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David Eichelberger -----Marshal	Jeramey Wieloch PM----- Sentinel
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## Trustees

### Purple Tassels

Ron Davidson PM 2020  
Robert Lorenz Jr. PM 2021  
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### Red Tassels

Jim LaSalle 2020  
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Islam Grotto Historian----- David G. Rasch PM	

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### **Monarch's Message:**

**Fellow Prophets,**

**As 2020 comes to an end in which I am sure all of us would like to see come to a close, it gives us time to reflect on a very trying year. Let's not focus on the negativity but look towards the positive as 2021 approaches.**

**As I spoke with the officers and thank them always for their support, it is much more difficult to keep a ship afloat when we do not meet regularly but this group of officers did an outstanding job in doing just that.**

**In September and October, we welcomed 5 new Prophets into the Grotto and the modified ceremonial was an amazing success. I would like to thank all of the officers, members and guests who came out in support. The success of our Grotto is every member's responsibility.**

**It pains me to inform you that the Monarchs Ball and Children's Christmas party have been canceled due to all the restrictions set in place by the pandemic. Let's work and support next years group of officers and make the coming year the best Islam has seen. I hope everyone and their families are staying safe and healthy and if anyone is in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact myself or our secretary, that's what we are here for. Thank you everyone again for staying faithful and diligent we will get through this together!**

**Sincerely and Fraternaly  
Scott Allen Monarch**

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### **Secretary's Message:**

**Well another Supreme Council Convention is under our belt. I was installed as the Grand Chief Justice and in June of 2022 I will hopefully be installed as Grand Monarch of the Grottoes of North America. Time is flying by and the convention will be in June of 2023 at the Green Tree Double Tree. There will be a lot of preparation that goes into this and I will need everyone to support and help. I want to personally Thank everyone for the support on my journey to being Grand Monarch. Congratulations goes out to the new Grand Line Officers especially our own Robert Lorenz Jr. PM who is now the Grand Orator and Robert Glace PM who got elected to bottom of the line as Grand Captain of the Guard.**

**Due to the restrictions at the center, we are back to the meetings with no food or drink yet and Prophets Night have been cancelled until further notice. 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.**

**The 2021 dues statements will be out shortly. The dues will be \$39.00 this year. The breakdown is \$12.00 for our Grotto and \$27.00 for Supreme Council. The breakdown for Supreme Council is Per Capita Fee - 16.00, Convention - 2.00, Memorial Property - 1.50, Magazine - 4.00, Membership - 2.50 and Member without Lanterns -1.00.**

**Congratulations to our new Prophets and welcome: Alan Ogden, Wayne (Joey) Carothers, Timothy Reno, Sean Steinmetz and Raymond Luther. Keep getting those petitions to the secretary.**

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

**Be safe everyone and hope to see you soon!**

**Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary and Grand Chief Justice**

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**Bob Lorenz Jr. PM Grand Orator Message:**

Greetings Prophets,

Welcome to the cool temps of fall. Hope you and your families are doing well.

I would like to take this time to say Thank You for your continued support as I move up the Grand Line as Orator this year. Congratulation to Mike Tomascini as Grand Chief Justice and Lady Tammy, to the new Grand Captain of the Guard Robert Glace and his Lady Tammy. Best wishes and congratulation to the new Grand Monarch Tali Atala and Lady Angie on your year.

As of this newsletter, we have traveled to Williamsport, Pa., for the ESGA fall meeting. Congratulation to their new officers. PGA was held here in Pittsburgh in October, Outgoing PM Bobby Lorenz, III, did a nice job. Congratulation to the new officers of PGA. The spring meeting as of now will be held in April in Lancaster Pa.

With events at our Grotto being cancelled, we hope to be able to have installation in January. As always home Grotto events come first. Plan on attending the meetings and Prophets nights. Remember this is your Grotto. Bring a fellow mason to a Prophets night and show him how we Grotto.

At this time Lady Theresa and I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving with your families and a Merry Christmas. Prayers that you and your families stay safe, healthy and blessed now and always. Hope the New Year sees peace and some normal back to our lives.

Yours in good Fellowship,

Bob Lorenz, Jr. PM and Grand Orator

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\*\*\*\*\* Stated Meeting for November and December 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, November 19, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:30 PM

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

Note: All events for the rest of the year except the stated meetings with no food or drink will be cancelled because of the restrictions from the MFS.

January 16, 2021 -Islam Grotto Installation of Officers – further details to follow.

**Grotto Knowledge:**

Tassel Colors: Red for Prophets that have not reached the status of Monarch. Purple for those that have reached the status of Monarch, Silver for Grand Line Officers that have not reached the status of Grand Monarch and Gold for those that have reached the status of Grand Monarch.

**Passing of two past Grand Monarchs:**

It is my sad duty to report the passing of two past Grand Monarchs.

Michael Yuskowatz Grand Monarch 1987-1988 passed July 3, 2020

Clarence E. Shawver (Pierre\_ Grand Monarch 2009-2010 passed October 1, 2020

## Schedule of Events for 2020 / 2021

### October

- 15 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 15 - Stated Meeting
- 16-19 PGA Convention hosted by Islam Grotto  
Doubletree in Green Tree

### November

- 19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 19 - Stated Meeting - nomination of officers

### December

- 17 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 17 - Stated Meeting - election of officers

### January 2021

- 15 - Islam Grotto Installation Rehearsal  
Auditorium and Grotto Room
- 16 - Islam Grotto Installation of Officers  
Auditorium, Banquet Room, Kitchen and  
Grotto Room
- 21 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 21 - Stated Meeting
- 29 - Prophets Night

### February 2021

- 05-07 OGA Zone Conference  
Doubletree in Green Tree
- 18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 18 - Stated Meeting
- 19 - Fish Fry Banquet Room, Kitchen and  
Grotto Room 5Pm -7pm
- 26 - Fish Fry Banquet Room, Kitchen and  
Grotto Room 5Pm -7pm

### March 2021

- 05 - Fish Fry Banquet Room, Kitchen and  
Grotto Room 5Pm -7pm
- 12 - Fish Fry Banquet Room, Kitchen and  
Grotto Room 5Pm -7pm
- 12 - Spring Ceremonial Rehearsal 7pm  
Grotto Room and Auditorium
- 13 - Spring Ceremonial 12pm  
Grotto Room and Auditorium
- 18 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
- 18 - Stated Meeting
- 19 - Fish Fry Banquet Room, Kitchen and  
Grotto Room 5Pm -7pm
- 26 - Fish Fry Banquet Room, Kitchen and  
Grotto Room 5Pm -7pm
- 27 - Children's Easter Party 1pm  
Banquet Room, Kitchen and Grotto Room

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	2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.
1979 Arthur Smaltz	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.
2004 Max Pokorski	2019 Michael Karkalla

Suspended \*    Demitted \*\*

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