

Swashbucklers

4th Quarter

By Cap'n Crawfish

Nobles, this year has been sailing right along and it's hard to believe, but yet another year is coming quickly to a close. We enjoyed all the fun and fellowship of the Seafood Feast, MASA convention, Fall Ceremonial, and look forward to the few remaining parades of the year.

A great time was had by all at MASA! Even with arrr ship suffering a serious mechanical issue requiring emergency dry docking, we were still able to win yet another Presidents trophy!! Oh, and rumor has it (from a reliable source) that arrr ship was considered a "yacht" at MASA 2016 and we won another trophy that we may, or may not have to do some pillaging for!!

We had arrr 6th "Ever" Pig Pickin' on September 30th. We couldn't have asked for better weather and by all accounts everyone had a great time! This event just keeps growing every year and we really appreciate the support. Many thanks to all the members, friends, family, other Nobles, and we must never forget arrr sponsors!! A very special thanks to arrr event Chairman P.C. Dave Norton for making things look easy even though they are far from it!

At the Fall Ceremonial I was very proud to represent arrr Unit with a donation to the Transportation Fund for \$2000.00 and to the Temple for the LED lighting upgrades in the amount of \$5000.00. A very special thanks to my Lady Tara for yet another \$100.00 donation to Transportation on our behalf! Nobles, she does this by simply saving her change and turning it into a donation. What a great idea for all you change savers!

Arrr Unit is steadily growing and we have added six new members to arrr ranks. A hearty ARRRR to new members, Harry "Bobo" Tew, Richard "Rapscaillon" Light, Al "Black Pearl" Ragas, Greg "Squidward" Lewis, William "Chief" Lawrence, and William Purhamus!! Trust me the 1 without a pirate name will soon choose one or it will be up to the Crew! Nobles this growing trend looks to be continuing! We had 2 more turn in applications and handed out 5 more at the Fall Ceremonial!

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Officers, members, Ladies, families, and friends of the Swashbucklers for all your help and support during my year as your Cap'n. During this time, we were able to come together as a Unit to support Khedive and our philanthropy with donations totaling \$11,340 to the Transportation Fund and much needed improvements around our Temple.

Noble's this is what it's all about, and OUR Unit is a shining example of it! We have FUN, we involve OUR Ladies and families, and we support OUR Temple and philanthropy!

On a sad note, on behalf of the entire crew I'd like to offer our heartfelt condolences to Lady Marilyn and the family on the passing of our Shipmate and great friend Phil Cromartie. He was a great friend to many of us for years and he will be greatly missed! His contributions to our Unit and the Shrine in general will not be forgotten.

In closing I must thank my beautiful Lady Tara for her love and support this past year and always!

Also on behalf of the entire Unit I'd also like to give many thanks to fellow Swashbuckler and Assistant Rabban Oscar Obsuna for the donation of the large pirate ship model donated to the Unit! It's a great addition to our little, outgrown table in the Unit room!

Any new Nobles, anyone not in a Unit, or anyone thinking about affiliation, feel free to come visit. Also any Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, is welcome to come visit with us during any monthly social hour and have some great fellowship Pirate style.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Uniformed Units wing at the Temple. Social @ 1800 and meeting at 1900.....or 6 PM and 7 PM for you landlubbers.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday season.

Yours in the faith,

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