



SELIM GROTTO

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<http://www.selimgrotto.com>

## April Newsletter

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### MONARCH'S REPORT—



Greetings Prophets one and All!

We had a nice turn out for the April meeting. It was kind of nice to have someone else do the cooking and the cleaning up. Hope that everyone had a good fill of shrimp. Thank you to Prophet Don Sorenson for opening his home to all of us. Sorry that I could not stay too late, but my sleep study from the previous night really was taking its toll.

As I am writing, the Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota looms. I look forward to many activities there, but I am looking forward to spreading the word about Grotto. More and more Brothers know about us and our Family Friendly mission. In the next few weeks, hopefully we will get some more interested Brothers wanting to join the Realm. If you get asked about Grotto, feel free to talk about our new website [www.selimgrotto.com](http://www.selimgrotto.com) (thanks Prophet Myron). It looks great and gives us a presence on the web with our calendar and newsletter. All of the contact information is on there as well.

Lastly, in the next couple of months, we are going to try to contact all of our members. Some we have not seen for a while, and we would like to invite them back. Grotto is alive and well, and we would love to see some old faces!

As always, keep your Lanterns Burning Bright!

All for the Realm!

Todd A. Mayer  
Monarch  
Selim Grotto

Meeting Minutes 4-6-2012

Present:

Monarch – Todd Mayer , Chief Justice - David Hansel, Secretary /Newsletter Editor – PM Stephen Kesler, Venerable Prophet – Bob Selden, Chaplin – Don Sorenson, PM Larry Jensen, Master of Ceremonies—Lee Kielblock, Captain of the Guard—Myron Shelton, Treasurer—Will Siegel, Dick McGinnis, Bill Emery, Paul Agustin.

The meeting was opened in form by Monarch – Todd Mayer at 6:15 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Monarch – Todd Mayer. Discussion on passwords (inside and outside) and where / when they are to be gathered.

Minutes were approved as written in the newsletter. Treasury report was given and approved.

Correspondence from Supreme about sending delegates to 2012 annual in Florida. Bill for Toothbrush's that was gotten by Alan Becker for a pass out about six years ago. Receipt for the donation to the Jobs Daughters discussed.

Name Tags to be gotten for those that do not have any, talk to the Monarch.

Next meeting dinner wil be centered around Chico Dominica and Lee will be putting this together and should be great.

Club discussion: Kids we did not get to go sledding due to the lack of snow this year. Trying to get something scheduled for May, any suggestions to let Lee know of. Have a event at a Jam Hop possible; After Hours club at the

Web site is now officially on-line thanks to Myron Shelton. It can be accessed by going to <http://www.selimgrotto.com> , it is also located on the first page of our newsletter. Our newsletter has a Welcome page that has a description of what Grotto is; it will list the current Officers; a Humanitarian Foundation Page; a Calendar showing our events; Newsletters; and a Contact page. If there are any suggestions please let the Monarch know. Updated membership petition to be on the web site also.

GREAT JOB MYRON!!!

Selim will have a table at Grand Lodge and Dave H. has gotten information from Supreme to display. A group will be getting together to go thru the trailer, the Monarch will set this up.

District Deputy to be attending next months meeting Grotto needs to be aware of what is to be done like Grand Honors.

A call out to all of our current members will be done in the next months time frame to just contact those Prophets that have not attended a meeting in some time just to say hi and to ask them to try to attend; are they getting the information and let them know about the up-coming Steak Fry in June and asking all Prophets if they have a email address. Anoka lodge does have a elevator now for those of us that can not manage stairs as well as they used to.

Talking Boards are being looked into to get a printer for the front of the wood unit. Face Book has been updated to state what/who we are; a private one and a public one is available.

Bones Brothers Barbecue kid friendly event is to be April Fund Raiser.

Brat Stand has been registered with CUB and we are in their hands and a drawing will be held due to number of requests to have a stand at there CUB.

Enchanted Lanterns and certificates were given out by Past Monarch and the Enchanted Lantern Chair Larry Jensen.

The Monarch called for anything Good of Order, hearing none, he proceeded to close. The meeting was closed in Good Fellowship by Monarch - Todd Mayer at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;  
Stephen Kesler PM—Secretary

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## SELIM GROTTO CLUBS

### “Gourmet” Club

Steve Kingdon—Chairman  
March—2012



April dinner was a good success for Anoka Lodge. Everyone that had the Shrimp (all you could eat) dinner was more than full afterwards—served up in a true Grotto manner—lots of food!

## SELIM GROTTO CLUBS—cont.

### “After Hours” Club

Dave Hansel—Chairman

April—2012

April we will be meeting at The  
to joins us, make a point to do so;



CELEBRATING AT THE  
“Sorenson’s”

Sorenson's in Andover. If you have not had the opportunity  
you won't be disappointed!

And, I would be remiss if I did not mention the opportunity for some extended "after hours" at Grand Lodge  
in April. As most of you know, Anoka Lodge books a hospitality suite every year. Those of us from Anoka always make  
a point to talk up the Grotto with visiting Brothers every year, why don't you join us?

Bring your fez, your ideas for the Grotto and a personal libation and meet us there! If you have not been to Grotto in a  
while, come by and see us; we would love to know why we have missed you!

### “Selim Grotto Clowns” Club

The Clowns are currently Dark and are working on new clowning skills, recruits, and parades. Larry Jensen PM—Chairman

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*Spring has sprung and we are approaching the height of parade season.*

#### **PREP**

A parade is a physical event, be ready for it. Being in good shape makes it more fun. But a few common sense tips will also help. In  
hot weather start hydrating the day before by drinking extra water. Load up on good fresh foods as well like fruits and veggies. Always  
watch your caffeine intake as it will zap your strength and dehydrate you faster. Stretch out before the parade. Taking a little extra  
time to do a really good stretch before you put your make-up on. Take your ibuprofen before you start to hurt!

Know where you are going! Check the details the day ahead of time. Don't assume anything parade routes change, times change,  
rules change. Nothing could be worse than to be all done up and ready to go and find your loading area has moved and you are stuck in  
traffic or a road block. Give yourself plenty of time. Take a group picture and get a program for your scrapbook.

#### **PERFORMANCE STYLES**

Pre-Parade = Performance time! My favorite way to perform is before the parade starts. You have a willing audience sitting before  
you bored with waiting for the fun to begin! You can do simple skits, meet and greet puppetry, and walk-a-rounds. Go at your own  
pace from spot to spot.

If you have an actual spot in the parade line-up, prepare to keep moving! Motorized vehicles or bikes are best. Bring sight gags that  
allow you to walk and wave and entertain from a distance, otherwise the parade will pass you by. You don't want to spend the entire  
parade running to keep up with your parade spot, wearing yourself out.

Regardless of how you perform in the parade, wear the right costume and footwear. Every parade length varies. I own a smaller  
pair of clown shoes for parades. A water bottle is a plus! Sun screen for exposed skin a must!

#### **ETTIQUETTE**

Be aware! Don't get so wrapped up in your fun that you miss the parade official golf carts or motorcycles running up and down the  
parade route, horses, floats, or people not watching where they are going (especially after the parade).

Treat your fellow performers with respect. There is plenty of room and audience. Give each other plenty of space to perform. Don't  
crowd each other or barge in to someone else's performance space. It is the equivalent to walking up on stage in the middle of a play.  
It is just not nice!

#### **RECOVERY**

After Glow! Now that the parade is over, take care of yourself. Allow for a cool down, a snack, and a drink! With all that traffic, you  
aren't going anywhere fast -- why not plan on a little picnic with your friends? It is a great time to share your stories and discuss areas  
of improvement while they are still fresh in your mind. Parades are a wonderful American tradition. What would a parade be without  
clowns?

So strut your stuff and make 'em laugh!

**“COLOURS”**

A Selim Grotto Clown—*SFK!*

### “Kids” Club

Lee Kielblock—Chairman

Greetings from the Selim Grotto Kid's Club!

I will getting something planned for May.

2012—Selim Grotto Officers

Next Membership Mtg.

5/4/2012

Anoka Lodge—1900 3rd St.,  
Anoka, MN

- Officers' meeting—6:00 pm
- Membership meeting—6:30 pm
- Dinner—7:00 pm

Monarch—Todd Mayer  
Chief Justice—Dave Hansel  
Master of Ceremonies—Lee Kieblock  
Treasurer—Will Siegel  
Secretary—Stephen Kesler, PM  
Venerable Prophet—Bob Selden  
Marshall—Steve Kingdon  
Captain of the Guard—Myron Shelton  
Sentinel—Vern Chandler  
Chaplain—Don Sorenson  
Newsletter Editor—Stephen Kesler, PM



Birthdays:

Be Sure To Wish Them A  
"Happy Birthday"

James F. Billbrey	5-May
Thomas M Smith	5-May
Alvin Bohne	7-May
Arlan Ross	15-May
Stephen Kesler	16-May
Thomas K. Peterson	25-May
Douglas Steele	25-May
Neil Neddermeyer	28-May
Ed Perlman	28-May

MONTH	MENU	CHEF	AFTER DINNER CLUB
May	Taco's	Lee Kieblock	Hansel's
June	Annual Steak Fry	Todd Mayer	Jensen's
10-Jul	"Dark" Pool Party @ Kesler's (1-6pm)		
August	"Dark"		
September			Perlman's
October			Siegel's
November			Kingdon's
December			

**SPECIAL POINT(S) OF INTEREST:**

"Selim Grotto Membership"

To change or add your email, telephone, and home address - E-mail us at:

( selimsecretary@aol.com )

Thank You Prophets from the "Selim Grotto Officers"

Future Newsletters

Please submit articles, pictures and other info to Stephen Kesler at:

sfk133@comcast.net or call: 763-755-7522.

All information must be received no later than the 18th of each month to be included in the next months newsletter.



REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR BLUE LODGES!