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OFISHAL INVITATION

The True Secret Order of the
False Albacorian Monks of Harkers Island
Invites You* to the

100th Anniversary Celebration of Saltwater Fly Fishing

Saturday, November 6, 1999 at 6:30 pm
Holy Tunny Monastery
1576 Island Road
Harkers Island, North Carolina
(Home of the "Harkers Cay Chronicles")



The Untold History of Saltwater Fly Fishing

On November 6, 1899, a great late season hurricane lashed the Cape Lookout Lighthouse with 150-mile an hour winds. At the peak of the storm a small eastern European merchant ship, "The Sea Lyons," was seen near shore with flyrodders on the bow and stern working a school of albacore in 30-foot seas. A 200-mile an hour gust sent the sturdy ship and its cargo of rag-tag illegal aliens crashing into the beach of Harkers Island. Copies of the ship's log show such passenger names as L. Kreh, B. Clouser, G. Loomis, R.P.L. Sage, T. Juracsik, L.L. Bean, C. Orvis, F. Pallot, J. Randolph, V. Gytenbeek, B. Popovics, and B. Gates. The Captain of the ship was listed as Nicholas Lyons I.

Afraid of being captured and deported, the illegals moved to caves in the middle of Harkers Island and formed The True Secret Order of False Albacorian Monks. For 100 years the monks worked in secret to develop fly rods, flies, reels, boats, lines, graphite, and epoxy. Most of the monks' discoveries were passed on to their children (these monks weren't celibate!) who left the island. One child went to Baltimore where he teaches the Harkers Island method of distance casting. Another took the island method of weighting streamers to the Susquahanna. Two grandchildren went to Washington state to sell Island designed fly rods. Another went to Washington and became a computer nerd. Descendents of two of the illegal aliens formed catalogue companies in New England to sell fly fishing products. Captain Lyons stayed on Harkers Island, occasionally fished in Montana, and wrote elegant stories which he sent to his grandson in Brooklyn, who published them in a Pennsylvania based fly fishing magazine.

A few of the original monks, now well over 100 years old, still live in the Harkers Island Caves and communicate with the outside world over the Internet, which they also invented on Harkers Island.

This be true:

Flip Monk
Historian

MENU:

U.S.D.A. Kosher Swine
Saltwater Hackle Chickens

DRESS CODE:

Make your Mother proud.

Your Hosts serve at the pleasure of the Monks:

Tom Earnhardt and Dana Jennings (919) 571-7969
Donnie and Beth Jones (252) 726-8404
Rob and Lugean Jones (252) 726-8404

BYOB & B (Beer & Boat)

*ALL ATTENDEES ARE EXPECTED TO BRING ONE LARGE COLORFUL FLY.
(Used to decorate HOSPICE tree)