

Petition for Membership in the Ancient and Honorable Order of



E Clampus Vitus®

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To the Noble Grand Recorder of WBM-WMS Chapter #10.

Having received novitiate instructions from my sponsor, I hereby petition for membership in the Ancient and Honorable Order of E CLAMPUS VITUS, thereby becoming a Poor Blind Candidate. (PBC)

If admitted, I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Order and do my best to perpetuate and cherish the traditions and history of the days of the Forty-Niners, which constitute the romance of the Golden West.

I hereby solemnly affirm my belief in the Dictums of the Order; PER CARITATE VIDUARIBUS, ORPHANIBUSQUE, SED PRIME VIDUARIBUS, and wholeheartedly, without reservation, agree to render SATISFACTORY SERVICE at all times.

I furthermore agree not to propose any person membership in the Order whom I do not believe will abide by and conform to the above, nor one who will bring discredit on the Order by reason of being a HORSETHIEF, ROADAGENT, other IMMORAL PERSON, or ONE WHO CANNOT HOLD HIS LIKKER like a true Clamper and gent of the OLD WEST, regardless of the size of his poke. In addition, I will not propose anyone for membership whom I would not be proud to have as a BROTHER.

I agree to present myself at the HALL OF COMPARATIVE OVATIONS at such time and place as designated by the NOBLE GRAND HUMBUG, guaranteeing that I will arrive in **good shape** and fully equipped to negotiate the **CHASM of TERROR and DESPAIR**, in high hopes of reaching the safe haven of CLAMPERDOM.

Candidate Name _____
(Please print)

Occupation _____

Fee collected _____ Age _____

Place of Birth _____

Sponsor Name _____
(Please print actual name – no nicknames or false aliases will be accepted)

(Signed by Candidate's hand and privy seal)

Sponsor Chapter _____

Date _____

PBC Aptitude Test ... *Credo Quia Absurdum*

	Yes	No
Do you believe in our Supreme Patron Vitus?		
Would you give a sucker an even break?		
Will you ever use the blunderbasket to protect the Widow and Orphan?		
Any ancestors California Pioneers?		

	Yes	No
Interested in California History?		
Are you a good fellow?		
Will you render aid if called upon?		
Will you help feed the Sick Jackass?		