

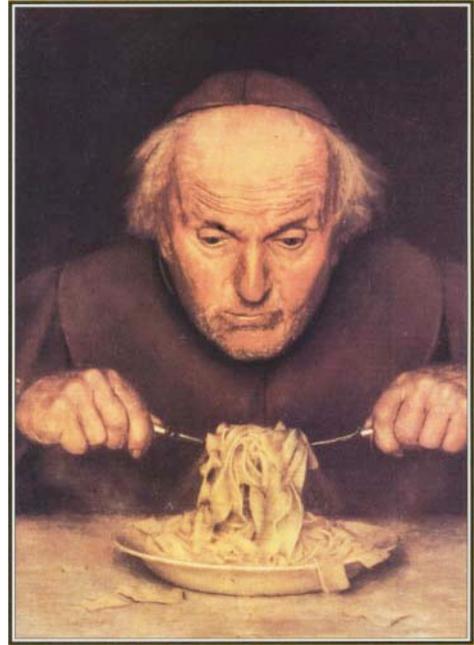
from the Scriptorium

12 Augustus, Anno Domini 2007

Greetings, honored Brother Monks!

Perhaps you have noticed the shortening days, the hint of autumn in the air, the faint scent of wood smoke, and the bounteous crops of fruit and vegetables coming ripe in the gardens of the Priory.

And if you may perhaps have once or twice had the thought come, unbidden, that it will soon be time for our Order of Harmonious Monks of Winter to come together for our yearly flight into the realms of song — well that thought was not mistaken. Indeed, once again, the time doth approach!



Our Reverend Father, Prior Milton, wishes you to know that great music — music appropriate both to the cloister and to the tavern — awaits rendition as only the Harmonious Monks of Winter can render it. Even music never before sung by our Order, will grace the hallowed Great Hall this Christmas season.

Change, which doth forever bedevil the lives of simple Monks, hath borne heavily upon our Order this season. Our beloved Librarian, Brother Gary, obedient as ever to the needs of the Church, hath been called unto an Universitas in the remote Diocese of Denver. He will be grievously missed within our Priory! However, to the great fortune of our Order, our own frate Riccardus Albus — better known in the vernacular as Brother Dick White, who hath recently finished his obligations on the Board of the Faculty Club — hath willingly taken up the burdens of the Librarian, for which our Prior is most grateful. Thus, should you find yourself missing any of your illuminated parchment manuscripts of music, you may seek replacements from frate Riccardus Albus, at 642-0540, rwhite@eecs.berkeley.edu.

This autumn, your humble Scribe, grateful recipient of an annus sabbaticus, hath been sent upon a journey, at the express command of our Prior, to bear our Prior's greetings unto the Priors of fraternal monasteries of our Order within the distant realms of Hispania and Italia. Whilst your Scribe undertakes this arduous journey, the task of communicating with all the brethren regarding our annual season of song hath fallen into the capable hands of our Refectorian, Brother Gordon. And thus, for the inevitable questions that trouble the serenity of Harmonious Monks, you are beseeched to address such questions to Brother Gordon, at 925-254-1721, g.douglass@comcast.net and not unto your humble Scribe.

Our father Prior hath established the following Rehearsals on Wednesdays, with Dinner (offered by the Board of The Faculty Club) at 6 pm, Singing from 7 to 9:

Wednesday, October 17
Wednesday, October 24
Wednesday, October 31
Wednesday, November 7
Wednesday, November 14

After a break for Thanksgiving, the Sproul Associates Dinner/Dress rehearsal will be

Wednesday, November 28

The Faculty Club Christmas Parties will be

Wednesday, December 5 (early arrival at 5 pm to rehearse with the Brass)
Thursday, December 6
Friday, December 7

As in the year gone by, your humble Scribe attaches to this missive a parchment form to help you get exactly the seating you prefer for yourself and your guests. *Please print a copy to fill in and mail to The Faculty Club.* Hopefully it explains itself. Your Scribe hath made up this parchment because the Faculty Club sends out the invitations to the Christmas Parties before our first rehearsal, so if we wait until then to inform the Monks about reservations, there is a risk that some will not get to take guests to the Friday dinner, as it fills up immediately.

Two important things to note about this parchment:

- (1) Do NOT send it back to your Scribe or to your Refectorian, who, absorbed in his journey (in the first case), or in his devotions (in the second), may well fail to deal properly with this matter. Send it instead to *Mayra Garcia at The Faculty Club, University of California, Berkeley CA 94720-6050, phone 540-5678, ext 224, info@berkeleyfacultyclub.com*
- (2) Your form must be received by The Faculty Club on or slightly before October 18. Otherwise you are on your own for making reservations, at a time when the nights are filling up fast.

In anticipation of another Yuletide season of song and merriment, please receive the warm wishes of your humble scribe,

Brother Walter