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Monarch's Message

As finally have made our way from our igloos and put the winter behind us, the Grottos schedule is also opening up and getting exciting! We have a very motivated team who is dedicated to making this Grotto the best the it possibly for many years to come.

We had a great turn out for our Easter party for the children. There were over 20 kids in attendance and with the help of our Grotto Funsters we were able to bring some joy to the members and their families!! I would like to give special thanks to the Grottos Chief Justice Conrad Wieloch Jr and his Lady Noreen on leading the charge for this even, it went off without a hitch!

Upcoming we have our fall ceremonial on May 20th and we are doing something a little different this year. We are combining the ceremonial with a Night at the Races!! The ceremonial will be start at 2pm and dinner will be served to those in attendance at the Night at the Races. The doors open for the Races at 6pm and dinner to be served at 630pm. Then, at 7, the fun begins! Watch your horses bring home the first place ribbon while eating snacks and enjoying camels milk! We hope to see you all at these events and as always, this is your Grotto. Make it feel like home. Put your mark on it.

Jeramey Wieloch Monarch

Secretary's Message:

I hope everyone has a Safe and Healthy Spring and Sumer. Tammy and I are continuing our travels around the Realm and are getting ready for the Supreme Council Session in Perrysburg, Ohio from June 17, 2017 through June 25,2017. I just did a calculation of how many miles we travelled and will be traveling while I am Grand Marshall and the total was 7,798 miles. What a Great Time we are having in our travels.

If you have paid your dues for 2017 "THANK YOU". If not please pay as soon as possible. If you are having problems paying your dues let me know. There are 47 Prophets who have not paid dues.

Still Missing Prophets: If you know of a new address for the following Prophets please let me know: Edward Switalski Jr., Robert Balent, Ray Long and Cecil Donahue.

Safe travels to all and see you around the Realm,

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary

******* Stated Meeting Notice for May and June *******

Stated Meetings of Islam Grotto will be held in the Islam Grotto Room at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh Pa. 15237 on

Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Dinner will be served before the stated meeting at 6:15pm.

Membership Statistics as of April 24, 2017:

Total Members = 369

Initiations, Deaths and Suspensions Since July 1, 2016:

**Initiations = 15
Deaths = 10
Suspensions = 37**

Our next Ceremonial is May 20, 2017 so get petitions to the secretary so that we can grow our Grotto. This day will be combined with the Ceremonial starting at 2:00pm then followed by the Night at the Races. Come out and enjoy the afternoon and evening with your fellow Prophets and meet the new Prophets we will initiate.

Schedule of Events for 2017

April

28 - Prophets Night

May

05-06 - OGA Zone Conference
Perrysburg, Ohio

18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

18 - Stated Meeting

20 - Spring Ceremonial /
Night at the Races

26 - Prophets Night

June

15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

15 - Stated Meeting

17-25 - Supreme Council Convention -
Perrysburg, Ohio

30 - Prophets Night

July

02 - Fourth of July Picnic

22 - GPMC All Masonic Bodies Picnic

28 - Prophets Night

August

04 - Masonic Day Kennywood

17-19 - OGA Annual Session
Perrysburg, Ohio

25 - Prophets Night

September

9 - Fall Ceremonial /
Night at the Races

21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

21 - Stated Meeting

23 - Masonic One Day Class

29 - Prophets Night

October

19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

19 - Stated Meeting

20-22 - PGA Annual Session
Seven Springs Resort

27 - Prophets Night

November

16 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

16 - Stated Meeting

24 - Prophets Night

December

16 - Children's Christmas Party

21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

21 - Stated Meeting

29 - Prophets Night???

Fellowship Breakfast at the GPMC. Last Saturday of the month (Except December) 9:00am to 10:30am. Cost is \$6.00 for a buffet breakfast. Served by the Ohio Valley Rainbow Girls and Pittsburgh Demolay. Even though this is not a Grotto event please come out and support our youth.

Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

1977 Richard Hoff	2004 Max Pokorski
1979 Arthur Smaltz	2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.
1983 John Clark	2006 Lenny Kolodziek
1985 Tommy Lee *	2007 Michael Tomascin
1991 Jim Deller	2009 William Woods
1995 Ray Rietzel	2010 Ron Davidson
1996 Ted Colcombe	2011 Joe Platts
1999 Eugene Martucci	2012 Ron Troy
2000 Robert Metsger *	2013/2014 David Rasch
2001 James Metsger	2015 George Gittins
2002 Richard Roell	2016 Robert Lorenz III
2003 Edward Foster	
Suspend *	

Islam Grotto supports Robert J. Lorenz Jr. PM. For Grand Captain of the Guard for the Supreme Council Grottoes of North America.