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Richard HopkinsMarshal	Jeramey Wieloch PM Sentinel
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John R. Clark, PMChaplain	All Past Monarchs Advisors

Trustees

Purple Tassels

Robert Lorenz Jr. PM 2018 William Woods PM 2019 Ron Davidson PM 2020 Red Tassels Richard Phillips 2019 Jim LaSalle 2020

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

Committees 2018:

Membership	Ron Davidson PM
Suspension	Richard Hopkins
Special Olympics	Robert Lorenz Jr., PM
Rep to MFS	George Gittins PM

Enchanted Lantern ----- Jeramey Wieloch PM Dr. of Smiles ----- Robert Lorenz Jr., PM Director Ceremonial Crew John R. Clark, PM Alt Rep to MFS------ Jeramey Wieloch PM

Monarch's Message – Jeramey Wieloch

This year has come to a close and I am VERY humbled by the support that I received over my term as the Monarch of your Grotto!!! My officers stepped up to the plate every time that I called upon them. We had a few unexpected red tassels come out of the wood work to help leave their mark on this amazing organization. The trustees had my best interest throughout my year. We have grown as a family and none of it could have been possible without all of the help that I received. My last thank you, and certainly my largest, goes to one of the most important and special people in my like, my fiancé Lady Val. She's been by my side every step of the way and even took my place as the Wo-Monarch whenever I was unable to fulfill my role at various events.

My last remarks are to wish my successor an incredible year. I know that he will do very well and has the support of the entire Grotto. I know him better then most, my father Conrad J. Wieloch Jr. He's has mine and Vals full support with whatever he needs! As always, this is YOUR Grotto!!! Get out in full force and keep the family growing!

Jeramey Wieloch (Jr., Past Monarch)

Monarch Elect Message – Conrad Wieloch Jr.

Hello Brothers,

After five short years, it's time for me to become your new Monarch for 2018. We have to say. "See ya later" to my son, Jeramey R. Wieloch. (kicking him to the curb) 2017 went fast!

I would like to take the time and thank Ted Bergfelt and Santa Paul for their time. The entertainment for the kids was very much appreciated and enjoyable. I, also, would like to thank the 11 Grotto members who took time out of their busy schedules to help make our Christmas Party a success. It was great to see you all there.

I hope that I can count on you this year for all the events. (Fish Fries) At one of the Prophets Nights we will have a chili cook off. So, dig out your pots and get your recipes out and get cooking!

My installation is on January 20, 2018, and we will be entertaining three Grand Line Members; including our very own Mike T. and Lady Tammy.

On February 24, 2018 the Polar Plunge in the morning. Details to follow.

I would like to congratulate all officers and trustees on the recent election. Let's make this a very good year. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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. Congratulations to our outgoing Monarch Jeramey Wieloch PM. It was a pleasure serving you during your year. I am looking forward to working with the new officers for 2018.

Tammy and I continue our travels throughout the Realm. It is that time for installations. We travelled to Khana Shahar and Singara Grottoes in December. In January we will be travelling to Yusef Khan, Aut Mori, Our own Islam and Ali Baba Grottoes. In February we will travel to Cincinnati for the OGA Zone Conference. We never forget about our own Grotto and will be at the several events on the calendar for Islam Grotto.

The 2018 dues statements have been sent out. Please pay in a timely manner. If you have already paid Thank You.

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

Safe travels and a Healthy and Happy New Year 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.

Schedule of Events for 2017 / 2018

24 - Pittsburgh Plunge -Special Olympics

December 2017	
29 - Prophets Night	March
1 5	02 - Fish Dinner
January 2018	09 - Fish Dinner
12 - Rehearsal for Installation	15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
Officers Only	15 - Stated Meeting
18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm	16 - Fish Dinner
18 - Stated Meeting	23 - Fish Dinner
19 - Rehearsal for Installation 7:00pm -	24 - Childrens Easter Party
Grotto Room and Auditorium	30 - Fish Dinner
20 - Installation of Officers 3:00om -	
Auditorium and Banquet Room	April
_	07 - Spring Ceremonial
February	13-15 PGA Convention - Gettysburg, Pa
2-3 OGA Zone Conference - Cincinnati, OH	19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm	19 - Stated Meeting
15 - Stated Meeting	
16 - Fish Dinner	
23 - Fish Dinner	

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	<i>2011 Joe Platts</i>
<i>1999 Eugene Martucci</i>	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 *	
Demitted **	