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**Monarch – Michael Karkalla**

Prophets looks like spring is finally in the air. As we all welcome the return of warmer weather and the bright sun this only means one thing? Increased activity in our daily lives. I know I'm finally ready for the shorts and flip flops season. With all the hectic activities and other Masonic group functions please don't forget Grotto. Find time to enjoy fellowship with you brothers. If you haven't been to a Grotto meeting or Prophets Night in some time, we would love to see you!!!

Let's get to some fun stuff. The National grotto Day event at Islam Grotto was a YUUUUGE Success. Nine new prophets joined the realm. And we're nt done yet. So, keep those petitions coming in. We teamed up with Aut-Mori Grotto, Alli Baba Grotto & Kismet Grotto for a Luncheon, Ceremonial and fellowship fun filled day. With over sixty five prophets in attendance. Thank you to those brethren for making the journey to celebrate our new prophets. The Cast, stage crew & officers did a great job. Big shout out to all involved.

We have some great events coming up in the next few months. Mother's Day Lunch, "Silent Ones Bingo" so Look over our yearly calendar and you can plan you schedule as to not miss any Don't forget our Chili Cook-Off happening on Prophets night April 26th. prophets can enter their chili for judging. make a small batch for all to share. sandwiches will be provided by grotto. Prize for first and second place.

Last, but not least is our very successful Lenten Fish Fry's. A full report will follow in our May Meeting. The Kitchen crew has been on their game!! PM Conrad Wieloch Jr and Orator Rich Hopkins took this job on with ENTHUSIASIM. I can't thank them enough for their dedication and hard work. Planning and ordering supplies keeping a budget and monitoring the profit and loss is just as important as the final product.

In Sympathy & Good-fellowship,

Michael Karkalla – Monarch Islam Grotto

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**Secretary's Message:**

I want to Thank Everyone that participated in our Ceremonial on March 16, 2019. We initiated six new Prophets. If you missed it what a good time we had. At our March stated meeting we initiated three new members making a total of nine new Prophets. We will have another ceremonial on October 05, 2019. Get those petitions in!

If you have any Islam Grotto item's you would like to donate back to the Grotto contact me. We are working on getting a new display case to match the other one and will be located where the old 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 2019 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. Alan C. Templin and Clark A. Smith.

Safe travels and will see you around the realm,

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary – Grand Venerable Prophet

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**Bob Lorenz Jr. PM Grand Captain of the Guard Message:**

Greetings Prophets,

Hope the Spring weather is here to stay.

I would like to welcome our new Prophets from our National Grotto Day class. Hope to see you at the meetings, Prophets night and our other events. Thank you to all the Prophets who attended and helped with the class, great work.

Fish fries were well attended and we had nice crowds. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Great job by the kitchen staff as always.

Lady Theresa and I attended the PGA meeting in Harrisburg April 12th and 13th good fellowship was had by all. Prophets you should plan on attending the October meeting in Erie at Erepa Grotto.

Hope your reservations for Supreme Council in Branson are made. Sounds like a great time of fellowship will be had by all. Hope to see you there

As always Lady Theresa and I will be attending our home grotto events.

Yours in Fellowship,

Bob Lorenz, Jr PM - Grand Captain of the Guard

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\*\*\*\*\* Stated Meeting Notice for May and June 2019 \*\*\*\*\*

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 16, 2019 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 20, 2019 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	2018 Conrad Wieloch Jr.

Suspended \*

Demitted \*\*

**Mark Your Calendars:**

See the schedule for the several Islam Grotto events.

Note: The May 18, 2019 Bingo has been cancelled

## Schedule of Events for 2019

### April

- 12-14 - PGA - Harrisburg
- 12 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room  
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 18 - Stated Meeting -  
cooking B. Scott Allen
- 19 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room  
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 20 - Children's Easter Party -  
Banquet Room 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Chief Justice in charge
- 24 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 7pm - 9pm
- 26 - Prophets Night - Chili Cookoff

### May

- 11 - Mother's Day Lunch - Grotto Room  
11:00am - 1:00pm
- 16 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 16 - Stated Meeting -  
cooking Tom Newland
- 29 - Grotto Ladies Meeting 7pm - 9pm
- 31 - Prophets Night -  
Cooking - Red Tassels

### June

- 16-23 - Supreme Council Convention  
Branson Missouri
- 20 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 20 - Stated Meeting -  
cooking Monarch Michael Karkalla
- 28 - Prophets Night -  
Cooking - Conrad Wieloch III
- 30 - Family Picnic and Fireworks  
Grotto Room and Parking Lot -  
5:00pm - ???? - Conrad Wieloch III

### July

- 26 - Prophets Night -  
Cooking - B. Scott Allen

### August

- 30 - Prophets Night -  
Cooking - Richard Hopkins

### September

- 19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 19 - Stated Meeting -  
cooking Monarch Michael Karkalla
- 28 - Night at the Races 5pm - 10pm
- 27 - Prophets Night -  
Cooking Soup Cookoff

### October

- 04 - Fall Ceremonial Rehearsal 6pm-8pm
- 05 - Fall Ceremonial Grotto Room and  
Auditorium Noon to 4:00pm
- 17-20 - PGA - Erie
- 17 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 17 - Stated Meeting -  
cooking Conrad Wieloch III
- 25 - Prophets Night -  
Cooking Bob Lorenz Jr. PM -  
Octoberfest

### November

- 09 - Monarchs Ball
- 16 - Grotto Bingo
- 21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 21 - Stated Meeting - Nomination of Officers  
cooking Purple Tassels
- 29 - Prophets Night -  
Cooking Tom Newland

### December

- 19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 19 - Stated Meeting - Election of Officers  
cooking Monarch Michael Karkalla
- 20 - Wrap Christmas Presents - 6:00pm
- 21 - Children's Christmas Party - 1pm - 3pm  
Chief Justice in charge
- 27 - No Prophets Night -  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Ohio Valley Rainbow Girls and Pittsburgh Demolay 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.