Grand Council

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Major William Downie Chapter No. 1849
P.O. Drawer A
DownieVille, CA

To the Officers and Greybeards:

On January 8, 2010 the Board of Proctors of E Clampus Vitus, Inc. met in Colma, California in regard to an official complaint against Major William Downie Chapter No. 1849 in regard to events and occurrences at the chapter's Doin's held on August 29, 2009 in Downieville, California. The complaint was made by a PBC at that event. The complaint detailed a great number of violations of the Rules regarding the handling of PBCs. These Rules set down by Grand Council are to insure that everyone in the Clamp environment is safe. Poor Blind Candidates and Red Shirts alike.

Four officers of the Major William Downie Chapter were present at the above referenced meeting in Colma. A thorough investigation of the entire matter was held, which included the testimony of fourteen persons. At the conclusion of testimony, followed by a lengthy discussion and careful deliberation, the Board of Proctors came to the following conclusions. Your chapter demonstrated a serious leadership deficit that is dangerous and unacceptable. Your actions and inactions went beyond violations of the Rules and reached such levels of misfeasance and malfeasance of your stewardship for your PBCs that it was despicable. These conclusions led to the following unanimous decision: Major William Downie Chapter No. 1849 will surrender its charter and cease being a recognized chapter of E Clampus Vitus, Inc. The revocation of your charter was effective as of January 8, 2010.

Henseforth: the chapter known as Major William Downie Chapter No. 1849 may not operate as a valid chapter of E Clampus Vitus, Incorporated. You may not initiate any Poor Blind Candidates or take in any new members. You may not use any of the trademarks of E Clampus Vitus, Incorporated and you cannot hawk-peddle or sell any items bearing any E Clampus Vitus registered trademarks. The name, Major William Downie Chapter No. 1849 will be withdrawn from the rolls of E Clampus Vitus, Inc. The Secretary of State, for the State of California, will also be notified of this action as will your insurance agent.

We regret having been placed in the situation where we had to take such action, but had no choice once the full details came out as a course of the investigation. As we had no absolute proof you had or did not have liquor liability insurance in place for the event as your chapter representatives told us was the fact, because it was not forwarded to us as required, this matter was not investigated and was not a part of the charter revocation decision.

We also want you to fully understand that while there is no longer a Major William Downie chapter, all members of the former chapter that were in good standing prior to the revocation are still Clampers and Brothers and welcome to attend ECV functions - with the understanding that

seemly decorum must prevail while attending those functions. All XNGHs of the former chapter are still recognized as such.

In closing, it is the fervent hope and desire of the Board of Proctors that the Downieville Greybeards will some day be able to reorganize and start a chapter that will honor the true cause and pupose of E Clampus Vitus. If you chosse to do this, you will have to be able to demonstrate the ability to "Stickly follow the Grand Council rules for the administration of PBCs including rules for initiation", "Acquire liability insurance", "Acquire liquor liability insurance if liqour is sold or provided at your functions", and "Pay annual Grand Council dues".

Respectfully,

Gary Glud for Tom Crawford

CC: Board of Proctors
All chapters
All XSNGHs
All PXPs