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Robert Lorenz Jr. PM 2018  
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**Monarch's Message – Conrad Wieloch Jr.**

**Hello Prophets:**

Summer is winding down. Hope you all had a great summer with family and friends. Did you eat too many hamburger and hotdogs? I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fourth of July picnic. It went great! We could not do it without all your help. Also, I would like to thank Bill Woods for spinning the records in the hot sun and Mike Karkalla for all your hard work.

Don't forget Prophets Night September 28, 2018, which is our SOUP COOK OFF. Prizes will be awarded. So, bring you best pot of soup!

Our Fall Ceremonial is October 6, 2018. Please try to attend.

We are having a Monarch's Oldies Dance (Monarch Ball) on November 10, 2018. Casual dress or your best 50's, 60's or 70's attire. Prizes will be given.

Cooking the meal for September 20, 2018 meeting night is Mike Karkalla. September 28, 2018 Prophets night is the Soup Cook Off. For the October 18, 2018 meeting night is Conrad J. Wieloch III. October 26, 2018 Prophets night is Robert Lorenz Jr. PM.

Thank You and God Bless

Conrad J. Wieloch Jr. - Monarch. Islam Grotto

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**Secretary's Message:**

I cannot believe we are about to get back to labor and hope everyone had a Safe and Enjoyable Summer.

Tammy and I are continuing to be busy with our travels as Grand Venerable Prophet. We will be attending the Michigan Western Ontario Grotto Association in Michigan from August 17-19, the Ohio Grotto Association Convention in Pittsburgh from August 23-26, Empire State Grotto Association in Buffalo NY from September 20-23, Pennsylvania / Colonial Grotto Association in Harrisburg from October 12-14 and the Board of Governors in Branson Mo from November 1-4. Remember we have our own events at our Grotto. See the schedule of events and flyer and try to make each one.

We will have nomination of officers at our November Stated Meeting. We need a Master of Ceremonies and Orator.

I have also included in the Islamite a copy of the petition. When printing please use landscape so that it prints bigger. Talk up the Grotto and get those petitions to the secretary.

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

Safe travels and will see you around the realm,

Michael J. Tomascin PM - Secretary

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\*\*\*\*\* Stated Meeting Notice for September and October 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, September 20, 2018 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:30 PM

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

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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	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 \*\*

Leroy's Boys

"LeRoy's Boys" is a financial giving opportunity named in honor of our Founder LeRoy Fairchild. It was born during the 128th Supreme Council Session in Indianapolis. After hearing the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Trustees, it was clear that the Supreme Council is relying more and more upon the invested funds to cover the shortfall in our annual budget. Ernest Sparks, the Monarch of Zaman Grotto, donated one hundred dollars to augment the Supreme Council's invested funds. Other Prophets soon began to do the same. The effort was named "LeRoy's Boys." At the conclusion of the weekend, 185 Prophets had donated or pledged to the fund. The opportunity to contribute is being extended to all who wish to donate. It is open to Prophets, Grottoes, Family, Friends, and other interested parties. The funds collected will be invested by our Grand Trustees and only the earnings will be used to help offset the operating costs of the Supreme Council. In return for your gift of \$100 or more, you will receive a certificate of appreciation and your name will be published in the Grotto Magazine. Notes: The donation is not tax deductible and you can donate through the Supreme Council website ([www.scgrotto.org](http://www.scgrotto.org)).

History of Grotto Part 2:

On June 13, 1890, the Supreme Council of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm was founded. Since then it has brought merriment and GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Mark Your Calendars:

October 6 is our ceremonial. Get those petitions to the secretary so that we can continue to grow our Grotto and remain the largest Grotto in the Realm.

November 17 is our Grotto Holiday / Beer Bingo. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm and bingo starts at 7:00pm. The flyer will be in the next Islamite,

## Schedule of Events for 2018 / 2019

### August

23-25 OGA Convention - Pittsburgh  
29 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 7pm - 9pm  
31 - Prophets Night -  
cooking Red Tassels

### September

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

### October

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

### November

10- Monarchs Ball / Oldies Dance -  
Banquet Room - 6:00pm - ????  
15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm  
15 - Stated Meeting -  
Nomination of Officers  
cooking Scott Allen  
17 - Ladies Bingo  
28 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 7pm - 9pm  
30 - Prophets Night -  
cooking Past Monarchs

### December

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

### January 2019

17 - Association Meeting 7:00pm  
17 - Stated Meeting -  
cooking ??????????????????  
18 - Rehearsal for Installation  
Grotto Room and Auditorium  
19 - Installation of Officers  
Ball Room and Auditorium  
25 - Prophets Night -  
Cooking ??????????????????  
30 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 7pm - 9pm

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.

### Message from Robert Lorenz Jr. Grand Captain of the Guard

Officers, Prophets and Ladies,

I would like to take this time to say a big "Thank You" for all your time, help and support this past year. Being elected Grand Captain of the Guard is a honor, and it is my honor to serve you. Without your support it would not have happened.

In the next few months Lady Theresa and I will be traveling to the following Association meetings, Michigan Western Ontario, Ohio Grotto Association here in Pittsburgh, Empire State Grotto Association in Buffalo then on to Pennsylvania Grotto Association in October. Come on out and support the Associations and have some great Grotto fellowship.

Again, Thank You for all you do and support. It is now "Show time for our Grotto".

Yours in Grotto Fellowship,

Robert Lorenz Jr, P.M.  
Grand Captain of the Guard