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Monarch's Message:

Prophets,

On behalf of the Newly Installed Officers and Members of Islam Grotto I bid you fraternal greetings. Thank you to everyone who came out to the Installation in January, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We as a Grotto have a busy few months approaching starting off with our Fish Fry on Friday February 28th and continuing every Friday during Lent. Please tell your family and friends. With the annual fish fry comes the need for volunteers, please if possible, even it's only for an hour or two any and all help is appreciated.

On February 29th is the Annual Polar Plunge on Pittsburgh's North Shore. Volunteers are also needed. Please See Bob Lorenz Jr. PM for times and more information. This is a great opportunity to help others so if you can please come out and support a excellent cause. For all of the volunteers I am trying to put together a small luncheon at the Teutonia Mannerchor Club after we are finished to show our appreciation for a job well done.

Please keep March 21st open in your calendars, that is National Grotto Day and we are planning on having an installation ceremony for new members and new candidates. Please see Ed Hanke if you would like to take part in the ceremony. Get those petitions in Prophets!

In closing if any Prophet has any ideas he would like to share to help promote Islam Grotto or like to see done this year please feel free to contact myself or any officer and we would be more than happy listen to your ideas. The success on our Grotto is every Prophets responsibility.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

B. Scott Allen Monarch

Secretary's Message:

Our National Grotto Day Ceremonial is coming up on March 21, 2020. I have enclosed a petition for the "Big Day". Talk up the Grotto to your Masonic Friends. The cost is \$80.00 which includes the first year's dues, fez, Sympathy and Good Fellowship. Each new candidate and top line signer will also receive a special pin and certificate. Get your completed petitions to the secretary or you can bring them the day of the ceremonial. Let's make this one of our biggest class ever.

Tammy and I continue our travels throughout the Realm. We are having fun in our travels. It is always good to see old friends and meet new ones. 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. As of writing this article there are 40 Prophets who have not paid dues. 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.

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Safe travels and a Healthy and Happy New Year to all

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

Bob Lorenz Jr. PM Grand Marshall Message:

Hello Prophets,

Hope your winter has not been to bad, Phil said early spring...

Information for the PGA meeting is now on table outside of Grotto room. Please come out and join the good Grotto fellowship and support the officers from our home Grotto. The fall meeting will be held here in Pittsburgh on October 9th and 10th.

Lady Theresa and I have been traveling alot. It's nice to see old friends and make new ones. This is what Grotto is all about, fellowship and fun. Our travel plans are PGA and ESGA in April. if you would like to travel with us let me know.

Fish fries have started. Make sure to bring family and friends out to dinner. Everyone enjoys this event, it is growing every year, so let's keep it going.

Remember to get those petitions in early for National Grotto Day on March 21st. Let's stay the largest Grotto in the Realm.

Home Grotto events always come first. Fish fries and Childrens Easter party we plan on being there.

Yours in Grotto Fellowship,

Bob Lorenz - Grand Marshal

******* Stated Meeting for March and April 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, March 19, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM

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

Mark Your Calendars:

Fish Fry (Flyer Attached)

February 29 - Polar Plunge - North Shore

March 21 Spring Ceremonial - A blank petition is included. Get your petitions to the secretary

Congratulations goes out to some of our own Prophets. Illustrious Sir Donald J. Taylor Potentate of Syria Shrine, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight Sean Tomasic who will be installed as Grand Commander of Pennsylvania in May. Robert Polander Sovereign Prince of the Gourgas Lodge of Perfection 14° Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh, Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson, 33° Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Consistory 32° Valley of Pittsburgh. We also need to include Michael Tomascin PM Grand Master of Ceremonies and Robert Lorenz Jr. PM Grand Marshal of the Grottoes of North America. You can see we are active in a lot of organizations. This is just a partial list of those involved in other organizations and the ones listed have other titles. So, you see Islam Grotto is active and is known among the realm.

Schedule of Events for 2020

February

- 20 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 20 - Stated Meeting -
Cooking Conrad Wieloch III
- 28 - Fish Dinner - Banquet Room
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 29 - Polar Plunge

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
- 17-18 - PGA Spring Meeting Ellicottville NY
- 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 **
