

# Ubar Grotto

## The Charge at Fezzing

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As the lambskin, or white leathern apron, is the Badge of a Mason, so the Fez of Black with Tassel of Red distinguishes you as a member of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm It is the symbol of Sympathy and Goodfellowship.

We as Prophets are taught that the Grotto is “in no sense a part of Symbolic Craft Masonry and makes no claim to be such,” yet each of us must ever bear in mind that, as an individual, he is a Master Mason. The fact that you or I may be wearing the black fez instead of the white apron does not release us from the vows we assumed at the Altar of Masonry. We may not claim to be a Masonic Body, but in the eyes of the profane, regardless of whether we are clothed as Craftsmen or as Prophets, we are all Masons. See to it that you conduct yourself accordingly, never overlooking the fact that any indiscretion on your part as a Prophet discredits the Masonic Fraternity. Disgrace the Fez of Black and you likewise dishonor the Apron of White.

The Grotto is termed “The Master Mason’s Playground”—and so it is. Let us play, but let us not forget the rules. A true Prophet is a good sport. It matters not to him whether he won or lost, but how he played the game.

We (symbolically) place this fez on your head, marking as you as a friend and a Prophet, now and forever more. Lastly, we give to you one final charge:

Hail, Prophet, Neophyte no more,  
Thy dreadful journey now is o'er;  
Thou hast thy valor shown right well  
In upper air, in deepest Hell.

So this reward is thine, my son,  
This Priceless Jewel thou hast won;  
'Twill be a crown upon thy head—  
The Fez of Black with Tassel Red.

No prince upon his royal chair  
E'er wore a diadem so rare  
As this Black Fez with letters gold,  
The badge of Prophets young and old.

So wear it proudly, son, and smile,  
Forget thy troubles for a while  
And ever may thy watchwords be  
GOODFELLOWSHIP AND SYMPATHY