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"PATROLLING THE BADLANDS FOR 15 YEARS"

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Next Meeting

January 12, 2008

Our next meeting will be on Saturday January 12, 2008 at Tek's place. 701 Mallow, Apt. 205 Rapid City. SD 57701.

Ship memberships are due, \$12.00 for non-fleet and \$10.00 for fleet members.

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WE'RE BACK!!!:

This has been a reasonably large undertaking to get the newsletter back up and running... When I lost my hard drive many files were lost to the great expanse of the Ethernet, but with diligence I was able to retrieve one uncorrupted file. So here we go again.

VCoC/FCPT William Eugene Schnitger

CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS DESIGN CONTEST:

At the Thunderchild's last meeting an idea to participate in the parade of lights was brought up, so with that in mind... We will be having a design contest for the Thunderchild's float entry for next year. The only requirements is it is "Star Trek" themed and can fit in the back of a small pickup or trailer. Wire frame construction would be best but if we can do it in some form that can handle highway speeds (since it will be taken to other towns for their parades) that would be acceptable also. Entries need to be received no later than April 11th so that we can vote on them at the April 12th Meeting.

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VCoC AND EDITOR IN CHIEF FOR THE COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN SELECTED:

It is my pleasure to announce that the SFI Vice Chief of Communications position has been filled by Fleet Captain Eugene Schnitger, CO of the USS Thunderchild in R6. Eugene and I are founding members of that chapter and Eugene has done an excellent job of keeping it alive all these years with the talented members of the chapter. A hearty welcome to VCoC Elect FCPT Schnitger.

Also it is my EXTREME pleasure to announce the appointment of the Communiqué's new Editor in Chief, Fleet Captain J Unicorn Escobedo from R4. FCPT Unicorn's intimate involvement in R4's award winning newsletter made him a natural selection.

Everyone please welcome the newest members of SFI's Department of Communications.

Captain Peter G Christian
CoC Elect
SFI

Let's give Eugene a hearty congratulations on his appointment!

Mike _____
____ Admiral Michael Urvand General, SFMC (R)
Chief of Operations-Elect, StarfleetRegional
Coordinator, Region 6 Flag Commander, USS
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NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING CENTER ADDRESS:

Effective immediately the Address for Starfleet's membership processing center has changed to

STARFLEET Membership Processing
P.O. Box 94288
Lubbock, TX 79493-4288

You may continue to use the old forms, just remember the change. This in no way effects the online registrations.

LETTERS TO THE SHIP:

This is the first in many letters we hope to bring you since we have received several letters and forwarded them to the appropriate experts...

Dear Bruce The Klingon:

I really want to get into making my own costumes, I don't know where to get patterns, materials, or inspiration. I am also afraid that I may be labeled a weirdo, trekkie, or in your case Gay... what should I do...
Apprehensive Costumer.

Dear AC:

First and foremost ignore the labels (unless it says "wash in cold water only), just be you. If you go around not doing things because people might label you, you will miss out on so much fun stuff in life. When Bruce was conceived several years back he was to be an insult to the diehard klingon fans. His message was to just lighten up; it's only a show. What could be more demeaning to such a race of Warriors than a "Gay Klingon", but he was so well loved by the klingon fan base (They even made him an honorary member) that there has been others coming out of the proverbial costume closet. Anyway I digress... Patterns can be found on the net, but local fabric shops that sell patterns are an excellent place to begin. Pilgrim costumes can be modified fairly easily to be the klingon warrior's coat. As far as sewing machines go, You can get some really good models for under \$100.00. Take lessons on using a machine; buttonholes can be terribly stressful to untrained people. I also recommend a folding table you can layout patterns and fabrics on. Fabrics can be an adventure, think out side the box, Bruce's jacket was faux fur arms and pastel gossamer. You can be creative, denims, vinyls, anything goes and don't stick to the same old color schemes the rainbow is there for the taking. One more thing, if someone says it can't be done... do it anyway. Be creative, be you, and have a great time doing it.

Bruce the Heterosexually Challenged
Klingon from the House of Liberace

STAR TREK BIRTHDAYS

Bret Thompson	4 th
Aron Eisenberg(Nog, DS9)	6 th
Mark Allen Shepard(Morn, DS9)	7 th
Dr. Stephen Hawking (Physicist,TNG)	8 th
VCoC/FCAPT Eugene Schnitger	8 th
DeForest Kelley(Dr. McCoy,TOS)	20 th
James Cromwell(Dr. Cochran,Movies)	27 ^h

FEBRUARY:

Brent Spiner (Data,TNG)	2 th
Jowana T. Hopkins-Youngr,TNG)	2 th
Ethan Phillips (Neelix,Voy)	8 th
Philip Anglim(Bareil,DS9)	11 th
Raphael Sbarge(Jonas,VOY)	12 th
Andrew Robinson(Garek,DS9)	14 th
Levar Burton(LaForge, TNG)	16 th
Michelle Forbes(Roe,TNG)	17 th
Jeri Ryan(Seven,VOY)	22 st
Paul Dooley (Tain, DS9)	22 th
Majel Roddenberry(TOS,TNG,DS9,VOY)	23 th

FEBRUARY:

Gates McFadden(Dr. Crusher,TNG)	2 nd
James Doohan(Scotty, TOS)	3 rd
Jolene Blalock(T'Pol,ENT)	5 th

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First Seat To The Right:

Capt. Jim Bakken, XO

Well, here we are boldly going into another new year with many new adventures ahead, some we've actually planned for. First will be the March of Dimes walk. We don't have a date yet, but I will know soon. If there are any other fund-raising walks that you think we should take part in, please feel free to bring them up at our next meeting or, if time is short, you can notify me and I will get the word out.

Our really big event for the year is still the Duck Race. Our newest game was given a trial run at the Safe Halloween event and went over quite well. It does require some fine-tuning, but Bret is taking care of that. Of course, we also have to find low-cost prizes for the kids, so if you find some really good deals, let me know.

This year, I shall endeavor to obtain pertinent information for the Custer County Fair Parade before it actually happens. Our support this year will be especially meaningful since the folks in Hermosa are still recovering from the flood last year.

As far as we know, there will be a Safe Halloween Carnival again this year, but we won't need a lot of prep for that.

We talked a lot last month about the Festival of Lights Parade and the possibility of having a Thunderchild float in it. This is something that will take a lot of time and effort if we decide to pursue it, so bring your ideas to the meeting.

Live Long and Prosper,
Bakken Out

STAR TREK JOKES???

Q: Who is the Ferengi's favorite rock star?

A: Lisa Lobes

Two Klingons walked into a bar. You'd think one of them would have seen it. (Brrrrum-pah)

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Editor's note: Address groans to Executive Officer James Bakken

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

PLACE TEK'S PLACE

DATE JANUARY 12, 2008

TIME 10:00AM

NEW YEARS MEETING

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACKS OR BEVERAGES TO SHARE.

Final Words

VcoC/FCPT Eugene Schnitger

I Was writing this with only 2 days to go until "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" hits the theaters and I am worse than a child on Christmas eve Since several members of the Thunderchild either worked as extras or in security. I myself was to be Harvey Kietel's stand-in and a FBI agent but was bumped, though I should be seen in some good crowd scenes at Mt. Rushmore. If this movie is half the movie the 1st one was it will be a great movie. On other fronts, we have many plans for the up coming year, March of Dimes walk America (they changed the name and the new name escapes me at this time), Our annual highway pickups, The Greater Black Hills Duck Race, The Rapid City City Wide Safe Halloween, and a new Idea for joining the Christmas festivities by entering a float into the Christmas Parade of Lights. As I wrap this up, I would like to thank the wonderful crew of the Thunderchild for all they do though out the year, keep up the great work...
Breathe seductively and perspire... VcoC/FCPT Schnitger, out.

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