

Hello everyone. We had a great ceremonial in Machias, didn't we? One of the fun parts of that was the Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly degree on Friday night. This is a degree to join Hillbilly Clan 164, a new Shrine Club for Anah. We put on a Pa degree and a Ma degree, which are very similar. It was a lot of fun for everyone. Special thanks to Mike and Nancy Bailey for donating the outhouse to Hillbilly Clan 164...it is a very important part of the event. There is a rumor out there that this degree is a drinking game, but that is not true. We have a toast at the end that does involve alcohol, but there is non-alcohol for those that want it. We had 47 new Paws and 39 new Maws!! What a great turnout. About a dozen new Hillbilly mamas did not get hats (sorry about that), we had so many sign up to be Hillbillies. (The hats are on order and should be coming soon!) The degree costs \$75 for Pa and \$25 for Ma. This includes lifetime dues, a Hillbilly hat, corn cob pipe and turkey feather. One great thing about the Hillbilly Shrine Club is that all the profit we make goes to the Hospitals. We will have an occasional meeting and may be in a few parades down the road.

We are planning another degree on Friday October 19 at 7:30. It will be at the Decades Party at the Shrine building in Bangor, 1404 Broadway. If you want to participate, please mail your application and payment to me, Doug Dulac, [350 Hampden Rd, Carmel, ME 04419](mailto:doug.dulac@hillbillyclan164.com). Please make checks payable to Hillbilly Clan 164. You can also mail or bring your application and payment to the temple. We would like to get applications before the degree so please send it by October 10, if possible.

Don't miss it!!

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Doug Dulac