

THE *KGB* FILES

Edicts from the Czar

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COMRADES, most of you may already know that new officers have been elected for all positions except for Minister of War (MOW). Congratulations to all new officers and thanks to the “Has Beens” for their hard work. Starting next year, I will be the Czar and will try my best looking at several ways to improve the club’s activities such as education and participation from members.

November meeting at Don’s place was wonderful with lots of great beers and the awesome beer bratwurst. Thanks to St. Arnolds for their Christmas Ale keg of the month (KOM) that was enjoyed by many but I don’t think we floated the keg. The Samiclaus Brew was held at Craig Gentry’s place and thanks to his awesome place, lots of members kept themselves warm and dry in the upper 40’s during the day.

Next and final event for the year will be the homebrewers party joined by all homebrewers around the area. This will be held at the Odd Fellows Lodge in the Heights. Please see website for further details such as donating toys. Hope to see members support for this event and bring a dish to share. In addition, we have the ceremony for the change of officers for all homebrew clubs in the area.

As this will be my last article as general secretary (GS), I will try to bring you more information and events as the Czar. However, as I have mentioned before, I would like to see to more members’ participation with the club’s new and existing activities. Bring in your suggestions and I’ll try to see if we can implement them. To start off, we have already secured a position for the St Arnolds one pot cook off team. Let us know if you would like to participate when we meet.

Alright, so the following are some simple suggestions and stuff that I would like to see in the coming months;

- Members providing pictures and articles to the newsletter. Can’t promise if we publish them all but we’ll try.
- Use of our club’s 3 tier brewing equipment
- Members to exchange information and feedback about their homebrew to other members.
- Participate in home-brewing competition
- Members getting together to do a homebrew or team brewing
- Spread the word around to interested like minded people
- Try out new restaurants, bars or pubs and let us know what’s happening
- Try to get companies to put an advertisement in our newsletter... it does not need to be only homebrew related businesses.

I think that’s good for now and if we do not meet sometime soon, I wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are traveling during the festive holidays, stay safe and be careful. Hit some breweries and brewpubs. I know that’s what I’ll be doing really soon, so join me and support the craft brew. Life’s too short to just have Budweiser..... Or not!!



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This Month’s Meeting

Date/Time

Sunday, December 15th

12 - 5 pm

Location

Odd Fellow’s Lodge

Membership Update

Renewals

Robert Andrews

Larry Bartos (family)

John Dawson

Michelle Ferguson

Bob Freck

Jeff Johnson (family)

Nadine Krebs

Sam Mitchiner

Chad Palmquist

Peter Rosales

Newals

Karl Pierce

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GREETINGS Comrades and Cheers! I would first like to thank everyone who voted for me to take the reigns from Jon and become the next CB. I would also like to thank Don for confusing everyone by nominating me as Michael Johnson instead of Mike. I have not gone by Michael since elementary Catholic school when Sister Mary Hateful had to call my name numerous times each day. If you were too drunk to remember, the vote came out as a tie between me and Sam (I actually voted for Sam). MOW For Life Don cast the deciding vote in my favor, so you can blame him. Remember, elections have consequences. I do look forward to this new position and have already started adding to the great beer selection we already have.

I think we all owe a great "Thank You" to Jon Thorn (and Mary of course) for doing such a great job as CB these past two years. We always had a great selection of beers each month and the November meeting was no exception. There were several different styles and between the great food prepared by Don and the beer brought by Jon everyone left happy. I will be bugging him frequently about the different parts of the job and learning how to start my Porsche savings account because we all know where the real power of the KGB lies.

We have a great 2014 planned for the KGB and I know Robert (all hail the new Czar!) has great plans to make the club even better. The next event on the calendar is the Homebrewer's Christmas Party on December 15th at the Odd Fellows Lodge. There should be plenty of good cheer to pass along. I am looking forward to going for my first time and I hope to see many of you there with samples of your great homebrew. We also have our January meeting on the 18th at Southern Star Brewery. We get to enjoy their lineup of fine beers and I will have a selection of others to try. The BOM is stout so be sure to carb up in order to handle some of these bigger beers.

If there is one area where we can make immediate improvements as a homebrew club is in the number of homebrews brought to the meetings. We have brewers of all levels of expertise and experience and it is a shame when we have a meeting where there are only a couple of samples being passed around. We are gaining new members almost each month and they need to see the quality beers being brewed by the KGB so they will be encouraged to bring theirs in the future. It does not have to be the same style as the BOM either. Sometimes it's good to give the taste buds a break; especially with the bigger beers. I know the feedback given by our expert brewers has helped me tremendously and I think I am brewing much better beer than when I joined a couple of years ago.

Comrades, it is running late and my glass is almost empty, so I wish you all a Merry Christmas and/or any other holidays you might celebrate this time of year. If you have suggestions for your new CB don't hesitate to see me at a meeting and give me your opinion. It also helps if you give me beer too.

Mike's Johnson



KGB Membership Benefits

- **Use Our All Grain Brewery** - KGB members can brew 10-gallon batches using the club's 3-tiered brewery which includes the stand, sparge liquor tank, mash/lauter tun and brew kettle. All you supply is propane and the ingredients for your batch of beer. The brewery is conveniently stored at Brew-It-Yourself, and can be used during normal business hours, simply by calling Ray and reserving it.
- **Tomball Welding** - Show your KGB ID and exchange your CO2 tanks for a price of \$7.00 for a 5 lb. bottle (tax included). Located on HWY 249 across from Hughes Propane.
- **Electric Brewing Supply** - Contact your KGB MOP during meetings or via email to find out the details. Depending on what you need, the deal could be worth your while. Visit <http://www.ebrewsupply.com> to learn more about what is available.
- **BJ's at Willowbrook** - Show your KGB ID and get 10% off of your food order.

Note: To receive a membership card, see the Ruble Collector at any meeting or event.

Ruble Collector's Report

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WELL, the elections are over and guess who is now the clubs new RC "Elect"? That's right folks, it proves right if you help out enough in the club you just might get yourself elected! Thanks to RC Steven Vande Lune for the job he did for the club during his time served! I will definitely have some shoes to fill this year, and will need all the help and guidance that is offered.

You'll have to excuse me, I'm still on a Disney World high from being there during the Thanksgiving week with the family. Let me just tell you that Disney World during that time is absolutely crazy, in all sense of the word. Do you know how hard it is to find a good beer in the "Magic Kingdom"? Don't trouble yourself with the task because I can tell you there is none. That's why the Mickey-god created EPCOT, and the Germany world showcase village. Yes, only there can you go to their little German village and buy nothing but beer related items. Beer Steins, Glassware, T-shirts, Hats, and Oktoberfest Beer!!! It truly is a magical place after all. It was later found out on the second to last day of our stay at the resort we were at had some hidden, not spoken about craft beers in the resort bar, that were only offered evidently if asked for them. All was then saved.

November's meeting at Don's in November was a pretty good turnout and it was a great time! Kind of wet and cold, but lots of good brats to eat, homemade pickles, and very wide variety of beer. After all, it is called the Smorgasbeerd meeting. Due to some confusion with the active membership list, we had quite a few renewals and one new member! I am working on getting the membership list issues I have resolved, and will work on getting people added to receive the clubs emails if you're supposed to receive them and are not receiving them. Also, if anyone needs a membership card, please let me know. I'll be working on getting some made.

One other thing I will be working on is getting the new KGB shirts made and available for sale that were voted on by the club earlier this year. The stock of shirts we currently have left are very, very low and we have several new members and people wanting new shirts to "Fly the Colors" as somebody once said.

December 6th we had the KGB Samichlaus Day Brew-in this year at Comrade Craig Gentry's place. Many thanks to him for hosting it this year. And although no Samichlaus itself was able to be brewed that day due to last minute schedule changes and unpredicted weather issues, he and I DID brew two batches that day in the warm, toasty, indoors of his place.

The next Meeting will be the Homebrewers Christmas Party from 12pm to 5pm at Odd Fellows Lodge (check the website for address and directions). I unfortunately cannot make this event, due to other holiday cheer happening, but I hear that it's a pretty good time for all the local clubs to come together, lay down their arms, and have a good time together one time a year, before all the fierce club competitions start in the spring and the big guns really come out!

Anyways, I have run out of time, ramblings and beer for now, so hope to see you all next month at the meeting in January at Southern Star Brewing in Conroe, where we will be enjoying their fine brews, and KGB Spuds! So until then, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

– RCE Tyler



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GREETINGS COMRADES,

It's had to imagine that that a year has already come and gone. For the KGB 2013 was a very good year. Success comes from the efforts of the officers that make up the club. Many thanks should go to our outgoing officer core of Czar Andrew, RC Stephen and CB Jon. These guys did a great job by leading us with a number of fun activities and some great beer. Of course we have a fantastic pair in the GS department which is none other then Robert and Sofia. The foods they prepared were gourmets delights. Our thanks go to this group for their drive and determination to make the KGB a fine homebrew club. One of the remarkable aspects of the KGB is that every year the bar gets set even higher. With our new lineup of officers I am confident that Czar Robert, CB Mike, RC Tyler the GS team of Jake and Tim, MOP Mark and newsletter Katie will take the club to new highs. In closing I would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday to you and your family.

MOW Don

Notes from General Secretary

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Lentil Cookies for the Holidays (GF)

Recipe from the GS Elect, Jake Frost

- 1 cup mixed lentils
- 1/4 cup butter softened
- 1/4 cup coconut oil softened
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup almond flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoon xanthan gum
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup quick rolled oats
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- 1 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup dried cranberries

Cook the lentils in boiling water for 35 minutes. Strain the lentils and crush with a mixer until most are paste like.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease a cookie sheet or line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

In a bowl, cream the crushed cooked lentils, butter, coconut oil, and brown sugar together and then add the egg and blend. Add the almond flour, baking soda, xanthan gum, and vanilla. Stir in the oats, slivered almonds, pumpkin seeds, and chocolate chips, dried cranberries and mix well.

Drop the cookies by the spoonful onto the prepared baking sheet and flatten. Bake the cookies for 13 to 18 minutes and allow to cool on a baking rack.

Original recipe by: Bal Arneson/Spice Goddess

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Newsletter Notes

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COMRADES, In case you were wondering, this is a conglomeration edition of the newsletter... The old officers and the newly elected ones have combined to make it the best newsletter you'll ever see! Who is excited to see the new newsletter in January? Could it be the best one yet?! I think so...

-MoT Katie



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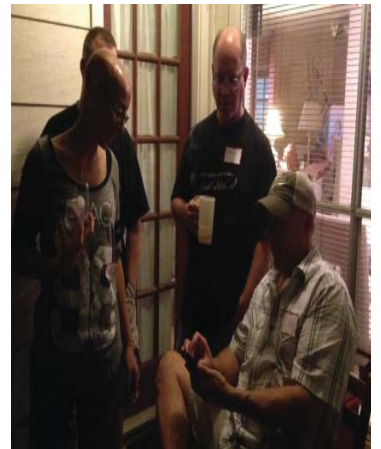


KGB Officers for 2014



Katie, Robert, Mike, Tyler, Jake and Don (Not Pictured: Mark)

The November Meeting...



KGB Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
December Meeting Homebrew Party	Sunday 12/15	Odd Fellow's Lodge	Beer	Beer
January Meeting	Sunday 1/19	Southern Star	Beer	Beer
February Meeting Raffle!	Saturday 2/22	Jake Frost's	Barley Wines	TBD
March Meeting Dessert Competition	Saturday 3/22	Jeff Schearhorn's	Porters	TBD
April Meeting Crawfish Party	Saturday 4/19	Phillip Kaufman's	IPA	TBD
May Meeting Raffle!	Sunday 5/19	Big Brew Bash	Beer	TBD

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Minister of War	Donald Sajda

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