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Raymond J. Rietzel, P.M. Chairman 2017
Robert J. Lorenz, Jr. P.M. 2018
William Woods P.M. 2019

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Jim LaSalle 2017
George Dering. 2017

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Monarch's Message

Summer is here and gone and it's time to get back to work! I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather that we've been having and got some quality time in with the family. Our picnic in July was a hit! Everyone had an amazing time just relaxing and getting to know each other sharing good food and cold drinks. I want to thank everyone to attended because we would not be able to have such a great time if it weren't for you. I would also like to thank all the officers and prophets that galloped make the day possible from its fruition.

The ceremonial scheduled for September 9, 2017 is being cancelled because we have no petitions. Get those petitions to the secretary so we can schedule another ceremony in the near future. The Night at the Races is also being cancelled for the same date as the ceremonial because we cannot find anyone to call the races. The next big event coming up is the Monarchs Ball on October 21st. Cocktail hour from 5-6, and dinner at 6. Dance floor opens after dinner, stay for as long as you want!!! Did I mention the open bar? This is my chance to thank all of you for a great year and show my appreciation for all of the help that I've received.

As always, this is your Grotto, make it your own.

Jeramey Wieloch - Monarch

Secretary's Message:

I cannot believe we are writing the article for September and October. Tammy and I are continuing our travels as Grand Orator. We will be at the Ohio Grotto Association Convention in Perrysburg Ohio from August 17 through 20, Midwest Grotto Association in Columbia Missouri from September 27 through October 1, then off to Indianapolis Indiana for the Board of Governors Meeting from November 3 through 5. Remember we have our own events at our Grotto. See the schedule of events and flyer and try to make each one.

I have also included in the Islamite a copy of the petition. When printing please use landscape so that it prints bigger. Talk up the Grotto and get those petitions to the secretary.

If you have paid your dues for 2017 "THANK YOU". If not please pay as soon as possible. We will be talking about suspending Prophets for non-payment of dues at the September meeting. If you are having problems paying your dues let me know. There are still 41 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. and Robert Balent

See you around the realm,

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary

***** Stated Meeting Notice for September and October *****

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, September 21, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:30 PM

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

Schedule of Events for 2017 / 2018

August

25 - Prophets Night

September

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

21 - Monarchs Ball

20-22 - PGA / Colonail Annual Session
Seven Springs Resort

27 - Prophets Night

November

16 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

16 - Stated Meeting - Nominations of
officers

24 - Prophets Night

December

16 - Children's Christmas Party

21 - Election of Officers 6:00pm

21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

21 - Stated Meeting

29 - Prophets Night???

January

18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

18 - Stated Meeting

19 - Rehearsal for Installation 7:00pm -
Grotto Room and Auditorium

20 - Installation of Officers 3:00om -
Auditorium and Banquet Room

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.

Note: The nomination of officers will be held in November this year with the election happening in December. If you are interested in the position of Orator, Three Year Purple Tassel Trustee, Two and Three Year Red Tassel Trustee please bring your letter of intent to the stated meeting in September or October. If you need further details about these positions please contact of the officers.

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	
Suspended *	

Overdue Dues.

As you read the secretaries message there are 41 Prophets who have not paid dues for 2017. We will be reading the name and deciding what to do with these Prophets at the September Stated Meeting.