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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

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

Red Tassels

Jim LaSalle 2017
George Dering. 2017

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
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Monarch's Message

My year is coming to an end as Monarch of Islam Grotto. I am extremely happy to have served all of you in the realm at this capacity and will remain as involved as ever throughout the coming years.

I regrettably have to apologize for the Monarchs Ball being cancelled as it is a great way to cap off a Monarchs year to show his appreciation for all who have helped him.

The officers of the Grotto banded together this year to aid in any way possible, so a HUGE Thank You to them.

The Kitchen Team is instrumental every for our fish fries, Tom Nowicki, Jim LaSalle, Richard Phillips and Ron Davidson PM, the event would never happen without all of you, Thank You!

We had one man that we called on more often then we should have last minute for help around the Grotto, but he was happy to do it, Richard Hopkins, Thank You.

I owe a large Thank You to the man that has helped me through the Grotto since day one, Michael Tomascin PM Grand Orator, Thank You Brother and Prophet!

Last, but not least my support, the person that I lean on, my fiancé Lady Val, this year would not have been possible without you.

Don't forget about the Christmas Party coming on December 16, 2017.

Also, come out and support the next Monarch of Islam Grotto, my father Conrad J, Wieloch Jr. on January 20, 2018.

As always, this is your Grotto, make it your own.

Jeramey Wieloch - Monarch

Secretary's Message:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Now that I got your attention I cannot believe this is the last Islamite for the year.

I will be sending out the dues notice for 2018. If you are having problems paying your dues let me know.

I am still travelling as your Grand Orator. By the time you read this Tammy and I have travelled to Columbia Missouri for the Mid West Grotto Association on September 27 through October 2 and Pennsylvania Grotto Association / Colonial Grotto Association in Seven Springs Pa on October 20 – 22. For the rest of the year our travel schedule so far is; First weekend in November will be the Supreme Council BOG meeting in Indianapolis Indiana. There are also several Installation of Officers around the realm starting in December which I will be attending. Remember we have our own events at our Grotto which I will also be attending. See the schedule of events and flyer and try to make each one.

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 and Happy Holiday Season,

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary

***** 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 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:30 PM

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

Schedule of Events for 2017 / 2018

October

20-22 - PGA / Colonial Annual Session
Seven Springs Resort
27 - Prophets Night

November

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

December

16 - Children's Christmas Party
21 - Election of Officers 6:00pm
21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
21 - Stated Meeting
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 3:00pm -
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.

Note: The nomination of officers will be held in November this year with the election happening in December. If you are interested in the position of Orator, Three Year Purple Tassel Trustee, Two and Three Year Red Tassel Trustee please bring your letter of intent to the stated meeting in September or October. If you need further details about these positions please contact of the officers.

<p>The Installation of Officers for 2018 will happen on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Further details to follow but please put it on your calendar.</p>
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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	
Suspended *	