

# CALENDAR

**Regular Meeting:** November 20, 1999, 7:30 PM, Center Continuing Education, 33<sup>rd</sup> & Holdrege. Annual Meeting, Election of Officers. (Nominating Committee Report is on Page 3, below the President's Message.

**Program:** We will have a 'Silent Auction' which was originally scheduled for October. Please bring rocks that will interest other members and look closely for that new one you just might be able to enjoy. Don't forget! The money will go for a special project.

**Youth:** Silent Auctions are great sources of new material and sort of like a Field Trip.

**December 12,** **Antelope Park Shelter, 31<sup>st</sup> & Sumner, Sunday-5 to 9 PM,** Pot Luck Buffet, with club furnishing the coffee and the turkey and ham. Susan McMahan is chairing the event and has several volunteers to help. Shirley will do the meats, Jim the coffee, Ed will bring a tree, David & Billie greens for the Christmas spirit, club members the hot casserole and salads and desserts- (out do yourself this year and be sure to bring your own table service.) We'll have a gift exchange of hobby related materials. Roger has volunteered to give a program! Come on all of you loyal LGMC Members and lets end the 20<sup>th</sup> Century with a Very Special Party.

**January 22, 2000** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Indoor Swap and the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's first meeting. Charles Wooldridge will be chairing the Swap at Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, Scottsbluff-Minden Room.

## NEXT LGMC SHOW - MARCH 25-26, 2000, Pershing Auditorium (Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show )

### Nearby Shows to Visit

November 19-20	SHOW	Rocky Mountain Federation, Tucson, Arizona
November 20-21	SHOW	Mesquite, Texas (Dallas area)
August 18-20,2000	SHOW	Midwest Federation, hosted by Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc., St. Louis Missouri

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### DUES ARE DUE

LGMC By Laws state that dues are due by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and must be paid before January 31<sup>st</sup> or they become delinquent and a \$5.00 reinstatement fee will be assessed. You may begin paying dues anytime after November 1<sup>st</sup>. Make your checks payable to Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. and send them to P. O. Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505. Dues are \$10.00 per adult member, \$2.00 per youth or \$22.00 for a family including all youth under 16 years of age. New memberships only require an additional \$5.00 per family as a registration fee.

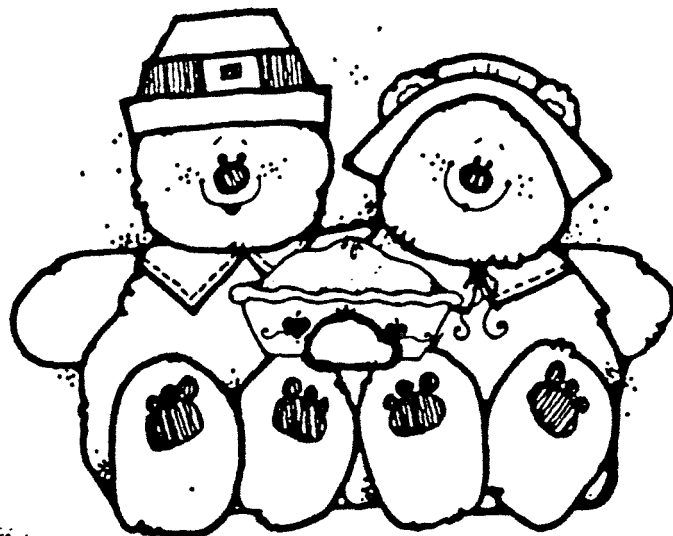
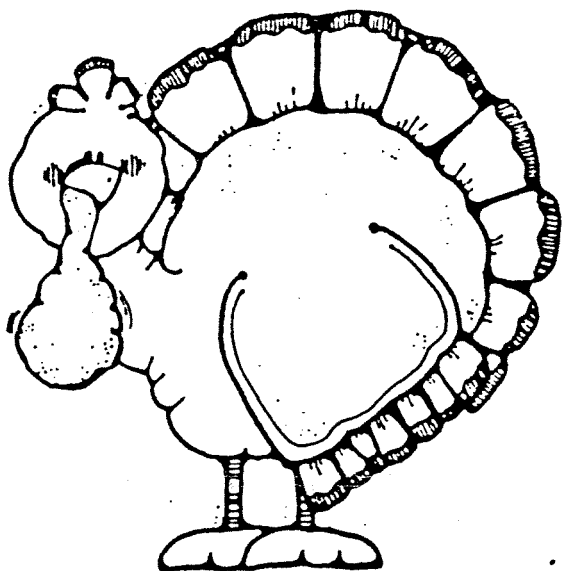


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# YOUTH NOTES

by Kay Jurgens

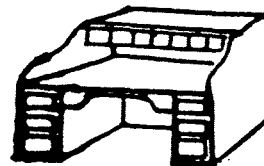
November is the time of year to be thankful for many things. I'm thankful for the great junior members we have, the great ideas they have, and the great time we had at the October Halloween party! The costumes our juniors created were incredible!!!!



HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING



**From The President's Desk**



Hello LGMC Members:

As said in my last message I have been taking Robert Fixter's class on diamonds, gems and jewelry at Southeast Community College. The class ran four times. The first one was on diamonds and pearls with hands-on look at different kind, color of diamonds and pearls plus how to know good diamonds and pearls. The second class was on metal and colored stones.. Metals like gold and silver and others. 14K or 18K gold is popular in the United States. In Canada it is 9K or .575. As for colored stones the class and Robert brought stones in to look at and pass them around. The third class was Sentimental Journey like the one at our January 1999 meeting. The last one was a field trip to Sartor-Hamann Jewelers downtown where we were shown how to size a ring. Also they showed how to make lost wax casting of a ring from start to finish.. Then we went to see colored stones and diamonds in the display case and upstairs to see more colored stones.

I had a good time and met some new people. Some may look into our club meetings. On December 11th, Gateway Sartor-Hamann will have an 'ideal' diamond cutter.

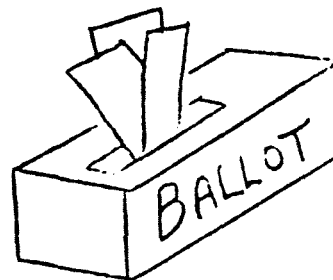
As for the next meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, it is time to vote in our new officers for 2000. See you then.  
Edward Ridge

P.S. I wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Nominating Committee members met on October 6, 1999 with Charles Wooldridge as Chairman. They have presented for publication this slate of officers to be voted on at the annual meeting on November 20:

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| President                       | Edward Ridge  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President  | Jim Atkins    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President  | Grant Bennett |
| Secretary                       | Vera Lyman    |
| Treasurer                       | Phyllis Parks |
| Board Members (4 to be elected) |               |
| Kenneth Doe                     | Brett Jurgens |
| David Heffelbower               | Susan McMahan |



Each of these persons has been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected. According to our by-laws nominations for each office will be called for before the ballot. Persons nominated must have given consent prior to the meeting.

Nominations will be called for from the floor to elect 2 persons who will serve on the nominating committee for a three year term. Those to be replace are Shirley Rockel and Kenneth Doe.

**OCTOBER MEETING!! What a good event!** Our Halloween Dessert Supper in the Park was attended by nearly twice as many members as we usually get at our regular meetings. ?Desserts??, Coffee and/or Hot Cider??, guessing the gem, mineral or fossil costume???Any or all of these things may have helped. Anyway we listed these members as they arrived: Jim & Phyllis Parks, Edward Ridge, Kenneth Doe, Roger Pabian, David Heffelbower, Jim Atkins, Jerry Moore, Ken Kramer, Adeline Nolde, Kay Jurgens, Lois & Irl Everett, Charlene Bingell, Kevin Schwartman, Marie & Susan Taylor, Vera Lyman, Bill and Shirley Rockel, Susy McMahan for 21 voting members . Youth Members Janelle Jurgens and Daniel Cromer were present. Family members present were David & Ariana Bingell, Billie Heffelbower, and Elaine Moore and one young man who was as yet unidentified. Roger brought 'Show & Tell' cases, Ken Kramer brought some new crystals, Kay had a fun challenge for any who were brave and we had more food & drinks than we could consume. Please make coming to meetings a habit.

Adeline brought some clippings from her home town newspaper to share and I will try to get them to our next couple of meetings for you to see. One is about the death of John Kurtz who was a great friend of early Gem & Mineral Club Members as he was Superintendent at Fort Robinson when we made many President's Field Trips over Labor Day Week end. One about Larry Price, friend and acquaintance of many in the club, especially for his many fine meals. There is a big write up with lots of pictures of Club Member, Ben Darling (now of Sidney, Nebraska,) Ben is becoming very well known for his landscape art and teaching. Thanks Adeline for sharing these clippings.

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**Notice Notice Notice**

Regarding a bid for Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club to Host a Show for the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Society in a few years? We were first contacted by our 1998 Delegate Grant Bennett after the 1998 MWF Show and Field Trip Convention. This year Grant was asked about it when he attended the American Federation Convention in Tennessee and John Harrison has been contacted by MWF President Willis Smith. Since this would be a project of unified effort by all members in the club the decision should be made by the greatest number of members at a regular meeting. The Board and other interested persons are trying to obtain as many specifics as possible about the requirements for such a show at this time. (It has been 20 years since we last hosted one and our membership has dropped considerably -from 142 to 60 members.)

At the October meeting it was decided to try and present the matter for a vote at our January meeting which is usually well attended. So please come and let your wishes be known. Our club does not have an absentee ballot provision. We will attempt to put more particulars in our January Pick & Shovel.

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**DUES ARE DUE**

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Oct. 6, 1999  
Kinkos - 48th & Vine Conference Rm. 7:00 P.M.

President called the Meeting to order with 7 Board members present and guest, John Harrison, Show chairman for 2000.

Minutes were approved with motion by Phyllis P, 2nd by Grant B. Carried.  
Treasurer;s report approved with motion by Vera L, 2nd by Dave H. Carr.

BILLS were all approved for recording & payment.

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Dave H. to present a stipend of 1 year membership to the Messengers for presentation of an excellent program and all their help with Geology Day & Grinding Party. 2nd by Phyllis P. Carried.  
(Membership will be 6r year 2000.)

Geology Day - Feb 13, 2000 1-4 P.M.

Grinding Party - July 23, 2000 1-4 P.M.

"2000" SHOW - John Harrison, Chairman

Presented, his budget for Show, with few changes except for increase in publicity and security. Motion for approval by Phyllis P. 2nd by Dave  
Motion carried.

Motion by Vera L. to present question of future Shows @ Oct. Meeting & then proceed with Pershing accordingly; in order to secure future dates.  
2nd by Kaye J. Carried.

Request from MWF (via John Harrison) whether LGMC is interested in hosting a MWF Show. Need to get vote from General membership and notify the MWF via letter.

Next Board Meeting on Tuesday Nov. 2 @ 7:00 P.M. - Kinkos. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DAY)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vera Lyman*  
Vera Lyman, Secretary

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - GENERAL MEETING - Oct. 23, 1999  
Bethany Park Shelter House - 7:30 P.M.

Annual Halloween Party with Costumes & Desserts.

There were 21 member, 4 Juniors, and 3 guests in attendance.  
Minutes and Treasurer;s reports were approved with motion by Jerry Moore,  
2nd by Adeline Nolde. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Question of Club hosting a future MWF Show. Motion by Jerry Moore to publish all information in the Pick & Shovel and vote at January Meeting. 2nd by Phyllis Parks. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Question of future Club Shows! Only have contracts with Pershing for 2000 and 2001. We should keep 4-5 years in advance to secure dates.

Motion by Roger Pabian to get contract dates through 2005. 2nd by Jim Parks. Carried.

CHRISTMAS PARTY; Suzy McMahon volunteered to chair party.  
Sunday, Dec. 12 from 5-9 P.M. at Antelope Shelter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No report.

JANUARY SWAP: Charles Wooldrdige volunteered at Oct. Board Meeting.

PICK & SHOVEL - Deadline for Nov. copy is Nov. 1, 1999.  
Deadline for Dec. copy is NOVEMBER 20 MEEING.

Board Meeting on Tuesday Nov 2, - 7:00 P.M. at Kinkos.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vera Lyman*  
Vera Lyman, Secretary

**LGMC Treasurer's Report for October 1999**

	NBC Checking Balance Sept. 30, 1999	\$3785.02
Receipts:		
Show Dealer Space for 2000 AD	<u>1200.00</u>	1200.00
Payments:		
Oct. Board/ Nom. Com. Meetings at Kinko's	20.00	
Key Deposit Oct. Club Meeting	50.00	
Printing Oct. Pick & Shovel, Nov., Dec. PS Covers	37.81	
Postage 3 Months P & S, & Treas. Mailing	105.60	
September Meeting Place	95.00	
Prepaid Show 2000 Expense	<u>49.00</u>	<u>357.41</u>
	NBC Checking Balance October 31, 1999	\$4627.61

**PROPOSED SHOW BUDGET FOR 2000**

Income:		
Dealer Spaces 14 @ \$400.00	\$5600.	
Demo. Selling 3 @ 36.00	108.	
Tickets 2000 gate @\$4.00 with \$1.00 off coupon	<u>6,000.</u>	
		\$11,708.

## Planned Expenses:

Floor Rental	\$ 2500.	
Tables 225 @ \$5.00	1125	
Chairs 150 @ \$1.50	225.	
Front entrance tables covered	60.	
PA System	NC	
Elevator Operators	150	
Electrical Power Hookup	375.	
Catering	300.	
Security-24 hour	1300.	
Insurance	100.	
Advertising	1800.	
Recognitions	100.	
Programs/show flyers	200.	
Lecture Programs	400.	
Special Features	600.	
Dealer Chairperson Expense	100.	
Gem Dig Materials & Rock Races	200.	
Chairpersons Expenses	100.	
Misc. Expense	450.	
Sales Tax (gate)	300.	
Storage of Show Properties	<u>760.</u>	
		<u>11,145.00</u>

**Estimated Profit****\$ 563.00**

John Harrison, Show Chairman for 2000, presented the above suggested budget for our next show. This includes an increase of \$1,000.00 for Security (for 24 hour service) and an advertising increase of \$500.00 to better cover the media. This budget was approved for presentation to the general membership at our next meeting. John reported that he, Roger Pabian, Jerry Moore, Jim Marburger and Francis Belohlovy, have many preliminary plans in progress for the show. This consists of flyers at all area shows and to the dealers, nearly all of our dealers contracted, some very special features lined up. Please be ready if John calls on YOU for help before showtime.

**GEM SHOWS VISITED BY CLUB MEMBERS;**

We went to both the Schuyler show and the Topeka show, so here is a brief overview.

**Schuyler Gem and Mineral Show 9/26/99**

The show was small but very well done. There were four dealers: 1) Ken-Craft Gems ( Kenneth & Alma Bogue) Ulysses, KS They had a great variety of items from rough to faceted and the prices were in a reasonable range. 2) Custom Gems Inc (Ed & Erma Pharoah) Omaha, NE They had the same variety of items they carry in their store in Omaha, or display at our show. 3) Ray's Rock Shop (Ray & Alice Templin) Elba, NE They had buckles, bolas and various jewelry items. 4) Petersons Rock and Gems (Maurice, Norma & Donna Peterson) Oakland, NE. They carried various items ranging from collectors minerals , cut stones to finished jewelry. The show had a silent auction and a spin-the-wheel game for the big and little kids to play. My daughter Ariana had a great time collecting items from the silent auction and the spin game. We are glad we went to the show as David was able to pick up some rough, charoite and opal for the Lapidary class he is taking with Dr. Pabian.

**Topeka's 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral Show 10/9/99**

The Show had a great variety in displays and vendors. The 4-H club members had a display of their Geology Project cases. The "Geology Fair" was judged and ribbons and trophies were given to the best projects. The Dealers were:

- 1) Phil & Joni Andrist Bandon OR
- 2) Bushy Creek Gem and Mineral Boone IA
- 3) C & R Enterprises Springfield MO
- 4) Custom Gems Omaha NE
- 5) Denny's Custom Lapidary Overland Park KS
- 6) Eagle Lapidary Bull Shoals AR
- 7) J J & L Rocks and Minerals Hickman NE
- 8) Morgan Trinkets Berthoud CO
- 9) San Juan Gems Cortez CO
- 10) Treasure Chest Rogersville MO
- 11) West Side Agates Ames IA

As you can see the dealers were varied and came from near and far. The prices also ranged from affordable to outlandish, but then again some of the quality was excellent and worth the price if you could afford it. We were impressed by the vast variety and many new and different items available. They also had a silent auction and a spin the wheel game that kept the youngsters and oldsters busy. We bumped in to Dr. Pabian there and saw him spinning the wheel on the game a few times. There was a scholarship table that had grab bags and a pebble pile where kids could chose their stones and fill a bag for 25 cents- quite a deal. The proceeds from these activities went to the AFMS scholarship . Several different demonstrations were available for viewing, bead stringing, wirecraft, faceting, lapidary, silver smithing, and sphere making.

Geodes were available to purchase and have cut there so you could be the first person to see what was inside. Ariana could not resist the temptation and did a great job choosing a nice geode. The show was worth the trip and many items there were not available at our own show. If you have never made the trip it is worth a weekend get away.

Hope this is usable, Phyllis, see you at the next meeting Charlene Bingell

## ADVENTURES

By Grant

Left Lincoln, Nebraska Saturday morning, destination: Grand Island Earth Science Show in Grand Island. My adventure time was small this time. Did have to ask directions to Fonner Park where the show was being held.

What a great small show. Maybe my last statement was misleading. There were 7 dealers, with everything you were looking for. Machinery, rough rock, slabs, cabs, minerals, findings and silver wire for the metal smith. 25 cases showing artifacts, cabochons, silver casting of farm and construction machinery in miniature, and Astec Carvings on seashells. 10 demonstrators showing scrimshaw, casting, and of course cutting OPAL. Beautiful pictures painted on rock slabs. Delores Rose told me if I met the deadline she would put this in the societies bulletin of which she is the editor. Also got to know the society's president, Ed Anderson and the show chairman Connie McCartney. What a busy club. Everyone had a job and was pleased to help out. Even the junior members had a fish pond which kept them busy. Also the juniors exhibited pet rabbits with rock names.

Saturday night was pot luck. What a feast and as rockhounds always do it was good and filling. Counted 55 participants for it. After eating each person stood up and gave their name, club affiliation and hobby interest. What a way to get acquainted. Early Sunday morning a non-denominational church service was held at the show site.

Midwest Federation held their meetings on Saturday. Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs held their meetings on Sunday/

The Grand Island Earth Science Society was a very gracious host. They gave me space to set up for 'Ye Old Timers Mineral Club.' Thank you ever so much. Did gain new members and even some renewals. Am hoping by this time we can start having some gatherings. Would be great to show what YOTM stands for and the fun to be had plus the interesting announcements from the other clubs. Now I am looking for a regional vice president to help promote YOTM.

The 2 days were cool, bright sun, and windy.

See you down the road at a future show.

Grant T. Bennett-LGMC Board Member, Director YOTM,

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Thanks very much for all of the reports you have submitted this year Grant. It surely helps to fill the bulletin. I had hoped that you would send a report on the State Meeting at Grand Island as I think you may have been our only appointed Delegate to the meeting. --Phyllis, Editor Pick & Shovel

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Grant made this verbal report at the Board Meeting and it was just what we were looking for: 7 out of 10 Nebraska clubs were represented at the Delegates Meeting in Grand Island. Officers elected were :

President for 2000 Ed Anderson

Vice President Ben Brown

Secretary-Treasurer Donna Farlow

Board Members Maurice Peterson, Grant Bennett, Erma Pharoah

They now have a program manual available and are offering a reward for new programs they add. The State Show for 2000 will be held in Schuyler and the State Swap at Grand Island. They asked that more of our club members subscribe to 'The Gem Palette' (official NAOESCI publication) so they can continue mailing at the lower rate. These subscriptions should be paid with your 2000 membership dues so they can be forwarded as early as possible.

Thanks Grant!!

## 1999 ELECTED OFFICERS

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Board Member	Marcia Eddy-Hamilton, 4903 Hillside St.	Lincoln, NE 68506	489-0716
Board Member	Kay Jurgens, 14421 Danvers St.	Waverly, NE 68462	786-2756
Board Member	Grant Bennett, 721 No. 58th St.	Lincoln, NE 68505	466-5377
Board Member	David Heffelbower, 1819 Washington St.	Lincoln, NE 68502	475-4713

## Nominating Committee

3 years	Jerry Moore
	Kevin Schwartzman
2 year:	Roger Pabian
	Bill Rockel
1 year:	Shirley Roockel
	Kenneth Doe

Chairman: Immediate Past President

## Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

3 years	Charles Wooldridge, Chair
	Kevin Schwartzman
2 Year:	David Heffelbower
	Jim Parks
1 Year:	Vera Lyman
	Roger Pabian

## Standing Committees

Membership:	Shirley Rockel	Programs:	David Heffelbower
Education:	Roger Pabian	MWF Liaison:	Vera Lyman
Field Trips:	Jerry Moore, Coordinator	Scholarship:	Susan Taylor
Historian:		Christmas Party	
Hospitality:	Eddie "Lightning" Ridge	1999 Show:	Jim Marburger
Study Coordinator:?		2000 Show:	John Harrison
Housing/Property:	Jim Parks	2001 Show:	
Youth Activities:	Kay Jurgens	1999 Swap:	David Heffelbower
Librarian:	Roger Pabian	2000 Swap:	

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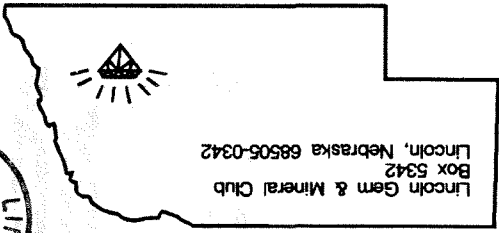
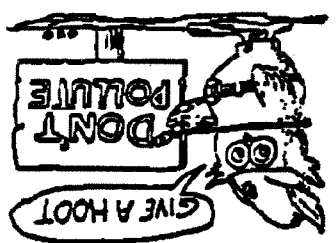
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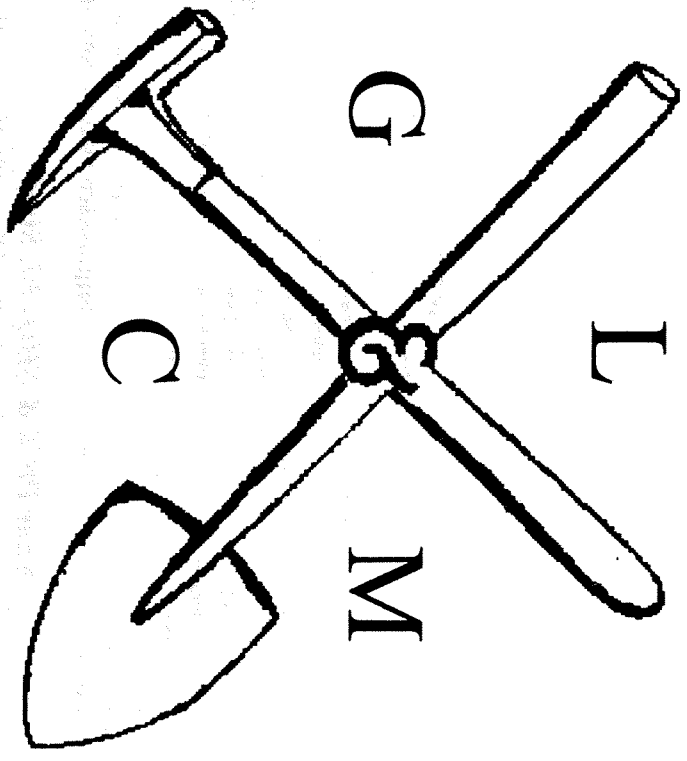


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