



# Grand Council

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### Minutes of the Board of Proctors Grand Council Meeting

May 15, 2010 (6015)

29<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association's Mother Lode Fairgrounds Pari-Mutual Building  
Sonora, California

1. **Call to order:** The 8:00 a.m. meeting was called to order on time at 8:01 a.m. by Sublime Noble Grand Humbug Tom Crawford.
2. **Roll Call:** SNGR Gary Glud called roll. Proctors present: Dan Stark, Tom Crawford, Glenn Thornhill, Gary Glud, Fred Ludeman, Joe Girard, Bob Romer, Gene Brown, Bill Davidson, Tom Tomkins, Steve Macie, Jim Waterman, Geno Oliver. The SNGR reported to the Board that a quorum was present for conducting business. SNGH Tom Crawford then introduced incoming Proctor Dan Barger, XNGH from Tuleburg Chapter. Dan was given the ECV flag with appropriate instruction.
3. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting:** SNGR Glud read the minutes of the Board meeting held in South San Francisco in January. Motion to approve the minutes made and passed unanimously.
4. **Gold Dust Report:** SNGR Glud presented the Gold Dust Report to the Proctors and reported that the Corporation's finances were in order and the General Account and the Scholarship Account were both in the black. Motion made to approve the Gold Dust report was made and passed unanimously.
5. **Report from the Clamp Plaquero:** Clamp Plaquero Sid Blumner, XSNGH gave a report on the current status of obtaining plaque information from the chapters. He has sent out plaque registration forms to all chapters and has received responses from 27 so far. The next plaque book is planned for 2013 and will cover the years 2008 through 2012. He also reported that to print the book in color at 2010 prices would cost \$18.00 vs. \$8.50 for black and white. It is currently anticipated that the next book will remain in black and white due to the excessive cost of color. Sid then reported that the 2013 book will be the last one he will do. He also reported that Mark Hall-Patton, XNGH from Queho Posse who is a museum director in Las Vegas has agreed to take this job over when Sid steps down. Sid was thanked for his continuing efforts on this project.



6. **Report from the T.R.A.S.H. leader:** Trash Leader Bill Pearson, aided by a helper, reported on a rumor that some chapters may boycott the 2010 T.R.A.S.H. Trek due to it being held in Arizona this year and the current controversy in that state regarding recently enacted legislation. Bill reported that this would not be a problem because at the time the trail being visited was established, it was actually what was then recognized as New Mexico Territory, Arizona not having been formed at the time. The board thanked him for his report.
7. **Presentation by Billy Holcomb Chapter:** NGH Brian Nash, XSNGH Sid Blumner and other Billy Holcomb XNGH's and officers presented Nameless Glenn Thornhill with his SNGH badge and a special shirt in honor of his supposed upcoming promotion to SNGH. They then presented the special shirts to the rest of the Proctors and also presented all with a Billy Holcomb 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin. The Billy Holcomb crew was thanked for their generous supplications to the board.
8. **Presentation by the Dumbelican Brotherhood:** Brett Stockwell, COO and Dave Bond, XNGH announced to the board that the Clamper of the Year award would be given to Rod Stock. The board thanked them for their presentation.
9. **Presentation by Lost Dutchman Chapter:** XNGH Bobby Nine Fingers and four other Dutchman notables presented gifts and thanked the Proctors for allowing them the honor of cooking at the 2010 Grand Council Clamp Banquet. The Proctors thanked them for their work and gifts.
10. **Presentation by Platix Chapter:** XNGH Pete Sloman assisted by NGH Paul Meitzler, after presenting gifts to the Proctors, presented a history to the board behind the making of most of the rockets and equipment used to transport astronauts to Tranquility Base on the Moon. It was pointed out that most of these items were actually manufactured in Los Angeles County. Because of this, Platix Chapter requested that they be named by the board "Stewards of Tranquility Base and Protectors of the Moon". After this presentation, a motion was made to grant this request to Platix. Before the motion could be discussed, a motion was made to table this discussion until the year 3000. The board then voted on the motion to table, which failed. There then ensued a lengthy discussion regarding the original motion. In compromise on the motion, the original makers of the motion agreed to amend the motion to grant Queho Posse gaming rights on the Moon with 10% of any proceeds of such action being given to Platix Chapter. The board then voted on the motion which passed unanimously.
11. **Presentation by Squibob Chapter:** NGH Andy Davies, assisted by XNGH Bob Webb requested from the board the honor of cooking at the Grand Council Clamp Banquet in 2012. In order to entice the board to vote favorably on this request, XNGH Webb handed out gift applications to the Proctors indicating that a positive vote on the matter would result in the delivery in 2012 of three gifts to each current and any Proctors named by 2012. There was no formal vote on this as not all forms with gift requests (this signifies a positive vote) were received before the presentation was over. However, it is noted that by the end of the day, the majority of the board had turned in their gift requests, which represents a majority positive



vote, so the request is granted.

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12. **Presentation by James W. Marshall Outpost:** After presenting proper supplications to the Proctors, Undertaker Mike Ally made a presentation on the progress of this fledgling outpost during the past year. After the presentation, the Proctors thanked them for their good work during the year and encouraged them to continue their development.
13. **Presentation by John Sutter Outpost:** After distributing gratuitous gifts to the Proctors, XNGH Don Breeland made a presentation on the efforts and progress made during the past year by the outpost. After this, the Proctors thanked the outpost for their work and progress and encouraged them to continue.
14. **Discussion of status of JWM and Sutter Outposts:** After appropriate discussion, it was moved and seconded that JWM Outpost remain in fledgling status and Sutter Outpost be promoted to provisional status. Motion passed unanimously.
15. **Presentation by Umpqua Joe Outpost:** After presenting the Proctors with appropriate gratifications, Wagon Master Keith Long, assisted by Humbug Chapter XNGH Bill Wenrich, presented the progress of the outpost during the past year, including specific actions requested by the Board of Proctors in 2009. During the presentation, it was stated that the outpost felt they were ready to be elevated to chapter status. The board then asked Keith various questions, including what territory they would be overseeing. Keith responded that their territory included five counties encompassing approximately 400 square miles. The board thanked them for their presentation.
16. **Presentation by Snake River Outpost:** After presenting the Proctors with excellent gifts, XSNGH Sonny Marshall introduced outpost President Bob Haines who proceeded to review with the Proctors an organization report he had prepared for the board. He also went over the progress the Outpost had made during the year and indicated that they were ready for chapter status. The Proctors then had questions for Bob, including which territory they were looking at. Bob told the board that they were looking at all counties adjacent to the Snake River in Idaho. It was then determined this area consisted of seventeen counties. It was noted that area these counties occupied was not a real large area. The board then thanked them for their presentation.
17. **Discussion of chapter status for Umpqua Joe and Snake River Outposts:** After considerable discussion, there were two separate motions made to grant chapter charters to Umpqua Joe and Snake River Outposts. Both motions passed unanimously.
18. **Humbug presentation by SNGH Crawford:** SNGH Tom Crawford, assisted by XSNGH Wes Beavers presented various issues to the assembled Humbugs and other chapter representatives.
19. **Discussion of Downieville status:** There was a general discussion of various matters arising since this chapter's charter was revoked in January. Among those issues discussed were a

letter received from an attorney retained by them and a recent flyer sent out by them using "E Clampus Vitus" in the flyer in violation of the trademark we hold on it. To this end, Proctor Dan Stark has already started drafting a cease and desist letter. Dan was also directed to look into legal representation to defend our trademarks in Federal Court. We also discussed finding a California attorney to make inquiries with the California Secretary of State regarding Downieville's corporate status.

20. **Discussion of the Vipers:** A very similar discussion was had in relation to the Vipers as occurred with Downsville with similar direction to Proctor Stark.
21. **Presentation of nomination committee report:** SNGH Crawford presented the nomination report. He first congratulated and thanked Jr. Madrid (not in attendance due to medical issues) on his service to the board. He then announced that Joe Girard would be rolled over for a second term and Dan Barger, XNGH from Tuleburg Chapter is being named as a Procter to fill Jr. Madrid's seat. Tom then named Bob Romer as his nominee for SNGR in 2010-2011. This concluded his report.
22. **Other matters:** Tom Tomkins reported that he had seen a couple with two young children at the hospitality suites on Friday night. He also reported that he ordered the clamper father to remove the children from the area which he did. Joe Girard reported on seeing drug paraphernalia being sold by a chapter hawker at a doins.
23. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

And so recorded,

Gary Glud SNGR  
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