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Monarchs Message – George Gittins

I can't believe that my year is just about over. The older you get the faster the years go by. I would like to congratulate Robert Lorenz III as your new Monarch for the year 2016, and his officers. I know they will do a great job.

November 19th will be our stated meeting so please come out. if you have not been to a Grotto meeting for a while, we have a dinner before the meeting at around 6:15pm.

November 27th will be our Prophets night which is our social affair. Come out and have a good dinner which is free and have some camel's milk.

December 17th will be our stated meeting so come out we would like to see you.

December 19th will be our Christmas Party for the children the time will be from 1PM to 3PM. Our Chief Justice Robert Lorenz III is in charge of this event. Santa will be here and there will be gifts given to the children and there will be food to eat. The flyers are attached. Our clowns will also be there.

There will be NO PHOPHETS NIGHT IN DECEMBER.

On a sad note our Past Monarch Larry Budd passed away and we at Islam Grotto want to send our sympathy to his wife Joanne.

Thanks for all your help during my year as your Monarch, I think I had a great year.

My wife Suzanne and I would wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Very Happy New Year.

In Sympathy and Good Fellowship

*George T Gittins
Monarch*

Secretary's Message:

Tammy and I had a wonderful time at the Western Grotto Association in Williams Arizona that took place October 13-18, 2015. It was great to see old friends and meet new ones. Our Grand Monarch even made the Mayor of Williams a Prophet at Sight. Our next trip will be to the Supreme Council Board Meeting in New Orleans the first full weekend in November. As you can see Tammy and I are keeping busy but I promise you that I will do my best as your secretary.

We had our nominations at the October meeting and Congratulations to the elected officers for 2016. Everyone moved up one position because they were unopposed and Prophet Michael Karkalla will be the new Orator for 2016. Prophet Bob Lingenfelter will continue on as Treasurer and I will continue on as Secretary. Prophet Tom Nowicki will be the Three Year Red Tassel Trustee and Robert Lorenz Jr. PM will do another three years as a Purple Tassel Trustee. I want to thank Prophet George Dering for his years of service as a Red Tassel Trustee.

We have had a few deaths this past year including the most recent Larry Budd PM. I talked to his wife JoAnne and she is going to donate back to the Grotto his Past Monarch Fez and Jewel. I told her we would put it in the display case at the Grotto. All this made me think, when a Brother / Prophet passes away and the family has no idea what do with his Masonic Regalia what do they do with the items. Please let your family know to donate the items back to the appropriate Masonic Organizations. I would be more than happy to see that they are distributed to the appropriate organizations. Also, the family must request a Masonic Funeral Service and Grotto Funeral Service. If you want these you must let your family know and they would need to contact your Lodge Secretary and / or the Grotto Secretary.

It is that time of year again when the 2016 dues notices will be mailed out. They will be sent out in the next week or two. When you receive them, please respond in a timely manner. Thanks!

I cannot believe that this is the last Islamite for the year where did the time go. Tammy and I would like to wish everyone Happy and Healthy Holidays.

Michael J. Tomascin GCoG - Secretary

***** Stated Meeting Notice for November and December *****

Stated Meetings of Islam Grotto will be held in the Islam Grotto Room at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh Pa. 15237 on

Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 7:30pm.

Dinner will be served before the stated meeting at 6:15pm.

Schedule of Events for 2015 / 2016

October

30 - Prophets Night

November

16 - Association Meeting
Trustees and Officers
19 - Stated Meeting
Election of officers for 2016
27 - Chili Cook Off replaces Prophets Night

December

14 - Association Meeting
Trustees and Officers
17 - Stated Meeting
19 - Children's Christmas Party
No Prophets Night in December
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

January

15 - Rehearsal for Installation of Officers
16 - Installation of Officers
18 - Association Meeting
Trustees and Officers
19 - Stated Meeting
29 - Prophets Night

February

12 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
15 - Association Meeting
Trustees and Officers
18 - Stated Meeting
19 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
26 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room -
Replaces Prophets Night

March

04 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
05 - Tartan Ball at Ereppa Grotto
11 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
14 - Association Meeting
Trustees and Officers
17 - Stated Meeting
18 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
19 - Childrens Eater Party
25 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room -
Replaces Prophets Night

April

09 - Family Fun Night
18 - Association Meeting
Trustees and Officers
21 - Stated Meeting
23 - Night at the Races

May

07 - Mothers Day Dinner
14 - Spring Ceremonial
16 - Association Meeting
Trustees and Officers
19 - Stated Meeting
27 - Prophets Night

June

13 - Association Meeting
Trustees and Officers
16 - Stated Meeting
24 - Prophets Night

July

03 - Family Picnic w/ fireworks
17-24 Supreme Council Convention -
in New Orleans
29 - Prophets Night