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Dearest Timo:

Don is in Germany at present.... but herewith what I believe you are in need of.... hope I am right.

Every best wish, Maeve.

KHPV

KHPV is an international brotherhood founded in Finland and since expanded to include members in the Republic of Ireland and the United States of America. Translated into English, the Finnish title, Kohtuullisen Hutikan Pyhä Veljeskunta simply means The Holy Brotherhood of Moderate Intoxication.

KHPV has its home in the Finnish capital, Helsinki - a city more renowned for its drinkers than for its drink, Koskenkorva Vodka excluded. But if the brotherhood has a spiritual home, then surely this must be the St. James Gate brewery of Arthur Guinness Son & Company in Dublin where the brotherhood's engraved crest hangs above the bar in the visitor centre.

Definition:

As befits such a perverse group of individuals and individualists, the title is, in the first instance, a perfect contradiction.

Being Holy demands members be pure in heart and perfect in moral sense.

Intoxication, meaning to be in a state of drunkenness, is demanded while being Moderate, a word defined as meaning, inter alia, to make temperate.

Consequently, membership of KHPV requires that one is able to consume vast amounts of alcohol while simultaneously becoming more sober. Alternatively, one may consume alcohol-free beverages while simultaneously becoming more intoxicated.

Whichever action is preferred, it is incumbent on all members not to utter dirty language, think dirty thoughts, or engage in dirty actions while they are becoming moderately intoxicated.

Brotherhood:

KPHV is a brotherhood, otherwise defined as an association of men. While we recognise and respect motherhood, fatherhood, sisterhood and, indeed, neighbourhood, it is not intended that membership of KHPV be extended to include them.

Anyone being invited into membership must be prepared to accept this and checks, visual or otherwise, may be made to protect the sanctity of the brotherhood.

It should, of course, be stated that membership of KPHV will not restrict one's right to love their mother, to father children, to be related to members of the opposite sex or to live in a community populated by other people.

Inspiration:

When Sibelius composed Finlandia he was inspired by the haunting thought that few Finns would ever visit his grave. When the great Finnish architect Alvar Aalto designed Rovaniemi he was inspired by the belief that even mosquitos deserve a decent place to live. And when Bacchus Primus Inter Pares founded KHPV he too was inspired by the fear of not wanting to drink alone. In true Revolutionary tradition, he espoused the French ideals of Liberte, Egalite and Fraternite, terms which we understand to mean Freedom, Equality and Brotherhood.

Freedom:

Freedom, by our interpretation, means the right of all KHPV members to proclaim ³I enjoyed that. Let's have another round before we go home. Timo, it's your turn to buy.²

Equality:

Ask any photographer. This is the most difficult ideal to keep in focus. One which is 70% proof.

Whether one be standing by the bar in the company of one's friends, held in the protective custody of the police, left alone in some night club or out on the street, penniless and without a room key, it is incumbent upon all members to respect every human being equally regardless of their place of birth, race, colour, wealth, title, position, beliefs, language differences, age, hobbies, drinking abilities or sexual preferences. Only one exception is permitted, that being Bacchus Primus Inter Pares.

Brotherhood:

In keeping with the French tradition, the KHPV member is a true chauvinist, caring only for the comradeship of his fellow members with whom he is happy to consume grape or grain never thinking of other fellow humans, to whom he would naturally show equal respect.

Secrecy:

KHPV is not a secret society, but rather a society with secrets. Its membership is well known, if not notorious. That we have secrets, is no secret.

Membership:

Membership is restricted to 24 persons at any one time, 24 being the number of bottles in two cases of whiskey. Round-the-clock drinkers will also have a special attachment to the number 24.

Membership is by invitation only. One cannot apply. Any person seeking membership must be patient, tolerant and forbearing. It helps also if he is of good character, financially sound and not allergic to cashmere.

Certification:

Members of KHPV are presented with an engraved scroll which testifies to their special status. This scroll is signed by himself, the Bacchus Primus Inter Pares. No scroll is genuine which does not bear his signature.

Members in good standing are also provided with their own special passport which entitles bearer to gain access to all KHPV meetings. It is an authentic proof of membership. Lose it and you're lost.

Government:

Contrary to general belief, KHPV is a democratic organisation organised on the Albanian model.

Chairman, founder and oldest member is the Bacchus Primus Inter Pares. In true democratic style, a vote is taken every year for the purpose of confirming his position in perpetuity.

Vice chairman to the Bacchus Primus Inter Pares, though in no sense his deputy, is the Bacchus Superus Cognitor Imperator, The Secretary, who waits upon his every word, bears the title Bacchus Scriptor Unus Eruditus. Fourth member chosen for his impecunius nature is the Treasurer, hereinafter to be known as the Bacchus Eburnus Dominicus Collatinus. All are selected by vote at the annual general meeting.

Titles are also reserved for other members. The Auditor may use the title Bacchus Censorius Vigilans Cerberus. The Artist of Moderation, often the most despised member of the governing body, is known as the Bacchus Purpuratus Propitius Coercitor. Bacchus Pares Turismus applies to the Crusader (the person we pick to fight out our battles) while Bacchus Civis Universus applies to actual members, otherwise known as the rank and file.

Bacchus Veteranus Grandis is a veteran member, identifiable as a person whose car is older than himself, while correspondent members who order their drink by mail can use the title Bacchus Scriptor Universus. KHPV's founder member in Ireland has bestowed upon himself the unique title, Bacchus Primus Hibernica.

Rules:

The only rule binding upon KHPV members is the rule that there should be no rules other than the rule by which a yard of ale is measured or the rule of thumb used to judge a good pub or the rule used to gauge when one is Cefoot-less¹, the latter being a 12 inch rule.

Members will also be obliged to recognise the rule of law which, in the land of Bacchus Primus Hibernica, requires members to vacate a licensed premises, a.k.a. the pub, twenty minutes after last drinks are served.

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From: Timo Pakkanen <mailto:santaclaus@kolumbus.fi>

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Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 8:55 AM

Subject: Rules

Dear Don,

I'll fly as Santa this Friday to Japan for five weeks.

Before that I have to send material of the Brotherhood to Mr. Ilkka Pouttu in Dallas, our new Ambassador in Unoted States.

But, can you believe, I can't find our rules in English.

So, if you still have them, could you mail them to me?