

GRABBING THE BULL

BY THE TAIL

After years of deliberation and talking by the high muckymucks on what to call the bridge, members of the E Clampus Vitus, an Ancient and Honorable Organization, have stepped forth, taken the bull by the tail and done what should have been done a long time ago --- named the Bridge after the man who thought it up in the first place --- Emperor Norton I, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico.

WARNING

In the tradition and spirit of Emperor Norton we are implementing a penalty on all usurpers who fail to use the new and approved name of the bridge. Please read the Imperial Proclamation below and, if so inclined, go the Deputy's Page; check to see if you qualify and if you do then take the Oath. Finally, print out a couple of citations, fill 'em out and send one by post to the offending party. The other copy you should send to the ECV for their records.

Proclamation

“Whoever after due and proper warning shall be heard to utter the abominable term “The San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge,” which is archaic and lacking in panache, shall be deemed guilty of a High Misdemeanor, and shall pay into the Imperial Treasury of the ECV as penalty the sum of \$25 (twenty-five dollars).”

Signed in abstentia ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norton I, Emperor".

NORTON I, EMPEROR

QUALIFICATIONS

In order to cite an individual who has violated the Orders of the Realm, you must first be a Deputy of the Realm. In order to be a Deputized you must meet a few, simple qualifications which include but are not limited to the following:

1. You must be at least 18 years of age.
2. You must be sober at the time of issuing the citation (what you do the rest of the time is your business).
3. You must witness the crime against the Realm first hand --- in other words, you must have heard the offensive words with your own ears.
4. If you are not already a member of E Clampus Vitus then you will be considered an Honorary Deputy.

If you qualify, and as we said are so inclined, please go to Deputy of the Realm page, raise your right hand and recite aloud the Oath.

Once you've done that, head on over to the Citation Page, follow directions and get to work.