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Monarchs Message:

Dear Prophets All, I'm looking forward getting back to business now that our summer break is over. I can't wait to hear all the Vacation stories and exotic places of destination our prophets have visited. I hope all has been well.

We have some great event coming up in the next few months.

Our prophet's night in September is the "Souper Bowl" cook-off. Make a pot of your best soup to share!! A prize for first and second awaits the winners. We also are having "Night at the Races" Purchase your Horses and give them that clever name!!!

Just a reminder that Islam Grotto has a Fall Ceremonial planned for October 5th. Let's get those petitions in early. You did a great job with our first "National Grotto day" Hopefully keep the ball rolling.

If you attended the Fourth of July Picnic and fireworks? Don't forget to thank Master Ceremonies Conrad III & Lady Sarah for a great event. It was one of the best attended in years and patriotically decorated!!! Thank you again to all of you who volunteered to helped.

Lady Mary & I will be traveling to the Pennsylvania Grotto Association Fall Meeting in Erie, Pa this October. I know Islam Grotto will be well represented. But there's still time for "more prophets" to sign up and attend. As always, I'd like to see more Red Tassels get involved and a few of you purple guys!!!

In closing, looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Please read your Newsletters, Attend Grotto, Lodge, Visit Shut in/ill Prophets and Church.

Sympathy & Good-fellowship,

Michael Karkalla – Monarch Islam Grotto

Secretary's Message:

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

I want to thank everyone for the support given to me on my journey to be Grand Monarch. I cannot believe that in 2022 if elected I will be Grand Monarch. Tammy and I continue to travel around the realm. 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 will be looking for a Orator, Three Year Purple Trustee and a Three Year Red Tassel Trustee.

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 and Grand Master of Ceremonies

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

Greetings Prophets,

Wow, summer is almost over were has it gone. Hope everyone had a good one and enjoyed it. Now time to get back to Grotto work.

Lady Theresa and I attended Supreme Council Session in Branson and had a wonderful time. Congratulation to all our winners on their First Place wins. To all the Prophets for 2018 Enchanted Lantern award great job. It was a honor to be moved up in the Grand Line to Grand Marshal, thank you for your support. Now time to travel the realm.

First stop was to Farrah Grotto for a grotto picnic, had a great time meeting the prophets. In August we are going to attend OGA in Warren, Ohio hope to see many of you there. Then it is off to MWOGA in Howell, Michigan, to meet with their Prophets and see old friends. October brings us to Erie, Pa, for PGA meeting at Erepa Grotto. Come out and show support for one of our own, Robert Lorenz, III, will be installed as President of the PGA for the coming year. Again, if any Prophet would like to travel with us please let us know. Traveling is the best way of meeting new prophets and friends along the way. I am sure there are more travels ahead before the end of year, but for now these are our plans.

As always home grotto comes first. Events planned: September 28th, NIGHT AT THE RACES, see me to buy a horse and other info. In November we have the MONARCHS Ball and GROTTTO BINGO (this is always lots of fun). Bring friends to the events.

Remember this is your GROTTTO, come out to support it. Bring Mason friends to show how we work and maybe get a petitions for it. Petitions are always welcomed!!!

Yours in Fellowship,

Bob Lorenz, Jr PM - Grand Marshal

***** Stated Meeting for September and October 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, September 19, 2019 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:30 PM

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

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:

- September 28 - Night at the Races (Flyer Attached)
- October 5 - Fall Ceremonial - Get your petitions to the secretary.
- November 9 - Monarchs Ball (Further Details to Follow)
- November 16 - Grotto Bingo (Flyer Attached)

Schedule of Events for 2019 / 2020

August

- 8-11 - OGA Convention - Warren Ohio
- 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 2019

- 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

January 2020

- 16 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 16 - Stated Meeting - Election of Officers
cooking ???????????
- 17 - Rehearsal for Installation of Officers
7:00pm
- 18 - Installation of Officers 3pm
- 24 - Prophets Night -
Cooking ?????????????

February 2020

- 20 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 20 - Stated Meeting -
Cooking ?????????????????
- 28 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm

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.

Grotto Membership as of August 12, 2019

Total members = 324