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## Monarchs Message – George Gittins

The convention is now over and I have great news to bring back from the convention, Michael Tomascin PM is now Captain of the Guard in the grand line. In eight years he will be the Grand Monarch. He will be the third Grand Monarch for Islam Grotto.

Now the summer is over and where did it go, it is time to go back to the meetings. Our first meeting will be September 17<sup>th</sup> and I hope to see as many prophets out as possible. There is a change in our fall ceremonial, it will be September 19<sup>th</sup> instead of October 17. So, bring in as many petitions in as possible, let's make this a big class.

The cash bash will be September 26<sup>th</sup> so sell as many tickets as possible, there will be only 500 tickets sold. If you need any tickets please see any officer. Ron Troy PM is in charge of this event. Let's make this a big success.

For the stated meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> we will be our nomination of officers, if you our planning to run for an office, please get your letter of intent into the Trustees before the September stated meeting..

One of our biggest events will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Monarchs Ball, more details coming in September. I would like to see as many as this event as possible.

I will be bringing back the Night as the Races, we held this event in the spring and we had a great turn out so, we will be having this event again, on October 17, 2015 details being finalized and will be announced at our meeting in September. This event is open to anyone. Robert Lorenz PM is in charge of this event.

Just to let you know that I had a complete knee replacement done on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the surgery went well. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August I had a little set back I was admitted back to St Clair Hospital and was let go on 5<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank everyone who sent cards and came to visit me while I was in rehab along with the phone calls. Thanks to you all.

**Monarchs Message (Continued):**

Don't forget that the prophet who brings in the most petitions during my year will win a \$50.00 gift card to the Grand Concourse, so bring in as many petitions in as possible.

In Sympathy and Good Fellowship

George T Gittins Monarch

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**Secretary's Message:**

*Tammy and I had a wonderful time at Supreme this year in Columbia, Missouri. If you have not heard I was elected as Grand Captain of the Guard. I want to thank everyone for the support they have always shown me through out the years. I plan on staying on as secretary for a few more years until my duties as a Grand Line Officer become too demanding.*

*Summer is just about over and we will be starting up our meetings again. Our Ceremonial will be September 17, 2015 so get those petitions to me.*

*We still have about 40 members that have not paid dues and we said that at the September Meeting we would suspend these members. They have been notified several times throughout the year.*

*Hope to see everyone at the several events our Monarch has planned for the rest of the year.*

*Michael J. Tomascini GCoG - Secretary*

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**\*\*\*\*\* Stated Meeting Notice for September and October \*\*\*\*\***

**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, September 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

**Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7:30pm.**

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

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The Ladies of Islam Grotto would like this opportunity to Thank each and everyone of the Prophets and their Ladies, whom donated this past year to the Opportunity Baskets and 50/50 drawings that were held at the Grotto Events. The Ladies raised \$500.00 Dollars that was donated to the Humanitarian Foundation to help Children with Special needs for Dentistry Program.

There will be a plaque in the Grotto Room. It is the Monarch's Circle plaque. We, the Ladies felt that it would be better to donate the whole amount for one plaque than individual Enchanted Lanterns. It is dedicated to the Silent Ones. This is for all ladies past and present who have served the Grotto in some way. Please check it out. We are trying to make a difference one Smile at a Time. Keep smiling it looks great on you. Please purchase an Enchanted Lantern this coming year. Many thanks again to all that donated opportunity baskets for all the support from everyone again. The Silent Ones

Remember if you are interested in running for the line at Islam Grotto, We are looking for an Orator, Red Tassel Trustee and a Purple Tassel Trustee. Please submit your qualifications to the office no later than September 14, 2015. The Trustees will meet with you before the nominations to go over the duties of the office you are running for.

**Congratulations to Prophet Vincent Monardo on being presented an award from Grand Lodge. Good Job!**

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**Schedule of Events for 2015 / 2016**

**August**

28 - Master Masons Night -  
replaces Prophets Night

**September**

14 - Association Meeting  
Trustees and Officers

17 - Stated Meeting

19 - Spring Ceremonial

25 - Prophets Night

26 - Cash Bash

**October**

12 - Association Meeting  
Trustees and Officers

15 - Stated Meeting  
Nomination of Officers 2016

17 - Night at the Races

24 - Monarchs Ball - Ball Room

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**

16 - Installation of Officers