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Membership -----Kyle Golik  
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Enchanted Lantern ---- David Eichelberger  
Dr. of Smiles ----- Sean Tomasic  
Director Ceremonial Crew – Kyle Golik  
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## Monarch Message – Ed Hanke

Every time I sit here to write an article for the Islamite, I am eager for the opportunity to say a much deserved and hearty thank you to the many who have stuck their hand in the pile to make this a successful year. It's been at least five years since we've actually held a Ceremonial and we pulled it off in May with new candidates and newer thespians. Five acts was a challenge that we eagerly accepted and we can do it again to fulfill the obligation to put on a second Ceremonial in October. I hope that any and all Prophets who have not witnessed the Ceremonial will take full advantage of the October presentation to do so.

The 4th of July picnic was a good time not only for the family but also an opportunity to showcase our membership to others. Who do we want in the Grotto? We want our friends and men of like minds. Good food, good fun, good fellowship and the Ross Township fireworks display to top off the day's activities. This was a great time to show that non-Mason what kind of good fellowship our fraternity can provide. Hats off to those of you who worked behind the scenes, those who attended and more especially to those who invited potential Masons and future members of Islam Grotto.

We are "off" July and August Stated Meetings but we are not "off" for Prophets Nights for either month. This is the perfect time when most all Lodges are "dark" to ask that friend of yours who seems to always have some excuse for not coming out to meet our members; to come out and enjoy a fun night out with the brothers.

So, how does any Prophet ascend to the line of leadership in our Grotto? The first rule is to become an active member. How does one do that? Attendance at the various activities and events is a start but lending a helping hand is where it all starts. Our monthly gatherings provide opportunities with floor work, meals and preparations. The units; Funsters, Outdoor, Motor Corps are always on the lookout for members who share their enthusiasm. Now is as good a time to make a start in that direction if you aspire to become part of the leadership of Islam Grotto.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe summer. Come back with good memories and ready to jump into a fun filled fall.

**Ed Hanke**  
**Monarch**

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## Secretary Message – Michael Tomascin PGM

*Have a Safe and Healthy Summer. Tammy and I went to the Supreme Council Session in New Orleans from June 1, 2024 – June 10, 2024. We had a Great Time! Found out we are not the Largest Grotto in the Realm anymore, but Sahara Grotto from Indiana holds the title. Congratulations to the Grand Line Officers!*

**I am going through the Islam Grotto dues and have the following statistics: As of May 30, 2024, total of 296 members. Which includes 27 - 50 Year Members pay no dues, 2 Dual Members, 50 who have Enchanted Lanterns (Have bought one and gets a dollar off of dues) and we remit 17 who do not pay dues. I have 121 that have not paid dues for 2024. If you have already paid, Thank You!**

**Thanks to all who came out and supported our ceremonial on May 25, 2024, Thanks to those who participated in the ceremonial.**

**We never forget about our own Grotto and will be at the several events on the calendar for Islam Grotto.**

**If anyone knows the new addresses for James M Franklin, William M. Jackson, Robert F. Miller, Jeff S. Berkowitz and Robert F. Fulton, or please let me know. I also need emails for Donald Fisher and Mathew Smith. They kick back as an error.**

**Safe travels and see you around the Realm,**

**Michael J. Tomascin PGM – Secretary**

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## **Deputy Grand Monarchs Message – Robert Lorenz, Jr., PM**

Greetings Prophets,

We have just returned from the 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council Session in New Orleans, a great time was had by all that attended. Next years 135<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council Session will be held in Worthington, Ohio, June 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please plan on attending this session.

Congratulations to our new Grand Monarch Dave Korb and Lady Kelly on their new journey. Also, to PM Mike Neeley of Sahara Grotto on becoming the new Grand Captain of the Guard and Lady Abbey.

My travel plans for the next few months is as follows, Rainbow Girls Supreme Session in July, OGA weekend August 2-4, 2024, in Mansfield, Ohio, in September we will be attending the rededication of the Illinois Dental School in Chicago.

It has now become time that we at Islam Grotto must start planning the 136<sup>th</sup> Supreme Session. Chairman are still needed for some committees. PLEASE, let me know if you want to step-up and help. Thank you for your continued support as I continue up the Grandline. Home Grotto first.

Yours in Grotto Fellowship,  
Bob Lorenz, Jr, PM, Deputy Grand Monarch

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## **Enchanted Lantern Chairman – David Eichelberger**

Charity Giving Is at the Heart of the Grotto  
by Prophet David Eichelberger

Prophet Monarch, Past Prophet Monarchs and fellow Prophets:

The Grotto has at its heart sympathy and good fellowship. You might think this is directed toward only our fellow Prophets, but it isn't. Since its beginning, the Enchanted Realm of the Veiled Prophet has realized that our hearts are much bigger than that and have included charity toward the less fortunate among us.

Our Enchanted Lanterns go to assist our basic outreach to those children in need of special care. However, there are other charities I would like to lift up today. Some you may not have heard of as often.

LeRoy's Boys solicits your donations to assist the Supreme Council Fund for LeRoy's Boys as a way to support our Supreme Council into the future. The Hardship Fund solicits donations to support Prophets or Grottoes who have been hit hard by tragic or devastating losses. We have seen in the news the devastation being caused by hurricanes, tornadoes and fires. Some of these have impacted fellow Prophets and Grottoes. Your donation can be there to extend a helping hand to those in need.

The Humanitarian Foundation also invites your donation. It supports the special benevolence of providing Dental Care for Children with Special Needs. Children with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Intellectual Disabilities including Downs Syndrome, those recipients of Organ Transplants are all participants in this particular Foundation's goal to help those in need.

More information is available about these benevolences are to be found both in our Grotto magazine and online at [hfgrotto.org](http://hfgrotto.org).

Next issue we will visit the Fairchild Society.

Yours fraternally,

Prophet David Eichelberger

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Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1977 Richard Hoff         | 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    |
| 2004 Max Pokorski         | 2019 Michael Karkalla   |
| 2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.    | 2020 Scott Allen        |
| 2006 Lenny Kolodziek      | 2021 Conrad Wieloch III |
| 2007 Michael Tomascin PGM | 2022 Thomas Newland     |

Suspended \*    Demitted \*\*

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**Schedule of Events for 2024 / 2025**

June

20 - Stated Meeting - cooking Red Tassels  
28 - Prophet's Night -  
cooking Venerable Prophet  
30 - July 4th Picnic and Fireworks (see flyer)

July

26 - Prophet's Night - Pizza Night

August

30 - Prophet's Night =  
cooking Master of Ceremonies

September

19 - Stated Meeting - cooking Chief Justice  
27 - Prophet's Night - cooking Nomarch

October

12 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal  
17 - Stated Meeting - cooking Orator  
19 - Grotto Fall Ceremonial  
25 - Prophet's Night - cooking Purple Tassels

November

02 - Monarchs Ball  
15-17 PGA Convention 50 Years - Erie, PA.  
21 - Stated Meeting =  
cooking Venerable Prophet  
29 - Prophet's Night - Chili Cookoff

December

19 - Stated Meeting -  
cooking Venerable Prophet  
20 - Grotto Christmas Wrapping  
21 - Grotto Christmas Children's party  
27 = Prophets Night = Cooking TND

January 2025

16 - Stated Meeting -  
cooking Venerable Prophet  
18- Grotto Installation of Officers  
31 - Prophet's Night