

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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FOWL PRESENTED
TO CITY FOR
DR. NORMAN KING

Mr. David J. Sherman presented the City of Lodi with a dancing partner for Dr. Norman King, who had recently performed his infamous "CHICKEN SCRATCH" to raise funds for Hutchins Street Square. Mr. Sherman dubbed the fowl "KING A' LA CHICKEN" and continued his presentation expounding the many virtues of the "bird".

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GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. OUR NAMES OUR DAVE & IRENE SHERMAN, AND WHILE WE'VE BEEN RESIDENTS OF LODI FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS, WE'RE SOMEWHAT ASHAMED TO ADMIT THAT WE'VE SHIRKED OUR RESPONSIBILITIES BY NOT TAKING PART IN THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS ACCRUING TO THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE HERE, AND EACH OF THOSE BENEFITS, IN THEMSELVES, SHOULD HAVE MOTIVATED US TO RESPOND AT AN EARLIER DATE. THE MOVING FORCE THAT BROUGHT US TO THE REALIZATION THAT WE HAVE PERSONALLY FAILED TO MEET OUR OBLIGATIONS, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN THE SUBSTANTIAL COMMUNITY EFFORT DIRECTED TO THE HUTCHINS STREET SQUARE PROJECT! THE CATALYST THAT BROUGHT US TO THIS CONCLUSION, AND THAT BRINGS US HERE TONIGHT, WAS PROVIDED BY ONE HIGHLY RESPECTED CITIZEN, A PERSON OF DEEP MORAL CONVICTIONS, A PERSON WITH IMMENSE PRIDE IN HIS COMMUNITY, A PERSON WITH SUBSTANTIAL DEXTERITY AND PHYSICAL "STAMINA". WE REFER, OF COURSE, TO DOCTOR NORMAN KING AND HIS SELFLESS, SOLO PERFORMANCE OF THE "CHICKEN SCRATCH DANCE"! IRENE AND I HAVE GIVEN SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT TO NORM'S EFFORTS AND WE'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IF THE CITY OF LODI FINDS ITSELF TO AGAIN BE IN THE NEED OF HIS FINE AND TALENTED SERVICES, HE SHOULD AT LEAST BE PROVIDED WITH SUPPORT PERSONNEL. SO WITH NO FURTHER ADO, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS AUGUST BODY WITH OUR OWN, SMALL, CONTRIBUTION, A DANCING PARTNER FOR THE GOOD DOCTOR! WE RECOGNIZE THAT EXISTING MUNICIPAL CODE MAY PROHIBIT THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, BUT WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THIS FOWL WILL NOT FOUL ITS ENVIRONMENT - IT COMES WITH ITS OWN SCOOPER; AND RECOGNIZING YOUR POSSIBLE CONCERN OVER A POTENTIAL PROLIFERATION OF OFFSPRING, PLEASE REST ASSURED THAT WE'VE PROTECTED AGAINST THAT POSSIBILITY - ITS SPADE! WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THIS ANIMAL WILL MEET NOISE RESTRICTIONS, THOUGH; WHILE IT CAN'T CROW, IT WILL CERTAINLY CLANG IF DROPPED OR THROWN! WITH THESE FACTS IN MIND, WE HOPE YOU'LL FIND IT IN YOUR HEARTS TO ADOPT VARIANCES TO ANY CONFLICTING CODES AND WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU'LL ACCEPT THIS BIRDIE THAT WE'VE EXTENDED. IF THE CITY, AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE, MIGHT WISH TO ESTABLISH A "NAME THAT BIRD" CONTEST, OUR OWN FORMAL SUBMISSION WILL BE "KING ALA CHICKEN", AT THIS POINT, I DON'T WANT TO SCRATCH FOR ANY MORE PUNS OR INNUENDOS. THANK YOU.

Dave Sherman