

ISLAMITE

Vol. MMXVII-II

July / August 2017

The Islamite - The official publication of Islam Grotto of Pittsburgh, Pa. is published Bi-Monthly.

Office located at 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237

Supreme Council MOVPER 430 Beecher Rd. Gahanna OH 43230 – Phone 614-933-9193

Islam Grotto E-Mail Address mjttjt@comcast.net

Grotto Websites – Islam = www.pittsburghgrotto.com Supreme Council = www.scgrotto.org

Officers

	Phone Numbers / Email Address
Jeramey Wieloch ----- Monarch	412-580-5211 - perry5507@gmail.com
Conrad Wieloch Jr.----- Chief Justice	412-323-2655 - cjwjr@verizon.net
Edward Hanke -----Master of Ceremonies	412-788-4994 - Hanke42@hotmail.com
Robert Lingenfelser-----Treasurer	412-496-7747 - boblingenfelser@yahoo.com
Michael Tomascin, PM-----Secretary	412-276-3938 - mjttjt@comcast.net
Michael Karkalla -----Venerable Prophet	412-877-5626 - gunsmithsweetwater@pghmail.com
Bryan Scott Allen-----Orator	412-853-5792 - hooch86_3@msn.com

Appointed Officers 2017

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

Raymond J. Rietzel, P.M. Chairman 2017
Robert J. Lorenz, Jr. P.M. 2018
William Woods P.M. 2019

Red Tassels

Jim LaSalle 2017
Tom Nowicki. 2018

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

Committees 2017:

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

As we roll into the summer and reach the mid-point of the year, the Grotto gets to break into its summer activities! Remember, even though we aren't meeting for the months of July and August, we still highly encourage all Prophets to come out and join in on the fellowship the last Friday of those two months for Prophets Night.

I am extremely proud of the officers, past monarchs, and red tassels of Islam Grotto for the amazing showing that we had in Toledo for the 127th Annual Supreme Session. The support for PM SCDD Robert Lorenz Jr in his campaign for Grand Captain of the Guard was incredibly moving. Although the result in which we wanted was not attained, we still fully support Bob, his entire family, and his future endeavors. Congratulations to Michael Tomascin PM who was installed as Grand Orator. Special thanks to Robert Lorenz III for taking first place with the Grotto webpage and congrats to my father Chief Justice Conrad Wieloch Jr finally beating me in the balloon making contest and taking first place, leaving me in second.

Be on the watch for our \$1000 cash raffle tickets that are now available for purchase, and stay posted on an upcoming Grotto picnic at a local park.

Lastly, while everyone this year has stepped up when called upon and worked tirelessly on their charge, I would like to highlight one prophet in particular. Richard Hopkins has gone above and beyond this year, especially recently, to help in any way that he can. He is a crucial part of this organization and we would be worse for not having him on our side. So thank you again Rich, your time is greatly appreciated.

Jeramey Wieloch Monarch

Secretary's Message:

While writing this article Tammy and I have returned from the Supreme Council Convention in Perrysburg, Ohio. What a wonderful time we had and where I was elected and installed as Grand Orator. Thanks to everyone for the continued support.

Some of you are now getting hard copies of the Islamite instead of email. The reason for this is when Verizon removed the email service the emails that are ending in VERIZON.NET, ZOOMINTERNET.COM and ZBZOOM.NET are being returned to me as permanent errors. If you have a new email address please send it to me.

If you have paid your dues for 2017 "THANK YOU". If not please pay as soon as possible. If you are having problems paying your dues let me know. There are 43 Prophets who have not paid dues.

Still Missing Prophets: If you know of a new address for the following Prophets please let me know: Edward Switalski Jr. and Robert Balent

*Have a Safe, Healthy and Happy Summer and will see you around the Realm,
Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary*

***** No Stated Meetings in July and August *****

There are other events throughout the summer so please come out and support your Grotto. Other events of Islam Grotto will be held in the Islam Grotto Room at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh Pa. 15237

Our next Ceremonial is September 9, 2017 so get petitions to the secretary so that we can grow our Grotto. This day will be combined with the Ceremonial starting at 3:00pm then followed by the Night at the Races. Come out and enjoy the afternoon and evening with your fellow Prophets and meet the new Prophets we will initiate.

Schedule of Events for 2017

June

30 - Prophets Night

July

02 - Fourth of July Picnic
22 - GPMC All Masonic Bodies Picnic
28 - Prophets Night

August

04 - Masonic Day Kennywood
17-19 - OGA Annual Session
Perrysburg, Ohio
25 - Prophets Night

September

9 - Fall Ceremonial /
Night at the Races
21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
21 - Stated Meeting
23 - Masonic One Day Class
29 - Prophets Night

October

19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
19 - Stated Meeting
21 - Monarchs Ball
20-22 - PGA / Colonail Annual Session
Seven Springs Resort
27 - Prophets Night

November

16 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
16 - Stated Meeting
24 - Prophets Night

December

16 - Children's Christmas Party
21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
21 - Stated Meeting
29 - Prophets Night???

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	

Suspend *