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Richard Hopkins -----Marshal	Nick Holt ----- Sentinel
George W. Dering -----Captain of the Guard	Richard Phillips-----Steward
John R. Clark, PM.-----Chaplain	All Past Monarchs----- Advisors

Trustees

Purple Tassels

Robert Lorenz Jr. PM 2018
 William Woods PM 2019
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Red Tassels

Richard Phillips 2019
 Jim LaSalle 2020

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

Committees 2018:

Membership ----- Robert Lorenz III PM	Enchanted Lantern ----- Robert Lorenz III PM
Suspension -----Todd Michael Bradley	Dr. of Smiles ----- Robert Lorenz Jr., PM
Special Olympics ----- Robert Lorenz Jr., PM	Director Ceremonial Crew John R. Clark, PM
Rep to MFS ----- George Gittins PM	Alt Rep to MFS-----Ronald Davidson PM

Monarch's Message – Jeramey Wieloch

To the Prophets and Ladies,

This being my last message as you Monarch, I hope you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I was honored by being your Monarch for the year of 2016. I hope you had some fun. We tried some new things that worked and others not so well. But at least we can say we tried.

A thank you to all who came to the events and supported the Grotto. I am grateful for all who helped worked the events and added to the fun and fellowship. To the Silent Ones, again THANK YOU. Without you ladies, I am not sure if somethings would have gotten done. Congrats on reaching your goal of the Fair Child fund. I know you ladies worked hard for it.

On December 10th, was the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. To all of you came out on the very cold morning to work or plunge a big THANK YOU. This is one of two events that our Grotto does for our special children. It would be great if more of our prophets would get be there to see the smile on the faces of these children, it is priceless. This is what we as prophets are all about.

To my line officers and committee's , thank you for all our hard work and help even on the last minute phone calls. I hope the newly elected line will support Jeramey as well as you did for me. To Jeramey, congrats it was a honor having you as my Chief Justice. I know the Grotto is in good hands, enjoy your year it goes faster than you think.

To my parents, thank you for your support as always. I know the work and time that both of you put into my year. I love you both.

In closing, I would like to say to all the Prophets. This is YOUR Grotto, you are the one that can make the Grotto a great place for fun and fellowship. You are the biggest part of it in every way, from new members, to prophets night and the events that are planned. Without you the Grotto can't go forward.

Again, thank you for the honor as serving as you Monarch for 2016. God bless each and every one of you.

**Bobby Lorenz, III
(Jr., Past Monarch)**

Monarch Elect Message – Conrad Wieloch Jr.

As the year comes to and end and starts a new, the caregivers to the Grotto follow suit. The one thing that will always stay constant, is the reason in which we don our Fez in this Realm that is life. Every child that we help, every smile that we create, and every selfless deed is a step in the right direction towards becoming better men, in the name of sympathy and good fellowship.

I would like to thank Prophet PM Robert J Lorenze III for his contribution to this mission. The Grotto is growing and he left Islam in good health for his predecessor's to carry into the future. Our history is an incredible one, and so will legacy that we leave behind over the next 100 years. The footsteps will be hard to follow, but I am eager to meet and exceed all expectations with the help from the entire body. This is everyone's Grotto, shape it to make it your own and put your touch on it.

Officer's Installation

January 14 2017

3pm-10pm at the Masonic Center

Fish Fry

Every Friday in lent

5pm-7pm at the Masonic Center

Secretary's Message:

Congratulations go out to the newly elected officers for 2018. I want to thank everyone for letting me serve you as your secretary for another year.

The 2018 dues statements have been sent out. Please pay in a timely manner.

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 and Cecil Donahue.

Safe travels and Happy Holidays to all,

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary

******* Stated Meeting Notice for January and February *******

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, January 18, 2018 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:30 PM

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

December

29 - Prophets Night???

January 2018

18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
18 - Stated Meeting
19 - Rehearsal for Installation 7:00pm -
Grotto Room and Auditorium
20 - Installation of Officers 3:00om -
Auditorium and Banquet Room

February

15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
15 - Stated Meeting
16 - Fish Dinner
23 - Fish Dinner
24 - Oldies Dance

March

02 - Fish Dinner
09 - Fish Dinner
15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
15 - Stated Meeting
16 - Fish Dinner
23 - Fish Dinner
24 - Childrens Easter Party
30 - Fish Dinner

April

14 - Spring Ceremonial
19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
19 - Stated Meeting

Fellowship Breakfast at the GPMC. Last Saturday of the month (Except December) 9:00am to 10:30am. Cost is \$6.00 for a buffet breakfast. Served by the Ohio Valley Rainbow Girls and Pittsburgh Demolay. Even though this is not a Grotto event please come out and support our youth.

Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

1977 Richard Hoff	2004 Max Pokorski
1979 Arthur Smaltz	2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.
1983 John Clark	2006 Lenny Kolodziek
1985 Tommy Lee *	2007 Michael Tomascin
1991 Jim Deller	2009 William Woods
1995 Ray Rietzel	2010 Ron Davidson
1996 Ted Colcombe	2011 Joe Platts
1999 Eugene Martucci	2012 Ron Troy
2000 Robert Metsger *	2013/2014 David Rasch
2001 James Metsger *	2015 George Gittins
2002 Richard Roell	2016 Robert Lorenz III
2003 Edward Foster	2017 Jeramey Wieloch

Suspended *