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## LASFS OFFICERS

### Elected Procedural Officers

**President:** Cathy Beckstead. **Vice-President:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Beckie Barber.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Mike Stern (2000). **Vice-Chairman:** Bruce E. Pelz (2000). **Comptroller:** Mike Glycer (2002). **Secretary:** Mike Glycer (2002). **Other members:** Bill Ellern (2002), Joe Zeff (2002), Elayne Pelz (2002), J. Shaun Lyon (2000), Bob Null (2000), Liz Mortensen (2001), Mike Thorsen (2001), Kim Marks Brown (2001). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J. Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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**De Profundis Editor:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Michael Mason. **Librarian Emeritus:** Leigh Strother Vien. **Assistant Librarians:** Greg Barrett, Lucy Stern, Alison Stern, & Tadao Tomomatsu. **Guest Librarian:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **LASFS Answer Guy:** Greg Barrett. **LASFS/APA-L Liaison:** Tim Merrigan. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Bruce Pelz, Ed Green,

Tadao Tomomatsu. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Records, Shangri L'Affaires Editor, Video Coordinator, Programming Committee, party Rabbi, & Tontine Committee** (take a deep breath here); Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Alison Stern. **Hall Decoration & Silent Auction Coordinator:** Tadao Tomomatsu. **Key Control:** Liz Mortensen, Bob Null. **Janitorial Services:** Greg Bilan, Mike Thorsen. **Philatypus & Chair Chair:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Special Photographic Collection:** Mike Donahue. **Webmaster - <lasfs.org>:** Mike Stern. **Webmonsters:** Heather Stern, Jim Dennis. **Children's Literature Committee:** Greg Barrett. **Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **<lasfs.org>:** Mike Stern. **LASFS/SCIFI Liaison:** Allan Rothstein. **Loscon 27 Hotel Liaison:** Christian McGuire.

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## EDITORIAL

It is the time of year when we elect new officers for the club. These are the people who keep our meetings going. Granted, fans being fans, we could probably run LASFS without officers, but it probably would not run very well (although it would be interesting - for awhile). It is incumbent upon the members to show up and cast their votes for those whom they think will do a good job. Some members like to cast their votes for their friends; but, unless you think that your particular friend can do a good job, it is often better to vote for a person with whom you are not necessarily all that friendly if that person can do the job better than your close friend. In other words, examine the candidates, consider if you think that they can properly do the job for which they are running, and then vote for the best person. The club is a much more fun place when good people are doing our work for us. This month, all four of the procedural offices are up for grabs. According to how LASFS does things, nominations for President open on the week before the election and nominations for the other offices are taken on the day of the election (including additional nominations for President). All procedural officers except Treasurer serve for 6 months with the Treasurer serving for one year. This is the election where the Treasurer is up for election. Your votes are important - please attend the meeting and vote.

The editor of *DE PROFUNDIS* takes no public stand in this zine either for or against any individual candidate but will cast his secret ballot after considering the merits of the contenders.

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## KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

LADWVS = L.A. Dr. Who Viewing Society  
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Pro-  
 gramming and Entertainment.  
 BOD = Board of Directors  
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organization  
 Work Party = General cleanup  
 FWEMS = Fourth WeekEnd Movies  
 FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club  
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who Club

## CALENDAR DETAILS

LADWVS - 7:30 pm  
 FWMS - Fantasy & SF TV series -  
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 FUCC -  
 TIME MEDDLERS - 12:30 pm

**CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE**  
 (complete minutes can be read in APA-L)

## Meeting #3269, April 6, 2000

*Bob Null & Cathy Beckstead, presiding*  
*Karl Lembke, secretarizing*

Veep Bob Null gaveled the meeting into order at 20:12:06.

The Menace were read, corrected, and approved as "Missa ruined nother minuteses!"

At this point, Kaiserin Beckstead entered the building and took over.

Patron Saint Chuck Donahue was given three cheers, and no sacrificial virgins for Charlie.

We have guests! David Mayo (*who was not told to "hold the" - ed.*), Andrea Davis, Mario Diaz, Monica, and one other whose name was drowned out by crowd noise.

This coming Sunday is also Second Sunday. The Board meeting starts at 11:00; Second Sunday Socializing starts at 2:00. The barbecue will be fired up for anyone who happens to bring some pieces of dead animals.

Ed Hooper stated that *Starship Troopers* is good if you ignore the book it's named after.

Karl Lembke reported on the new Orkin ad, which featured a very realistic cockroach crawling across

the screen. At least two people have reported damaging their TV sets by throwing heavy objects at the virtual roach.

Brett Achorn reported on his new water filter system, saying "Never has our house been flooded by purer water."

The meeting adjourned at 21:29:19.

**Meeting #3270, April 13, 2000**  
**Cathy Beckstead, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, secretarying**

"Hello? Class???" Shut up!" With these words, President Cathy Beckstead gavelled meeting number 3270 into order at 20:10:48.

Jerry Pournelle announced the death of Catherine Crooke deCamp, Sunday, at age 90. She was Sprague's portable sense of humor.

The Menace were read, corrected, and approved as a deaf interpretation. (Eh?)

Greg Bilan announced the bowling event. Show up on April 15, and bowl. Pretend the pins are tax collectors!

Beckie tried to embarrass Carl Nelson. He's spent enough time in the SCA, though, that he's immune.

Doug Crepeau reported on the Garden Gnome Liberation Front, responsible for freeing a score of gnomes from their captivity at a Parisian exhibition. They intend to release the gnomes to their natural habitat. Whatever that is. (*LASFS? - the DE PROF editorial chair? - ed.*)

Mike Stern mentioned that the Morpheus Gallery in Beverly Hills will give a 10% discount to anyone presenting a LASFS membership card.

Mike Stern reported on Hit Men for the State. In order to preserve an endangered bottom-feeding fish, people from the State Fish and Game department are being sent to shoot frogs. This was followed by lots of puns, including one about Hansen Dam becoming a toad-away zine. (And when you're scribe, you can make sure *your* pun gets into the Menace!) (*And when you are DE PROF editor, you can make certain that you are creamed. - ed.*)

After a motion to "point to him," the meeting adjourned to hymns at 21:18:22.

**Meeting #3271, April 20, 2000**  
**Bob Null & Cathy Beckstead, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, secretarying**

Meeting number 3271 was called to order at 20:13:25.

Special Order of Business (recent deaths): Lila Kedrova Howard (appeared in a couple of genre films as well as something called *Zorba the Greek*; Edward St. John Gorey; Bill Danner, one of the last zine editors who used letterset; and Michael (the 2nd non-human artist on record, trained in ASL by Koko, another gorilla. (At this point President Cathy took over the microphone and began presiding.)

The Menace were read, corrected, and approved as \$5 worth.

Tadao Tomomatsu announced that he and Sheri had picked a bunch of lemons from the tree. When LASFS gives you lemons . . .

Patron Saint Stan Burns joined LASFS while in college, writing a paper on "newly developing interpersonal relationships in fandom." He currently lives in Riverside, and is presumably no longer in college. He also gave the club money at some point. He was given three cheers.

Fred Patten mentioned that there was a Japanese craze called "Hello Kitty" before Pokemon. He also announced that there is a Hello Kitty toaster at Mitsuya market. If you have kitties that need toasting, \$35 will get you this nifty kitty toaster.

Greg Bilan announced that the bowling event has taken place, and that a certain unnamed husband to a sitting club president did quite well. And the wife of this unnamed husband also managed to break 100. (*But did not mention in which direction—ed.*)

Len Moffatt announced that April 20th was June's birthday. Although June is one of our best-loved members, we subjected her to our singing anyway.

We welcomed Anna Kashina, from Moscow by way of Pasadena. Also, a guest for Tadao was introduced: a lizard.

Doug Crepeau reported that Celeron's published fruit fly genome had some human genome code in it. The fly, on being interviewed, said "Help Me!" in a little tiny fly voice.

Romp.com turns out to have stuff of dubious taste. It's run by Eric Eisner, son of Michael Eisner.

Beckie mentioned that a friend of hers had walked into McDonalds and asked for "half a dozen chicken nuggets." She was told they were only available in packages of 3, 6, 9, and 20.

Beckie mentioned that Chaz Baden has pictures of

aftermeetings. (*Nobody asked, though, where the blackmail money should be sent—ed.*)

Karl Lembke reviewed the Daily News article on “Tapping Toilet Water,” finding it to be another Screaming Hysterical Fit, which the Daily News does so well. Doug Crepeau noted that the water was not going to Beverly Hills.

After a motion of “Here it is, take it,” the meeting flowed down the drain at 21:14:57.

**Meeting 3272, April 27, 2000**  
**Cathy Beckstead, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, secretarizing**

“I fest so good when I did that!” chortled Joe Zeff.

Before we could go into how badly that statement had been wrenched out of context, President Beckstead declared, “Okay, time to sit down!”

Meeting number 3272 was called to order at 20:14:55.

The Menace were read, corrected, and approved as “You want fries with that? How about supersizing?”

There was some New Business. Since the club had expressed some interest in naming some heavenly body after Dan Alderson, Mike Stern had researched the rules involved in naming heavenly bodies. It turns out that the rules give third parties, such as the club, a distinct last place in priority for proposing names. (Although that wouldn’t rule out the club contracting a discoverer and suggesting a name to him or her.)

MSP: that Someone Eloquent, who is fully conversant with Dan Alderson’s accomplishments (Are you listening, Jerry?) be appointed by the president to send a letter or e-mail to USGS asking that a feature on Mars close to the crash site of the Mars Weather Orbiter be named for Dan Alderson. I suggest this because someone failed to make a conversation that would have allowed Dan’s program to work properly.

Marty Cantor announced that *De Prof* is out. Find yours in the box on the Lizdesk and save the club some postage! Also, let it be noted that Mike Glycer has two Hugo nominations for Best Fanzine and Best Fan Writer.

Registrar: Welcome to Sandy Stollen, Neil Irbeski, and Walter.

A motion to “entertain and supersize” was made, and carried at 21:22:24.

**BoD Meeting, March 12, 2000**  
**Mike Stern, Chairman**  
**Mike Glycer, Secretary**

ATTENDANCE: (Board) Mike Stern, Mike Glycer, Bruce Pelz, Hayne Pelz, bob Null, Joe Zeff, Bill Ellern, Mike Thorsen, Kim Marks Brown, Shaun Lyon, Liz Mortensen. (Others) M. Mason, F.P. Niven, Sundance, C. McGuire, B. Barber, G. Bilan, J. Sperling, K. Lembke.

NEW MEMBERS: Applications were received from Joan Steward and Andres Kassay. Both were unanimously voted into membership.

MINUTES: Glycer read the minutes. Many corrections were offered, Joe Zeff’s first - clauses and fees. Michael Mason had purchased the \$500 worth of books. Both Bruce and Elayne voted against the motion to approve all three Loscon bids. Bob Null said the metal plate attached to the bottom of the Gestetner is bent. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

TREASURERS REPORT: Liz reported there was \$12,039 in the treasury, \$74.90 in the Festival of Books fund, \$1,711.89 in the Library Fund, \$340.54 in the Video Library fund, for total operating funds of \$14,166.67. The Century IFund contained \$18,734.41. There were \$340 of key deposits. Total club funds: \$33,240.98.

Liz thanked Ed Green for organizing the club’s recent big auction. It made \$409. (A successful formula.)

LETTER FROM NESFA: Mike Stern read a letter from NESFA’s Gay Ellen Dennett who will be proposing a change in NESFA rules so that a copy of every Boskone GoH book in the future will be sent to the LASFS library in memory of Gary Louie. Karl Lembke had drafted a straight reply and an alternative reply including a practical joke referring to the Shaft. Directors felt the straight one should be sent, leaving up to Karl wheter to also do the funny one later.

ARCHIVES: Bob Null said there’d been no major projects since last report. He had rearranged storage space to accommodate both the archives and the janitor. (*So that is where the janitor is stored between jobs. - ed.*)

CLUB MACHINES: There was little new to report about the Gestetner or the computers.

AV EQUIPMENT: Bob Null said Mike Donahue got a quote to repair the old video projector for \$800, which was about \$700 less than the first estimate we spend the mgot, but still probably more than we want to pay. Donahue had mailed the machine back to the vendor.

Christian said that Conucopia was donating a new video projector to the club, a Sony that Donahue had been quoted at \$2400.

Bruce asked what are the decision points. The cost of repairs is not in the budget, so that’s a decision of the club. If anyone thinks we should spend it, they can bring it up to

the club. Liz said she was not willing to money to repair the old one if we were about to get another. Kim asked what reason there was to have two of them.

Shaun, seconded by Bruce, moved to get rid of and forget about the old one.

Liz asked if the new one will be taken to conventions and dropped on the floor. Bill Ellern asked what was the original purpose of the club video projector. Liz answered that it was for use in the club and at conventions. Glycer asked about setting a policy of restricting the new projector to use at the club. Shaun and Christian pointed out the escalating charge of renting video projectors for conventions made it economically desirable for the LASFS to use the machine at cons. Shaun withdrew his previous motion.

Kim suggested that the old projector, when repaired, be permanently mounted at the club. Also, she said we should start a replacement fund now.

Bob and Christian thought it was not rough handling at cons that broke the old video projector; rather, it had simply exceeded its useful life through many hours of use.

Christian consulted with the treasurer of Conucopia and announced that profits from the con would both purchase a new projector for the club, and pay the estimated \$800 to fix the old one.

Liz, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved that there be a fund (or bucket) for people to contribute who want to repair or replace the video projector. Joe Zeff asked whether the fund was for maintenance or replacement. After discussion, Kim asked the minutes to show that the directors agreed that maintenance includes eventual replacement.

Mike Stern directed the treasurer to tell this to next Thursday's meeting. Liz's motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

Bob Null had heard that that CFO was planning to upgrade our screen.

Cathy Beckstead asked if all our groups will be using the video projector. She felt there should only be trained people using it. She had a preference for who would be appointed to do the training. Directors discussed whether this decision needed to be accompanied by changing the priority of locks on some doors and storage areas.

**HALL RECONSTRUCTION:** Mike Thorsen said the roof is still there, water still gets pumped. out. Bob Null said the next-door neighbor is till talking about leveling the driveway and getting rid of the lake in his back yard. If he wants to spend the money redoing the driveway, Bob felt we should let him. As for contracting the plumber to do the pipe replacements authorized by the Board, there have been missed calls and it still hasn't been done.

Mike Stern announced that the mailbox came in. Bob expected it to be installed by the end of April.

**LIBRARY:** Mason said they got quite a bit done at the last

work party. He displayed the GoH book donated by NESFA in Gary Louie's name. Bill Ellern thought it would be a good idea to send NESFA a copy of the bookplates we are using to identify the donation.

Bob Null said there was a UPS delivery for the library left on the back step of the front building, and it got wet in the rain. Even worse, someone brought the wet package inside and dropped it off, instead of unwrapping the book to minimize damage. There was a discussion of how to get things delivered with fewer problems, but the main problem is UPS can't deliver to a mailbox, and there tends to be no one here when they come.

**LISTS: Children's Recommended Reading List:** Greg Barrett said it was all ready to print before Gallifrey, but there was no paper at the clubhouse. Stern asked Greg to get the list printed by the Festival of Books. Bob Null discussed how he could set up a paper safe at the LASFS.

**APA-L:** Bob Null hasn't tried reading the replacement disc yet. Bruce said the checklist is now through the end of 1965.

**Cumulative Members List:** Elayne has updated the list almost through the end of 1999.

**E-Mail List:** Joe Zeff has been trying to do it all through lasfs.org, which works intermittently.

**LASFS.ORG:** Stern said the page is partially back up. Zeff reported that the LASFS pop-3 connection has been refusing connections.

**LOSCON 26:** Liz thanked her committee of 127. Final stats were: 1204 warm bodies, 1386 total attendance (*leaving 182 cold bodies? - ed.*), 127 pass-ons, 566 room-nights. And \$11,304 turned over to the LASFS.

**LOSCON 27:** Turtle Christian McGuire said the con's theme is Dawn of the New Millennium. There had been confusion about this because of the Loscon Turtle-Jackal situation. He asked all organizations to refer to the con as Loscon 27. He is arranging to have Loscon.org registered through Chaz Boston Baden.

There was a discussion of who and how soon the registration cost should be advanced. Mike Stern, seconded by Bruce Pelz, moved for LASFS to pay Chaz the \$70 immediately. There was a feeble chorus of ayes, and abstentions by Bruce, Elayne and Shaun.

**LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE:** Chaz won Loscon 28, and announced his guests of honor.

**LOSCONS OF THE FARTHER FUTURE:** Christian has deferred more negotiations with the Burbank Hilton until the end of the quarter (i.e., March).

**RECYCLING:** Bob said recycling brought in \$28.50, with \$17 turned over to the treasury. About one-third came from cans collected at Gallifrey.

**PLAQUES:** Cathy Beckstead had nothing to report, other than her plan to talk to Bruce today.

BYLAWS: Stern said he will send his edition to Mike Glycer for printing.

CON DELEGATES: None.

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS: Mason wanted to know how many copies to make of the Adult Recommended Reading list. Bruce said 200. Stern asked Greg Bilan to put up a list for volunteers to sign. Greg said he will hold a meeting the weekend before for people interested in helping.

LETTER TO CRASHERS: Stern said it hadn't been mailed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

## LETTERS OF COMMENT

*Robert Lichtman*

*(Past President [Director], LASFS, 1962)*

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Although I haven't seen them in a long time -- and it's probably a Good thing I don't belong to APA-L and get to see the complete version because it might just be Too Much for me to handle -- I see that the LASFS minutes are as silly as ever. (The Barney Bernard influence lives?) I particularly liked, "A motion was made to Marty Cantor at 21:17:59."

That's a good paragraph about fanzines you wrote on page 6, and Michael Lowrey's mini-essay on The Usual a good companion piece. I hope this has the desired result of stirring some of the more fanzine-lethargic club members into checking out the fanzines that come as trade for *DE PROFUNDIS* and, maybe just maybe, getting active in fanzine fandom.

### WE ALSO HEARD FROM

John Thiel.

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## FANZINES

*The production of fanzines is an old fannish tradition and De Profundis is a zine in that tradition. Many of the regularly attending club members may not be aware of the vast number of zines which have been produced in fandom's past. Many may not realise that not everybody has moved their written fanac to the web and that there are many fanzines still being produced. Here is a list of some of the zines which the club gets in trade. I want to point out that **any zines for which the club trades can be picked up from the De Prof mailbox and can be read at your leisure.** For those of you who want to explore the universe of fanzines, I shall be most happy to make recommendations of available zines.*

## zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

**THE LONELY CRY:** British Columbia fans

### club zines:

**DASFax:** Denver Area Science Fiction Association.

**EINBLATT!:** Minnesota Science Fiction Society (MinnStf).

**TIGHTBEAM:** National Fantasy Fan Federation (N3F).

**NASFA SHUTTLE:** North Alabama Science Fiction Association.

**INSTANT MESSAGE:** New England Science Fiction Association.

**PULSAR:** Portland Science Fiction Association.

**PSFS NEWS:** Philadelphia Science Fiction Society.

**CONNOTATIONS:** Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society.

## MEET . . .

*(Occasionally I will be able to corner a member who is a regular attendee and get them to write something about themselves. If that person is an officer of the club, this may take the form of writing about their job. The entry this time is from **Bill Ellern**, a member of our Board of Directors. If any regular attendee wants to write about some personal information, please get me a short piece of material. Remember, I may be ruthless in my editing, so do not write about Ruth.)*

### Growing the lasfs - 1

**by William B. Ellern**

First let me introduce myself. I'm a member of the Board of Directors. I have been an SF fan since I was 6 years old and read my first Planet Comics. I have been a member of LASFS since 1957. I have a degree in Physics, a Masters in Management Science and work in aerospace. I've watched LASFS members for years and have advanced several theories about them. I dropped out during the '70s and early '80s to raise a family. In recent years I have been

mostly a convention fan. Last Fall, Bruce Pelz pushed me into becoming a more active member by getting me on the Board of Directors. Afterwards I cornered him and asked him why, and he told me various things.

Bruce, having posed me a problem, went off to do other things while I tried to work it. I tried a quick solution: Disband the club. Without a club there is no problem, therefore no need to solve it. That didn't work.

My second attempt was to discover why LASFS existed - its purpose. No one could tell me what it was. Jerry Pournelle repeated an observation I had made 20 years before, but no one could tell why they were here, except they liked being at the meeting and it was fun! This was an interesting, but un-enlightening observation. I agreed with them, but I myself didn't understand. Nothing I could grab hold. No underlying reason. Magic was happening . . . How? And how could it be increased and spread? I had no answer. I could only walk around it, look at it, and wonder how to tackle the problem. I had no answer. I could only walk around it, look at it, and wonder how to tackle the problem. I needed to take apart the process and individuals in the club to find out what was going on. Very difficult!

There are a number of ways to solve problems. One is to look around and see if someone else has the same problem, and an answer. The Costumer's Guild, and my church, St. Martin-in-the-fields. They had the problem, but no solution. There is another way. Be very quiet, look around very carefully, be patient, and the solution will come to you. And it did, from an entirely unexpected quarter, an engineer at Litton had a non-technical book.

A book that showed a way to solve Bruce's problem. It is a book about growing an organization. In this case the organization started from one person, the author, to 10,000 members in 15 years. It started 26 other similar organizations. Now I'm going to kick some of your prejudices into gear. The organization is a Baptist Church. What does growing a church have to do with LASFS? A little, and a lot. The book is *The Purpose Driven Church* by Rick Warren. Next month I'm going to talk about it, and give some very short quotes from it. Can growing a church help LASFS? 1. You can learn the principles. 2. You can learn the processes; and, 3. You can learn some methods. If you understand these, you will understand why organizations grow.

This book can teach us a tremendous amount about

ourselves, and LASFS, but the book's processes and methods will have to be adapted to meet our needs. It points a way, but we have to be careful in how we follow it. Knowledge is Power. It puts a lot of power in the hands of those who understand it. I want to put this knowledge into everyone's hands. I will start with the simple stuff, and work into the material I had trouble accepting. Anyone interested can find the book in either the public library or a bookstore for around \$10. I'll also loan out my copies. I would also like to start a discussion group to work on adapting it for fandom.

*(to be continued next month)*

*(when Bill shows us how to take over NESFA and the rest of fandom)*

### LASFS MAILING LABELS

Are a mess. An attempt is being made to bring some order (or something) to them. If you notice anything amiss in your label code, please bring them to my attention and I will get them modified. In the meantime, research continues apace so that we can get them corrected. Fuzzy has been having some problems with the mailing label programme but hopes to get it properly working soon. All previous corrections sent to me have been taken care of, but the programme is being difficult and some corrections have been rejected by it. Have patience, please.

**P** = Patron Saint

**PF** = Patron Friend

**T** = Trade

**D** = De Prof (meeting attended within 3 months)

**Y** = Yearly Dues paid

**L** = Lifetime Member

**LV** = Life VAMF (Voluntary Active Membership Fee)

**LP** = Lifetime/Patron Saint

**LPF** = Lifetime/Patron Friend

**M** = Monthly Dues paid

### LOST MEMBER

*The copy of DE PROFUNDIS #328 for **Phil Castora** was returned as undeliverable. If anybody knows the current address for **Phil** please let me, Liz, Fuzzy, or Bob Null know so that we can correct our mailing list and send him his copies of DE PROFUNDIS.*



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