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Monarch's Message:

Fellow Prophets,

I hope this message finds all of us and our families in good health at this time of concern. As many of you know our Masonic functions were postponed until April 1st, now the Grand Master has suspended all Masonic activities till May 31st at the earliest. This is to ensure the health safety and well being of ourselves and everyone around us. Even though the Grotto is not governed under Grand Lodge rule we will still respect the Grand Master's decision.

We as a fraternity have to support every member in this trying time. If you or your family is in need of assistance or that you may know someone who can use our help, please contact myself or our secretary and we will try our best to help accommodate your needs. This will be done in total privacy and respect to individuals in need.

As the year progresses, we are unfortunately canceling the Mother's Day brunch, this was one of our newest and popular events and it is something we have to do. The Lenten Fish fry's were off to a tremendous start but we were also forced to suspend them. I want to personally thank everyone who helped out for the first few weeks, you guys went above and beyond to make things an overwhelming success.

Let's concentrate in a more positive direction, we are still planning on the 4th of July celebration. This will be a excellent opportunity to come together after a long layoff and enjoy our Grotto family. Let's make this a celebration of not only our country's independence but a celebration of us overcoming a tough time in which we all came together and united as one. We all deserve it! Let's make this celebration the best one yet!

In closing, please stay diligent and positive and this will be over sooner than we all think, check on each other and take care of yourselves and families! Nothing will beat us if we come together as a whole!

With Much Love and Concern

Scott Allen, Monarch

Secretary's Message:

First of all Tammy ad I miss seeing each and everyone of you. I confer what our Monarch said in his message.

If you have any Islam Grotto item's you would like to donate back to the Grotto contact me. We are just about done with the new display case and will be used to house our Grotto history and new Grotto Items for sale including: fez cases, fez stiffeners and shirts.

The 2020 dues statements have been sent out. Please pay in a timely manner. If you have already paid Thank You. If for any reason you cannot pay your dues let me know.

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

Hope we can be with each other soon and have a Happy Easter,

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

Bob Lorenz Jr. PM Grand Marshall Message:

Hello Prophets and families,

Hope you are all doing well and staying safe. Lady Theresa and I are doing ok so far. Family is doing well.

As of now all of our travel plans have been canceled until further notice. Please make your plans for Supreme Council Session in Louisville for June.

We hope you all have a blessed Easter and made some great memories with your family.

Until we met again, stay safe, stay strong and we as a Grotto family will get through this together. Remember to check in now and then.

Yours in good fellowship,

Bob Lorenz, Jr. PM - Grand Marshal

******* Stated Meeting for April, May and June 2020 are cancelled *******

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

When we meet again in September meeting will be at 7:30 PM

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

Mark Your Calendars:

July 5 - 4th of July Picnic

October 2 - Fall Ceremonial

November 14 - Monarchs Ball

Schedule of Events for 2020

April

16 - No Meeting

May

21 - No Meeting

June

14-21 Supreme Council Session -Louisville Ky

18 - No Meeting

26 - Prophets Night -

Cooking Conrad Wieloch III

July

05 - 4th of July Picnic

31 - Prophets Night -

Cooking Tom Newland

August

06 - 09 - OGA Convention Columbus Ohio

28 - Prophets Night -

Cooking Rich Hopkins

September

17 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

17 - Stated Meeting

Cooking Edward Hanke

25 - Prophets Night

3rd Annual Soup Cookoff

October

2 - Fall Ceremonial Rehearsal 7pm

3- Fall Ceremonial 12pm

15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

15 - Stated Meeting

Cooking Monarch Scott Allen

30 - Prophets Night

Cooking Bob Lorenz Jr. Pm Octoberfest

November

14 - Monarchs Ball 5pm

19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

19 - Stated Meeting

Cooking Conrad Wieloch Jr. PM

37 - Prophets Night

Cooking Tom Newland

December

19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm

19 - Stated Meeting

Cooking Rich Hopkins

18 - Wrap Christmas Presents 7pm

19 - Children's Christmas Party 1pm - 3pm

25 - 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

Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

1977 Richard Hoff

1979 Arthur Smaltz

1985 Tommy Lee **

1995 Ray Rietzel

1996 Ted Colcombe

1999 Eugene Martucci

2000 Robert Metsger *

2001 James Metsger *

2002 Richard Roell

2003 Edward Foster

2004 Max Pokorski

2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.

Suspended * Demitted **

2006 Lenny Kolodziek

2007 Michael Tomascin

2009 William Woods

2010 Ron Davidson

2012 Ron Troy

2013/2014 David Rasch

2015 George Gittins

2016 Robert Lorenz III

2017 Jeramey Wieloch

2018 Conrad Wieloch Jr.

2019 Michael Karkalla