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"Lighting the way to help the Cerebral Palsied"



ATTEND OUR MEETINGS AND WEAR YOUR FEZ!

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* STATED MEETING 3rd WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M. * SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

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MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

Greetings Prophets:

It is hard to believe that a quarter of the year has already come and gone, but here we find ourselves starting in April with summer fast approaching.

My thanks to our Chief Justice Prophet Larry Canada for providing the chicken rice casserole at our last meeting. Also I want to thank Brother Steve Deffbaugh for his program on the county fire marshal and their duties and responsibilities.

This month meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20th and we are scheduled to receive the District Deputy Grand Monarch Les Coons. I would like to see a good turnout at the meeting to receive the District Deputy.

Another of my goals this year is to re-activate some of our units. I know that we have had a clown unit and a motor patrol. I am sorry to say that I do not know who was involved in these units in the past or just how they were organized. If you were a member of an Alla Grotto unit in the past and would be interested in helping to re-activate it, please drop me a line at hemnlm@wmconnect.com or the Grotto's e-mail address of AllaGrotto@yahoo.com. I would also like to hear from any Prophets who would be interested in starting a new unit as well.

Remember to check our website at www.allagrotto.org and sign up for the e-mail reminders. I hope to see you at our next meeting on April 20th.

Yours in Good Fellowship,

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL CELEBRANTS

*In that which we share,
let us see the common prayer of humanity.
In that which we differ,
let us wonder at the freedom of humankind. (Jewish prayer)*

Our Birthday celebrants for April are just six unless I missed someone's birthday. Aprils birthdays are :

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| Frank Everts | April 1st |
| Thomas Stephen Rankin | April 9th |
| Orville L. O'Neil | April 17th |
| John E. Adams | April 18th |
| James B. Stewart | April 18th |
| Charles Markham | April 25th |

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From the Secretaries Desk
Gerret B. Lok, PM

I have purchased a book that our own Prophet Clem Kathman wrote about his experiences as a POW during WWII and the title of the book is "I Was Their Charlie" I purchased it in the paper back version for \$17.95 and I read it without hardly putting it down. It was so interesting. I don't know how Clem went through all that you had to endure and come out of all his experiences and live to tell the story. Please read it and I know Clem would enjoy all his royalties. Now I know where Clem learned to cook. Too bad you ~~did not~~ have much of a variety to cook with most of the time you were a POW.

Once again to all who have paid your 2005 dues, thank you for your promptness. If you are among the few who still have not paid your 2005 dues, please take care of this obligation today!. If you have not paid your 2004 dues, unless we hear from you before our July Stated Meeting, you will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Grotto activities at our July stated Meeting. Don't forget you can not get a Demit , if you are not currently, A Demit allows you to come back in at a later date. If you have any question, please address them to your secretary.

I have just heard from another secretary of a Masonic Lodge, that \$40.00 is just one dinner for the family of three and this is just a medium priced restaurant. I was reminded as I mentioned before, I just paid dues for a Masonic Lodge that I belong to in Dallas and my dues were \$120.00 for the year so our Grotto

dues are relatively inexpensive by comparison.

By the time you receive this newsletter, you would have filed for your 2004 Federal Income taxes or you have asked for an extension. It seems everyone is after money these days and prices are going up, up and away.

**Masonic Education continued:
(From Last months column)**

While this is the practice in these United States, the same rule is not followed under the Grand Lodge of England, where it is provided in Rule 41 of the *Book of Constitutions* that in the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge shall take the Chair, In the event that the immediate Past Master is not present, then the Senior Past Master who is a scribing member of the Lodge shall officiate. But, failing all of these, then we have the Senior

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Warden or, in his absence, the Junior Warden shall rule and govern the Lodge, but shall not occupy the Master's chair and no degree can be conferred unless a Master or Past Master in the Craft presides at the ceremony.

"Why is a Master addressed as "Worshipful?" The word "worchyppe is Old English and means "greatly respected" in the Wycliffe Bible "Honor thy father and thy mother" appears as" Worchyp thy fadir and thy modir" English & Canadian mayors are still addressed "Your Worship" "Worshipful", therefore the modern Masonry continues an ancient word meaning "greatly respected", Hence, the Grand Masters title of Most Worshipful, would make him the "Most Greatly Respected".

FROM THE CHEF'S CORNER

The meal for to night's meeting is going to be Curry Spaghetti, prepared by our own *EllaJean Snyder*. Bring any thing that will go with the above. Also dessert goes with anything,

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JIMMY MORGANTI, 1995
JAMES F. BRUMIT, 1996
GERRET B. LOK, 1997
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