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## Monarch's Message

*The year is well in its way and we're off to a great start! The installation went off without a hitch and it couldn't have been a nicer event. I would like to thank all of the people who attended as well as all of the prophets who helped make the night a great one to remember.*

*This year we want to make the Grotto feel like home and the members feel like family. "Grotto's Vineyards" is our theme for the year and what better way to socialize with family then over a great meal and a glass of wine? The "Grotto's Vineyards" fountain, hand crafted by the Monarch, will travel with us this year wherever we go and will be raffled off in January of next year but tickets will be for sale throughout the year for \$5 per ticket.*

*Coming up in March are our annual fish fries! Come out for a fish dinner with compliments of mac and cheese, cole slaw, and desert. We will be there every Friday durin lent, so bring your families and friends out for a great meal with great people. Also, March 31st is the prophets night, the last Friday in March, and we will be giving any prophet who shows up 1 free dinner.*

*I would like to thank all of the people who are working to put these things together for us and ensuring a smooth and productive year. Again, this is your Grotto, leave your mark!*

*Jeramey Wieloch Monarch*

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## Secretary's Message:

*Tammy and I are continuing to travel around the realm as your Grand Marshal of the Grottoes of North America. We have travelled recently to several installations including, Islam, Ben Bey, Khana Shahar, Amrou and Ali Baba. We just got back from the Ohio Grotto Association Zone Conference. We are still having fun traveling and have many trips planned in the future.*

The 2017 dues statements have been sent out. If you have paid your dues "THANK YOU". If not please pay as soon as possible. If you are having problems paying your dues let me know. There are 60 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., Robert Balent, Ray Long and Cecil Donahue.*

*Safe travels to all and see you around the Realm,*

*Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary*

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\*\*\*\*\* Stated Meeting Notice for March and April \*\*\*\*\*

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, March 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:30 PM

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

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## Schedule of Events for 2017

### February

24 - Prophets Night

### March

03 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room  
04 - Tartan Ball at Erepa Grotto  
10 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room  
16 - Association Meeting 7:00pm  
16 - Stated Meeting  
17 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room  
24 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room  
25 - Shrine Stag - Syria Shrine Center  
31 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room -  
Replaces Prophets Night

### April

07 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room  
08 - Childrens Easter Party  
09 - Scottish Rite  
Story of the Crucifixion  
14 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room  
20 - Association Meeting 7:00pm  
20 - Stated Meeting  
21-23 - Central States Grotto Assoc.  
Pieoria, Illinois  
21-23 - PGA, CGA and ESGA -  
Gettysburg, Pa.

### May

18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm  
18 - Stated Meeting  
20 - Spring Ceremonial /  
Night at the Races

### June

15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm  
15 - Stated Meeting  
17-25 - Supreme Council Convention -  
Perrysburg, Ohio

### July

02 - Fourth of July Picnic

## 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 \*

Get those petitions into the secretary. We need 20 new members this year and 2 reinstatements to get the Supreme Council prize of \$150.00 for your Grotto. The contest runs from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. So far, we have 14 new members and the officers are working on calling the suspended Prophets to be reinstated,