



MURMURATORMENSTRUUS JANUARY 2020

Salvēte / Χαίρετε,

I hope you all enjoyed your winter break and are doing well in your spring semester. The VSCL officers are looking forward to having more social events this spring to see you all some more. See page 2 for dates!

The board also inducted our new Member-At-Large, Eugene “Jay” Delano. Jay was the VSCL MAL for two terms from 2016-2018 and VSCL VP way back in his glory days of college. Check out his profile on page 3 so that you can love him as much as we do.

I’d also like to invite y’all again to contact me if you’re interested in writing an article for the VSCL *Murmurator Menstruus* or for the *Queritor Quotidianus*. I’d love to hear from VSCLers about their niche interests in Classics or JCL. Please email me at editor.vscl@gmail.com if you’re willing!

As a warning, the last page (page 4) of this issue of the *Murmurator Menstruus* contains a humor piece on the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The article has images of skeletons and some mildly morbid humor.

Ā dextrō pectōre
Matt Nelson

Upcoming Classics-y Dates

Saturday, February 1: UMW Certamen (email uofmwclassicsclub@gmail.com for details)

Saturday, February 15: VSCL Putamen at Randolph-Macon College

Saturday, March 28: Classics Day @ UVA

Saturday, April 4-Sunday, April 5: *Aulos* workshop hosted by CAV (See [CAV website](#) for details).

Saturday, April 25: VSCL State Finals Certamen

Saturday, May 2: CAV Spring Conference (See [CAV website](#) for details)

Updates from the VSCL Board

Virginia SCLers had a great time over winter break! We met up January 11th at the Flint Hill Certamen and spent the day moderating before going out to lunch together at Chipotle (picture on the left).

The VSCL Officers also elected Jay Delano (picture 2) as our new VSCL Member-At-Large. This is Jay's third appearance as VSCL MAL, the first two being consecutive terms from 2016 to 2018. Jay has also served as VSCL Vice President while he was a student at University of Mary Washington. (See the picture on the right of Jay and his glorious predecessors).



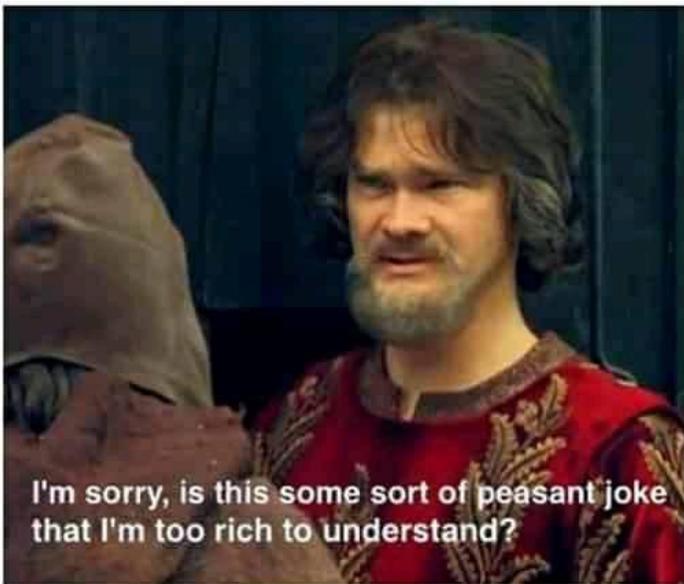
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When you make a great meme for the VSCL *Murmurator Menstruus* but then remember that JCLers are going to read it



Crassus when people get mad at him for using his fire brigade to commit extortion



Power Ranking ways to die in Pompeii

Matt Nelson, VSCL Editor

#3

suffocating on ash like a normie

Yeah, this is real convenient for archaeologists since they can make plaster casts of the hole your dead body left in the ash, but it's really lame for you. Archaeologists have literally made thousands of molds of people buried in ash. There's nothing special about you and there never will be.



getting hit by a rock from the sky

We've all seen that picture of the one skeleton whose legs are just sticking out from underneath a rock pathetically. That's pretty unique, right? Archaeologists say the Roman was likely already dead when the rock hit them, but that's less cool, so I reject this reality. Either way, pictures of your skeleton got retweeted a bunch on twitter in 2019, so at least you have that going for you.

#2

brain vitrefying from the heat

This is super hardcore and absolutely the coolest thing I've ever seen. Vitrefying generally means turning into glass, but looking at the picture, it's more like your body is turning into obsidian. That's amazing. You're not just unique among citizens of Pompeii, you're the only ancient person whose brain was vitrefied by heat. Period.

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(Click this link for a BBC article on the obsidian brain they found recently)