

The Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus®



PXL

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PBC HANDBOOK

(Serious shit!)

KEEP this Book with you at ALL TIMES.

The importance of this handout cannot be stressed enough.

(It may be the only toilet paper in camp!)

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Your Name (like anyone gives a damn)

Your Sponsor (the person who thought you *deserved this*)

This is not in RED, because lowly PBC's are not allowed to possess anything of that sacred color.



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An Introduction to E Clampus Vitus®

Congratulations on your decision to seek admittance into the ***Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus***. Prior to being awarded your entry-level title of "Poor Blind Candidate," or "PBC," consider the following. If after reading this you choose to proceed, you are agreeing to act as expected and subject yourself to the authority of our **Grand Imperturbable Hangman**.

What is a PBC in for?

A PBC will be directed by the Hangman (or his appointee) to performing simple chores, assisting in the preparation of meals, entertaining the Redshirts, and possibly light construction of historical interest. During these activities a PBC will be taunted, vilified, humiliated, cursed, and insulted. However, a PBC will not be physically harmed (at least not seriously). A PBC must remain sober throughout the entire day of initiation, NO EXCEPTIONS!

What is expected of a PBC and his Sponsor?

If you choose to proceed, this is what is required of you and your sponsor:

1. **The Candidate must be at least 21 years old AND remain sober at all times!!!**
2. Keep the Hangman informed to ensure the safety of our PBC's:
 - o Does your PBC have a physical or mental limitation?
 - o Has a PBC reached his physical or mental limit during the day's events?
 - o Are GC rules for PBC initiations being violated?
3. Learn and accept the structure, rules, and traditions of ECV. (PBC Rules are presented later in this pamphlet) For example, be prepared to honor the following traditions during your initiation:
 - o **PBC's DO NOT** wear or touch the color RED, this is reserved for Clampers ONLY!
 - o A PBC is expected to provide a token bribe to the Greybeard council when called for interrogation. **Hint:** the current Humbug prefers a good, well-aged bourbon.
 - o Tell at least one good joke. (jokes and puns will earn extra credit)
4. Follow the Hangman's instructions over those of anyone else, no matter their title or position.
5. **If a PBC decides ECV may not be so great after all, let the hangman know IMMEDIATELY.**
The PBC will be allowed to exit the initiation and return to his camp with his Sponsor. If after a period of reflection, the PBC decides to not follow through with the initiation, the man is expected to pack-up and leave camp along with his sponsor.
6. Enjoy your experience and have fun.

What do you get out of all this abuse?

A new and enlightening experience that you shall not soon forget.

You will be awarded the title of "Officer of Equal Indignity" and be fully aware of the importance and substance of ECV. You will be ready to instruct future PBCs who may seek admittance into the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus. You may even brag about this day to the future PBCs suckers whom you recruit to ECV.

Remember your behavior and actions reflect on your Sponsor -- act accordingly.



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A Letter from the Humbug

No matter what you do in life, how important you think you are, what kind of car, truck, motorcycle, or SUV you drive; TODAY YOU ARE A LOWLY PBC (Poor Blind Candidate). This means you shall consider yourself lower than snake turds, one level below a maggot. However, all is not without the possibility of redemption, should you successfully complete your initiation and become a fully vested member of one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations, the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus.

You WILL arrive at the Clampout on Friday and will check in with our "Hangman". That evening you will get to know your prospective Brothers. PBC's ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR ANYTHING **RED** IN COLOR, OR TO TOUCH ANYTHING **RED**, UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN DEEMED WORTHY AND HAVE PASSED THE RIGORS OF INITIATION --- BELIEVE ME, WE WILL CHECK! When I was a PBC, I made the mistake of wearing a pair of work gloves with two little red plastic balls dangling from the glove-adjustment straps. You can imagine my worried thoughts when a Redshirt/Clamper came to me and said, "Sorry PBC, but I've got to cut off your balls!" On Saturday, you will be taunted, vilified, humiliated, embarrassed, worked, instructed, and insulted --- BUT YOU **WILL NOT** BE PHYSICALLY HARMED! Later on, after you become a Redshirt and offer some other unsuspecting soul the opportunity to follow you in ECV'dom, you can brag and even make up stories about how rough you had it when you were a lowly PBC! Even as a new brother, YOU STILL MUST HELP WITH PBC DUTIES ALL WEEKEND!

Remember, we are all here to have fun, but today, that will be AT YOUR EXPENSE. If you can't take personal degradation and embarrassment ---- LEAVE NOW! I'm serious. We don't want you to embarrass yourself and your sponsor by having to be physically eject you from our grounds, and oh yeah, WITHOUT ANY REFUNDS. And I say "REFUNDS" because that includes your sponsor!

Every Clamper, including United States Presidents, Governors, Supreme Court Justices, Judges, Senators, Congressmen, Doctors, Lawyers (boo (!) hiss (!)), Teachers, Professors, Organ-grinders, Actors, Clergymen and High Church officials have all survived our initiations. They've all done it. No man (with certain exceptions) can become a brother without undergoing AND PASSING the ritual. In the end, you'll brag about how tough it was, but that it was worth every second.

Others have chosen to disregard these simple rules --- to their great sorrow. Remember them, and heed them during this glorious day:

- You're gonna' be made to do labor.
- You're gonna' be made to wear funny clothing or "doodads."
- You'll sing silly songs and recite prose.
- **YOU WILL DO WHATEVER THE HANGMAN COMMANDS YOU TO DO.**
- **YOU MUST REMAIN SOBER UNTIL YOUR INITIATION ORDEAL IS OVER!**

You paid good money for this --- SO ENJOY IT ---- WE CERTAINLY WILL!

**Rick "Hardluck Veiga, PXL – ECV Noble Grand Humbug
(hint-hint, when I drink it's Maker's Mark Bourbon Whiskey!)**



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A Short History of Peter Lebeck Chapter #1866 of E Clampus Vitus

In 1931, Carl Wheat, G. Ezra Dane and Leon Whitsell, sought to revive The Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus, romanticizing its glory days, when it flourished in the mining camps of the 49er's, and lived on to buck-up the men who modernized California. To wrest the Ancient Brotherhood out from its twilight slumber, they were helped by Adam Lee Moore, a Humbug of the first dispensation and considered Clampatriarch of the modern order.

These men established two ECV chapters: Yerba Buena #1, in San Francisco for Northern California; and Platirix #2 for Southern California, but these areas were too big for members to meet easily, so it made sense to carve up existing territory to create new chapters.

About 1957, a group of scholarly, yet jovial, Clampers saw the historical and logistical sense in creating a separate chapter for Kern County. The Brothers of the Fresno chapter, James D. Savage #1852, were willing to sponsor the group, and in 1961, a successful petition was made to the governing board of E Clampus Vitus, which agreed to charter a new chapter for Kern County, one seated in Bakersfield, from what had been part of the Platirix protectorate.

But what to name the new chapter? "Ft. Tejon Chapter," was an early favorite due to the site's great historical value in Kern County. Other names considered were the "Colonel Thomas Baker Chapter," for the founder of Bakersfield; the "Edward F. Beale Chapter," for the man who took the news of the California gold strikes to the east; and the "Peter Lebeck Chapter," for the hapless bear fighter buried at Ft. Tejon. Since no one knew much about Peter, he became the chapter's namesake as he was the least prone to controversy.

As for "1866," our chapter's number, it is both historical and symbolic. It represents the year that Kern County was incorporated in California, with its county seat at Havilah, but later moved to Bakersfield by a disputed popular vote in 1874. Our chapter was "established" in 1962, because that was the year of our "Charter Doin's," where we were publicly recognized as a chapter by ECV. Our first Noble Grand Humbug was Ralph Kreiser (deceased).

Our style is "PXL," symbolic of the fact that Peter Lebeck was killed by an "X bear" on October 17, 1837. He is believed to be buried beside the "Lebeck Oak" at Ft. Tejon State Historic Park, where, in 1955, an exhumation uncovered the mangled remains of someone buried along with an 1836 French five-franc gold piece.

Peter Lebeck chapter #1866 is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. Like other modern ECV chapters we are called to remember "those of the elder days," to educate the public about its own history, and to care for the "widders and orphans" by championing diverse charitable causes. Over our 60-plus year history, our chapter has placed many historical monuments and plaques throughout Kern County, and elsewhere in cooperation with other ECV chapters. We have memorialized places, people and events in keeping with our mandate. We host spring and fall overnight Clampouts every year to help raise money, and a "Widders' Ball," in February where we honor our wives for putting up with our foolishness. Our Clampouts are in the desert and the mountains, and everywhere in between, and if you successfully pass the tests, as a Clamper, you'll be welcome to join us any time.

Make sure to stop in to our website to find out more about us: <http://www.ecv1866.org>

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PBC Schedule

Fri, Sept 26: Open at 0700 (7:am) for Redshirts & PBC's. **You will be on your own for Breakfast & Lunch.**

10:00am & 4:31pm: - Early check-in at the check-in table.

2:13 pm – Bean Hole Contest – Winner to receive a Clamper grand prize.

4:03 pm - Humbug's Meet & Greet. XNGH's & NGH Meet at the PXL Tittie Bar for a Greybeard meeting.

5:03 pm - “F’ the Humbug Tacos” for dinner.

6:01 pm - PBCs must present themselves to the Hangman for survival instructions by the NGH & VNGH at the Tittie Bar.

6:20 pm - Clamper Poetry, Redshirt Tales & other BS, plus the “PXL Pickers.”

Sat, Sept 27: This will be a long day so suck it up buttercup!

6:03 am - **All PBCs report to the cookshack** for our PXL Graybeards' breakfast preparation/bonding ritual.

9:06 am- Redshirt check-in at the Check-In Table (**No Grub-stub, no meals**). No Kiddin’

9:33 am – **BRUNCH PROVIDED BY CHAPTER. DO NOT BRING ANYTHING except your appetite.** Our cook-team will prepare a meal guaranteed to cleanse your colon. **PBC's to do the clean-up.**

9:41 am- PBC & sponsor check-in at the cookshack. **PBCs will be Clean & Sober.**

11:33 am- Our Historian will impart an ECV History Lesson to our would-be Brethren – All Redshirts are welcome.

1:13 pm- PBC interrogations, entertainment, bribes, presentations, tomfoolery, etc.

3:03 pm- Necrology Ceremony & Hall of Comparative Ovations.

4:44 pm- Dinner.

8:17 pm- Raffle and Fireside fun - stories, jokes, male bonding, pass the bottle and the usual BS.

Sun, Sept 28: The dreaded “morning after.”

7:00 am- A continental breakfast at the cook tent. Aspirin & Roloids for those who survived.

8:09 am- Camp clean-up. **Everybody helps, from XSNGH to XPBC! ANY PBC/ FORMER PBC WHO LEAVES EARLY WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR SHEEPSKIN OR ID CARD -- - AND WILL HAVE TO DO THIS ALL OVER AGAIN!**

10:06 am- Drive back to the real world. But, do it **SOBER!!**.



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PBC Rules

1. A PBC must never wear the color Red (Yes, there will be an inspection).
 - This includes each and every item of clothing and jewelry.
 - Red Tattoos must be covered.
2. A PBC must attend all scheduled and spontaneous PBC meetings.
3. A PBC must complete all assigned and scheduled duties. A PBC must get to know all Officers, fellow PBCs and Members
4. A PBC must show unity with and loyalty to fellow PBCs.
5. A PBC must attend the campfire ceremony and plaque dedication.
6. A PBC must participate in PBC entertainment.
 - Telling of jokes, singing, and/or other conventional forms of entertainment.
 - Answer all questions presented to him.
7. A PBC must be **sober** the day of initiation.
8. No firearms, explosives, pets, fighting, long knives or bad attitudes are ever permitted at the Clampouts.
9. A PBC is under the complete authority of the Hangman and the Keeper of the PBC's at all **times**.
10. A PBC must study the PBC Rules, PBC Etiquette, the Code of Clamper Conduct, the List of Greybeards and Officers, the History of ECV, and any other information presented to him before the initiation.
11. A PBC must help clean the Clampsite prior to leaving on Sunday.
12. When in doubt, under any circumstance, **ASK THE HANGMAN**.





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PBC Etiquette

(Or, Fear and Loathing in a Clampsite, A PBC's Guide to Success)

1. A PBC should always address a Redshirt as “Mr. Redshirt Sir.”
Examples:
"Yes Mr. Redshirt Sir."
"No Mr. Redshirt Sir"
"That is correct, Mr. Redshirt Sir, I am a lowlife PBC, Mr. Redshirt Sir."
2. A PBC should always take his responsibilities seriously.
3. A PBC should always enjoy his work, rendered Satisfactory!
(Service Redshirts and maintain a cheerful disposition at all times.)
4. A PBC should **never** offend, anger or in any way irritate a Redshirt or Officer.
5. A PBC should always make sure that a Redshirt is comfortable and is given excellent service. Remember, a warm beer or soda could easily ruin a Redshirts (and thereby the PBC's) day.
6. When fetching a beverage for a Redshirt a PBC should always locate the coldest drink, (usually found at the bottom of the ice chest) and present it to the Redshirt with a cheerful “Here is your drink Mr. Redshirt Sir!”
7. A PBC should **never** stand upwind from a Redshirt.
8. A PBC should **never** serve Spam or green eggs to a Redshirt.
9. A PBC should **never** let his hangover interfere with his work.
10. A PBC should **never** say or do anything to embarrass his Sponsor.
11. When in doubt, under any circumstances, **ASK THE HANGMAN!**





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30 Odd Questions for Odd PBC's on Serious California History

(Have answers for at least 20 of these questions.)

1. Who was the English born American stagecoach robber, known as the “Gentleman bandit,” was also known to have tipped his hat and bid the stagecoach driver to have “a G’day”, before disappearing ?
2. In mining, what is a “monitor”?
3. The very first County Seat for newly designated Kern County was established in what Town? And in what year?
4. Silver City, not the one in Utah, New Mexico, or Nevada; but in Bodfish, CA.; What is it?
5. How did Buttonwillow get its name?
6. The highest and the lowest points in the United States are both located in California, within 100 miles of each other. Name them
7. In early California it was known as a “California Banknote”. What was it?
8. Who or what is Kern County named for?
9. How did Bakersfield get its name
10. Who discovered Peter Lebeck’s epitaph?
11. What is a “Long Tom”?
12. Name three local Indian tribes from the Bakersfield area, and its surrounding mountains?
13. Who was the last Mexican Governor of California? Where is his home today? Who was his brother?
14. Located near (or in) the small town of Agua Dulce, is a 945-acre Park that has been used as a backdrop for many hit movies, TV shows, and commercials over the years. What is it called?
15. Who was General George Patton’s maternal grandfather, and what was that grandfather’s role in California history?
16. When was the “last Old West shootout in Bakersfield,” and who was the main character?
17. Where did the Donner Party get lost, and what did they end up doing?
18. Who was the U.S. Surveyor General for California and Nevada in 1861 about whom President Lincoln quipped, “I understand that he is master of all he surveys”?



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19. The Governor of California allowed a group of 20 men to be formed as “The California Rangers” and led by former Texas Ranger, Capt. Harry Love, to track down someone the Mexicans called, “The Mexican Robin Hood.” Who were they looking for in 1853?
20. Who made the very first discovery of Gold in California?
21. What is a Pelton wheel?
22. What is an “Old Fashioned Miner’s Retort system”?
23. Who was the Pro Football Hall-of-Famer and Sportscaster who, when in high school played for the “Drillers” and said in an interview, *“When I was a Driller, we hated Taft. I still have such strong feelings about them that I won’t even drive through Taft today”*?
24. May 24, 1844, Samuel Morse sent the first message “What hath God Wrought?” by telegraph. **Trans-continental telegraph was not completed until 1861.** How did the message of the discovery of gold get to Washington D.C. in 1848, and who brought it?
25. Who was Alexis Godey, and how did he die?
26. Which early explorer arrived (up near San Francisco) in 1579 and claimed the land for England?
27. Where is the current County Seat for Kern County, and what year did it become the new county seat?
28. The Peter Lebeck Chapter 1866 of E Clampus Vitus became recognized as “official” in 1962. They installed their first memorial plaque in 1963. What was it for, and where is it?
29. Who was the man who spent 38 years hand-digging a ½ mile long tunnel through the mountain near Randsburg, CA, about 40 miles north of Mojave, then found it had about a 2000 ft drop when he got to the other side?
30. Tell us what you know about “Ye Olde Plate of Brasse” that was found in 1936?

BONUS QUESTIONS:

- Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of a drive-up ATM?
- Why does “slow down” and “slow up” mean the same thing?



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Greybeards and Current Officers

Past Noble Grand Humbugs		
1962 Ralph Kreiser *	1985 Kenny Young*	2008 Bob Clemensson
1963 Walter Bowman *	1986 Robert E. J. O. Waite*	2009 Dale Charter*
1964 George Hewett *	1987 Bob Newman	2010 Tim Gillespie
1965 Frank Miller *	1988 Tony Panici	2011 Tim Gillespie
1966 Walter Stewart *	1989 Jim Adams*	2012 Mike Ramirez-Mares
1967 Howard DeVilleroy*	1990 Jack Hogue *	2013 Russ Chapman
1968 Ralph Myers *	1991 Don Rowe	2014 Charles Topping
1969 Karl Thurber *	1992 Bill Howard	2015 Jim Bailey
1970 Tom Hagelstein * (X-proctor)	1993 Dave Phillips*	2016 Luis Bouza
1971 Max G. Bowser*	1994 Gene Duncker (X-proctor)	2017 Dale Turner
1972 Jack G. Davis	1995 Wes Frisinger	2018 Myrl Wallace
1973 Richard Davis	1996 Joe Szot	2019 Al Price
1974 Robert E. J. O. Waite *	1997 Bob Cordes	2020 Mark Crawford
1975 Tom Hagelstein * (X-proctor)	1998 Kent Holland	2021 Mark Crawford
1976 Gene Boultinghouse *	1999 Pat McGhee*	2022 Tim Gillespie
1977 Richard Francisco	2000 Kenny Young*	2023 Al Price
1978 Sharkey Denman *	2001 Wes Kutzner	2024 Kelvin Swanson
1979 John McAteer *	2002 Al Eastin	2025
1980 Chris Brewer	2003 Steve Weaver	2026
1981 Bud Bradford *	2004 Keith Fraser*	2027
1982 Charles Pomeroy*	2005 Steve Born*	2028
1983 Tom Hagelstein * (X-proctor)	2006 Paul Weaver	2029
1984 William Cordes *	2007 Don Johnson	2030

* All Graybeards are members of the Grand Council of E Clampus Vitus until called to the Golden Hills.

Current Officers 2025 (6030)	
Noble Grand Humbug	[] Rick "Hardluck" Veiga
Vice Noble Grand Humbug	[] Dave "Boulder" Staley
Grand Noble Recorder	[] Merle "Shaft" Phillips
Gold Dust Receiver	[] Dale "Top" Turner, XNGH
Assistant to the GDR	[] Merle "Shaft" Phillips
Grand Imperturbable Hangman	[] Robert Sanchez
Irascible Clamps Hostrix	[] Rodney "Porkchop" Robinson
Damn Fool Door Keepers	[] Rob "McNasty" Burke [] Guy "Guido" Cornell
Wagon Master	[] OPEN
Hawker	[] Mike "12 Volt" Mazzetti
ASS Hawker	[] Jim "Shanker Mechanic" Mann
Petey's Flying Circus-Ring Masters	[] Dave "Boulder" Staley [] Fred "Flintstone" Fenski
Clamp Chef	[] Frank "Guardrail" Webster
Royal Clamps Thespian	[] Mark "Scoop" Mutz
Consulting Clampstorian	[] Mike "MGM" Ramirez-Mares, XNGH
Consulting Clampstorian Emeritus	[] Chris "Professor" Brewer, XNGH
Clamp Crier	[] Dale "Top" Turner, XNGH,
Cyber Recorder	[] Mike "MGM" Ramirez-Mares, XNGH
Facespace Specialist	[] Mark "Scoop" Mutz
Clampatriarch	[] Kelvin "Dr. Klapper" Swanson, XNGH



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PBC Entertainment

Cadence

We don't know, but we've been told
You Redshirts are friggin' old
When we want to head to Hooters
All's we see is red on scooters
And if the joint is really far
We'll stop and check the nearest bar.

Sound off

The Bean Burrito Song (Cummin' 'round the Mountain)

We'll be eating bean burritos when she comes,
When she comes!
We'll be eating bean burritos when she comes,
When she comes!

We'll be eating bean burritos,
Not tostadas or taquitos,
We'll be eating bean burritos,
When she comes.
When she comes!

She'll be riding horney Clampers when she comes,
when she comes
She'll be riding horney Clampers when she comes,
when she comes.

She'll be riding horney Clampers,
She'll be riding horney Clampers,
She'll be riding horney Clampers,
When she comes.
When she comes!



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PBC Chant (to the tune of “Oh, Christmas Tree”)

We Like It Here
We Like It Here
Flockin’-A We Like It Here

Or

We Paid For This
We Paid For This
I Can’t Believe We Paid For This

The Ballad of Gilligan's Island" **Especially written for ECV Poor Blind Candidates by George Wyle & Sherwood Schwartz**

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale,
A tale of a fateful trip,
That started from this tropic port, aboard this tiny ship.

The mate was a mighty sailin' man, the Skipper brave and sure.
Five passengers set sail that day for a three-hour tour.
A three-hour tour!

The weather started getting rough, the tiny ship was tossed.
If not for the courage of the fearless crew, the Minnow would be lost. The Minnow would be lost.

The ship set ground on the shore of this uncharted desert isle
With Gilligan...
The Skipper too...
The Millionaire... and his wife...
The movie star,
The Professor and Mary Ann,
Here on Gilligan's Isle.



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JINGLE CLAMP

(Sung to “Jingle Bells”)

We have a silly song,
Haven't known it very long.
We just learned it today,
But we'll sing it right away.

It's a real Clamping song,
So feel free to sing along.
It has no dirty words,
Though you probably think it should.

Soooooooo... (**Chorus**)

Jingle Clamp, Jingle Clamp,
Vitus stews his toes.
Oh what fun it is to watch
The Humbug pick his nose!

Jingle Clamp, Jingle Clamp,
Clamping all the way!
Oh what fun it would be
To go Clamping every day!

Oh what fun it would be
To go Clamping every day!

STAND IN THE PLACE WHERE YOU CLAMP!

(After R.E.M.'s “Stand”)

Hangman: Stand!

PBC Response: (Snap to Attention and shout:)
In the place where you Clamp, and face?

Hangman: (Calls out “North!” – “South!” – “East!” or “West!”)

Response: (PBCs Turn and face the designated direction.)



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OH, SUSANNAH!

(Rope Song – as modified)

It rained so hard the day I left,
The weather, it was dry;
The sun so hot, I froze to death.
Susannah don't you cry.

Oh, Susannah!
Don't you cry for me!
I've gone to Californie
With a banjo on my knee.

LITTLE TEAPOT

I'm a little teapot
Short and stout.
Here is my handle,
Here is my spout.
When I get all steamed up
Hear me shout:
Tip me over
And pour me out!

I'm a very special pot
This is true.
Here's an example
Of what I can do.
I can change my handle
And my spout.
Tip me over
And pour me out!



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Glossary of ECV Terms

“And So Recorded”	The reply of acknowledgement by the Grand Noble Recorder that the Brethren do deem something “Satisfactory!”
Braying Jackass	Together with the miner, it’s the symbol of E Clampus Vitus.
Clamper	A member in good standing (standing or not) of the ancient and honorable order of E Clampus Vitus; a Redshirt; and an ECV “officer of equal indignity”: an X-PBC.
Clampout	Specifically, an overnight gathering of Clampers during which PBCs are initiated and a monument is often dedicated. Also known as a "Doin's." Compare “DOIN’S.”
Credo Quia Absurdum	The order's motto, to wit “I believe because it is absurd.”
Doin’s	A Clamper function of any duration, whether for a specific purpose or an unspecific purpose, though often for the purpose of initiating PBCs.
E Clampus Vitus	“Either an historical drinking society, or a drinking, historical society, take your pick”- <i>John Severino, GM, KABC-TV</i>
E Clampus Vitus, Redivivus	The present-day incarnation of Clamperdom. The term “Redivivus” derives from the Latin prefix red-, re-, "again" + vivus, "alive." As in, "Building anew from old wood."
ECV Gazette	Website with all things Clamper. http://www.ecvgazette.com
Erect, Erection	Verb or noun referring to the construction of a concrete or stone monument affixed with an historical plaque. As in, “Peter Lebeck is having an erection!”
Gold Dust Receiver	An ECV officer whose primary function is that of chapter treasurer.
Grand Council	Composed of all current and former Noble Grand Humbugs of all chapters in ECV. It meets the weekend before Memorial Day in Sonora, California. The Grand Council ratifies the decisions of the “Proctors” or Board of Directors of the mother organization, E Clampus Vitus, Inc.
Grand Noble Recorder	An ECV officer whose primary function is that of chapter secretary. (No, he doesn't wear a dress... normally...or make coffee when he does.)
Greybeard	A current or former Noble Grand Humbug: one of the "elders" of the chapter. A former Humbug is also known as an “XNGH.”
Hall Of Comparative Ovations	Any place where two or more clampers congregate.
Hangman	The person to whom the PBCs are entrusted and who is responsible for their initiation into the chapter; the ECV officer who, along with his agents or “Vigilantes,” has complete authority over the PBCs.



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Hewgag	A long tin horn which is sounded to gather Redshirts to the Doin's and to alert them that a PBC is about to enter the Hall of Comparative Ovations.
Humbug	Short for Noble Grand Humbug or "NGH;" the presiding officer of the chapter and the HMF in charge of the clampout. The chapter president.
Peter's Procs	Newsletter of the Peter Lebeck chapter #1866 of E Clampus Vitus.
Plaquing	The erection of a commemorative plaque, with or without a monument base. Also, an essential aspect of Clamping, as in, "If you're not plaquing, you're not Clamping."
Poor Blind Candidate	The lowest form of life, which, if it is lucky, may one day attain a place in Clamperdom.
Proctor	An officer of the Grand Council of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus. These fifteen XNGH's act as the executive board of the Grand Council, and are the Board of Directors of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus, Inc.
Redshirt	A Clamper; one who is to be treated as a V.I.P. by all PBCs.
Saint Vitus	The Patron Saint of E Clampus Vitus and that of idiots, actors and epileptics
"Satisfactory"	A shouted reply of approval by Clampers to the query, "What sayeth the Brethren?"
Serious Shit	An important item of particular interest to all Clampers, but most especially to a PBC; something a PBC had better know and pay attention to.
Slippery Gulch	The Humbug's libation station; the original slippery gulch saloon was located in Murphy's, California.
Sublime	Short for Sublime Noble Grand Humbug (SGNH): The presiding officer of the Grand Council of ECV.
Vice-Noble Grand Humbug	A chapter officer whose primary function is that of vice-president.
Vigilantes	Some Chapters use this title for assistants to the Hangman in charge of the PBCs. In PXL Vigilantes are the redshirts in the white lab coats who protect the PBC's while running them through the challenges of the day.
Wall Of Comparative Ovations	A wall located in Murphy's, California which holds the likenesses and histories of the namesakes of all chapters of ECV; located on the exterior of the Thompson building it is the un-official shrine of Clamperdom.
"What Sayeth The Brethren?"	A query, given to ECV brethren, asking for approval of a particular item.
Widow	A Clamper's wife, girlfriend or both; any member of the fair sex who is comforted by a Clamper.
X	The most wished for letter in the whole clamper alphabet.

