **Paul Renner** - Billy Holcomb No. 1069, John P. Squibbob No. 1853, Jodie No. 64.
- **Liam Driskill** - Major William Downie No. 1849, Eureka No. 101, Frank C. Reilly No. 5978, Pio Pico (Outpost) No. 1901.
- **Lyle Ducheneaux, Nameless** - Estanislao No. 58, Matuca No. 1849, Tuleburg No. 69, Umpqua Joe No. 1859, Sam Barlow (Outpost) No. 33
- **Mark Hall-Patton, SNGH** - Queho Posse No. 1919, Lost Dutchman No. 5917+4, Slim Princess No. 395.
- **Ray Fowler** - James Marshall No. 49, Lord Sholto Douglas No. 3, Johann A. Sutter No. 1841.
- **Jesse Villarreal** - Dr. Samuel G. George No. 1855, Grub Gulch No. 41-49, Major James D. Savage No. 1852.
- **Brandon Wilding, SGNR** - Snowshoe Thompson No. 1827, Jesse Lee Reno No. 1422, Julia C. Bulette No. 1864, Samuel L. Clemons No. 1856.

10. Committee Reports:

- **Territory Map Committee** - John Wrobel addressed the board as to the current state of the committee. The committee is still working with Chapters to gather logos and histories. The committee has monthly meetings. The organization of materials is slow going but is moving forward consistently.
- **100th Anniversary of ECV** - Paul Renner passed around a possible design for the 100th Anniversary t-shirt. Other than the t-shirt design, there were no updates from the previous meeting on November 12, 2023 meeting. Eric Larson suggested that the t-shirt design say "100th Anniversary" to not be confused with Chapter 100. Nameless, Mark Hall-Patton suggested "centennial." Mark also discussed the idea of a book he is going to work on with



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Tim Spenser regarding the centennial. Mark is also starting to work out a display of early pre-ECV revival artifacts during the centennial.

- **Big Meeting** - Liam Driskill discussed the forms that went to the Chapters to help streamline the meeting.

11. Pio Pico Outpost / Downieville Chapter report: Major William Downie No. 1849 NGH Lee “The Lesser” Todd and Outpost President Danny Lopez gave a status update for this group. Highlights Include:

- Letters of support from adjacent chapters.
- All administrative requirements are in place.
- The current bank account is low due to plaque projects, but solvent.
- 5 to 10 members at monthly meetings. 12 new members over the last year.
- The sponsoring Chapter is happy with their support.

12. Sam Barlow Outpost / Umpqua Joe Chapter report: Umpqua Joe No. 1859 NGH Robert Nunn, Outpost President Charles Rising, and Vice President Joe Feinman gave a status update for this group. Highlights Include:

- Continued integration into the community.
- Working with the surrounding Chapters.
- Plan to continue to focus on history, preservation, and community.
- The sponsoring Chapter is happy with the Outpost’s progress and work.
- The current bank account is solvent.

13. Matuca 1849 Request for new Outpost JC Fremont: Matuca No. 1849 XNGH Kevin Sousa presented updates of John C. Fremont Historical Society and asked that the group be given Outpost status. Highlights Include:

- Letters of support from adjacent chapters.
- Functioning financially separately from Matuca.
- Question as to whether there was a need for another chapter in the area.
- Working on fundraisers in territory.
- Leadership issues with Matuca. No current Matuca leadership was in attendance.



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14. Samuel Clemens Outpost / Snowshoe Thompson Chapter report: Snowshoe Thompson No. 1827 NGH Jay Robinson, and Outpost President Lenzy Spencer gave a status update for this group. Highlights Include:

- Successful events.
- Building positive relationships within the community.
- Continued membership growth.
- The current bank account is solvent.
- Leadership progression for the next five years.
- The sponsoring Chapter is happy with the growth.

15. Yerba Buena No. 1 Request New Outpost Chief Solano No. 1851: YB1 NGH Joseph Sheppard and President Jason Shaw presented updates of Chief Solano 1851 Historical Society and asked that the group be given Outpost statues. Highlights Include:

- Letters of support from adjacent Chapters.
- Meeting attendance.
- Election procedures and succession plan.
- Membership numbers.
- Proposed territory.

16. Doc Maynard No. 54-40 Request New Outpost George Vancouver Historical Society: Doc Maynard No. 54-40 NGH John Lainhart and President Tony Carlson present the George Vancouver Historical Society and petition that the group be given Outpost statues. Highlights Include:

- Letters of support from adjacent chapters.
- All administrative requirements are in place.
- The current bank account is solvent. (\$939.62 / \$570.12 saving).
- Community involvement.
- Presented plaques from the previous year.
- Discussion of future plaques.



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17. Outpost Assessments and General Discussion:

- **Pio Pico Outpost:** A motion was made and seconded for the Pio Pico Outpost to remain in the position of Fledging for at least another year. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Sam Barlow Outpost No. 33:** A motion was made and seconded for the Sam Barlow Outpost to be moved up to the position of Provisional. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Sam Clemens Outpost No. 1851:** A motion was made and seconded for the Samuel Clemens Outpost to be elevated to Chapter status. The motion passed unanimously.
- **George Vancouver Historical Society:** A motion was made and seconded that the George Vancouver Historical Society be asked to return next year. The motion passed unanimously.
- **John C. Fremont Historical Society:** A motion was made and seconded that John C. Fremont Historical Society be moved up to Outpost status in the position of Fledgling. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Chief Solano 1851 Historical Society:** A motion was made and seconded that the Chief Solano 1851 Historical Society be asked to return next year. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Meeting Adjournment: 5:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Widing, SGNR-P
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1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:09 AM by SNGH Jim Cirner. VSNGH Mark Hall-Patton was asked to lead those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call. Present were SNGH Jim Cirner, VSNGH Mark Hall-Patton, SGNR Lyle Ducheneaux, XSNGH Dave Otero, Brandon Wilding, Jeff Winn, John Wrobel, Russ Chapman, Eric Larson, XSNGH Gregg Simas, XSNGH Dan McCormick, Paul Renner, Liam Driskill, Justin Schoolcraft, Bruce Robbins, Pupa Ray Fowler, Pupa Jesse Villarreal

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3. XSNGH Sid Blumner Presentation: Sid thanked the Sublimes and the Board of Proctors for allowing him an audience. Sid announced that he recently celebrated his 55th year of being a member of E Clampus Vitus, and presented the Sublimes and the Board of Proctors with 55-year memorial coins. Sid also presented the Sublimes with some rubbings of ECV plaques that he hoped to be preserved. Sid introduced Kevin Ness from the Billy Holcomb No. 1069 as the new “HeyBoy” for the XSNGHs. On a more serious note, Sid showed concern for Billy Holcomb’s sponsoring Chapter, and assured the Board of Proctors that Billy Holcomb was there for support and to claim their territory.

4. Billy Holcomb No. 1069 Presentation. XSNGH Sid Blumner spoke on behalf of the Billy Holcomb Chapter and presented the Sublimes and the Board of Proctors with shirts featuring the image of the upcoming SNGH Mark Hall-Patton. Billy Holcomb NGH Tim Naeole presented “Nameless” Mark Hall-Patton with a badge honoring his role as upcoming SNGH. XNGH Karl White presented SNGH Jim Cirner with a not-so-noble badge honoring him as an upcoming XSNGH. Billy Holcomb passed out coins, and a schedule of their upcoming year. Sid thanked the Sublimes and the Board of Proctors with the opportunity to come before them and make their presentations.



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5. Clamplaquero Report: XSNGH Dan McCormick stated that there is a plan to put out a new plaque book in the next few years. However, submissions of new plaques have been little to none, so there is yet to be enough content to justify a new book.

6. XSNGH Loren Wilson Presentation: Loren thanked the Sublimes and the Board of Proctors. Loren gave a brief update on the Old Timer's Museum in Murphys. When the museum in Murphys was closed the display materials were relocated to the the museum in Angel's Camp. The agreement that was originally put in place, which stated that if a new location was found in Murphys in three years the material would be returned, expired this year, so all the materials are now the property of Angel's Camp Museum. In addition to the display material, the Old Timer's Museum also had boxes of paperwork and pictures. Loren has been scanning and archiving the photos. There was also three gavels in the collection. Loren identified in a publication called the Vituscan that one of the gavels had belonged to YB1. Herb Garish from LSD3 was the owner of the second gavel. The third gavel was used in 1968 when Charles Camp was SNGH. Loren presented the third gavel to the Sublimes to use in the meeting. The gavel is on loan, and will be displayed in the Angel's Camp Museum.

7. XNGH-PXP Dennis Holschlag Presentation: In a manner perfected by Dennis over many years, he made a worthy presentation.

8. Clamper of the Year (Dumbillican Brotherhood): COO Jeremy Langley presented that XSNGH Dan McCormick would be awarded the Dumbillican Brotherhood's Clamper of the Year. There were a lot of groaning and unpleasant statements from the Sublimes and the Board of Proctors.

9. Retiring Proctors: XSNGH Gregg Simas presented XSNGH Dan McCormick with a badge of non-office. XSNGH Dan McCormick presented the Board of Proctors with a coin, and presented XSNGH Gregg Simas with the shirt from Gregg's year framed and later signed by the board. Dan thanked Gregg for the ten years that they served together.

10. Vice and Humbug Meeting:

- Roll Call: All Chapters and Outposts were in attendance, except for Humbug No. 73.
- A presentation was made by Wit Ashbrook regarding an idea for multiple ECV Chapters to plaque the route of Jedidiah Smith. To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Smith's exploration of the West. The project is the Jedidiah Smith Trail Bicentennial Commemoration. Chapters that are interested are encouraged to contact Wit.



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- Liam Driskill passed out forms for the Chapter presentations in the Big Meeting.
- Liam Driskill reminded the Chapters to keep HOCO off the internet. Chapters were also encouraged to update their webpages, and to submit their events to the Flatlander.
- XSNGH Dan McCormick reminded the Chapters to submit new plaques on the Plaque Submittal page.
- Proctors introduced themselves and listed the Chapters that they were overseeing.
- SGNR Lyle Ducheneaux talked to the Chapters about sending their insurance in yearly. If insurance lapses the Chapter will be suspended. Also, Chapters need to send the actual physical copy to the SGNR. The Proctors are there to help out, so Chapters should reach out. XSNGH Dan McCormick reminded the Chapter that they have to list E Clampus Vitus Inc. as additionally insured.
- Humbugs were dismissed.

11. Retiring Proctors: XSNGH Gregg Simas and XSNGH Dan McCormick gave their parting advice to the Board of Proctors.

12. Meeting Adjournment: 11:02 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Widing, SGNR-P
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