

The Scroll of Set

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[1] *The Book of Coming Forth by Night*

[Entire text. See *Ruby Tablet* for copy.]

[2] Temple of Set Officials

The officials of the Temple of Set who have been chosen to date are:

- High Priest: Michael A. Aquino V°, Santa Barbara, California.
- Executive Director: William F. Murray III°, Winnemucca, Nevada.
- Chairman of the Council of Nine and Treasurer: L. Dale Seago IV°, Santa Monica, California.
- Councillor: Robert Ethel IV°, Falls Church, Virginia.
- Councillor: Michael A. Grumboski IV°, Detroit, Michigan.
- Councillor: Lilith Sinclair IV°, Summerland, California.
- Councillor: Margaret Wendall IV°, San Jose, California.

As you can see, at present there are only five serving on the Council of Nine. Three of these individuals were appointed by the High Priest. After their acceptance of the appointment, they selected the fourth, who was also required to accept the appointment. The four then selected the fifth by the same procedure. Each appointment must be confirmed by a unanimous vote of all members of the Council. As further appointments are made and accepted, the names of the new Council members will be published in the *Scroll*.

[3] Please Note

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Temple of Set, application forms may be obtained from the Executive Director. Beginning August 15th new membership fees are \$30 per year; renewals will be \$15 annually. The Temple of Set is no longer accepting degrees given by other organizations.

[4] Bits and Pieces

• From its name some of you may think that the Temple of Set will be oriented exclusively towards Egyptian-theme activities. No. Or some may think that it will be merely the Church of Satan all over again with a different name and a different “god”. No again.

For the time being, local groups within the Temple of Set will vary greatly according to leadership, size, location, and orientation. The Temple will concentrate on evaluating individuals per the procedures set forth in the By-Laws. Then each individual will be free and welcome to gather students and/or colleagues around him or her as desired.

If at some later date it turns out that everyone would prefer a more formal local group structure on a Temple-wide basis, one can be worked out.

• The next issue of the *Scroll* will contain a list of intra-Temple local publications.

• There are no Articles of Protocol as yet for the Temple of Set, but the following suggestions are made: When contacting members of the Temple of Set for the first time, please give your Temple membership number (which is on your receipt). This will identify you as a bona-fide member, and the person you’ve contacted will feel more open in answering you. Another suggestion that has come up is that when you write to a member, do not use his/her Temple degree on the envelope. The use of “Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.” will enable the person to “go public” at his/her own choosing.

[5] Conference Planned

The first conference of the Temple of Set is planned for November 1, 1975 in Santa Barbara, California. Tentative room rates are \$16/night for a single room through \$27/night for a double. The banquet will cost \$3.95-4.95/person, plus a 15% service charge for the use of the banquet room. \$4.95 dinners include roast pork, roast beef, and ribs of beef. \$3.95 dinners include roast chicken. All dinners come with soup or salad, Yorkshire pudding, and roast potato. Dessert is extra. Further information on the conference will be printed in the next issue of the *Scroll*. If you need to plan ahead, you may write to Lilith Sinclair IV°, Summerland, California.

[6] A Few Words from the Editor

We welcome the *Scroll of Set* into the world with a relatively big issue - three pages. With time and a little tender care and feeding, it will grow into a healthy and informative (and perhaps even controversial) 4, 6, or - who knows - 8 pages.

First and foremost, the *Scroll* is going to keep you informed of policies and procedures of the Temple of Set. Because this is the primary reason for the *Scroll*'s existence, the first few issues may contain only this kind of information. You will know as much as the next member of your degree what to expect [and what **not** to expect] from the Temple.

The *Scroll* sees the need for regional publications as well as this international one. We're not going to put you out of business if your group is publishing a newsletter. On the other hand, perhaps your job as editor of a local newsletter will be made a little easier if information from the High Priest and Council of Nine is published in the *Scroll*. You won't have to spend your time, effort and money explaining things that should come from "the top", and can devote all your efforts to truly regional news of interest to members in your areas alone.

The contents of the *Scroll* will be confidential, for members of the Temple of Set alone. The *Scroll* will be as the High Priest described the Temple - "cleaner than Tide detergent" - but there is no reason to give the information that will be contained in this publication to persons who don't have a "need to know". Just as we who aren't members of fraternal organizations can't expect them to tell us what they're doing, or just as non-Mormons can't see the inside of their temples, there is just no reason for us to tell others what we're doing either.

But we can and should be open among ourselves. Part of this openness is the reason for this editorial: to tell you what you may see in the *Scroll*, and to ask you what you would like to see in it. I know what a newsletter ought to look like, and can put together one as good [or better] than the next organization's. I have an open mind as to content. I want the *Scroll* to be your publication, as long as your ideas are practical from the printing standpoint, legal, and fall within the budget. As I see it, the only things that should not be in the *Scroll* are either illegal, petty gossip, or four-letter words.

Put pen to paper, or paper in your typewriter, and say what you'd like in the *Scroll*. Is there some feature you'd like? Do you want news or opinion - and what kind? Do you want movie and book reviews? Cartoons [artists, please take note]? A letters-to-the-editor column? Reports of regional activities? Is there something I've missed?

And while you're thinking about these things, is there something that you can contribute in the way of articles and artwork to make the *Scroll* the best newsletter you've seen?