

On February 10th, 2009, Mayor Carol Watson issued the following proclamation:

Beard Growing Proclamation

Victoria, Virginia

Whereas many citizens are getting ready to celebrate Victoria's 100th Anniversary,

Whereas the Town of Victoria would like to reflect the struggles and sacrifices of our forefathers, and it would be appropriate to have the town look as it did 100 years ago.

As such I propose that as of March 1st, 2009 the men of Victoria stop shaving until October 5th, 2009. The growth can be a beard, goatee, chin-whiskers, van dyke, mutton chops, mustache and sideburns, or any other acceptable facial hairy growth of such length and full luxuriance as to be readily seen at a distance of eight paces.

Whereas these worthy men shall henceforth be known as "Brothers of the Brush".

Let it be known that a good-natured enforcement of this proclamation shall be by "Ye Keystone Kops," a secret society who will adjudicate by "Ye Awful Judges of Ye Kangaroo Court". Punishment for penalty for violations shall be one minute in the stocks to anyone caught flouting my proclamation. The Victoria Centennial Committee will be responsible for appointing the "Kops & Judges", and establishing any alternate penalties or exemptions.

Carol Watson, Mayor of Victoria

NOTE: To enter the Victoria Centennial Beard Growing contest (open to anyone), you must register by filling out an application available through the Victoria Town Office. "Brothers of the Brush" pins are \$5.00 to any man who enters the judging contest. Those who desire to remain clean-shaven and obtain an exemption in this contest may purchase a shaving permit valid for the duration of this momentous occasion. "Shaving Permit" pins may be purchased for \$10.00. The contest will officially begin on March 1st, 2009. Awards will be given for longest, whitest, and most unusual in each category. Special awards will be given for oldest contestant, youngest contestant, and best overall beard. Judging will take place during the Victoria Centennial Celebration Weekend, October 2-4th, 2009.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT HELP TO COVER THE COST OF THE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2009 FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN THE PARK
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