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# Alla Speaks



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ALLA GROTTTO \*12544 MATISSE LANE\* DALLAS, TEXAS 75230-1750

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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

Message from Your Monarch - November 2004

Greetings, Prophets:

Our full form ceremonial is history, and I am proud to announce we have four new Prophets in Alla Grotto. I was hoping for more candidates, but the four we got are very high quality – and I always prefer quality over quantity. I want to thank all the Prophets who helped with our Ceremonial this fall and, in particular, our Degree Master and Past Monarch Harvey Dorman. When Past Monarch Dorman is in charge, everyone has fun and does a great job.

Much like preparing and presenting a ceremonial, most of our Grotto activities are a team effort utilizing talents from many Prophets, and I encourage you to use your talents to make Alla Grotto a great fraternal team. We have a place for ritualistic, cooks, stage hands, web masters, publishers, waiters and just friendly folks, so join the team effort of making Alla Grotto work.

November is election time, and I encourage you to come out and vote on the nominating committee's recommendations for officers. They need your support and, if you are interested in serving, make your desires known before the meeting. Most of all, we need your attendance and your friendly face to keep "Grotto the fraternity that friendship built".

I hope to see you Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at our stated meeting.

Yours in good fellowship,

*L. Scott Wall*

L. Scott Wall, Monarch



## CHEF'S CORNER

Dennis Tubb is preparing his famous Turkey with his also famous Dressing. Patsy Jones is fixing Sweet Potatoes. Nancy McGee is Preparing Green Beans. If the Prophets and their wives bring Pies and or salad that would be nice. Someone might want to bring cranberry sauce, Pickles and celery or any other condiments to top it off.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOV. CELEBRANTS

*"Brave and high-souled Pilgrims, you who knew no fears,  
How your words of thankfulness go ringing  
Down the years:  
May we follow after; like you, work and Pray,  
And with hearts of thankfulness keep  
Thanksgiving Day."  
Annette Wynne, "Thanksgiving Day," For Days and Days, 1919*

### ⊗ HERE AND THERE!!!

Congratulations to the new members of Alla Grotto>It appears the whole town of Sherman is now members of Alla Grotto. Thank L. Scott Wall for this as most are from Sherman or were recruited there. They are as follows: **John Talcott, Charles Rowland, James Rowe, & Marc Miller. We know that Wade Massey also went thru with you but he has been with us for awhile.** Welcome aboard and we would like to see you as often as you can. We know that all are busy and we will try to keep it fast paced. Don't forget your wives or significant others are welcome to partake in our meals and meet after with the other wives. They have fun, no structure to their meetings.

Well I must confess that its nice to have the elections behind us so that all of us can move on and keep the country moving on. **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

I know that we have a lot to be thankful that we are living in a country where we have the freedom to come and go as we please. We are thankful for our troops and the other countries troops who need our prayers and support at this time of the year. They are trying to get peace in a country that seems to not want peace under any conditions. My what a shame to think they do not want that we cherish. Don't understand it and as my late father said and you won't understand it. I guess I could go on for ever on what we should be thankful for but I would say everything.

It would be nice for as many of our members that can possibly be with us Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 to come and celebrate the fellowship of Thanksgiving,

Also November is the night we will have our election of officers, who will be duly installed at our December meeting, so we want you to come and be there.

Ye ole editor.

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# THANKSGIVING? WHY IS IT?

From the Editor

I personally think Thanksgiving should be every day. Not because you can put on the feedbag and gourg or have a lazy day off, because I don't consider myself either a glutton or lazy. Why wait all year and look forward to a particular day to pigout and layaround. When every day should be a day of Thanksgiving.

Oh, I know the old story about the Pilgrims enduring the hard life of the new world and finally in the autumn of that year after gathering in the crops chose a day of thanksgiving. But how many of us now suffer any more than the pangs of early morning or late evening traffic. We are spoiled rotten with abundance to the point we are always looking for something new and exciting or different which often ends up in overindulgence and its after effect. Why not an hour of thanksgiving, maybe a few minutes or even just a passing thought. I mean a moment of real Thanksgiving, just between you and your "celestial being" whatever his name.

I can think of many, many reason we should offer up a prayer of thankfulness every day. You didn't get injured in the traffic, you got home after a dreary day on the job and you over indulged and suffered no real ill effects. Then there are all the little things in just ordinary daily living: Friends, associates, your pets, your kids, your home, your church, your schools. What I am getting at is your freedom to do and enjoy all these things every day of your life. Now isn't that something to be thankful for?

OK, go ahead this Thanksgiving and get that turkey and all the trimmings, eat til you are miserable then flake out on the sofa and sleep it off. But also at the end of each day of the year, in the quiet of a darkened bedroom, or any room for that matter for just a small passage of time look up and say, from the heart, "Thank you God for my just being." It great to be alive!

From Clem Kathman in 1997

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Veterans Day, November 11, 1918

(Eighty two Years Ago)

In Flanders Field the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
To mark the spot, while in the sky,  
The birds still singing, bravely fly  
Scarce heard above the guns below

We are the dead, short days ago we lived  
Felt dawn, saw sunset glow.  
Loved and were loved,  
But now we lie in Flanders Field

Take up our quarrel with the foe.  
To you, from failing hands,  
We throw the torch.  
Be yours to hold it high,  
If you break faith with us who die.  
We shall not sleep.

Though poppies grow in Flanders Field

This Poem was written by Lieut. Col. John McCrae, a member of the first Canadian contingent, died in France on January 28, 1918.

Freemasonry, which does not claim strength through numbers, but through the fibre and moral power of the individual, has withstood the tyranny of kings and popes; and in all countries wherin Freemasonry prospers, here you will find the greatest individual prosperity and happiness, the greatest cultural progress and the highest standard of living for the greatest number of people.

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Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all reverence and love for God.--"The New Mexico Freemason."

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