Greetings O’Sciots and Ladies of the Tag-A-Longs,

The month of May is a busy month for The Sciots, Grotto, and The York Rite Bodies, which a lot of us belong.

The Sciots Semi-Annual will take place on May 10th through May 12th, 2019. The Session will be held in San Jose, CA.

The Western Grotto Association will be hosting their annual meeting on May 18th and 19th in Kingman, AZ.

The California Grand York Rite May 20th – May 22nd, in Visalia, CA.

Consequently, there will be no Sciots meeting in Long Beach for the Month of May.

Our June Stated Conclave will take place on June 8th, 2019, at 4:00pm, at the International City Lodge located at 5155 E Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach at Clark Ave. Line Officers should arrive at 3:00pm; I am told that we will have two candidates to initiate. We will have a rehearsal at 3:00pm for the degree conferral. Cast members are expected arrive at 3:00pm.

Since the Tag-A-Longs are going to have the Father’s Day event later in the month, I will provide substance for the June meal. It will be in-house, I am thinking Chinese, or since May is National Salad, Loaded Potato, or International Mediterranean Diet Month, those sound good also??

OK, back to the month of May:

**May Meaning & Symbolism**

May is a beautiful month for both hemispheres. In the North, spring is gradually blooming into summer, while the South celebrates the beautiful colors of autumn and its harvest. Late May represents the start of the warm vacation season in many parts of the world, meaning any symbol that speaks of festivities can be associated with this month.

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May in Other Languages:
- Chinese (Mandarin) - Wuyuè
- Danish - Maj
- French - Mai
- Italian - Maggio
- Latin - Maius
- Spanish - Mayo

May is the fifth month of the year. It is one of seven months that have 31 days. The other months are January, March, July, August, October, and December.

May is named after the Greek goddess Maia who looked after plants. The month is known for love and success.

The flower that represents May is the Lily of the Valley. It is beautiful with blossoms that resemble a bell. It has a sweet fragrance.

The birthstone for May is the precious emerald. The popular color is green, but that's not the only color of an emerald. Green is the primary color, but yellow and blue are also colors of some emeralds. They are precious no matter what the color is.

Memorial Day that comes on the last Monday in the month every year. It is on May 27 this year. That's the day people remember those who died while serving their country in the armed forces.

Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May every year. It is on May 12, 2019, when mothers, expecting mothers, and mother figures are recognized. (Hint, Gentlemen): Those women are served breakfast in bed, taken out to dinner and given flowers and gifts.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on May 5th every year no matter which day it falls on.

The saying is that April showers bring May flowers. If that is true, then there will be plenty of beautiful flowers in people's yards and on hillsides because there were many showers in April.

The month of May is devoted to the Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church.

The last week of May is Library and Information Week.

May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says “Marry in May and you’ll rue the day.”

The United Kingdom celebrates May as the National Smile Month.

On May 1, 1931, the Empire State Building was officially opened.

And if that’s not enough:

1st Saturday: National Homebrew Day
3rd Monday and the rest of the week: American Craft Beer Week
Asian-Pacific Heritage Month
Barbecue Month
Better Hearing and Speech Month
Bike Month
International Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month
National Blood Pressure Month
Brain Tumor Awareness Month
Hamburger Month
Chocolate Custard Month
Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month
Date your Mate Month
Egg Month
National Golf Month
International Mediterranean Diet Month
Loaded Potato Month
Older Americans Month
Salad and Salsa Month
Strawberry Month
National Smile Month

Enough already,

Pete Goetz
From the Far East

Patty Daugherty | President

There will be no Tag-A-long meeting in May. In June, we will organize a nominating committee for new officers. Anyone can volunteer for either. August is our installation.

For Father's Day, the Ladies have decided to surprise our men by taking them to Rancho Los Alamitos Historic ranch and Gardens. This is a nationally recognized 7.5-acre site with a history that spans from 500 A.O. to contemporary times and exquisitely reflects the history of the people and culture of the Southern California region. It is an unsurpassed oasis in time with an adobe-core ranch house, lush gardens and bars area of the early 20th century working ranch, and a new Rancho Center. Impeccably preserved and restored, Rancho Los Alamitos is a place for all time, revealing the culture and ecology of the region past to present.

We will meet on June 29th so save the date at 10:15am. We will have a Dosa tour given by Sciot Sandy Rogoff's wife Roberta and have lunch in the Secret Garden (buffet). Tag-A-Longs will pay for the men. Ladies will pay for themselves. Lunch will be $23.00 plus tax. We must have an exact head count on or before June 8th. Please contact Patty Daugherty at 562-708-3395 to make your reservation or email to pra3611@gmail.com.

To follow up on how to prepare for disasters, I have enclosed different ways to use a plastic trash bag.

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FIFTY WAYS TO USE A TRASH BAG IN AN EMERGENCY

1. Wear as a poncho
2. Keep feet dry
3. Keep items dry
4. Store waste when toilets aren’t working
5. Use as a signal flag
6. Wear as a rain hat
7. Haul and store trash
8. Use for fly screen
9. Use as a ground cover
10. Use as an arm sling
11. Wear under clothing as an insulator
12. Melt snow
13. Use sections to mix food or drinks
14. Use as part of a solar water still
15. Tie ends and inflate for water life jacket
16. Wear as thermal boots
17. For food storage
18. Transport food
19. Inflate to use as a pillow
20. Stuff small portion to make a ball for recreation
21. Use as emergency water bag
22. Use as a sleeping bag cover
23. Use as a blanket in case of shock
24. Make covered or shade area
25. Use as a pressure bandage
26. Use as a body bag
27. Use as triangle bandage
28. Use to tie splint
29. Use as a restricting band
30. Use as catch basin for water
31. Use as patch for leaks
32. Tie several dark colored bags to trees or posts for privacy
33. A wind break
34. Emergency signal when placed on the ground and secured with a rock
35. Vomit bag
36. Make several smaller bags
37. Use for plates
38. Make a litter cover
39. Use as wind sock
40. Use as a trail marker
41. Use as a group flag
42. Use to separate dirty items from clean ones
43. Use several for a tent
44. Use for a back pack
45. Cover hands and arms as gloves
46. Mark toxic waste areas
47. For an ice bag for swelling and sprains
48. Cut in strips for splint ties
49. Use as blanket to maintain body heat
50. Use to identify unsafe buildings