

SEPTEMBER

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AND WEAR YOUR FEZ

ALLA GROTTO 12544 MATISSE LANE DALLAS< TEXAS 75230-1750

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STATED MEETING 3RD WEDNESDAY 6:30 SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

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SORRY FOR BEING LATE COMPUTER DOWN-SEC.

Message from Your Monarch - September 2004

Greetings, Prophets:

We had a great meeting at the Dallas Children's Hospital Dental Clinic in August. We were joined by the Grand Monarch and the immediate Past Grand Monarch, who were both very impressed with the Dental Clinic. They, along with the rest of the guests, were also impressed with the great bar-b-que dinner prepared by Past Monarch Dennis Tubb. If you missed this one, be sure to attend next year to see the great work that our Humanitarian Foundation does for Children with Special Needs at the Dental Clinic.

By the time you get this newsletter, it will be almost time to have our rehearsal for the October Ceremonial. Our plans for the September stated meeting are to eat together and then rehearse our Grotto degree in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. If you have a part in the degree or you perform stage duties, please come to the next two meetings to ensure that the October Ceremonial is a success. Past Monarchs Harvey Dorman and Gerald Bradshaw are the Degree Masters, so if you have questions be sure to ask them for guidance.

If you have not done anything for Alla Grotto this year, please do one thing for the MOVPER - bring at least one candidate for the October 20th Ceremonial. The Degree fee is still \$100, and that includes this year's dues and a beautiful black fez. We can accept candidates up to the very last minute for the Grotto Degree so bring your Masonic friends to the Ceremonial and get them involved in the Fraternity that Friendship Built.

I hope to see you at our meeting in September.

Yours in Good Fellowship,

L. Scott Wall

L. Scott Wall, Monarch

Have you asked your non Grotto Masonic Brother lately if he would join the Grotto? Don't keep all the fun to yourself, share it, give him a petition.

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Our Bylaws of Alla Grotto does not state that when the annual dues of the Grotto are increased, the Grotto's standing life membership resolution shall be deemed to have been amended without further action of the Grotto to increase the dollar amounts required for a life membership by the same percentage(or dollar) that the Grotto dues have been increased.

Speaking of dues, if you are one of the Fifteen (15) prophets who have not yet paid your 2004 dues, please do so as soon as possible, as you are at great risk for being suspended from Grotto privileges! If you should, for good cause, need financial assistance please contact your secretary or any officer as soon as possible to see how your Grotto can help you,

Fraternally
Gerret Lok, PM, Secretary



Happy Birthday
September Celebrants

"I expect to pass through this world but once: any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to a fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.--Author unknown.

Prophets having birthdays in September are as follows:
Thomas McJunkins, 9/02; Karl A. Dean, 9/16;
Charles Louis Hopkins, 9/17; & Danny Lewis Douthit, 9/26. Only four in September unless I don't have someone's birthdate recorded Happy Birthdate and many More!

CHEF'S CORNER



Menu for our stated meeting in September will be Taco Salad and some kind of homemade pie supplies by Patsy & Jerrel Jones. So Prophets and Ladies Bring your favorite Salad or your favorite Dessert. Please remember to bring enough so everyone can have a helping! Our hostess for September is Patsy and Jerrel Jones.



We will have a rehearsal for our fall ceremonial on Wednesday September 15th @7:30pm in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Then on Wednesday October 20th @ 7:30 we will conduct the ceremonial for our Neophytes

The primary purpose of this notice is to get you to learn and attend the rehearsal and the ceremonial

Remember you can bring candidates to the ceremonial The Fee is only \$100.00 and that includes the fez too!

ORGIN AND HISTORY OF GROTTO

Dr. Oren Root of Hamilton College gave at an early meeting of the Supreme Council a response to a toast discussing the "Why" of the orgnization. From this we take the following:

Freemasonry deals with manhood, square and unright; it is practical and earnest. Speculative minds have built upon the practical tenents of Freemasonry extended systems having abstruse and complicated meanings. Others, fully realizing that "Life is real, life is earnest," have felt that the real would be no less real, the earnestness no less strong, if there came the warmth of humor, the gleam of wit, and the glow of sympathy. We need sunshine in life as well as air. Master Masons, good and true, of Hamilton Lodge #120, averse to trespassing upon the dignified earnestness of the Lodge, yet feeling the need and value of closer, warmer communion, were wont, after the Lodge closed, to tarry for social intercourse. In the flowing humor and the sparkling wit, in joke and song, the heart warmth oft and long remembered of these tarrying, they entered a Realm Enchanted, and by and by they became its Prophets. To perpetuate what gave them

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pleasure, and—as true warm souls are generous—to widen the scope of it they organized. As they were Freemason, they limited its boundry to the Masonic Fraternity though it makes no claim to be Freemasonry. So the Order came: Mystic in its subtle lessons as in its form. Veiled because no human heart stands all revealed; of an Enchanted Realm, because who does not know how duties wear and sorrows burden in any enchanted realm? If Rites are framed to teach higher speculative tenets—and we honor them, so too Rites well be framed to gether and scatter the warm-heart sunshine of life. The Grand Alchemist has tested it; it is elixir.

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The Grotto was born of an effort for stronger sociability among the Brethern of Hamilton Lodge #120, Free and Accepted Masons, Hamilton, New York. The very informality did not tend to the keeping of complete records but any uncertainty later about the facts was met by the circumstance that several of the original members long continued their able activities in the Grotto., Brother Sidney D. Smith becoming the Grand Secretary. Brother LeRoy Fairchild and other Brethren of Hamilton Lodge had often met for fun and frolic. Their lively social relations, sometimes mischievous but never mean, resulted during the summer of 1889 in an initiation promising rich enjoyment. This project received a warm welcome and a more permanent organization seemed necessary. September 10, 1889, there was an organization meeting held in the Masonic Hall at Hamilton of some 15 Lodge members. At this first meeting the following officers were elected: LeRoy Fairchild, K.D.; B. J. Stimson, C.J.; George Beal, C; J. W. Clark, C; Thomas H. Beal, W.D.R. and Sidney D. Smith, Secretary.

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