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FOR CLAMPER EYES ONLY !

Back in 1930 when Carl Wheat, Geo. Ezra Dane, and Leon Whitsell conceived the reorganization of the early fraternal mining days E CLAMPUS VITUS their purpose was slanted toward the involvement of only those men with a similar deep interest in California history.

While they maintained a lively interest in Fun, Fellowship, and the pursuit of Widows/welfare, they directed that ALL PBC's must prove their interest in California History

In 1954, when the Grand Council of E Clampus Vitus was formally organized, they went even further; Resolving:
"All applicants for admission - - must be a member of the California Historical Society or the Historical Society of Southern California in good Standing".

While over the intervening 50 years, the growth of local chapters in numbers and in size, and the resulting expansion of initiatory opportunities throughout the Diggins, Shafts, Winzes and Drifts of both California and Nevada have created large bodies of Red-shirted Clampers, there is cause for concern that many, in the course of convivial fellowship and the continued pursuit of Widows/ welfare, may have missed the Historic "point".

Obviously, there are many opportunities for active involvement in Historical Societies today with various County, city, and special site (activity or event) groups in addition to the originally named California groups cited. All need and deserve the active participation and support of every man who is called "Clamper". None receive more than token support from any tax source. ALL are financially "deductible" and more important participatorily "enjoyable#".

As the current SNGH of E Clampus Vitus and a Trustee of The California Historical Society, I'm pleased to enclose an invitation to men of Clampotent goodwill to join today's California Historical Society - the key group that brought Wheat, Dané, Whitsell & Jessup, (plus Camp, Grabhorn, Farquhar, Shumate, Platford, Segerstrom, Stoppie, Huff, Wood, and the other redivivus E C V leaders), together.

I invite you to make good use of the invitation in event you may have contact with any errant miscreant brethren (or have somehow been personally weakened as was Brother Dumbellicus).

The association with people of like interest, Libraries and research-resources, Publications, and Programs will be thoroughly enjoyed by every Clamper who wants to keep California History alive today.

Earl

In case you know of more than one miscreant who needs to renew his historic imolation & association just tell me who & where or "how many" & I'll mail 'em.