



BECOMING A MEMBER

Dear Brother, thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Sem-I-No Grotto.

Sem-I-No Grotto is chartered by the Grottoes of North America, a non-profit organization, dedicated to promoting Good Fellowship, Friendship, and Fun amongst Master Masons.

To join Sem-I-No Grotto, you must be a Master Mason in good standing of a recognized Lodge and continue to maintain your good standing in the Blue Lodge in order to retain your standing in the Order. You must obtain a petition from a member. Complete the petition and have it signed by a Sem-I-No Grotto member who is recommending you for membership. Once your petition is read and accepted, you will be contacted regarding dues and participation in an initiation ceremonial.

Grotto members are called Prophets. Prophets have their Masonic origins in Blue Lodges, where they have professed their trust in GOD and to pray for guidance. They have traveled through the Degrees, where their knowledge of Masonry was expanded. The Grotto provides Master Masons a place to join likeminded Brothers in pleasure and amusement.

Grotto brings members in close fraternal touch and it breeds confidence between wearers of the FEZ. The Grotto is made up of Men who sow in kindness to reap Sympathy and Good Fellowship. The Grotto is referred to as the playground for Master Masons who always maintain the good repute of a Master Mason.

Membership in the GROTTTO gives us the right to wear its emblem and to participate in its good works as well as its pleasures. It gives us an opportunity to know the finest fellows on earth, and we should guard well this privilege.

We support our official charity, the Humanitarian Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that brings "Special Smiles" to children with special needs by providing them much-needed dental care. We are involved with other charities, such as, the Children's real Life Ranch, a children's foster home.

We invite you, Brother, to petition Sem-I-No Grotto for membership. To become involved in our fun events. Typically there is at least one monthly event, which we call a Meet & Greet" where family and friends are encouraged to participate. And we are here to support our Blue Lodges and other appendant bodies. Our tyled meets are casual and "fun."

SOME OF THE MANY PRIVILEGES OF BEING A GROTTO MEMBER

- An open sesame for fun and a fuller life for the whole family, including enjoyment of beautiful ceremonials, installations, family picnics, pilgrimages to near and far places, football and baseball games, plus big parades.
- The opportunity to meet with your fellow Prophets - many of whom are professional, business, and civic leaders - and to make lasting friendships.
- Being a Grotto member enables you the opportunity of sharing in our great humanitarian project of Dental Care for Children with Special Needs.
- Every Master Mason, because he is eligible to become a member of the Grotto, can join in the humanitarian work which the Grotto is so fervently sponsoring.
- The right to associate yourself with other Grottoes - one of which is near your home. To participate in such social affairs as theatre parties, dinner dances, nights at the races, sweetheart dances, and local functions.
- The right to wear the Grotto Fez and Grotto Pin, identifying yourself as a member of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm - also known as the Grottoes of North America - the greatest fraternal order a Master Mason can join.
- A welcome to visit any of the Grottoes throughout the United States and Canada. Thousands of Prophets are proud to wear the Black Fez and Mokanna pin.
- The Grotto gives you the privilege of joining many units - clowns, bands, pipe bands, horse units, marching units, cast, string bands, motor patrol, drum corps, and choral groups.
- Belonging to the Grotto gives you the opportunity of wearing a colorful uniform and permits you the privilege of participating in Grotto parades.
- Prophets have reached the zenith of attainment when they have learned to express their principles of Masonry as "doing good for others."

Fraternally,

Sem-I-No Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.