

THE ORDER OF THE GINGKO BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE:

Being of sound mind and rational determination, and hereby perceiving an incumbency of great magnitude, heretofore unknown among civilized societies, we do therefore recommend the establishment and furtherance of a semi-secret society of floral fellowship; to wit: The Order of the Gingko.

God has established an order among the beasts of the land and among the plants of the earth; of the former man has been given a soul, of the latter, the Gingko. Through the blindness of the original sin mankind's eyes have been veiled to the glory and spiritual equality of the Gingko. Yet even now in the miasma of modern industrial society, there has been revealed to a select few the secret of this spiritual kinship. Rejoice therefore all ye lands! No longer shall the Gingko be as a tree among trees, but as a brother among brethren. To this end the Order of the Gingko has dedicated and will dedicate itself.

Our principles are high; our motivations holy. To bud, to grow, to spread shining bilobed fans of green among bent and twining boughs that sieve the fingers of the wind, to lace the soil with curious roots, ay!, even to you, o Gingko, shall we aspire!

Article I - Membership

SECTION 1. An affirmative vote of 100% by the Four Tops shall be necessary to enter into membership in this society.

SECTION 2. A negative vote of 100% by the Four Tops shall be necessary to expel a member from this society.

SECTION 3. Honorary membership in this noble society may be conferred by the unanimous vote of the Four Tops.

SECTION 4. The advisor shall be a faculty member, preferably engaged in the study of one of the natural sciences.

SECTION 5. A permanent record of the active, advisory, honorary,, and alumni members of this society shall be kept on record in the archives of this society by the Keeper of the Papyrus Root.

Article II -Titles

SECTION 1. The titles for the members of this society shall be: Omniscient Omnipotent Grandest Supreme Mulch, Extreme Exalted High Mulch Excelsior, Extra Extreme Grandest Mulch Excelsior, Superior Extreme Grandest High Mulch, Grand Imperial Chainsaw Interceptor, Extreme Grandest Under Mulch, Keeper of the Rake, Keeper of the

Compost, Keeper of the Papyrus Root, Extreme Under Mulch, Grand Imperial Bushy-Tailed Ground Squirrel, Pips, and Squirrels.

SECTION 2. The Four Tops shall bestow titles upon the members at the first of each semester.

SECTION 3. Graduating Four Tops shall bestow their title to an understudy within 24 hours after their graduation.

Article III - Four Tops

SECTION 1. The Four Tops of this society will consist of the Omniscient Omnipotent Grandest Supreme Mulch, Extreme Exalted High Mulch Excelsior, Extra Extreme Grandest Mulch Excelsior, and the Superior Extreme Grandest High Mulch.

SECTION 2. The Four Tops will meet whenever they feel like it.

SECTION 3. Duties of the Four Tops:

Clause 1. The Four Tops will exercise all the powers and deviant behaviors of this society during intervals between irregular society meetings.

Clause 2. The Four Tops are responsible for carrying out the resolutions, proclamations, policies, decrees, activities, and absurdities of this society.

Clause 3. The Four Tops will analyze the past projects of this society, weigh their value, and determine the advisability of their continuance or discontinuance.

Clause 4. The Four Tops will solve all personal problems of this society by saying either yes or no. The word "maybe" does not count.

Article IV - Duties of Officers

SECTION 1. Omniscient Omnipotent Grandest Supreme Mulch. The OOGSM shall be a Four Top. He shall be everywhere and shall use his almighty power to preserve this society and the sacred Gingko Tree. He shall perform such other duties as his title may require, but shall not wear alligators on his person.

SECTION 2. Extreme Exalted High Mulch Excelsior. The EEHME shall be a Four Top. He shall embark on all missions necessary to preserve this society and the Gingko Tree. He shall perform such duties as his title may require in addition to washing the Gingko Tree on Sunday afternoons.

SECTION 3. Extra Extreme Grandest Mulch Excelsior. The EEGME shall be a Four Top. He shall seek to eradicate all woodpeckers that touch the Gingko Tree. He shall perform such duties as his title probably may not require and shall insure that there is enough toilet paper in the Four Top's bathroom.

SECTION 4. Superior Extreme Grandest High Mulch. The SEGHM shall be a Four Top. He shall know all knowledge that is knowable about the Gingko Tree. He shall perform duties and is the only Four Top permitted to check out books from the library of the Gingko Tree.

SECTION 5. Grand Imperial Chainsaw Interceptor. The GICI shall attempt to abolish the Homelite Chainsas Company. He shall use his speed and dexterity to intercept all chainsaws that are approaching the Gingko Tree.

SECTION 6. Keeper of the Rake. The KOR shall keep the horrendous mulch machines away from the Gingko Tree. He shall keep a supply of tools in his closet and carry a rake on his person at all times.

SECTION 7. Keeper of the Compost. The KOC shall provide all nutrition for the Gingko Tree. He shall collect all materials necessary for feeding.

SECTION 8. Extreme Grandest Under Mulch. The EGUM shall communicate with the Gingko Tree Hoot Owl. He shall present all messages from the birk to the Four Tops after changing his clothers, having stood under the Hoot Owl for an hour or more.

SECTION 9. Extreme Grand Mulch. The EGM shall direct all UNC lady bugs to destroy all pests that infest the Gingko Tree. He shall clean up the carnage with Handi Wipes.

SECTION 10. Grand Imperial Bushy-tailed Ground Squirrel. The GIBGS shall lead and protect the Little Squirrels. She shall comfort the frustrated by holding the world's wildest parties. She shall occasionally check her nest in the Gingko Tree.

SECTION 11. Keeper of the Papyrus Root. The KOPR shall keep all records and monies of this society and periodically send obscene letters to all who do not agree with our beliefs (if we have any).

Article V - Meetings

SECTION 1. The irregular meetings of this society will be held in such place as the Four Tops may direct.

SECTION 2. There will be at least one meeting of this society each semester.

Article VI - Little Squirrels

SECTION 1. The Little Squirrels of this society will be under the purdent guidance of the Grand Imperial Bushy-tailed Ground Squirrel.

SECTION 2. Duties of the Little Squirrels.

Clause 1. The Little Squirrels are responsible for carrying out the social events of this society.

Clause 2. The Little Squirrels are responsible for the mental and physical health of the members of this society.

Clause 3. The Little Squirrels will exhibit happiness at all times and spread joy throughout the Gingko Tree.

Article VII - Society Committees

SECTION 1. The outstanding committees for this society will be the Ritual Team and the Special Projects Committee.

SECTION 2. Duties for the Outstanding Committeess.

Clause 1. Ritual Team

1. The Ritual Team will consist of those members who are normally known as the Four Tops.
2. It will be the duty of the Ritual Team to make all arrangements necessary for, and conduct the ritual ceremony for this society.

Clause 2. Special Projects Committee

1. The Special Projects will consist of those members who wish to do very special things (i.e. birthday parties and breakfast in bed).
2. The Special Projects Committee shall oversee and organize all special events, keeping in mind (sometimes) that some things are against both moral and statute law.

Article VIII - Money

SECTION 1. The dues of this society will be \$5 per academic year (with revision based upon the inflation rate and Citibank's prime rate formula).

SECTION 2. The dues of this society shall be used to purchase a page in each year's Yackety Yack. (in the honorary section)

SECTION 3. All surplus funds will allocated to the social events of this society.

SECTION 4. Any additional money that members or anyone else wishes to donate to this non-tax-deductible society will be greatly appreciated.

Article IX - Awards and Recognitions

SECTION 1. The Lee Futrelle Award. The Lee Futrelle Award (Order of the Golden Crease) shall be awarded to that resident of the UNC community most closely emulating the high and expensive tastes of Sir Walter Raleigh Futrelle III, Esq. Points shall be awarded for such accoutrements as topsiders or Weejuns, wearing three \$25 shirts at once (heevily starched), using a \$35 tie for a snot rag and so forth. Being slightly shiny of the forehead shall also be considered. Candidates must be heterosexual, nonsocial fraternity or sorority members, and willing to look like a Christmas tree combined with Howard Johnson's wall paper when fully dressed. This award is, obviously, given at the discretion of the Four Tops with aid in consultation from L.L. Bean, Lacoste, and Add-a-Bead.

SECTION 2. Special Awards. The Four Tops may at their discretion present a special award to members or nice, beautiful people outside the society who have distinguished themselves in the area of service to the Order of the Gingko.

Article X - Order of Business

SECTION 1. The Four Tops will determine the order of business, reserving the right, if they desire, to operate outside the confines of the other sections of these glorious Bylaws.

Article XI - Amendments

These glorious Bylaws may be amended at any irregular meeting of this society upon the affirmative vote of 100% from the active members provided the amendment or amendments have received the consideration of the societh at least one minute after their proposal.