

**MARCH**

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"Lighting the way to help the Cerebral Palsied"



ATTEND OUR MEETINGS AND WEAR YOUR FEZ!

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**MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH**

Greeting Prophets:

I hope this message finds you in good health. I know that there has been a lot of sickness going around. Spring is just around the corner and we can put the winter doldrums behind us.

What a program we had last month. Past Monarch Danny Fisher wowed the crowd with his presentation on the bagpipes. It was both entertaining and informative. Brother Danny, feel free to come back and practice on us anytime. We all love to hear you play.

Next months meeting is on March 16th and our program will be presented by Steve Deffibaugh who is the County Fire Marshall of Collin County. Brother Steve is a Past Master of Princeton Lodge #1436. He will speak on the Office of the County Fire Marshall and the many hats and duties a Fire Marshall is required to fill. This promises to be a very interesting program.

District Deputy Grand Monarch Les Coons is tentatively scheduled for our meeting on April 20th. Mark your calendars and I will let you know more details as they become available.

One of my goals as Monarch this year is to update all our contact information. I am asking that all Prophets visit our web site at [www.allagrotto.org](http://www.allagrotto.org) and click on the button labeled "E-mail Reminder". This takes you to a page where you can click on our new e-mail reminder address. I am asking each of you to send an e-mail to the new address so we can collect your e-mail address. We will be sending out meeting and event reminders using this address. If you would include postal address and phone numbers in the e-mail as well, that would help us update our records as well. The e-mail address for the reminder is [AllaGrotto@yahoo.com](mailto:AllaGrotto@yahoo.com).

I am looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting on the 16th.

In good fellowship

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**CHEF'S CORNER**

**Prophets & Ladies; The Main course will be a Chicken Casserole by our Chief Justice, Larry Canada. Bring a salad, vegetable or a dessert. I am sure that if everyone brings something, we will have a wonderful dinner.**

**PROPHETS THE E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR ALLA GROTTO IS: [AllaGrotto@yahoo.com](mailto:AllaGrotto@yahoo.com). Look at it as this site is the work of our Prophet Wade Massey**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH CELEBRANTS**



"Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we do about living." --Gen. Omar Bradley

**Birthdays for the month of March are as follows: Floyd C. Pope 03/02; Calvin W. Winchester 03/03; Clarence E. Jennings, 03/04; Henry S. Martin 03/10; Howard Dwayne Kurtz 03/14; Danny R. Fisher 03/16; Gerald Gorman 03/18; Herman H. Bennett, Jr. 03/20; Meinard L. King 03/22; David Jeffery Harris 03/22; Leonard Harvey 03/28; John H. Creel 03/30; Herbert Garon Jr. 03/31**

**COWAN & EAVESDROPPERS**

Recently while waiting for the Grand Master's Regional Conference to end some of the Chef were discussing the real meaning or definition and difference of a Cowan and an Eavesdropper. All seemed to have his own idea of what each was. There was as many definition as there were Brethren discussing the subject.

According to "Mackey". 1. A Scottish dictionary describes a Cowan: A term of contempt; applied to one who does the work of masons, but has not been regularly bred. 2. One who builds dry walls, otherwise known as a dry docker. Seems all countries had a derivation of the word, but general the word seems always to convey an idea of contempt.

Eavesdroppers, according to Blackstone: or such as listen under walls or windows, or the eaves of houses, to harken after discourse and thereupon to frame slanderous and mischievous tales.

By Clem Kathman

**Masonic Education**

Attendance on the communications of his Lodge, on all convenient occasions, is considered as one of the duties of every Freemason, and hence the *Old Charges of 1722* say that "in ancient Times no Master or Fellow could be absent from it (the Lodge) especially when warn'd to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure Necessity hinder'd him".

At one time, it was usual to enforce attendance by fines, and the By-laws of the early Lodges contain lists of fines to be imposed for absence, swearing and drunkenness, but that usage is now discontinued, so the attendance on ordinary communications is no longer enforced by any sanction of law.

Attendance is a duty the discharge of which must be left to the conscientious convictions of every Freemason. In the case, however, of a positive summons for any express purpose, such as to stand trial, to show cause, etc, the neglect or refusal to attend might be construed into an contempt, to be dealt with according to its magnitude or character in each particular case.

The absence of an officer is far more important matter, and now generally held in the case of the absence of the Worshipful Master or Wardens the inferior officer assumes the duties of the office that is vacant. The Wardens, as well as the Master, are entrusted with the government of the Lodge, and in the case of the absence of the Master at the time of opening, the Senior Warden, if present and, if not, then the Junior Warden may open the Lodge and the business transacted will regular and legal.

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*To be continued next month*

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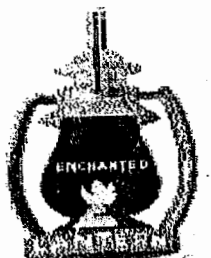
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St. Patrick's Day  
 March 17



*May the strenght of three  
 be in your journey through lifw*



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