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Monarch's Message - Conrad Wieloch Jr.

Hello Prophets:

Our fish fries are growing because of all your help, so I am giving a big THANK YOU! This was our biggest profit yet. A special thanks to our Grotto Ladies for all their hard work. It did not go un-noticed and was greatly appreciated. Our compliments to our kitchen crew! We received many compliments on our food. So again...THANK YOU!

Our Easter Party went off good...thanks to the members who gave their time graciously. Also, our Grotto Ladies, <u>again!</u>

We had our first Spring Ceremonial in almost three years. It was a good event and hope to see more next time. I would like to thank the stage crew. Some of you left before I could personally thank you. Bob Ruff, Bill McNeal, Berry Lipson, Bill Wyke, Mike Tomascin. Thank You guys very much.

Don't forget our Chili Cook Off – Profits Night on April 27, 2018. Bring your best slow cooker receipt. There will be a First Place winner and a Second Place winner! Let the competition begin!

Reminder – On May 12, 2018 we are having a Mother's Day Luncheon! The cost is \$15.00 person. Please make reservation at 412-323-2655, which is the home Conrad Wieloch, Jr. The cutoff date for reservation is May 5, 2018.

May 19, 2018 is Bingo night sponsored by the Grotto Ladies. Come on out and enjoy the fun, and support our ladies, and show them some love!. For more information call Lady Theresa Lorenz at 412-321-7195.

Stated Meeting and Profhets Night cooking scheduled is as follows:

- 1. Rich Hopkins May 17, 2018
- 2. Conrad Wieloch III May 25, 2018
- 3. Scott Allen June 21, 2018
- 4. Jeramey Wieloch PM June 29, 2018

Supreme Council Convention is June 10-17, 2018. Our very own Bob Lorenz Jr. PM is running for Grand Captain of the Guard. We wish him lots of luck and love.

Prophets, if you want to run for office, it is not too early to start thinking about it!

I would like to thank all of you who help and are always there when I need you and call. THANK YOU!

God Bless Conrad J. Wieloch Jr. Monarch, Islam Grotto

****** Stated Meeting Notice for May and June 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, May 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:30 PM

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

Secretary's Message:

I want to Thank Everyone that participated in our Ceremonial on April 7, 2018. We initiated three new Prophets. A Special Thank You to our Monarch Conrad Wieloch Jr. for supplying the food (homemade sweet sausage, potato salad, beans and cupcakes). If you missed it what a good time we had. We will have another ceremonial on October 13, 2018.

If you have any Islam Grotto item's you would like to donate back to the Grotto contact me.. If anyone knows of a Charitable Organization that could use the working TV let me know. I would like to purchase a locking display case to put it where the TV was. The display case would be used to house our Grotto history and new Grotto Items for sale including: fez cases, fez stiffeners and shirts.

Tammy and I continue our travels throughout the Realm. Again, 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

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 2007 Michael Tomascin 1985 Tommy Lee ** 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 **

Schedule of Events for 2018

April

- 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

- 12 Special Olympics
 Baldwin Whitehall HS
- 12 Mother's Day Dinner Banquet Room 11:00am - 1:00pm
- 17 Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 17 Stated Meeting cooking Rich Hopkins
- 19 Bingo Fund Raiser
- 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 Scott Allen
- 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

August

- 23-25 OGA Convention Pittsburgh
- 29 Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm 9pm
- 31 Prophets Night cooking Red Tassels

September

- 20 Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 20 Stated Meeting cooking Ed Hanke
- 26 Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm 9pm
- 28 Prophets Night cooking Soup Cook Off

October

- 6 Fall Ceremonial Grotto Room and Auditorium
- 12-14 PGA Convention Harrisburg
- 18 Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 18 Stated Meeting cooking Conrad Wieloch III
- 26 Prophets Night cooking Bob Lorenz Jr. PM
- 27 Halloween Party Banquet Room 6:30pm ?????
- 31 Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm 9pm

November

- 10- Monarchs Ball Banquet Room 5:00pm ????
- 15 Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 15 Stated Meeting cooking Scott Allen
- 28 Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm 9pm
- 30 Prophets Night cooking Past Monarch

December

- 15 Children's Christmas Party -Ball Room - 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- 20 Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 20 Stated Meeting cooking Conrad Wieloch Jr.
- 26 Grotto Ladies Meeting 6pm 9pm
- 28 No Prophets Night Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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: No breakfast April 28, 2018.