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Monarch's Message – Conrad Wieloch Jr.

Thank You:

I would like to thank Mike & Lady Jan Hosler, Dave and Lady Kelly Korb, and our very own Mike and Lady Tammy Tomascin for coming to my Installation.

I, also, would like to thank Bobby Lorenz, III PM, and Dave Rasch PM for donating their time at my Installation. Your time was much appreciated.

Thanks to Lady Tammy Tomascin for singing the “Lord’s Prayer” and she did a great job!

My wife, Lady Noreen, would like to thank Lady Valerie for passing on the Grotto Pin and letter which was started by Lady Theresa Lorenze, and she will wear it proudly.

Last but not least, thank you to all who attended, and hope you all had a good time...I sure did.

Prophets it's a new year and new ideas. So if you have a new idea, I would like to hear it. I have a few already, but I would like more, so bring it!

Our fish fries are starting soon. If you have time, please stop and help. If not, stop by and have dinner with us. We need your support.

We are having a Chili cook off! When you ask...April 27, 2018 Prophets Night at the Grotto. So cook your best pot of chili and share it with your brothers! Prizes will be awarded.

On May 12, 2018 we will be having a Mother's Day Luncheon. Which include Grand Mother's, Mother's, Daughter's & Grand Daughters. This will be held at the Grotto. The menu will be stuffed chicken breast wrapped in bacon, red potatoes, green beans, tossed salad and dessert. Cost per person is \$15.00. Please make reservation at 412-323-2655, which is the home of Conrad Wieloch, Jr.. The cutoff date for reservation is May 5, 2018.

Thank you,

God Bless

Conrad J. Wieloch Jr.

Monarch. Islam Grotto

******* Stated Meeting Notice for March and April 2018 *******

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 15, 2018 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:30 PM

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

Secretary's Message:

Our Ceremonial is coming up on April 7, 2018. We started 2017 with a membership of 376. We had 17 deaths since January 2017 until the printing of this Islamite, 5 members that no longer wanted to be members of our Grotto, and 3 new Prophets. This leaves us with a current membership of 357. I wanted to show you the status of your Grotto and to tell you we need new petitions. If you need a petition, please contact me through the phone or email. Our goal for this year should be to be above 400 members. Get your completed petitions to the secretary or you can bring them the day of the ceremonial. Lets make this one of our biggest classes ever.

Tammy and I continue our travels throughout the Realm. We are having fun in our travels. It is always good to see old friends and meet new ones. 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 will see you around the realm,

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary

The Islam Grotto
Annual Lenton Fish Frys

Every Friday during lent beginning February 16th from 5-7pm
At the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic

Deep Fried or Broiled Icelandic Cod Sandwich
Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Stewed Tomatoes, Dessert
Coffee, Soft Drinks, Camels Milk & Fellowship

For just

\$10

(tickets at the door)

Have a great meal. Support your Grotto. See your friends.

Schedule of Events for 2018

February

- 15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 15 - Stated Meeting
- 16 - Fish Dinner
- 23 - Fish Dinner
- 24 - Pittsburgh Plunge -
Special Olympics
- 28 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm

March

- 02 - Fish Dinner
- 09 - Fish Dinner
- 15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 15 - Stated Meeting - cooking Ed Hanke
- 16 - Fish Dinner
- 23 - Fish Dinner
- 24 - Childrens Easter Party
- 28 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 30 - Fish Dinner

April

- 07 - Spring Ceremonial - Lunch at
12:00noon and ceremonial to follow
- 13-15 PGA Convention - Gettysburg, Pa
- 19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 19 - Stated Meeting -
cooking Mike Karkalla
- 25 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 27 - Prophets Night - Chili Cookoff
- 27-28 OGA Zone - Zainesville, OH
- 28 - Tartan Ball - Erepa Grotto

May

- 05 - Special Olympics
Baldwin Whitehall HS
- 12 - Mothers Day Dinner - Banquet Room
11:00am - 1:00pm
- 17 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 17 - Stated Meeting - cooking Scott Allen
- 19 - Bingo (Ladies of the Grotto)
- 25 - Prophets Night -
cooking Conrad Wieloch III
- 30 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm

June

- 10 - 17 - Supreme Council Convention
Indianapolis Indianan
- 21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 21 - Stated Meeting -
cooking Rich Hopkins
- 28 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 29 - Prophets Night -
cooking Jeramey Wieloch PM

July

- 1 - July 4 Picnic - 5:00pm - ???
- 25 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm - 9pm
- 27 - Prophets Night -
Cooking Past Monarchs

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	2012 Ron Troy
1999 Eugene Martucci	2013/2014 David Rasch
2000 Robert Metsger *	2015 George Gittins
2001 James Metsger *	2016 Robert Lorenz III
2002 Richard Roell	2017 Jeramey Wieloch
2003 Edward Foster	

Suspended *

Demitted **