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Acting Monarch's Message – Ed Hanke

Greetings to all in the Islam Grotto Realm and elsewhere. This has surely been an interesting turn of events as I assume the responsibilities as the acting Monarch of Islam Grotto. With guidance from the past Monarchs and the Silent Ones, we will finish out this year and dive headfirst into next year. Our Grotto has a long and storied history and I for one look forward to the challenge of fulfilling the responsibilities of the office to the very best of my ability.

There are more than enough opportunities for everyone to get involved. Please check out the calendar and mark down the dates and activities that will interest you and your family. After all, Grotto is about family as well as the special needs kids that we support with our dental program. Don't forget that Prophet's night is the perfect time to bring brother Masons to our Grotto to let them see who we are, what we do and the good times that we enjoy. The New Years Bingo party is a chance to get in some family fun for us and for others who might be considering membership in our Grotto. The upcoming Lenten Fish Fries are a golden opportunity to show off our culinary expertise as well as a family friendly activity with gustatory satisfaction.

We've been lax in some basic things that need to happen in every Grotto every year and it's my intent to do whatever I can to reinvigorate our program. One of the glaring absences is a full form Ceremonial. All you budding thespians and ritualists need to step forward so that we can put on an adequate portrayal of the story of the Grotto. Don't be timid or shy, the parts are not long, the costumes need to be dusted off and we have to start now if we expect to do a reasonable job of it. Those who want to take part in any way (yes, there are non-speaking parts too) talk to Bill Woods PM before all the good parts are taken. Who knows, maybe some of the participants might even spill over into a new clown unit!

Go Grotto. Grow Grotto.

Ed Hanke
Acting Monarch

Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

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
2003 Edward Foster	2019 Michael Karkalla
2004 Max Pokorski	2020 Scott Allen
2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.	2021 Conrad Wieloch III
2006 Lenny Kolodziek	2022 Thomas Newland

Suspended * Demitted **

***** **Grotto Elections for 2024*******

Will be held on Nov. 16th at 6pm. This is BEFORE the stated meeting.

Grand Chief Justice's Message:

Hello Prophets,

Thank you to all that came out to the BINGO and helped out. Everyone who attended had a good time. We are now planning one for New Years Eve so if you would like to help let me know and look for more information soon.

Lady Theresa and I will be traveling to Richmond, Va., to attend the ODGA and then on to ESGA being held in Niagara Falls, New York. At the end of the month we will be in Erie, Pa., for a PGA meeting.

As always, home Grotto events first. Please plan on supporting these events. This is your Grotto. If anyone has ideas for events to hold feel free to let me know or reach out to an officer.

Yours in Grotto fellowship,

Bob Lorenz, Jr., PM
Grand Chief Justice

Schedule of Events for 2023 - 2024

November

11 - Monarch's Ball
16 - Stated Meeting (Cooking - Rich Hopkins)
24 - Prophet's Night (Cooking - Kyle Golik)

December

15 - Grotto Christmas Wrapping
16 - Grotto Christmas Children's party
21 - Stated Meeting (Cooking - Red Tassels)
29 - Prophets Night (Cooking - Purple Tassels)
31 - New Years Eve (Cooking - All Members)

January - 2024

18 - Stated Meeting - (Cooking - Officers)
19 - Installation Rehearsal
20 - Installation
26 - Prophets Night - (Cooking - Trustees)

February - 2024

2 - Polar Plunge
15 - Stated Meeting - (Cooking - Kyle Golik)
16 - Grotto Fish Fry
23 - Grotto Fish Fry - Prophet's Night
23-24 - Polar Plunge

March - 2024

1 - Grotto Fish Fry
8 - Grotto Fish Fry
15 - Grotto Fish Fry
21 - Stated Meeting - (Cooking - Chief Justice)
22 - Grotto Fish Fry
29 - Grotto Fish Fry - Prophet's Night

April - 2024

18 - Stated Meeting - (cooking - Master of Ceremonies)
26 - Prophets Night - Venerable Prophet cooking

May - 2024

16 - Stated Meeting
31 - Prophet's Night

June - 2024

20 - Stated Meeting
28 - Prophet's Night

*******Dues 2024*******

Statements will be sent out in Nov/Dec. Look for them via email or USPS mail.