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

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Message from the Monarch

Greeting Prophets:

I hope this newsletter find you in good health. I have just received notice that our secretary, Past Monarch Gary Lok has been admitted to the hospital for problems with low blood pressure. Please keep him and Mary in your prayers.

We were very glad to have our District Deputy Grand Monarch Les Coones at our last stated meeting. He brought us greeting on behalf of the Grand Monarch and give us a outline of some of the Grand Monarch's programs.. My thanks to Ellajeon Snyder for the Curry Spaghetti. It was enjoyed by all.

For this month's program, I have asked Joyce Gilbert to come and entertain us with a few songs. Sister Joyce is a member of Princeton Chapter #1126 OES and is currently the Associate Grand Conductress for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

I hope to have some information at our May stated meeting on a Toothbrush Day or two in the coming month. Come and enjoy the fellowship and bring another Prophet or Brother Mason with you!

In Good Fellowship,

Hugh

Chef's Corner



It is all American Hot Dogs this month at our stated meeting! Patsy Jones and Nancy McGee will furnish the dogs, buns and chili. We need everyone else to bring the chips, beans, and deserts.



S T A T E D M E E T I N G M A Y 1 8 7 P. M.

History of the M.O V. P. E. R.

The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, whose subordinate bodies are the Grottoes, is an organization by and for Master Masons. While in no way connected with Masonry proper, its membership is restricted absolutely and exclusively to Master Masons in good standing. Although it is primarily an organization for good wholesome fun and frolic, it also has its serious side. Its slogan is GOOD FELLOWSHIP, and in contact with our fellowman, this principle is exemplified to a marked degree.

For some years prior to 1889, several members of Hamilton Lodge N0. 120, F.& A.M., at Hamilton, New York, sought relaxation from the sterner duties of life by holding occasional informal meetings for fun and good fellowship. The chief spirit in the fun was LeRoy Fairchild, and in the summer of 1889, he and a devoted band of followers discovered the Enchanted Realm in which, upon entering with song and laughter, they and their successors have found a rich heritage. The first meeting of this organization was held on the 10th day of September, 1889. It was decided at this meeting that the membership of the organization should be confined to Master Masons in good standing.

The idea of the Order proved immediately attractive. Many distinguished Masons entered the Enchanted Realm and returned pleased and charmed by its brilliancy. The Order could no longer be confined to one locality and in response to imperative requests that were not to be denied, on the 13th of June, 1890, the "F.D.C." duly founded and established the Supreme Council of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm.

It is a social organization for the Master Mason and all such are welcome to our Enchanted Realm. It encourages renewed interest in the Blue Lodge Field. its activities and attendance. While it is not and makes no claim to be a part of Symbolic Craft Masonry, we ever bear in mind that our membership is composed entirely of Master Masons.

The ritual is original and unique. The spectacular ceremonial requires a cast of thirty (30) or more and offers unlimited opportunities in stage activities and stunt performance. Its proper rendition requires a large stage, elaborate costumes, and stage settings. It is mysterious, startling and spectacular with a Persian atmosphere. While pervaded with a spirit of wholesome fun, it teaches a serious lesson which lingers with the initiate, instilling in him a spirit of optimism, a kindly feeling for his brother man, and an impression of GOOD FELLOWSHIP, which is something devoutly to be desired.

That the Grotto occupies a legitimate place and is doing a wonderful work cannot be denied. It extends the hand of Good Fellowship to all Master Masons, having a smile for all and a frown for none.

What the Pledge Means

I remember this one teacher, To me he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he walked over, Mr. Laswell was his name, He said: "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:

I — me, an individual, a committee of one.

PLEDGE — dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

ALLEGIANCE — my love and my devotion.

TO THE FLAG — our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom, Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

OF THE UNITED — that means that we have all come together.

STATES — Individual communities that have united into 48 states, 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love of country

AND TO THE REPUBLIC — a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. Government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION — meaning, so blessed by God.

INDIVISIBLE — incapable of becoming divided.

WITH LIBERTY — which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear of some sort of retaliation.

AND JUSTICE — the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

FOR ALL — which means it's as much your country as it is mine."

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: "**UNDER GOD.**"

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That's a prayer," and that would be eliminated from schools, too?

— Brother Red Skelton, on his CBS television show, January 14, 1969

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