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William Woods PM 2019
Ron Davidson PM 2020

Red Tassels

Richard Phillips 2019
Jim LaSalle 2020

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Monarch's Message – Conrad Wieloch Jr.

Hello Prophets:

Congratulations goes out to Michael Tomascin PM on advancing up the Grand Line to Grand Venerable Prophet. Also, Congratulations to Robert Lorenz Jr. PM for being elected as Grand Captain of the Guard at Supreme. We now have two on the Grand Line from our Grotto.

Summer is here! It's time for cook outs and family picnics. Enjoy your families and make it a safe summer. While you are having fun, don't forget your Grotto family. There is not a stated meeting for the month of July and August, but there is still Prophets night. July 27, 2018 Past Monarch's will be cooking. August 31, 2018 the Red Tassel Volunteers will be cooking.

Our 4th of July Picnic is on July 1, 2018 at the Grotto. Doors open at 4pm and our very own Past Monarch, Bill Woods will be spinning the music. Volunteers are needed to help. Please let Mike Karkalla (Chief Justice) (412-877-5626) know that you will be there to help. The cost of the 4th of July Picnic is \$10.00 per person, and children under 12 are free. Please make reservation by calling Mike Karkalla (Chief Justice) at 412-877-5626.

Don't forget September 28, 2018 is our soup cook off. So pull out those crockpots and make that soup. Prizes will be awarded. Sandwich will be served.

May you all have a great summer!

**God Bless
Conrad J. Wieloch Jr.
Monarch. Islam Grotto**

Secretary's Message:

Well another Supreme Council Session is under our belt. What a Great Time we had in Indianapolis Indiana. I moved up one more level to Grand Venerable Prophet. Congratulations to the new Grand Captain of the Guard our own Robert Lorenz Jr. PM.

A couple of items that came out of Supreme: Looking into getting back the trademark of the Mokanna, National Grotto day on March 9, 2019 where all Grottoes around the realm will do a ceremonial, Membership is down 299 to 10,133 members and started a new fund raiser for Supreme where you donate a \$100.00 to Supreme which is tax deductible and get to belong to a club Leroy's Boys (You will receive a certificate and get your name in the Grotto Magazine. Everyone can join whether male or female). Most of the people attending donated \$100.00 each to belong.

Tammy and I continue our travels throughout the Realm. Again, we never forget about our own Grotto and will be at the several events on the calendar for Islam Grotto.

If you know of a new address for the following Prophets please let me know: Edward Switalski Jr., Robert Balent and Clarke A. Smith.

Safe travels and will see you around the realm,

Michael J. Tomascin PM - Secretary

******* No Stated Meeting for July and August 2018 *******

Remember we have plenty of events to participate during the summer.

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	2012 Ron Troy
1999 Eugene Martucci	2013/2014 David Rasch
2000 Robert Metsger *	2015 George Gittins
2001 James Metsger *	2016 Robert Lorenz III
2002 Richard Roell	2017 Jeramey Wieloch
2003 Edward Foster	

Suspended *

Demitted **

History of Grotto Part 1:

For some years prior to 1889, several members of Hamilton Lodge N0. 120, F.&A.M., at Hamilton, New York, sought relaxation from the sterner duties of life by holding occasional informal meetings for fun and good fellowship. The chief spirit in the fun was LeRoy Fairchild, and in the summer of 1889, he and a devoted band of followers discovered the Enchanted Realm in which, upon entering with song and laughter, they and their successors found a rich heritage. The first meeting of this organization was held on the 10th day of September, 1889. It was decided at this meeting that the membership of the organization should be confined to Master Masons in good standing.

Schedule of Events for 2018

June

- 10 - 17 - Supreme Council Convention
Indianapolis Indianan
- 21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 21 - Stated Meeting - cooking Scott Allen
- 28 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 29 - Prophets Night -
cooking Jeramey Wieloch PM

July

- 1 - July 4 Picnic - 5:00pm - ???
- 25 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 27 - Prophets Night -
Cooking Past Monarchs

August

- 23-25 OGA Convention - Pittsburgh
- 29 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 31 - Prophets Night -
cooking Red Tassels

September

- 20 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 20 - Stated Meeting -
cooking ??????????
- 26 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 28 - Prophets Night -
cooking Soup Cook Off

October

- 6 - Fall Ceremonial -
Grotto Room and Auditorium
- 12-14 PGA Convention Harrisburg
- 18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 18 - Stated Meeting -
cooking Conrad Wieloch III
- 26 - Prophets Night -
cooking Bob Lorenz Jr. PM
- 27 - Halloween Party -
Banquet Room - 6:30pm - ??????
- 31 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm

November

- 10- Monarchs Ball -
Banquet Room - 5:00pm - ?????
- 15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 15 - Stated Meeting -
cooking Scott Allen
- 28 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 30 - Prophets Night -
cooking Past Monarch

December

- 15 - Children's Christmas Party -
Ball Room - 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- 20 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 20 - Stated Meeting -
cooking Conrad Wieloch Jr.
- 26 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 28 - No Prophets Night -
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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: No breakfast April 28, 2018.