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*The Council on the Arts & Humanities for Staten Island invites you to the literary event of the century,*

*a preview of Dr. D.I. Kniebocker's life's work—*

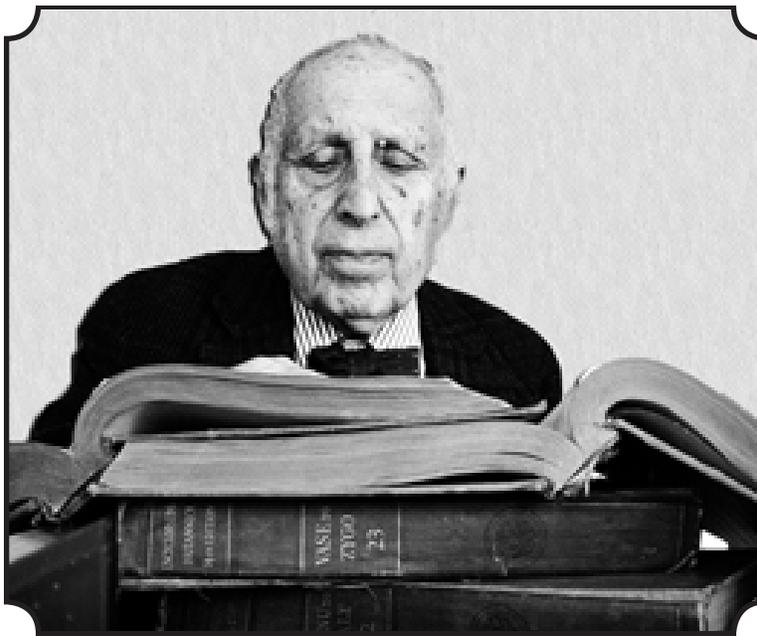
## **THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF STATEN ISLAND**

"In 1898, The year I was born," notes Dr. D.I. Kniebocker in his introduction, "Leslie's History of Greater New York described the North Shore of Staten Island this way: 'All the way from the forts through Clifton, Stapleton and then around the Heights and Fort George [sic] through New Brighton, Port Richmond and beyond, Staten Island has already the characteristics of one continuous city. And yet 110 years later, I read in the Staten Island Museum Ferry Riders Guide that: 'Staten Island never developed an urban center or gathering place.' It was then that I realized my life's work (done mainly for my own amusement and that of my friends and family) should be published. Otherwise The Forgotten History Of Staten Island would be forever lost."

Now thanks to the great invention of Gutenberg, his work will be remembered till time immemorial. And if anyone is qualified to write The Forgotten History Of Staten Island, it would be Dr. Diedrich Irving Kniebocker (known to his friends as "D.I."). Dr. Kniebocker was born on Todt Hill in the back room of The Eagle's Rest, the highest tavern south of Maine on the Eastern Seaboard.

During prohibition, as his family abandoned the saloon business in favor of used books, he lived there in the back of The Open Book, the highest antiquarian bookstore on the Eastern Seaboard, south of Maine and it was then that Dr. Kniebocker developed his life-long love of history.

**Trade Secrets of Staten Island's Greatest Historian!**



Dr. D. I. Kniebocker, is pictured here hard at work, consulting his favorite reference book, the 1911 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Although the good doctor has more than 12 different encyclopedias in his collection (numbering more than 200 volumes), none was published after 1917. "After that point they are totally useless," he believes. "Too much information was lost. And it keeps getting worse and worse with every succeeding edition."

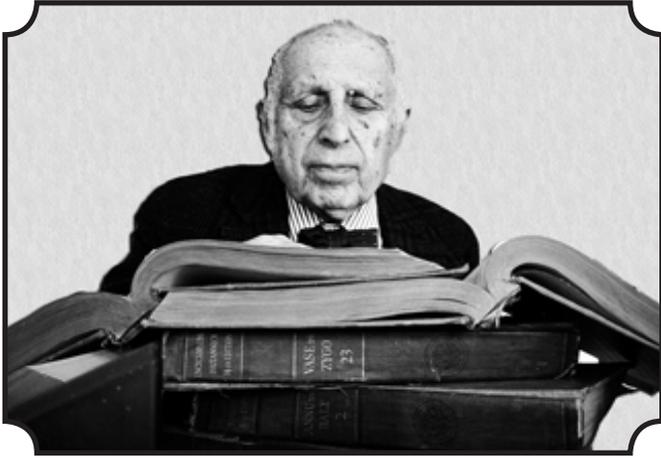
After his graduation from medical school, Dr. Kniebocker was renowned throughout Staten Island for starting the highest phrenology practice south of Maine on the Eastern Seaboard.

However, upon winning the Irish Sweepstakes in 1953, Dr. Kniebocker abandoned his medical practice to move to an undisclosed location and begin the grand enterprise that would sustain him until this day — the writing of his epic tome, The Forgotten History Of Staten Island.

This pamphlet contains never before seen excerpts from The Forgotten History of Staten Island, a literary classic sure to become a best-seller as soon as it is published.

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**I**n addition to his vast library, Dr. Kniebocker has (through direct contact with the spirit world) supplemented his research with interviews of past Staten Islanders.

To improve his occult vision he makes use of an Optivisor modified with a special refractory Zeiss lens and a Motorola computer chip. Some of Dr. Kniebocker's most important discoveries have come via this method.



His constant companion in these forays into the past is his cat Brutus (a reincarnation of the Roman statesman).

Here Dr. Kniebocker and Brutus are having an intense conversation with former U.S. Vice President and Staten Island land developer, Daniel D. Tompkins.

After numerous conversations the good doctor has come to believe that, "the spirits are surprisingly well informed."

**A**fter numerous archaeological expeditions on Staten Island, Dr. Kniebocker has compiled an amazing collection of local artifacts.

Here he's returned with a terrific find from his latest adventure, characteristically dressed in his trademark deerstalker hat. Dr. Kniebocker is frankly befuddled by the number of people that prefer baseball caps during outdoor activity.

"Without a visor in the back," he points out, "you'll burn your neck. A hat with only a visor on the front is sheer madness for the great outdoors. And you can quote me on that," he adds.

