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## Monarch's Message – Richard Hopkins

Fall is coming soon, we will be back to normal in September with a stated meeting Sept 21, 2023. We still have a lot more to come in the next months ahead. Prophet's night in September is Night at the Races (see Event Flyer) so sign up and pick your horses, bring your money, it will be a wonderful time for all.

In October we are scheduled to have a Fall Ceremonial on the twenty-one and practice on the 17th, I would like to do the 5-act ceremonial if we can get prophets to step up and help with putting one on. So please think about helping anywhere you can.

Also, its Octoberfest, Mike Karkalla is cook for the stated meeting and it will be German food. Prophet's night for October, I would like to do a game night. Any game you want to play you, from cards games, poker and what every you all want to play. Also, I want you all to invite a Master Mason on Prophet's night and we can show them what we are and what we do.

Lastly, let us finish the year out stronger, let us get Petition's in and start growing our grotto. Talk to your Blue Lodge, ask if they want us to come give a presentation at one of their stated meetings. We will make sure that some line officers go to the meeting and talk about Grotto International.

In Brotherly Love,

Richard S. Hopkins - Monarch

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### 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

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### Grand Chief Justice's Message:

Hello Prophets,

With the dog days of summer almost over (we hope), it is time to think of fall events.

We are having a night at the races on September 29th, cost is \$30.00 per person, this gives you a horse and dinner. Dinner at 6:00pm first race at 7:00pm.

Lady Theresa and I have been traveling around the realm. I was just in Austin, Texas. I am also going to be traveling to meetings for ODGA and ESGA in October. Traveling around the realm has been a great way for me to meet Prophets and see how other Grottoes are doing events. It is a very exciting time within

the realm. I would like to take this time to THANK YOU all for your continued support as I go up the Grand Line.

Remember to get out and talk Grotto membership, of the fun and fellowship that we have within our Grotto. Invite a mason to our Prophets night to let them see what we do.

I hope all is well with you and your families. Lady Theresa and I hope to see you soon at the upcoming events that are planned.

Yours in Grotto Fellowship,  
Bob Lorenz, Jr  
Grand Chief Justice

**ATTENTION – Unfortunately, the Grotto Ceremonial Scheduled for Oct 2023 has been CANCELLED**

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### **Schedule of Events for 2023 - 2024**

#### July

1-2 - 133<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Council Convention  
Greentree, PA (Doubletree Hilton)  
2 - July 4th Picnic and Fireworks (See Event  
Flyer)  
28 - Prophet's Night (Cooking - Ron Davidson)

#### August

3 - Grotto Picnic  
25 - Prophet's Night (Cooking - Red Tassels)

#### September

21 - Stated Meeting (Cooking - Trustees)  
29 - Prophet's Night (Cooking - TBD)  
30 - Night at the Races (See Event Flyer)

#### October

17 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal - CANCELLED  
19 - Stated Meeting (Cooking - Mike Karkalla)  
20 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal - CANCELLED  
21 - Grotto Fall Ceremonial - CANCELLED  
27 - Prophet's Night - (Cooking - Ed Hanke)

#### November

11 - Monarch's Ball  
16 - Stated Meeting (Cooking - Rich Hopkins)  
24 - Prophet's Night 9 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)

#### 2024

#### January

18 - Stated Meeting (Officers)