

VITAL INFORMATION FOR THE INITIATION OF A

POOR BLIND CANDIDATE



ACCORDING TO THE RULES ORDAINED
BY THE GRAND COUNCIL OF E CLAMPUS
VITUS® & VIGOROUSLY IMPOSED BY THE
GRAND IMPERTURBABLE HANGMAN &
HIS SOUBRIQUET VIGILANTES

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PBC REGISTRATION FORM

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POOR BLIND CANDIDATE RUBRIC

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CERTIFICATE OF WORTHINESS

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- I. A Sponsor may take in a Poor Blind Candidate (PBC) only by being a Red Shirt in good standing for one (1) year and attending at least three (3) Doins.
- II. Arrive at the designated time, make a reasonable effort to make known your name and to shake the hand of all present and past Noble grand humbugs (aka AI), he will be wearing a red shirt.
- III. Report to the hangman for PBC Duty Assignments. Be of service to the Red Shirts. Suffer the history. Prepare the hall. Memorize your pledge. You are to maintain a state of sobriety for the duration of your initiation.
- IV. All safety devices will be provided for your protections as well as for Roger's Pig. Any PBC failing to pass the Ordeal of Roger's Pig will be sent down the road.
- V. If a PBC has any physical limitations which may be aggravated by the ordeals of initiation, it is of the utmost importance we be informed. All "walking wounded" will be so tagged, and follow a modified course through the Chasm of Despair.
- VI. The hall of Comparative Ovations is a solemn and sacred sanctuary to be held in strict silence so that you may receive the degrees, secrets and passwords of the order. You must participate with your fellow PBCs in the hall. Your failure to perform satisfactorily will necessitate the hangman in giving the sign of the Sick Jackass.
- VII. Until you have successfully completed all ordeals and have duly received the Ennobling Staff of Relief, you are not to wear any Black or Red anything. You are to remain sober for the initiation.
- VIII. PBC must prove to the assembled brothers his love history by preparing and delivering a little-know fact of California history. This could be anecdotal, an offering to develop a local ranch site for a clampout and dedication, a biographical sketch of local history makers, suggestions for future plaque dedications or a retelling of folklore. You must use theatrics and avoid dull humorless diatribes. Leave that to the assembled brethren.
- IX. Although gratuities for the Brothers of the Burning Shame are not required during your interrogation, past experience has shown that such brazen sycophantic endeavors have proven worthwhile to encourage your safe passage through the Chasm of Despair.
- X. You will have a good time of it, and you will graciously exchange cash for merchandise from the Damnfool Storekeeper.
- XI. If you are one of the lucky few to pass through the Chasm of Despair unscathed, you may proceed with your awarded Certificate of Membership for signatory salubrities and insobriety.
- XII. Make copies for additional PBCs. Complete both sides of all registration forms, and return with gold dust for each.
- XIII. At the doins, PBCs cannot wear red, black, women's clothing or be decorated in any way. They must be clean and sober (.o8!) and have their pledge memorized. To appear otherwise will put you, the sponsor, in disfavor with the Authority of the high hat.
- XIV. As is our tradition, the Ordeal of Roger's Pig must be satisfactorily consummated. All safety precautions will be followed and the necessary protective devices will be provided to prevent disease and injury to Roger's Pig.
- XV. PBCs will be under the watchful eye of the hangman and his vigilantes, and will be shown the other side of the mountain the 1.5 way, and no other. Members of the Initiation Team are the only redshirts to have physical contact with the PBCs.
- XVI. Initiation will be conducted according to the rules ordained by the grand Council of E Clampus Vitus®. Caustic or noxious substances, living or dead animals or mechanical or electrical devices inflicting pain, shall not be applied to a PBC in any way.
- XVII. Once the PBC has been collected by the hangman and his vigilantes, the sponsor will act only as an observer. All implements of torture and interrogation will be applied by the 1.5 hangman and his Trained Thugs.
- XVIII. Should a PBC fail to comply with the wishes of the hangman and his Vigilantes, he may be expelled and cause his sponsor to be re-initiated.
- XIX. We have all survived Rogers Pig, and most lived to enjoy it.
- XX. In Accordance with the rules ordained by the grand Council of E Clampus Vitus®, these general Clampout Provisions apply to all Chapter events: No orphans (2- or 4-legged); No guns, knives, explosives, weapons of any kind; No illegal or controlled substances. The presence of prohibited items jeopardizes our chapter charter. Enforcement will be by all officers of the Chapter and violators will be escorted off the premises.

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Candidate must have this page completed and pledge memorized before entering the Comparative Hall of Ovations.

PBC APTITUDE TEST

- (MUST be completed by PBC)..... Y N
- I am a jolly good fellow.....
- I am interested in California history ...
- I can draw a cartoon
- I can sing
- I enjoy theatrical work.....
- I play a musical instrument
- I am willing to help if called upon.....
- I am a friend of Al
- I am not a jolly good fellow.....

CLAMPERATING

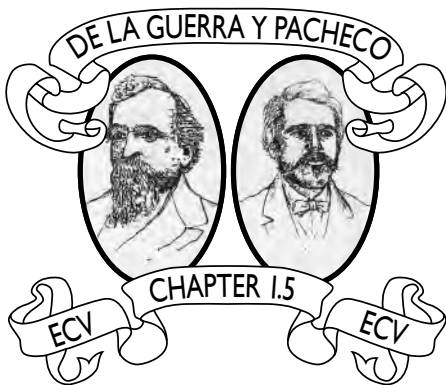
- (NOT to be completed by PBC).....▲ ▼
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- X.N.g.h.
- X.S.N.g.h.
- D.S.K.
- g.N.R.
- B.O.B.
- B.O.B.
- B.O.B.
- g.l.h.

PLEDGE OF INITIATION

E Clampus Vitus® was founded in antiquity. Its most glorious chapter is de la guerra y Pacheco, Chapter 1.5, emerging in unclaimed territory in 5996, subsequently dislodging the spurious hangnail of Platrix Chapter, and now reigning magnanimously over San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties, and benevolently offering protection and administration to subject lands in the Sandwich Islands.

The Bastardos Barbareños and Los hueros de gumshaniana explore the clamperities of life in locales as diverse as the tar sand mines of Carpinteria, the clam mines of Pismo Beach, the treasured heights of Santa Lucia Mountains, the plate tectonic movement of Parkfiel , and the arms of Captain Cook's coveted wahini surfwidder.

Should I pass the ordeal in the hall of Comparative Ovations, I shall faithfully uphold the Secrets entrusted to me by the Order; diligently perform my duties as Chairman of the Most Important Committee, and steadfastly protect the care of the widder and orphans in my charge, just as Adam cared for his widder Eve. I shall be vigilant in my search for the lore of our lands and study the great unwritten works of Saint Vitus as well as the lives of Antonio de la guerra, Romauldo Pacheco, Lo hung Whang, hop Mee, hee Li, C. Ignatz Trigo, g. Ezra Dane, Leon Whitsell, and all other Clampersonages whose lives might shed light on the lessons of our exalted and exulted Brotherhood.



KNOW YE ALL BY THESE PRESENT

POOR BLIND CANDIDATE

SPONSOR

The above Poor Blind Candidate has met all of the conditions for being taken in by de la guerra y Pacheco, Chapter 1.5 of The Ancient and honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus® Necessary gold Dust has been secured in full, aptitude tests passed, and a Clamperating deemed satisfactory. By proof of our signatures below, the grand Imperturbable hangman and the Damnfool Doorkeeper hereby determine the above named Poor Blaind Candidate worthy to enter the hall of Comparative Ovations.

gRAND IMPERTURBABLE hANgMAN

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