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## Monarchs Message – George Gittins:

As this is my last message to you as your Monarch, I would like to thank everyone for being your Monarch for the year 2015. It was a great year and I am looking forward to helping Robert Lorenz III. I would like to thank my officers in being there when needed.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the fish fries, it was a huge job but we made money for the Grotto. Also, I would like to thank all who were in charge of the various events I had during my term.

Two things which I think stands out, were Michael Tomascin was elected to Grand Captain of the Guard at the convention Columbia Mo, The last thing during my term is going back to the Ohio Grotto Association.

I also would want to wish Robert Lorenz Jr. P.M., the best as he is running for Grand Captain of the Guard, the election will take place in New Orleans in July 2016.

Again thanks to all of you and again the very best to your new officers for the year 2016.

In Sympathy and Good Fellowship,

George Gittins  
Monarch

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**Monarch Elect Message – Robert Lorenz III**

**Happy New Year!! Congrats to the officers for 2016 it's going to be a busy year. I want to thank you for electing me as your Monarch, and I will try my best for our Grotto.**

**I would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who is helping with the installation. This will be a very exciting event with the Grand Monarch and other Grand Line Officers that will be here to see how we at Islam Grotto install our officers.**

**As we move into a new year let's remember we are all brothers here lets work together to bring in new members. Let's not forget old members and try to bring them back.**

**Now on to business, starting on Friday, February 12, 2016, and every Friday up until Good Friday, we will be doing a Fish Fry. So get the word out now so people can make plans on coming out for this event for some good fellowship. We are trying some new events this year. There are two Family Fun Nights planned, one will have a Summer Olympic theme so plan on bringing out the families. We are doing 2 Night at the Races, the 4th of July picnic, and some other events. In May this is a call of Officers event, the Special Olympics at Baldwin High School, this event is a big one for our Grotto.**

**A Big Thank You goes out to Lady Theresa who on December 12th, 2015, went Polar Plunging for Special Olympics. Good going Mom! To all the members and ladies who helped at this event Thank You for your time.**

**In closing, come out to the events for a good time and good fellowship. Let us Grotto through the seasons together.**

**Yours in good fellowship,  
Bobby Lorenz, III  
Monarch Elect**

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**Secretary's Message:**

*Congratulations go out to the newly elected officers for 2016. I want to thank everyone for letting me serve you as your secretary for another year.*

*The 2016 dues statements have been sent out. Please pay in a timely manner.*

*Will see you around the realm and keep those petitions coming in!*

*Michael J. Tomascin PM - Secretary*

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**\*\*\*\*\*January Stated Meeting Notice\*\*\*\*\***

A Stated Meeting 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, January 19, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Dinner will be served before the stated meeting at 6:15pm.

**\*\*\*\*\* February Stated Meeting Notice\*\*\*\*\***

A Stated Meeting 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, February 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Dinner will be served before the stated meetings at 6:15pm.

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**Schedule of Events for 2015 / 2016**

**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