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Monarch's Message:

Fellow Prophets,

I hope this message reaches you and your families in good health. During these uncertain times it is very difficult to grasp or make plans for any upcoming event. With the day to day requirements changing constantly it becomes a difficult battle to win. But with that being said we will move on and focus on the plans we scheduled for the upcoming months and have a positive outlook for the remainder of 2020.

We will still make an effort for our ceremonial in October so please get those petitions in. Any questions please see Ed Hanke for casting and rehearsal times and dates.

With our stated meetings and Prophets nights, everything depends on the requirements and regulations set forth by the State and the Masonic Center. The health and well being of every member and their family is my number one priority and I'm not going to make a decision in haste to put anyone in jeopardy. Trust me, I am as frustrated if not more than everyone but these are uncharted waters and we have to take every possible precaution.

Things can change in an instant so please keep checking your email and notices on when we can resume normal activities. With that being said, I hope everyone had a enjoyable summer and I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Scott Allen, Monarch

Secretary's Message:

While writing this we are planning our trip to Louisville Kentucky in September for the Supreme Council Convention.

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 when we can with the pandemic. Hopefully, the restrictions of meeting will be lifted, and we can get back to our own events at our Grotto. See the schedule of events.

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 2020 dues are now due. The dues card color is purple this year. Please pay if you have not paid and If you have already paid Thank You. If you are having troubles paying your dues please contact me.

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.

Be safe everyone and hope to see you soon!

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

Bob Lorenz Jr. PM Grand Marshall Message:

Hello Prophets and families,

Hope all of you and your families are doing well. Hopefully things will be getting back to some kind of normal soon and we will be able to see all of you.

As September approaches hope you will be attending Supreme Council convention in Louisville. We can't wait to get there.

October is PGA meeting being held here in Pittsburgh if need info please reach out to me or Lady Theresa to get info out to you. There are forms at Grotto table also.

We are planning on attending the ESGA conference in Williamsport in October, if you would like info on this please contact us.

As always events at our home grotto come first. Reminder to get in petitions for our fall class.

Take care of yourself and your family until we meet again.

Yours in sympathy and good fellowship,

Bob Lorenz, Jr ,PM - Grand Marshal

******* Stated Meeting for September and October 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, September 17, 2020 at 7:30 PM

**Note: The September meeting could be virtual if the restrictions are still in place at the Grotto.
Further details to follow.**

Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:30 PM

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

Mark Your Calendars:

October 3 – Fall Ceremonial – get those petitions to the secretary.

December 12 – Monarchs Ball

Note: There will be no Prophets Night in August.

Survey Request:

Since we are talking about a ceremonial on October 3 of this year, I was pondering somethings. I have questions for each and everyone one of you. What was the reason that you became a Mason???
The second question is what made you join the Grotto??? I would like to compile the results from the survey and share with you. So, please email me or send me the reasons for the questions asked.
Thank You! Michael Tomascin PM

Schedule of Events for 2020

September

6-13 Supreme Council Session -Louisville Ky
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
16-19 PGA Convention hosted by Islam Grotto
30 - Prophets Night
Cooking Bob Lorenz Jr. Pm Octoberfest

November

19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
19 - Stated Meeting - nomination of officers
Cooking Conrad Wieloch Jr. PM
37 - Prophets Night
Cooking Tom Newland

December

12 - Monarchs Ball 5pm
19 - Association Meeting 7:00pm
19 - Stated Meeting - election of officers
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	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 **
