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ALLA GROTTTO 12644 MATISSE LANE DALLAS< TEXAS 75230-1760

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\*STATED MEETING 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY 6:30\* SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

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# GROTTO ELECTION AND INSTALLATION



## Message from Your Monarch – December 2004

Greetings, Prophets:

Please extend your congratulations to soon-to-be Monarch Hugh McGee on his election to Alla Grotto's presiding officer. Prophet McGee will need our support to insure the Alla Grotto continues to be a wonderful fraternity of Master Masons who enjoy good fellowship and helping Children with Special Needs. We will swear in our new officers at our next stated meeting on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Dallas Scottish Rite Cathedral. It will be an open meeting, and I hope each of you will bring your friends and family to show your support for the new Alla Grotto leadership team.

As this year fades into 2005, I want to thank each Prophet who helped me as your Monarch in 2004. I cannot thank each of you, but I do want to mention some specific Prophets who always came through for our Grotto. Thank you, Past Monarch Dennis Tubb, for doing practically every task for me, not just this year but every year. My thanks to Past Monarch Harvey Dorman, who did a great job as our Degree Master in our ceremonial this year. Also, thanks to my traveling companion, Prophet Raymond Blalack, for keeping me company on our way to Dallas and back to Sherman. In addition, my thanks to Past Monarch Garrett Lok, who always gets our newsletters published and keeps our minutes up to date. Finally, my sincere thanks to all of the ladies who allow their husbands to participate in our Grotto and for all they do to make us successful.

We had a great year and added some very quality Prophets to our Grotto. I hope their talents will be utilized for the betterment of Alla Grotto. I want to encourage each Prophet to use their initiative to make Alla Grotto more attractive to Masons and insure that our service to Children with Special Needs continues to grow.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Monarch. My prayer for each of you is good health and development of better friendships in our great fraternity.

Yours in good fellowship,  
*L. Scott Wall*

L. Scott Wall, Monarch

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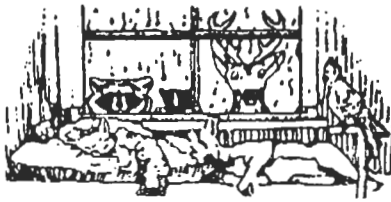
## OFFICERS FOR GROTTTO YEAR 2004

- HUGH McGEE- MONARCH
  - LARRY CANADA- CHIEF JUSTICE
  - CHARLES "RANDY" GRIGGERS - MASTER OF CEREMONIES
  - WADE MASSEY= VENERABLE PROPHET
  - GERRET B.LOK- SECRETARY
  - JERREL JONES. PM. TREASURER
- THE MONARCH ELECTS HIS CORP. OF OFFICERS TO FILL IN THE OTHER STATIONS

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS DECEMBER CELEBRANTS

As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations compounded by Decembers cold weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same. Christmas shows us the ties that bind us together, threads of love and caring, woven in the simplest and strongest way within the family (from "A Likely story" by Donald Westlake)

- Prophets celebrating birthdays in December are:
- Ladis Marek Barr, 12/01; Dee Brown Walker, 12/03; John H. Smith, PM, 12/03; Doug Collins, 12/08; Roger Ingersoll, 12/15; E.G. Sebastain, 12/22; James A. Moore, 12/27; David W. Brown, 12/27; Larry G. Canada, 12/30 & Dencil Keith Minton, 12/18;



A Happy Season's Greeting To All Of You Ye Olde Editor



# THE FATHER OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE 1779-1863

In 1822 Clement Clarke Moore decided to write a special poem for his six children, one he could read to them before bedtime on Christmas Eve. A learned scholar, he taught Greek literature at General Theological Seminary and lived on a 94-acre farm just outside of growing New York City.

New York had originally been settled by the Dutch, and Moore had read of Dutch youngsters putting up stockings to be filled by Saint Nickolas. Moore was attracted to the legends of this saint who gave gifts in secret on the eve of the Feast of Saint Nicholas on December 6. But he wondered, *What if Saint Nicholas made his visit on Christmas Eve instead? Wasn't Christmas, when God gave man His only Son, a more appropriate time for giving?*

Inspired, Moore wrote of things his children would recognize like the bedtime customs of "Mamma and her kerchief, and I in my cap." Certainly there's a hint of the linguist in the names of the reindeer he created, such as Donder and Blitzen (from the German for "thunder and lightning.")

On Christmas Eve he read his poem out loud, and his youngsters begged him to read it over again before they were sent off to bed. Moore never intended his work for a larger audience, but the next year a friend placed it without the poet's name in a Troy, New York newspaper. By the following year it had spread to other newspapers, broadsides, almanacs and handbills. Finally in 1837, when the poem that begins "twas the night before Christmas," was well-known, the modest author let his name be revealed.

Today on Christmas Eve children everywhere are begging to hear the poem that gave the world that "chubby and plump" Father Christmas. (from December 1991 "Guidepost")

ROBERT H.(BOB) WATERS, 1988  
 JOHN H. SMITH, 1989  
 HARVEY DORMAN, 1990  
 DANNY FISHER, 1991  
 GERALD BRADSHAW, 1992  
 WENDELL COLLINS, 1993  
 DAN HOLLAND, 1994  
 JIMMY MORGANTI, 1995  
 JAMES F. BRUMIT, 1996  
 GERRET B. LOK, 1997  
 LOUIS HOPKINS, 1998  
 JOHN E. ADAMS, 1999  
 RICHARD A. PAGE, 2000  
 DENNIS TUBB, 2001  
 DR. WILLIAM BILSING, 2002  
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# 2005 DUES ARE HERE

NEW DUE CARDS HAVE ARRIVED AND WE WILL BE TAKING DUES FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO SAVE 37 CENTS POSTAGE. WE STILL HAVE SOME PROPHETS THAT HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2004 DUES AND SHOULD PAY THESE BEFORE YOU RECEIVE YOUR NEW DUES. THE DUES ARE \$39.00 FOR THOSE THAT HAVE AN ENCHANTED LANTERN AND \$40.00 FOR THOSE THAT DO NOT HAVE AN ENCHANTED LANTERN. THESE DUES ARE INEXPENSIVE COMPARED TO MOST LODGE DUES. TO CHECK AS TO YOUR HAVING AN ENCHANTED LANTERN THE SECRETARY CAN GIVE YOU THE INFORMATION. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION. YOUR SECRETARY

## FROM THE CHEF'S CORNER

It's a holiday from the gourmet chefs, this meeting and the Ladies will do the honors this month. Some of the ladies are assigned to bring finger foods, sandwiches, chips & dips and hors d'oeuvre's. We will open and have the election of officers and taking care of the monthly business, after which all will adjourn to the Green Room for the installation of the new officers. Finger food and dessert will be served after the installation. If you would like to bring something for this occasion, please do so and surprise us as I know we will enjoy anything you bring this evening as our new Officers are installed for the year 2005.

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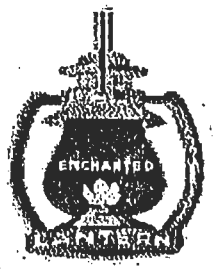
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