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Richard Hopkins -----Marshal	Nick Holt ----- Sentinel
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Raymond J. Rietzel, P.M. Chairman 2017
Leonard J. Kolodziek, Sr., P.M. 2016
Robert J. Lorenz, Jr. P.M. 2018

Red Tassels

Jim LaSalle 2017
Tom Nowicki. 2018

Trustee Emeritus: Theodore Colcombe PM and John R. Clark PM

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Membership ----- Jeramey Wieloch	Enchanted Lantern ----- Robert Lorenz III
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Membership:

December 2015 –	400
Deceased	4
Suspensions	34
Initiations	5
October 16, 2016	367

Monarch's Message – Robert Lorenz III

Happy fall season. Now, that the weather has turned cooler it is time to have some fall fun at the Grotto.

We have just finished hosting the Fall Meeting of the Pennsylvania Grotto Association and fun was had by all who attended. Congrats to the new officers and hope their year goes well. Grand Monarch Mark McCombs and Lady Joan were with us for this weekend. I was elected the new 3rd Vice President for the association. Their April meeting will be held in Gettysburg, so make plans to come join in on the fun.

We will be holding the fall class on October 22nd which is a Saturday. Plan on being there for fellowship and to meet the new prophets as they come in to the grotto.

*This is the last call for anyone who wants to run for a line office. Your letter **MUST** be in by this meeting. Nominations will be held on November 17th at the stated meeting. Elections will happen at our stated meeting in December. You must be there to have your vote count.*

*November 19th is the MONARCHS Ball. Cut off is November 12th. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Come out and enjoy a evening of fellowship and dancing. **NO** reservation will be taken after the 12th of November.*

The Christmas party is being planned so look for more info to follow.

Until next time. May you have love, laughter and good cheer.

Yours in Grotto fellowship,

Bobby Lorenz III

Secretary's Message:

Well, here we are the last Islamite for this year. I cannot believe nominations and elections for officers is coming up.

Tammy and I had a wonderful time at the Pennsylvania Grotto Association. Next trip will be to Connecticut for the New England Grotto Association.

Still Missing Prophets: If you know of a new address for the following Prophets please let me know: Edward Switalski Jr., Robert Balent, Ray Long, Cecil Donahue and Charles Lang.

We are down to 23 members who have not paid the 2016 dues. The Dues Notices for 2017 will be out sometime in November. The dues have increased by \$5.00 because of the increase we pay to Supreme Council. Please pay your dues in a timely.

Safe travels and Happy Holidays to all,

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary

Positions need filled for Three Year Purple Trustee and Orator. If anyone is interested, please submit your Letter of Intent to the office.

***** 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 17, 2016 at 7:30 PM – Nomination of Officers

Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7:30 PM – Election of Officers

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

Schedule of Events for 2016 / 2017

October

20 - Stated Meeting
22 - Fall Ceremonial
28 - Prophets Night
29 - Masonic One Day Class

November

14 - Association Meeting
17 - Stated Meeting - Nominations
19 - Monarchs Ball
25 - Prophets Night

December

12 - Association Meeting
15 - Stated Meeting - Elections
17 - Children's Christmas Party

January

14 - Installation of Officers
16 - Association Meeting
19 - Stated Meeting
27 - Prophets Night

February

13 - Association Meeting
16 - Stated Meeting

March

03 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
04 - Tartan Ball at Ereppa Grotto
10 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
13 - Association Meeting
16 - Stated Meeting
17 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
24 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
31 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room -
Replaces Prophets Night

April

07 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
08 - Childrens Eater Party
14 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
17 - Association Meeting
20 - Stated Meeting

Fall Ceremonial October 22, 2016:

Get those petitions to the Secretary. If you need one or more blank petitions, please contact the Secretary.

Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

1977 Richard Hoff	2003 Edward Foster
1979 Arthur Smaltz	2004 Max Pokorski
1983 John Clark	2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.
1985 Tommy Lee	2006 Lenny Kolodziek
1991 Jim Deller	2007 Michael Tomascin
1995 Ray Rietzel	2009 William Woods
1996 Ted Colcombe	2010 Ron Davidson
1999 Eugene Martucci	2011 Joe Platts
2000 Robert Metsger *	2012 Ron Troy
2001 James Metsger	2013/2014 David Rasch
2002 Richard Roell	2015 George Gittins

Suspend *

ISLAM GROTTTO
MONARCH'S BALL

DATE; NOVEMBER 19,2016

WHERE; GREATER PITTSBURGH MASONIC CENTER
3579 MASONIC WAY, PITTSBURGH, PA.

TIME; DOOR'S OPEN AT 5:00PM, DINNER AT 6:00PM.
DANCING AFTER DINNER.

COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON

YOU CAN MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION WITH HAMPTON INN 4575 MCKNIGHT
ROAD, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15237 FOR A SPECIAL OF \$114.00 + TAX, USE ISLAM
GROTTTO NAME WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ISLAM GROTTTO AND MAIL TO:
THERESA LORENZ 1337 DIANA STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15212. BEFORE
NOVEMBER 12,2016.

NAME: _____

GROTTTO: _____ OFFICE: _____

MONARCHS DINNER: \$30.00 X _____ = \$ _____