



# Behind the Veil



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Thank you to everyone for coming out and inviting your friends, neighbors, and family. You made the Murder Mystery Dinner our biggest event yet, and almost a sell out. Due to the success we are planning another one in November, we are looking at doing a Super Hero theme one but we have also had a few votes for white trash themed murder. We are looking into a microphone system for our events so everyone can hear. Supreme was a BLAST! We brought home 1st in Newsletters and Clowns, 2nd in Posters and Balloons, and 3rd in Hospitality Room. We made some great friends especially with the new Chi-ill Grotto. They are planning on a visit for our Installation and we are hoping to make it to theirs in May. There is a lot of work going on to bring back the South West Grotto Association. Who is ready to show the Yankees that the South West Grottos are still kicking and proud of what we do. Lets fill our grotto again for the Sock Hop we have a great dinner planned, and can't wait to see everyone dressed up on the dance floor.

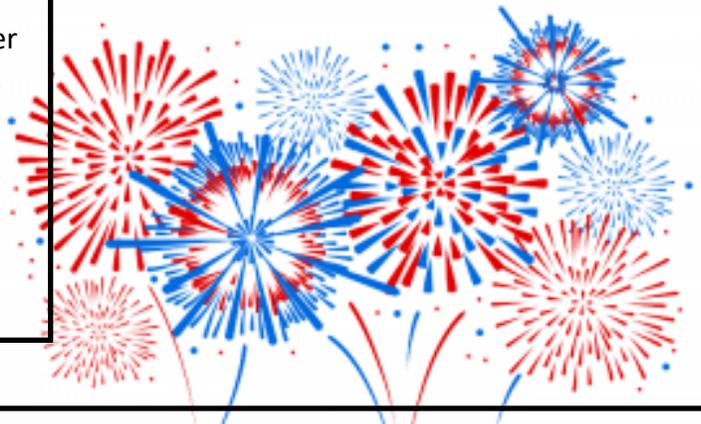
Charles "Crispy" Knight

Monarch 2019

July Birthday's

I Don't have anyone listed with July Birthday's or Anniversary's.

Thanks to Katy, Nancy, Chris and Sherrie for the wonderful meal and brownies at the June meeting.



Debbie Beattie is going in for surgery and could use your prayers and send good thoughts. It was great to see PM Matt Llewellyn at the last meeting he has been missed. Katy is working on invitations for our August event to honor all of our Past Monarchs and Widows, this is where she can use your help. If you know of any of our past prophets widows please let her know so we don't miss anyone.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Revels	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Rented
14	15	16	17	18 Stated Meeting	19	20 Sock Hop
21	22	23	24	25	26 Guy's Night	27 F & F Night
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# August 2019

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Revels	8	9	10 PM, 25, Widow Dinner
11	12	13	14	15 Meeting	16	17 Grotto Rented
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Brunch
25	26	27	28	29	30 Guy's Night	31 F & F Night

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## Upcoming Events

7-3 Revels Meeting

7-18 Stated Meeting

7-20 Sock Hop ~ Ok all you Guy's and Doll's we are planning a Sock Hop. Don't be a wet rag come on down we will be serving up dinner at 6:30. We will have the grooviest tunes in town, so come to show off your threads and cut a rug. RSVP tickets are \$10. So don't be a square and come hang with us hip cat's.

7-26 Guy's Night

7-27 Friends and Family Night ~ The theme for July Friends and Family Night Potluck is Family Favorite. If there is a dish that your family "HAS TO HAVE" at family meals this is the time to bring it. I know I am known for a few dishes that only I make for the family and I'm sure that many of you are too. You may also have that one recipe that has been handed down from generation to generation we would love to try it in July.

8-7 Revels Meeting

8-10 Past Monarch, Widow, and 25 Year Pin Dinner ~ We will be honoring all of our Past Monarchs at this dinner, all of the widows of the Saba Grotto, and our members that have put in the 25 years of membership to Saba Grotto. Dinner will be at 6PM with awards to Follow. RSVP tickets are \$10, to RSVP call or text Katy at 918-857-5702.

8-15 Stated Meeting

8-30 Guy's Night

8-24 Brunch at the Grotto ~ We will be serving up Brunch from 10-1 on the 24th \$10

8-31 Friends and Family Night ~ The August Friends and Family night will be August 31st at 6 PM. Our theme for August pot luck is Back to School, so bring your favorite childhood dish or your family's quick and easy go to worknight school night dish. Bring one of your senior or graduation photo and we will play guess the kid. Come to have fun and enjoy fun times together.

G – General Audiences

All ages admitted. .

PG – Parental Guidance Suggested

Some material may not be suitable for children.

R – Restricted

Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the event before taking their young children with them

NC-17 – Adults Only

The text "YOU'RE INVITED" is rendered in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is filled with a pattern of the United States flag, featuring blue fields with white stars and red and white horizontal stripes.

### Social Media

Did you know that the Saba Grotto has a website? Check it out and log in for our new website. You can now pay your dues, check out our calendar, read the newsletter, buy tickets to our events, and more online.

[www.sabagrotto.org](http://www.sabagrotto.org)

How about Facebook

[www.facebook.com/SabaGrotto/](https://www.facebook.com/SabaGrotto/)

PM Robert Walstad is our Prophet of the Month for July. Bob was born here in Tulsa on February 22, 1942. He graduated from Tulsa Central in 1960. He was raised to a Master Mason in 2000 at Millennium Lodge here in Tulsa. He joined Saba in 2001 and was Monarch in 2003 and has served at Treasurer for the last 4 years. Bob hardly ever misses one of the events, meetings, or workdays that we have going on at Saba. Bob has been a great help with information and helping our new officers with questions and supporting them in all they try to do. If you see Bob around congratulate him on being Prophet of the Month.



## LET GEORGE DO IT

Some members keep their Lodges strong,  
While others join and just belong;

Some dig right in, some serve with pride,  
Some go along, just for the ride.

Some volunteer to do their share,  
While some lay back and just don't care;

On meeting nights some always show  
While there are those who never go.

Some always pay their dues ahead,  
Some get behind for months, instead.

Some do their best, some build, some make,  
Some never give, but always take,

Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do.  
CONSIDER, which of these are you?

There's been a lot of talk about the decline of Masonry and its appendant bodies. Everyone seems to have theories as to why the decline. Recently I've seen two conversations that might help us think deeper about those questions. I saw an online poll about Shriners asking if they joined to party or to help children, I also heard a Divan member say at the ceremonial "did you join a charity or a fraternity?". The same thing can be asked about all aspects of Masonry, why did you join.

We say we are about making good men better, we start with the degrees in masonry and that certainly helps with memory and public speaking as well as teaching us the morals and expectations of our fraternity. Then what? As officers hopefully we are learning in each chair how to be leaders, from serving to organizing, and finally leading the discussions and decisions. Often during this point, we are taught to be ritualist and little more, here is one failure I see. And what about for members, there's more to being a mason than green beans, pancake breakfasts, and voting on bills. When we talk about appendant bodies, both the Shrine and the Grotto claim to be social outlets for masons. It's a great honor what we do for charity but what about those searching for the fellowship and brotherly love of the fraternity are we filling that role? Personally, I feel work and play should be in balance.

When members are just looked at for how well they can raise money or memorize ritual it's easy to see why members become disenchanted or burned out by our fraternities. The play part, especially in the social appendant bodies, doesn't just mean party and be drunks, the all or nothing approach is a failure. We play in different ways, a game of cards, a sports game both watching or playing, events in our community, and yes having a few rounds together. We should encourage and accept this play in all of its forms but give good council if a brother is playing too hard or neglecting their work.

I've been asked what does the Grotto offer that the Shrine doesn't. There was a time this was a hard question to answer, but I feel we're proving the answer, we are returning to our roots and becoming the master mason's playground "The Fraternity that Friendship Built". Spread the word that the Master Mason's playground is open!

Charles "Crispy" Knight Monarch 2019

# **FUN FACTS ABOUT THE 4TH OF JULY & INDEPENDENCE DAY**

1. Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later.
2. The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest was Thomas Lynch, Jr (27) of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin (70) of Pennsylvania. The lead author of The Declaration, Thomas Jefferson, was 33.
3. The only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.
4. The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.
5. President John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on the Fourth. Adams and Jefferson (both signed the Declaration) died on the same day within hours of each other in 1826.
6. Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.
7. The American flag was sewn by Betsy Ross, whose husband was a member of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
8. Of the 56 men that signed the Declaration of Independence, it appears that only nine were Freemasons, or masons with verifiable records of association.
9. Between 9-13 signers of the Constitution were Freemasons depending on one's source
10. At least 33 (of 74) generals in the Colonial Army were Freemasons
11. 14 Presidents were Master Masons and 2 went on to be Grand Master of there states.