

GRAND COUNCIL

The Administration of PBCs including Rules for Initiation Effective May 17, 2008 By Order of the Board of Proctors, ECV, Inc.

Philosophy

The Ritual of Initiation into this Ancient and Honorable Order contains all the elements of humiliation necessary to induct a grown man into the mysteries of our Order. We do not need the Neanderthal capers of downy-cheeked teenagers engaged in some animalistic orgiastic rite to accomplish this end. The humorous humiliation of PBC's does not mean a blunt and utterly juvenile dependency on pressurized cans of foam, beer on the head, or applications of mud, grease, eggs or other messy substances that only degrade and do not humorously humiliate intelligent mature men. We feel that it is time to return to original intent and pay attention to the ritual of initiation.

The Grand Council of E Clampus Vitus proclaims these rules for the following purposes: To promote unity among the Brethren and chapters of ECV, To encourage safety and fellowship, To preserve our lore and traditions, To decrease legal liability, and To insure the longevity of our Ancient and Honorable Order. These Rules apply to all administration of PBCs from their first arrival at the Clampsite to the completion of their initiation.

I PRIVACY

A. The Hall Of Comparative Ovations is absolutely private. Only Clampers and PBCs are to view it, hear it, or participate in it. It shall not be video or audio recorded and no pictures are to be taken.

B. The initiation shall be conducted out of the public view. Non-Clampers are not allowed to participate in any portion of the process. A short parade through town or their attendance at the Plaque dedication is acceptable, if PBCs are presentable, i.e., sober, clean and not dirtied in any way.

II HISTORY

A. PBCs must be given an oral history lesson, and written materials, if available.

B. This lesson must encompass the history of E Clampus Vitus and the chapter.

C. This lesson must also contain an explanation of Clamper lore and some of our traditions: Red shirts, vests and pins, plaques, no women , guns, or explosives, chapter names and numbers, etc, and the reasons for them.

D. The various positions of leadership should be explained and the officers introduced, if possible. This includes information on the Grand Council, the Board of Proctors and the Sublime officers.

III. HALL OF COMPARATIVE OVATIONS

A. The H.O.C.O. should be performed with as much ambient quiet and solemnity as possible.

B. PBCs must be sober, so they understand and appreciate the ceremony.

C. The Clamperfunctionaries must be sober and sufficiently practiced in their respective parts to present an understandable and memorable ceremony.

D. The text of the ceremony should be adhered to so as to have a consistent message throughout all chapters of ECV.

IV. PBC QUALIFICATIONS

A. PBCs must be at least 21 years of age.

B. PBCs should have an interest in history, a good sense of humor and the willingness to be a participating member of the chapter.

C. All Board Members shall be made aware of, and care for, any physical ailment or handicap of a PBC. Physical activities must be tailored to the individual's age, physical condition and the weather (heat, cold, rain, etc.). Every precaution must be taken to protect all PBCs from any and all physical activity which could cause harm or physical distress!

D. PBCs must be protected from the weather and not be allowed to become dehydrated, overheated or chilled. PBCs should be given periods of rest and water from time to time, certainly not drinking from the same container.

E. The PBCs should be treated with equal indignity and respect.

F. PBCs shall be referred to as **PBC or Poor Blind Candidate**, not pukers, assholes, scrotas, scum or any other epithets. This is our history. Strive to keep our ancient traditions.

G. PBCs **shall not** be subjected to slurs of a racial, ethnic or religious nature. In addition, no PBC is to be singled out for "**special treatment**" due to his race, creed, color or national origin. Everyone gets treated the same.

H. 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. If it will not wash off with water, the substance is prohibited.

I. No acts shall be performed on or by any PBC of a homosexual nature or connotations, whether factual or simulated.

J. PBCs **shall not** wear women's clothing or expose their private body parts to view.

K. There **shall be no** penetration, however slight, of any bodily orifice of any PBC by any object. PBCs will not be made or coerced or asked to eat or drink anything whatsoever in conjunction with the initiation.

L. In the interest of sanitation and the prevention of disease, PBCs **shall not** be asked to eat or drink anything from a common cup, container or bowl. (No bobbing for bananas or passing a beer from one to another.) PBCs **shall not** be given food or asked to put anything in their mouth other than given water to prevent dehydration.

M. There **shall be no** physical contact between members (redshirts) and PBCs. PBCs **should** generally be kept separated from the membership until the conclusion of the reading of the ritual.

N. Songs sung by PBCs **shall not** be vulgar or in poor taste. They **shall not** be sung in public. Heidy-Diedy **is not** an appropriate song for PBCs to sing. Vigilantes **will** find more appropriate songs that do not have vulgar or profane words in them.

O. All items and/or substances used to decorate the PBCs **shall** be kept away from their eyes and mouth and **must** be **easily washed off** with water.

VI. INTERPRETATION

A. The words **shall**, **will**, **no**, **not**, and **must** are compulsory.

B. The words **should** and **may** are suggestive and permissive.

VII. ENFORCEMENT

A. These rules are enforceable by all Proctors, Ex-Proctors and Sublime Officers. These persons are directed to bring to the attention of the Humbug and Hangman, any violations of these rules.

1. The Humbug and Hangman will, upon notification, immediately stop the activities that are in violation of the Rules for Initiations.
2. Violations of these rules will result in the revocation of the offending chapter's charter and the dissolution of the offending chapter.
3. **Minor violations will result in a verbal reprimand from a Proctor, Ex-Proctor or Sublime Officer.**
4. **Severe violations will result in the Proctor's considering the revocation of the offending chapter's charter and the dissolution of that chapter.**

B. Individual Clampers are subject to the same guidelines and enforcement as are Chapters. Chapters will enforce these rules upon individual members of their chapter and guests at their functions. Redshirts that torment or relentlessly pursue PBCs in a harassing way will not be tolerated by Chapter officials. The Board of Proctors will impose consequences on individual Clampers who violate these Grand Council Rules for Initiation.

C. All Humbugs and Chapter officials will indoctrinate all Clampers of these rules at each and every function, as guests are registered. This can be done by providing a copy of these rules to each person upon arrival.

D. To eliminate functionary issues and discipline, it is highly recommended that all beer trucks/wagons and Chapter bars not be opened until 2 hours before dinner and closed 2 hours after the dinner has been served. It is also highly recommended that Chapters not provide alcohol at functions. Rather, Clampers should be encouraged to bring their own adult beverages. This recommendation will eliminate many legal liability factors.

E. Any and all illegal drugs/substances are not allowed at any function. The Humbug and Chapter officials will take a proactive stance in carrying out this rule. The use of any illegal drug is expressly prohibited and grounds for immediate expulsion from E Clampus Vitus.