It’s great to be Grotto!

Greetings Prophets,

What a fun time we had at the May meeting. We held both the meeting and hospitality at the home of Prophet Don Sorenson. While we had our meeting, the Ladies got things set for the wine tasting in the garage. There were some good food, a wide variety of wines and much good fellowship during the evening. Thanks to Prophet Don and the lovely Betty for hosting this event.

The June meeting is the annual steak fry. We also have some new Prophets to initiate at this meeting. Because of the initiations, we will have the Officer Meeting at 5:30 pm and the Grotto Meeting will start at 6:00 pm. This will allow us to initiate the new Prophets and still have dinner at 7:00 pm. Also this month is a visit from our Supreme Council Area Deputy, Past Monarch Stephen Kesler. All the Officers must know their parts by memory, and all Prophets must give the outside and inside passwords to enter the Grotto meeting. I look forward to seeing all the Selim Prophets for the dinner. Speaking of the steak fry, the grill behind Anoka Lodge has disappeared. We will need some grill space for the steak fry, so if you are able to bring a grill, please contact Prophet Steve Kingdon to let him know. Steve can be reached at skingdon@houckmachine.com.

I have been in contact with Monarch Jerold Forsberg of Ela Ala Grotto in Duluth. Mark your calendars for Sept. 28th for the joint ceremonial at the Scottish Rite building in Duluth. We will need Prophets from both Ela Ala and Selim Grottos to fill all the parts. Let me know if you are interested in any of the parts in the full ceremonial. Stay tuned for more information.

Selim Grotto is officially dark during July and August. However, check the calendar in this newsletter for two pool parties that are scheduled for this summer in July. And I am planning on organizing a special event in August.

Prophets, thank you for making this a great year so far in the Realm. I am looking forward to all the events and sharing more Good Fellowship with you the rest of the year.

All for the Realm!
Lee Kielblock—Prophet Monarch

“SELIM GROTTO NEWS”

Selim Grotto's Annual Steak Dinner will be held again at Anoka Lodge # 30—June 6, 2014.
Dinner will be at 7pm-ish, so please come before the Grotto Alternate Ceremonial and membership meeting (6:00 Sharp) and enjoy some great fellowship with a Steak dinner afterwards (hot dogs for the kids).
Dinner Tickets are (FREE) you just have to RSVP to Prophet Steve Kingdon Gourmet Club chair with the number of adults and children that will be attending the Steak Fry—by June 3rd and bring something to share desserts, appetizers, drinks (milk, pop).
Call: 763-421-4141 (hm) or 763-670-7963 (cell) or email: skingdon@houckmachine.com with your RSVP and entrée bringing.
(No RSVP — No Steak)
The New Prophet Ceremonial will start at 6 pm with the membership meeting afterwards.
At Grotto meetings it has been the tradition for Prophets to toss a few dollars into a bucket for a drawing of an Enchanted Lantern. So far, Selim Grotto Prophets have purchased 5 lanterns this year. But did you know that you don’t have to wait for the luck of the draw to receive a Lantern. You can receive your lantern by making a $50 donation to Selim Grotto Humanitarian Foundation chairman. Can’t afford $50 up front, you can make donations each month and when you have $50 in your account, you can receive you Lantern. Just talk to Larry Jensen, the Enchanted Lantern Chairman for details.

One other note, don’t forget that we have challenge from a fellow Selim Grotto Prophet. With each Lantern the membership purchases this year, he will match those donations up to 10. What better way to support our Philanthropy then to join in and purchase a Lantern.

See you at the meetings!

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**“Gourmet Club“**
Steve Kingdon—Chair

Heard the Appetizers were the hit of the evening along with the wine! Everyone enjoyed the food from light to spicy.

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**“Clowns Club“**
Larry Jensen—President

Summer is now upon us. It’s time to put those snow shovels and snow scrappers away! Sure there is yard work to do, but what else does summer allow us to do?? It’s time to clown around!

Selim Grotto clowns are again gearing up for an exciting clowning season. We start off with are 1st parade on Sunday July 27th at Waterama Days in Glenwood Minnesota. This is always a great parade with many in the community coming out to watch. We will also have an after parade picnic again. If you and/or your family can attend and want to ride the float, let Larry Jensen or any clown know. Everyone can attend, so bring along the family! We love to have family members on the float or dressing as clowns.

If you are not sure who these Selim Grotto Clowns are, here is announcement that is read at each parade: As with most Masonic organizations, the Grottoes of North America participates in philanthropic work with children. Our particular area of concern is with providing dentistry for special needs children and funding for Cerebral Palsy research. Many of our functions combine fun activities with the serious business of fundraising for our charity, the Humanitarian Foundation of the Grottoes of North America. When the award winning Selim Grotto clowns are not doing parades, you can find them visiting hospitals and participating in community events. Their motto is: “To put a Smile on Every Child’s Face, Regardless of their Age”

If you have any thoughts about being a clown or would even like to try it one time, we will assist you getting your outfit and putting on makeup. Give clowning a try! Or just ride the float and enjoy the “Good Fellowship”!

See you at the Parades,
Larry (Leggs) Jensen
“ANNUAL WINE TASTING”

Wine Bottles Ready For Tasting!

Don’s Wall Deco!

I Think I’ve Seen This Cowboy Somewhere!

Don Tasting The Food!

Our Grotto Ladies At This Years Event!

This Years Wining Wine—A Red Wine!

“2014” Wine Tasting Participants!
Humanitarian Foundation invited to Community Forum

HF Trustee Clay Simons, PGM and Zangi Monarch Henry “Al” Woodstock represented the Humanitarian Foundation at a Corporate Social Responsibility Community Forum held at the corporate offices of the Florida Blue Foundation in Jacksonville, Florida on May 19th.

The forum was to help nonprofits learn more about the Florida Blue Foundation’s commitment to help people and communities achieve better health. The event was by invitation only and nonprofits attending the event were encouraged by Jason Altmire, SVP Public Policy and Community Engagement to submit grant proposals for funding to Florida Blue Foundation. Grants submitted must be used for quality of life projects by 501c3 nonprofit organizations in Florida. PGM Simons commented “As a BBB Accredited Charity, The Humanitarian Foundation more than meets the requirements for submission and will request funding for the Dental Program to help special needs children in Florida.”

Convention

The 2014 National Convention in Mobile, AL is rapidly approaching. Grand Monarch Otto and Lois have been very busy getting things ready for everyone to have a wonderful time in Mobile and the while visiting as many Grottoes and Events as possible and always promoting the HF Programs. It has been a good year for them and the Humanitarian Foundation. With PGM Rebmann and GM Thiergart’s help the 5 for 5 Enchanted Lantern program currently shows pledges for Enchanted Lanterns for the next 5 years at $68,750 and $30,590 has already been received in paid pledges. What a way to start helping the children in our dental program. The Fairchild Team Engine has been chugging along and is excited to announce that our Fairchild Pledges as of today, are at $494,750. It is hard to believe that we are only $5,250 away from reaching the $500,000 (half million mark). What an awesome goal we are reaching! Will your contribution to the Fairchild Program or upgrade to the next level, be that pledge that pushes us over the $500,000. The person who’s pledge pushes us to reach that $500,000 will be announced at the Convention.

Please take time to stop by the HF displays at convention. Again this year we have some children who need adopted by a Grotto who does not have a child to sponsor. We also have lots of information for you to have and take back to your local Grotto. Stop and check all of the posters and information we have put together for you. Also, we have a Dr of Smiles Seminar on Thursday, 2:30-5:00 that is open to all who are interested in the Dental Program. Please join us in the Mobile Bay Ballroom 2 on the 2nd floor.

Be sure to attend the Thursday night program starting at 7:00 PM in the Bon Secour Ballrooms 2 & 3 on the 2nd floor for the awards presentation. This year the HF is pleased to bring you the comedy and laughter of Jeffrey Jena. We are sure you will enjoy his life experience humor. This is the Humanitarian Foundation’s way to say THANK YOU for all of your continued support of the program.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Mobile,

Dianna Bristle, Executive Director

SURVEY

The Humanitarian Foundation Trustees will be working on their 2015-16 Strategic Plan during meetings at Convention next month. They are interested in your thoughts and suggestions for the Dental Program. To participate in the survey contact Sandee.Riggs@hfgrotto.org or call 614.933.0711 for a survey to be mailed to you.
June 6, 2014

- Officer Mtg. — 5:30 pm
- Membership Mtg. — 6:00 pm
- Annual Steak Dinner — 7:00ish

Anoka Lodge

2014—Selim Grotto Officers

Monarch—Lee Kielblock
Chief Justice—Bob Selden
Master of Ceremonies—Steve Kingdon
Treasurer—Don Nolley
Secretary—Todd Mayer PM
Venerable Prophet—Myron Shelton
Marshall—Don Sorenson
Captain of the Guard—Joel Peterson
Sentinel—Josh Fulwider
Chaplain—Paul Agustin
Newsletter Editor—Stephen Kesler PM

Birthday's:
Be Sure To Wish Them A

Gregory Vokovan 1-Jun
Mark M.Moriarty 6-Jun
Charles Vandervort 13-Jun
John Antl 16-Jun
Ronald Nelson 18-Jun

“SELIM GROTTO 2014 EVENTS”

Date: Gourmet Club After Hours Club
June 6th: Steak Fry Hospitality at Shelton Residence
Steak Fry Pool Party & Pot Luck “Annual” - Kesler Pool Party
Pool Party & Pot Luck Restaurant TBD Riverboat cruise – Adults only
August – Dark Agustin meal Hospitality at Agustin Residence
August – Dark Pot Luck / Mokannatoberfest Event at the Hansel Residence
September 5th: Chili feed Event at Kingdon Residence
October 3rd, Agustin meal
November 7th: Chili feed
December: Officer Installation

Kid’s Club Events

July 13th Pool Party Dimatteo Residence
July 19th Pot Luck
August – Dark Agustin meal
September 5th: Pot Luck / Mokannatoberfest
October 3rd: Chili feed
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“Selim Grotto Membership” To change or add your email, telephone, and home address - E-mail us at:

selimsecretary@aol.com & sfk133@comcast.net

Future Newsletters

Please submit articles, pictures and other info by the 18th of the month to Stephen Kesler at:

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

Articles & Pictures must be received no later than the 20th of each month to be included in the next months newsletter.

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR BLUE LODGES!