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Red Tassels

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Monarch's Message – Michael Karkalla

Dear Prophet's All:

Let me be first to Congratulate all the newly elected and appointed officers for the ensuing year. I know that Islam Grotto is in good hands and please support your new officers. With that said I'm looking forward to a great Installation of officers and hope to see many faces there as well. It's been an Honor serving Islam Grotto as your Monarch for the past year. I know I've had a wonderful time and from the attendance of our events I know our prophets, Ladies and guests also have. Thank You for the support.

Please read your Islamite each month, the secretary takes much effort to get information to the prophets. From the number of RSVP in a timely manner I know most are and it's very much appreciated.

I have asked myself what is the Priceless Jewel? Who really has it? Where did it come from? All the prophets have seen the Drama and have an idea, but I believe I truly found it. It's you my brother Mason, Prophet, Friend. You my Brothers are what the Priceless Jewel really is. I can honestly say that once joining Grotto and especially this Grotto I know the true meaning and what it represents!!!

Last but never least is our Grotto Ladies "The Silent Ones" Thank You for all your help this year! Especially for my Monarchs Silver Circle Award. I wasn't expecting that and very humbled. I truly Love our ladies. They work hard to make us look good throughout the realm.

In Closing, Thank You again to everyone who attended the Monarchs Ball I sure had a great time. Please have a Merry Christmas or Hanukah and a safe prosperous Happy New Year to you and your families.

S&GF, Michael A. Karkalla Monarch 2019

Monarch Elect – B. Scott Allen

Prophets,

On behalf of the Officers and Members of Islam Grotto MOVPER I hope you and your families have a safe and prosperous holiday season.

I would like to start off by saying THANK YOU to the Prophets for allowing me the opportunity to lead Islam Grotto in 2020. I am truly humbled by the privilege and cannot be more proud of serving as your Monarch.

I would also like to thank the Prophets and Silent Ones who came out and helped with the Children's Christmas Party to make it another success. The holiday season is all about giving and Islam Grotto went over and beyond as usual to make it special for the children.

Our annual fish fry will be starting in the later weeks of February so please mark your calendars. Any and all help is much appreciated.

Thank you once again to all of the Officers and Members for all of your diligence and hard work. It doesn't go unnoticed. Please remember that the continuance success of Islam Grotto is every member's responsibility. Let's keep Islam the leader in the realm.

B. Scott Allen Monarch Elect 2020

Secretary's Message:

Congratulations go out to the newly elected officers for 2020. I want to thank everyone for letting me serve you as your secretary for another year. Congratulations to our outgoing Monarch Michael Karkalla PM. It was a pleasure serving you and the officers during your year. I am looking forward to working with the new officers for 2020.

Tammy and I continue our travels throughout the Realm. It is that time for installations. In January. We never forget about our own Grotto and will be at the several events on the calendar for Islam Grotto.

The 2020 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 Richard Trimble.

We are looking for someone to update our website. If anyone is interested please contact me for the info.

Safe travels and a Healthy and Happy New Year to all

Michael J. Tomascini PM – Secretary and Grand Master of Ceremonies

Bob Lorenz Jr. PM Grand Marshall Message:

Greetings Prophets, Hope you all had a blessed Christmas and New Years.

By the time this comes out would like to say Congratulations to the new officers and have a great Year. Lady Theresa and I will be attending the following Grottoes for their installation and Monarch's Ball, Yusef Khan, Zuleika and Sahara if weather let's us.

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended the children Christmas party, everyone had a good time.

Remember to get those petitions in for the next class. If you would like to travel with us please feel free. As always home grotto events come first. May you have a blessed New Year.

Yours in Fellowship,

Bob Lorenz, Jr PM - Grand Marshal

Silent Ones: The ladies would like to Thank All that came out for the Ham / Turkey Bingo. Thanks again for your support of our Grand Line Officers and the Humanitarian Foundation.

***** Stated Meeting for January and February 2020 *****

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, January 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM

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

Mark Your Calendars:

January 18 Installation of Officers (Flyer Attached)

Fish Fry (Flyer Attached)

March 21 Spring Ceremonial - Get your petitions to the secretary

Schedule of Events for 2020

January

- 16 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 16 - Stated Meeting
cooking Michael Karkalla
- 17 - Rehearsal for Installation of Officers
7:00pm
- 18 - Installation of Officers 3pm
- 31 - Prophets Night -
Cooking B. Scott Allen

February

- 7-9 OGA Zone - Columbus OH
- 20 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 20 - Stated Meeting -
Cooking Conrad Wieloch III
- 28 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm

March

- 06 - Fish Dinner - Grotto Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 13 - Fish Dinner - Grotto Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 19 - Stated Meeting -
Cooking Tom Newland
- 20 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 21 - Spring Ceremonial "National Grotto Day"
11:00am - 3:00pm
(Auditorium and Grotto Room)
- 27 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm

April

- 03 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 10 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 11 - Children's Easter Party 1-3 pm
- 16 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 16 - Stated Meeting
cooking Rich Hopkins
- 24 - Prophets Night -
Chili Cook Off

May

- 1-2 OGA Zone - Sandusky Oh
- 09 - Mother's Day Lunch 11am - 1pm
- 21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 21 - Stated Meeting -
Cooking Purple Tassels
- 29 - Prophets Night -
Cooking Ed Hanke

June

- 14-21 Supreme Council Session -Louisville Ky
- 18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 18 - Stated Meeting -
Cooking B. Scott Allen
- 26 - Prophets Night -
Cooking Conrad Wieloch III

July

- 05 - 4th of July Picnic

Ohio Valley Rainbow Girls and Pittsburgh Demolay Fellowship Breakfast at the GPMC. Last Saturday of the month (Except December) 9:00am to 10:30am

Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

1977 Richard Hoff	2006 Lenny Kolodziek
1979 Arthur Smaltz	2007 Michael Tomascin
1985 Tommy Lee **	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.
2004 Max Pokorski	2019 Michael Karkalla
2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.	

Suspended * Demitted **

Motor Corp Unit Resurrection:

Robert Lorenz Jr. PM would like to meet after our stated meeting in February to discuss resurrection of our Motor Corp Unit. We used to have vehicle cruises and shows but have not had one in a while. If you have a vehicle and would like to start back up our Motor Corp Unit, please stay after the stated meeting in February to discuss. If you have any idea's bring them up at that meeting. New ideas are always welcome.
