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The Potentate's Message

It's very easy to see the doom and gloom in the world today. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you as you navigate through this unprecedented time. As we move through this COVID-19 virus pandemic, our hope is you and your families remain healthy and safe. No one is sure what's coming next. Rather than focus on the unknown negative, I challenge you to think differently about the situation. Let's put people first and then we will be able to move forward as an organization. Keep in mind, this pandemic is impacting everyone in various ways. It is something we must all deal with together. Reach out to all your Shrine Family members and let them know you care about them. Make it a point to understand their concerns and let them know we are here to help. While current social restrictions have pushed us to think differently and try new things. We are making more phone calls and connecting more through social media than we have ever done before. The board members discussions and decisions are made with your best interest at heart. Let us continue to work with our Nobility resources and only then can we be confident that our great organization will survive. How we react and what we do today will impact our future. We will be stronger as we will tackle this together.



Here are some tentative things to look forward to in the near future (dates subject to change):

- April 29th – Virtual Fun Temple Meeting – Details to be communicated.
- May 16th - Corner Stone Laying
- May 27th – Return to Toastmasters.
- June TBD - CO move in and Grand Opening of the New Temple.
- June 4th-7th – Rescheduled Egypt Shriners Circus
- June 14th - Directors Staff Corn Ball
- June 20th - Putting for purpose golf at the new Temple.

Stay healthy, stay positive and stay focused on what's most important.

Dean DiLeo

Dean J. DiLeo
Egypt Shriners Potentate 2020



"Respect The Past ... Create The Future"

Egypt Shriners Clubs and Units Meeting Dates

Ambassadors Shrine Club.....	2nd Wednesday	Motor Patrol.....	3rd Wednesday
Brandon Shrine Club.....	Last Monday	New Port Richey Shrine Club.....	2nd Thursday
Citrus Shrine Club.....	2nd Friday	Oriental Band.....	3rd Wednesday
Classic Car Club.....	1st Wednesday	Past Masters.....	1st Monday (Jan-May, Sep-Dec)
Cracker Jacks.....	Last Friday	Pharaohs.....	4th Wednesday
DeMolay Unit.....	1st Monday	Pinellas Shrine Club.....	4th Tuesday
Director's Staff.....	Last Tuesday	Provost Guard.....	3rd Wednesday
Fun N' Frolic.....	3rd Wednesday	Ritual Team.....	1st Thursday (April/October)
Greeters.....	2nd Wednesday	Showmen's Shrine Club.....	1st/3rd Monday (Nov-Mar)
Gun and Rod Club.....	3rd Monday	Sultans of Egypt Shriners.....	3rd Monday
Hernando County Shrine Club.....	4th Wednesday	Sun City Center Shrine Club.....	2nd Wednesday
Highlanders Pipes & Drum.....	Every Thursday	Tampa Cabiri Chapter.....	2nd Wednesday
Highlands Shrine Club.....	4th Wednesday	Technical Staff.....	1st Thursday
Honor Patrol.....	3rd Monday	Tin Lizzies.....	3rd Wednesday
Humidor Club.....	4th Wednesday	Trike Patrol.....	3rd Monday
Keystone Kops.....	1st Thursday	Wheels Association.....	2nd Monday
Lakeland Shrine Club.....	2nd Thursday	Winter Haven Shrine Club.....	1st Monday
Legion of Honor.....	1st Thursday	Y.E.S. Shrine Club.....	1st Wednesday
Midget Motors.....	4th Wednesday	Zephyrhills Shrine Club.....	3rd Thursday
Motor Corps.....	2nd Thursday		

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May 2020

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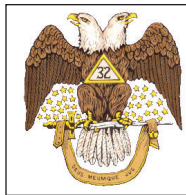
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Scottish Rite News

By Worshipful Casey Fletcher 32°, KCCH

The Wisdom Motif of the Master Architect Twelfth Degree of the AASR, SJ

“Let us begin to rise from the earth toward the Stars.” Such is the invitation of Albert Pike in the opening paragraph of his lecture to the Twelfth Degree, Master Architect.

Introduction

The Symbolic Lodge introduces the lesser mysteries of Freemasonry. Albert Pike considered the first three degrees to be a “preliminary and rudimental” introduction to symbolism, virtue, morality, history and the liberal arts and sciences. Truths and concepts “familiar to all men in all ages” were presented. Although perhaps satisfying and interesting, one can complete the first three degrees with the recognition that the ritual and symbols were presented not to reveal some Truth, but to conceal it; that the ritual merely offers “casual hints” and generalities.

The allegory of Freemasonry, the building motif described in the Winding Stairs lecture, continues into the Scottish Rite. Our degrees rely heavily on portions of the Volume of Sacred Law that describe the Temple of Solomon. The tools and instruments of its craftsman appear repeatedly as symbols for virtues, right action, and morality.

The saga of the Hiram Legend extends into the Scottish Rite. The story is expanded. We mourn and commemorate the death of our Grand Master. Workmen are selected to continue his work on the Temple. Justice is dispensed to the Ruffians, albeit differently than in the Symbolic Lodge. Steadily each degree becomes an “enigma to be solved, not a lesson to be read” or heard. A picture develops. It is a picture teaching us that we are not workmen learning to build a material edifice but men trying to build our character. We have not been using the operative mason’s working tools to become proficient craftsmen or skilled workmen; we have been examining them as symbols of what it might

mean to be a good, decent human being. We learn “each man has a character of his own choosing.” We have been toiling thus far so that we might choose well.

In Twelfth Degree, Master Architect, something changes. The building motif winds down. The Hiram Legend completes its course, too.

Our focus is redirected from earthly matters, from the “realm of morality,” virtue, and action toward the arena of philosophy and wisdom. In this degree, we look toward the Stars.

We realize, perhaps, that “what we came here to do,” is to be concerned with the nature of reality, the Universe and philosophia, the love of wisdom. This degree clearly sets us upon a new course of thinking, reflection and action. This missive considers this new course and Twelfth degree’s new motif – a wisdom motif.

Searching for Wisdom

In Judeo-Christian wisdom literature, from which the language in this degree is derived, four broad foundational concepts or attributes appear to guide our search for wisdom. First, the “fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” “Fear” probably alludes to a reverence and devotion to Deity. Wisdom and the beginning of knowledge commence with an awareness of the vastness and complexity of the Universe and Nature.

This foundational starting point is not unique to Judeo-Christian literature. The Roman stoic philosopher Epictetus (55-135 CE) exhorted his students to “praise providence for everything that happens in the world...with a sense of gratitude in order to see the usefulness of the creation... [T]he first thing to learn is that God exists, that he governs the world...the next thing to learn about is the divine nature.” Empedocles of Acragas states it negatively, “Wretched is he who cares not for clear thinking about the gods.” Our journey toward wisdom begins with humility and reverence before and toward the Deity.

Secondly, wisdom inquiries about the general order of the Creation. “It gazes out and in...toward the

general order built into creation: the limits to the water, circuits for the sun and moon...the change of season...to the musical score of" Nature. This degree redirects our "gaze" from the "what and how" of building something to the "why." The working tools of this degree remind us we have "ceased to work with the instruments of the laborer, the square, the level, the plumb, and the trowel, and assumed those of the Architect and Geometrician" to study the "heavens and the spheres," to advance toward philosophy.

Thirdly, wisdom discerns the order (or disorder) and circumstances in our lives. As we consider our role in the world and our duty, such discernment produces better decisions, supplies a freedom of judgment and encourages a broader, practical perspective. Such discernment teaches us that the reactions we have about what happens in our environment, and our judgments about them, are within our own influence and control. "It is not events that disturb people, it is their judgements (sic) concerning them." Epictetus reports that with discernment, "I can lift up my head like a free person in the face of circumstances... without fear of anything that might happen."

Wisdom helps us discern that our station in life or in the world matters not. "Wisdom is both for kings...and it also for individuals...Wisdom provides freedom" within the confines of our individual limits and environment. Pike notes that with wisdom, "The Peasant may be the real Monarch, the moral master of his fate, a free and lofty being, more than a Prince in happiness, more than a King in honor." (Associating freedom and wisdom is considered in Thirteenth and Fifteenth degrees.)

Finally, "wisdom is grounded in tradition." Tradition is a familiar idea to Masons, the "stories, customs, laws and values," the writings and sayings of the sages. Understanding traditions and history, in an era characterized by huge amounts of data and information and a vast diversity and array of opinion, is requisite. Remembering the instructions of the first circumambulation, we must seek the wise counsels referenced in Proverbs 1:5 and their obscure sayings.

Whether spiritual or secular, any historical practice that has shown itself "capable of binding men together... for any length of time [is] entitled to respect" and consideration. Acquiring wisdom does not require a man (or a generation) to start from scratch with first

principles. Instead a partnership may be made with "many generations" of experiences...between "those who are living...[and] those who are dead." In seeking wisdom, obtaining an understanding and knowledge of history and tradition is often more important than reason.

Our New Journey

The degrees of the Symbolic Lodge and the earlier degrees of the Lodge of Perfection used a building motif and the Hiram Legend to help "choose" and develop our characters, to inculcate both value ethics and duty-based ethics. Such has been our journey from the lesser mysteries into the exploration of the greater mysteries.

The Hiram Legend and building motif have completed their roles and we begin a new journey. In the Twelfth degree, the ritual employs a wisdom motif. We begin our study of philosophy, that singular "task of discovering the truth about the divine and human worlds..."

Whether we rely upon Judeo-Christian literature, the writings of Roman Stoics or eastern intellectual thought for our initial guidance, we begin with a foundation of reverence for and humility before Deity, our gaze is directed upward and outward, we discern and evaluate our circumstances and we recommit ourselves to the study of traditions and history.

Let us begin. Let us reach toward the Stars.

Our Spring Reunion was cancelled due to health considerations. We are scheduled again for October 17th and 24th. Watch the website, emails and this column for details and for degrees that may be conferred at Consistory meetings before the Reunion. In the meantime, wash your hands.

The writer is the sitting Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 6 in Bartow, Florida. He washes his hand a lot. Those hands are full in the current environment. This article is condensed from a much longer paper that is available upon request.



Chaplain's Corner

By Noble Jefferson C. Lake, Chaplain

Greetings and Salutations to my Shrine and Masonic brothers and all of your families.

Our Illustrious Potentate, Dean Di Leo wanted me to offer all of you some hope and comfort in this dangerous, difficult, and confusing time. God willing I will try to do just that.

I know that it has not been easy for you or any of us. Very few of us have ever seen such a thing happen to the world or this great country. We have perhaps heard terrible stories about the depression, the two world wars, and the Korean and Vietnam wars from our parents, grand-parents, and great-grand-parents but even so, even those that are still with this have never seen anything quite as terrifying as this current pandemic.

It is so very easy to be frightened, become, depressed, lose hope, finally become angry with everyone including God.

It certainly may seem that our Creator has abandon us in a dark and uncertain time. We are tempted to just give up, isolate our selves beyond what is asked of us, stay in bed, stare at the TV, and/or shake our fist at God and say "My God My God, Why have you forsaken me".

Well I say to you my brothers, we have neither been forgotten or forsaken. Even though most of our houses of worship are no longer holding in-building worship services we are still called by our Creator to continue worshiping, reaching out to others in need and working for the spread of God's Kingdom here on earth. We just have to open our hearts and minds to new and seemingly mysterious ways of doing just that. Take advantage of some of the online worship services that the houses of worship are offering. You might check out the online broad-casts from the National Cathedral in Washington DC.

I know that there are some persons and even a few of our spiritual leaders are saying that this is "The

Apocalypse" or that "We are in the end times" or God is punishing us.

I say to you brothers, don't believe it. The current state of the world and country is caused by a terrible disease that has been amplified by our collective humanity's negligence in taking care of our responsibilities as being stewards of this earth, its environment, the creatures, and our brothers and sisters who live upon it.

It may be true that you and I haven't been directly involved in making the decisions that have led us up to these frightening and terrible times, but we all collectively bear the burden of our petty slights, lusts, greed, and apathy to those others not like us who have been suffering and exploited for some time. It is so very easy to remove ourselves from such things when "it is over there" or "not my problem" But you and I all know as persons of faith, Masons, and Shriners that **ALL OF THIS IS OUR PROBLEM.**

Sure it is true that we take care of our patients, doctors, the nurses and all of their families but our Creator and I are asking all of you to do more. So I am asking you all to spend your time doing all you are possibly able to do for the betterment of mankind today and right this minute.

It is true that things will return to "normal" again but it will be a "new normal" and things will never be quite the same.

So my Brothers what our Creator and I want you to do is this:

Do something every day to make someone or something better for us living on this fragile planet of ours:

1. Call someone, anyone and see if they need help or maybe just a friend who will listen to them.
2. Check on a neighbor that is alone. Call them or bake them a pie and leave it on their porch. Knock on their door to see if they are alright.
3. Donate some food or money to a food bank or service organization like the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, or Meals on wheels.
4. Donate to a local animal shelter.
5. Send some of your old books to brothers, friends or neighbors.

6. Make something to help others.
Face-masks, face-shields, and you can even build a respirator from the free plans from the University of Florida's web page about their home built respirator project.
7. Call someone else AGAIN!

There are a thousand and one other "little things" that you can do right now to ease the sufferings of a weary and frightened world right now. If you can't think of anything call me or the divan and we will give you some ideas.

The Bottom line is brothers that we as a human family are all in this together and together we must all work together to make this world better again.

Things are definitely going to get better. Summer is coming, the fish will be biting, the beaches will be open again, our new Temple will open it's doors for the very first time, and above all, we will be closer to our brothers, families, communities, country, and the world as a whole.

So get out of your chair, put down your beer for a moment, get off of your porch and lets all get to work!

And Oh Yeah; Don't forget to wash your hands!

Peace and God's Blessings to all of you and your families. SHALOM!






Highlands Shrine Club

By Noble Jerry Higginbotham

Greetings from the Ridge. Our March Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser was canceled due to the virus. In addition, all activities have been suspended until the Florida Governor gives us the go ahead to resume activities.

We are looking forward to getting active again as soon as possible. We know that many of our Northern Nobles will have returned home and we regret that they were not able to participate more while here. But October will be here before we know it and they will have returned.

In closing, we urge all of our Nobles and Ladies to be safe and to support your club activities when they resume. We know that sometimes once you get out of participating it's hard to get started again. Activities are planned with you in mind and it is more fun with a good attendance, so please support the upcoming activities Remember, this is your club. Isn't it great to be a Shriner! Until next month, God Bless.



Zephyrhills Shrine Club

By Noble Blair Bubar

Greetings from the Zephyr Shrine Club. There isn't a great deal of happenings going on at this time. It is amazing how quickly and massive a virus can literally shut down the great USA.

We didn't meet in March and won't in April due to Covid-19. Many of our members are snowbirds and have already migrated to the north and some are leaving soon. But those of us who are not snowbirds, we shall sit tight until this horrible virus is all clear.

Until then, do the social distancing thing and STAY SAFE.





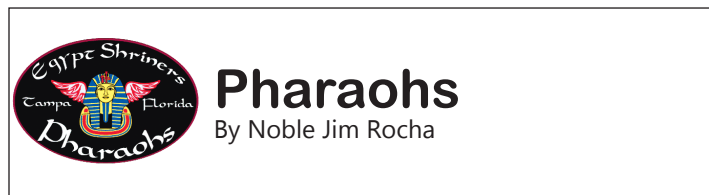
Cracker Jacks

By Noble Ray Vance

Greetings to all Nobles and their Ladies. I hope all of

you are doing well. I know these have been trying times for many of those we know and love. However, we can still do small things that make a difference. So wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands!

Fairgrounds. This is our largest fund raiser and now supports our operating expenditures so please plan on attending. I still think of those baloney sandwiches and hot pepper jelly crackers for lunch. Looking forward to enjoying Noble Ed's comfort at home.



What is going on? I am going cuckoo staying quarantined! Is this what retirement will be like? The only time I get out is to get the mail or shoo away this little woodpecker who seems to love the corners of the fascia board on my roof. Have you seen how much damage those little b#\$%s can do?

Seems like everything will be cancelled for another month or two. What do you think? Maybe then we can get together like we used to after a ride? Peace be with you.



Sorry about the misinformation last month on the Covered Dish! It's hard to predict a pandemic and the Marshal's vacation out west, and cancelled events. We will get back to the normal fun and fellowship soon.

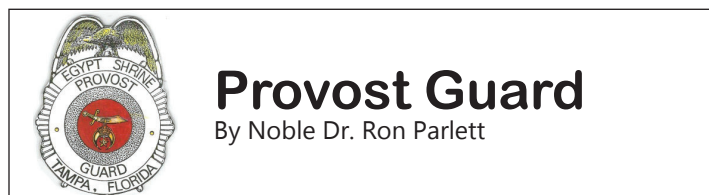
Not sure about any pre-planning or scheduling for our Annual Provost Guard Country Western Dance. Should the new Temple be completed and we have occupancy, September would be a great target. Remember to watch the news as soon as we return to a new normal.

This will be another busy month with Grand Lodge and hopefully the Cornerstone Ceremonial on May 16, 2020. With the new Website and One Communications Calendar please check it for the latest and greatest.

Remember our commitment to Membership and get those petitions into the office for the Shrine Ceremonial this fall.

All Nobles in good standing are welcome to join with the Egypt Shrine Provost Guard. Hopefully our May Meeting on May 21st will be in our New Temple and on the traditional night!

Happy Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day, and Mother's Day!



Hope everyone is social distancing and staying safe at home. These times bring us closer to our families and loved ones but continue to test are abilities to not attend gatherings.

Our Shrine Circus has been postponed and rescheduled for June 4-7, 2020 at the Florida State



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7 NIGHT ADRIATIC, GREECE, AND ITALY CRUISE

Aug. 9 -16, 2020

Potentate Dean DiLeo and his Lady Carol invite all Egypt Shrine Members, friends and family to join them on an exciting cruise around the boot of Italy.

We are excited to be sailing this year on Celebrity Cruise Lines' Infinity starting in Venice with stops in Split, Kotor, Corfu, Naples and ending in Rome!

- All Staterooms feature private bathrooms, telephones, music system, air-conditioning & advanced television systems.
- All Meals and Entertainment Aboard the Ship. Your cruise fare includes all meals, including room service during the cruise, as well as all shows, musical events, casino, movies and so much more.
- Two Private Egypt Shrine Parties.

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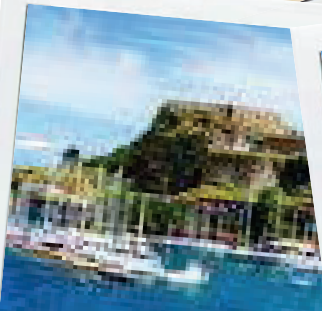
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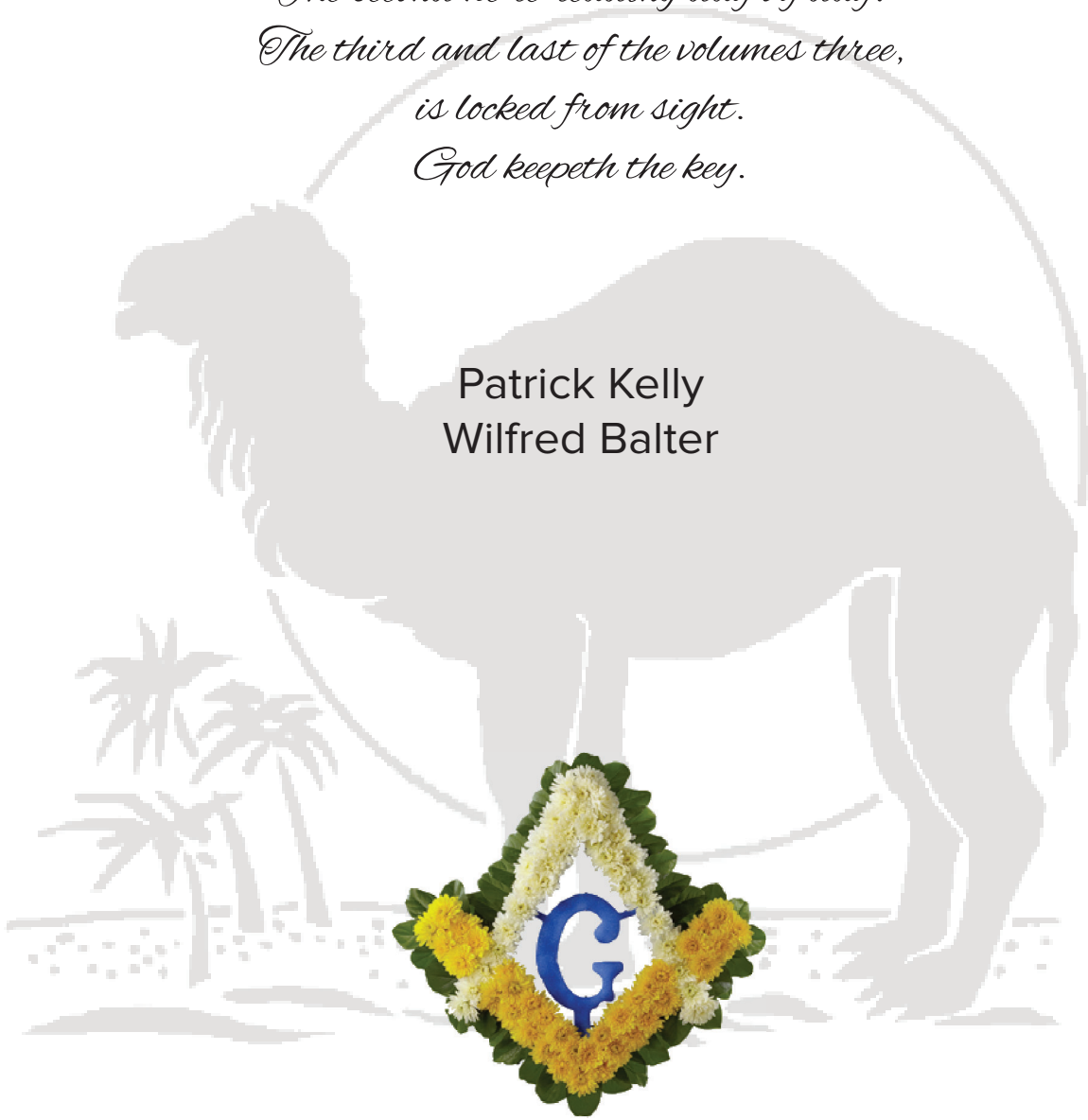
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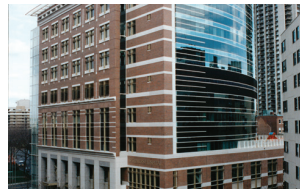
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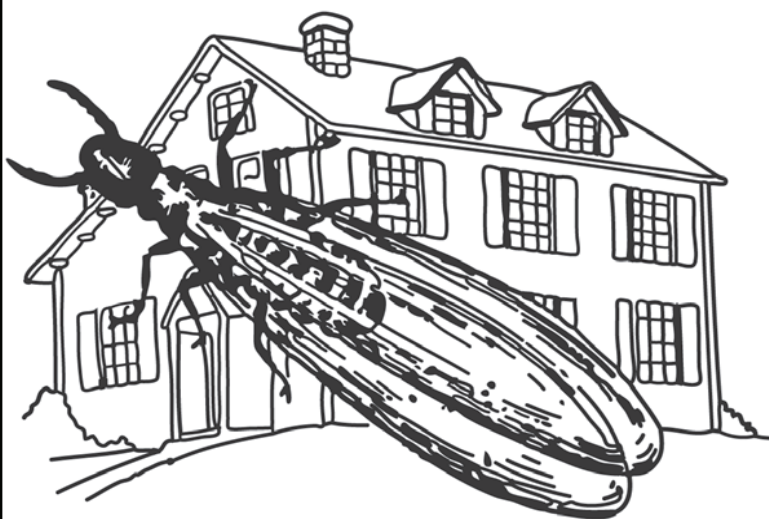
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