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REMEMBER

133rd Supreme Council Convention June 25, 2023 – July 2, 2023 at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Greentree, Pa.

Monarch's Message – Thomas W. Newland

Just like Tom Brady.

So, you thought you heard the last of me, but I am back.

As the year has ended, I can only reflect back on my year as Monarch. I was very fortunate to have the support of several great friends. We sure had some good times.

I am truly grateful for having the honor of serving as your Monarch in 2022.

“Partially trust your friends. Moderately trust your family.

Seldomly trust your acquaintances. Never trust your enemies.

Jealous friends betray you quickly. Envious friends will betray instantly.

Loyal acquaintances will help you swiftly. Noble acquaintances will help you immediately.”

— Matshona Dhlwayo

While we made some great progress in 2022, there is much more work to be accomplished.

“If you want something new, you have to stop doing something old.” – Peter F. Drucker

Hopefully the prophets will pull together to support your Monarch in 2023, and our Grand Monarch.

I would like to wish the officers, along with our Grand Monarch a successful year in 2023.

'You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits.

Please make sure to come out and support our Grand Monarch by stepping up to assist with the Annual convention at the Doubletree Hilton hotel Greentree this coming summer.

Good luck to all, and thank you for your support.

Thomas Newland
Past Monarch 2022

Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

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| 1977 Richard Hoff | 2007 Michael Tomascin |
| 1979 Arthur Smaltz | 2009 William Woods |
| 1985 Tommy Lee ** | 2010 Ron Davidson |
| 1991 Jim Deller | 2013/2014 David Rasch |
| 1995 Ray Rietzel | 2015 George Gittins |
| 1999 Eugene Martucci | 2016 Robert Lorenz III |
| 2001 James Metsger * | 2017 Jeramey Wieloch |
| 2002 Richard Roell | 2019 Michael Karkalla |
| 2003 Edward Foster | 2020 Scott Allen |
| 2004 Max Pokorski | 2021 Conrad Wieloch III |
| 2005 Robert Lorenz Jr. | 2022 Thomas Newland |
| 2006 Lenny Kolodziek | |

Suspended * Demitted **

Grand Monarchs Message:

As of writing this article half of my term as Grand Monarch is complete. What a busy and Great Time to be a Grotto Member. Tammy and I continue to travel around the Realm, but we never forget our own Grotto which has always supported us. The Winter Supreme Council magazine will be coming out shortly or you may have received it by the time you receive this Islamite. In this issue of the magazine, you will find the details of the 133rd Supreme Council Session in Pittsburgh on June 26, 2023 through July 1, 2023. You can see we have a busy week scheduled and

I want to thank the Convention Committee for all that they do. Tammy and I cannot do this ourselves. Also in the magazine is my schedule for the rest of my term. You can find the dates for two new Grottoes, January 27-29,2023 in Longvue Texas and March 3-5,2023 in Florida. I have always said that new Grottoes are wonderful for the Fraternity, but we do not want to forget about the existing Grottoes.

Safe travels and will see you all around the Realm.

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Grand Monarch

Monarch Elect Message – Richard S. Hopkins

I like to say thank you all for coming out to my installation for Monarch. I have lots of things planned for the year so please come and support them. I will have a list of events to share that we are having this year. My officers and I with continue making Islam Grotto the best. I would like to thank the Installation Team for installing me and their support that they have shown me. We will be having a 50/50 raffle at the Installation - half to winner and half to Humanitarian Fund – as well as at Stated Meetings and Prophet's Nights throughout the year - so bring your cash/check books with you. Remember the Fish Fry's will start in February with dine-in, take-out and drive-thru - so tell your friends! Please come out and support our Grand Monarch Michael Tomascin at the 133rd Supreme Council Convention at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Greentree, PA in June. I also thank all members who are helping me with this year. Thank you, Brothers.

Lastly, I Like to thank Prophet Tom Newland, PM on a great job for his year and all he did. Thank you, Tom. I also thank all the Past Monarch's for their support and help. I know they will help me out this year.

Yours in Brotherly Love,

Richard S. Hopkins - Monarch Elect

Schedule of Events for 2023

January

19 - Stated Meeting
20 - Installation - Rehearsal
21 - Installation
27 - Prophet's Night

February

16 - Stated Meeting
24 - Grotto Fish Fry/Prophet's Night

March

3 - Grotto Fish Fry
7 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal
10 - Grotto Fish Fry
14 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal
16 - Stated Meeting
17 - Grotto Fish Fry
18 - Grotto Spring Ceremonial
24 - Grotto Fish Fry
31 - Grotto Fish Fry/Prophet's Night

April

1 - Grotto Children's Easter Party
7 - Grotto Fish Fry
20 - Stated Meeting

July

1-2 - 133rd Supreme Council Convention
Greentree, PA (Doubletree Hilton)
2 - July 4th Picnic and Fireworks
28 - Prophet's Night

August

3 - Grotto Picnic
25 - Prophet's Night

September

21 - Stated Meeting
29 - Prophet's Night

October

17 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal
19 - Stated Meeting
20 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal
21 - Grotto Fall Ceremonial
27 - Prophet's Night

November

11 - Monarch's Ball
16 - Stated Meeting

28 - Prophet's Night

May

13 - Mother's Day Lunch

18 - Stated Meeting

26 - Prophet's Night

June

15 - Stated Meeting

23 - Prophet's Night

25-30 - 133rd Supreme Council Convention -
Greentree, PA (Doubletree Hilton)

24 - Prophet's Night

December

15 - Grotto Christmas Wrapping

16 - Grotto Christmas Children's party

21 - Stated Meeting