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Prophets:

Welcome back everyone! I hope this message reaches everybody in good health and spirits. We are back in business! The grotto is fully open. We will now have meetings and prophet's nights with food in our own room! The Fourth of July picnic is on Sunday July Fourth and I hope to see all of you there. I am very excited about the second half of this year with no restrictions. Also, as summer is upon us I know we are all happy to enjoy the weather and our families. I wish you all a long, happy, and safe summer.

Sincerely, Monarch Conrad J Wieloch III

Secretary's Message:

While writing this we are planning our trip to Supreme Council Convention in Orlando Fl. I cannot believe I will be installed as Deputy Grand Monarch. One more year until I am Grand Monarch. Thank You everyone for the love and support through my journey.

It has been a busy time with Grottoes around the realm. Total of six will be instituted in Grand Monarch Tali Atala's year. Artaban in Wisconsin, Beer Sheeba in Honeybrook Pa, Kumntakit in Houston, Tx, early in June 2021 Zara in Tampa, FL, Simba in Cherry Hill NJ. We will be doing the last one for Grand Monarch's year, Puerto Rico on Thursday at Supreme Council. You can see we are growing around the Realm. At our own Grotto we have scheduled several Lodge Grotto Programs (June 9, 2021 -Infinity Lodge Penn Hills, September 13, 2021 – Oakdale Lodge and Franklin St. John Trinity Lodge - October 21, 2022). So you see your Grotto is also keeping busy. If you have petitions for candidates. please give to the secretary.

Welcome to our new Prophets: Prophet Raymond Michael Luther was initiated at our May meeting. Prophet Nicholas Vaccarello and Prophet John Stoll were initiated at our June Meeting.

The 2021 dues are now due. The dues card color is blue 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., Robert Balent and Richard Trimble

Safe travels and stay safe to all

Michael J. Tomascin PM – Secretary and Deputy Grand Monarch

***** No Stated Meeting for July and August 2019 *****

Remember we have plenty of events to participate during the summer.

Mark Your Calendars:

See the calendar for a schedule of events.

The OGA Fall Convention will be August 6 - 8 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Host Grotto Islam
The PGA Fall Meeting will be October 15-17 in Honeybrook Pa. Host Grotto Beer Sheeba

David G. Rasch PM – Islam Grotto Historian Message:

Who was Mokanna?

I was recently asked who was Mokanna and why does he wear a veil. The simple answer can be found in the ritual. Mokanna is one of the central figures in dramatic portion of our initiation ceremonies and he wears a veil to disguise that he is afflicted with the “dreaded Black Smallpox”. But if you dive a little deeper you will find that Mokanna is a fictional character created by the Irish poet Thomas Moore in his book of poetry “Lalla Rookh” in 1817. Moore loosely based his Mokanna character after a real-life person by the name of Al-Muqanna. Al-Muqanna was a chemist and burned a part of his face during an experiment that went wrong. He then started wearing a veil and later went on to found an Islamic religious sect and fashioned himself as a prophet and was known as the “Veiled One”.

Bob Lorenz Jr. PM Grand Orator Message:

Hello Prophets,

Welcome back. Now that some norm has come back into our lives and hot weather, time for some Grotto work and fun.

Lady Theresa and I will be traveling to attend Supreme Council Convention in Orlando at end of June. Other travel plans are still being planned for after convention.

Congratulations to the Prophets who received their 25 and 50 year pins. Thank you for your service to the Grotto.

Have a fun, safe and enjoyable summer. See you all soon.

Yours in sympathy and fellowship.

Bob Lorenz, Jr PM - Grand Venerable Prophet

Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

1977 Richard Hoff	2006 Lenny Kolodziek
1979 Arthur Smaltz	2007 Michael Tomascin
1985 Tommy Lee **	2009 William Woods
1991 Jim Deller	2010 Ron Davidson
1995 Ray Rietzel	2012 Ron Troy
1996 Ted Colcombe	2013/2014 David Rasch
1999 Eugene Martucci	2015 George Gittins
2000 Robert Metsger *	2016 Robert Lorenz III
2001 James Metsger *	2017 Jeramey Wieloch
2002 Richard Roell	2018 Conrad Wieloch Jr.
2003 Edward Foster	2019 Michael Karkalla
2004 Max Pokorski	2020 Scott Allen
2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.	

Suspended * Demitted **

Schedule of Events for 2021

July

30 Prophets Night -
Cooking Kyle Golik

August

06-08 - OGA Convention in Pittsburgh
27 - Prophets Night -
Cooking Rich Hopkins

September

16 - Association Meeting 6:30pm
16 - Stated Meeting 7:30pm -
Cooking Ed Hanke
24 - Prophets Night -
Cooking Chili Cookoff - Prophets All

October

01 - Rehearsal Fall Ceremonial 7pm
Auditorium
02 - Fall Ceremonial 11:00am - 3:00pm
(Auditorium and Grotto Room)
15-17 PGA Fall Meeting in Honeybrook Pa.
21 - Association Meeting 6:30 0pm
21 - Stated Meeting 7:30pm-
Cooking Tom Newland
29 - Prophets Night ??? -
Cooking Purple Tassels
Bob Lorenz Jr. PM - Octoberfest

November

18 - Association Meeting 6:30pm
18 - Stated Meeting 7:30pm -
Cooking Monarch Conrad Wieloch III
20 - Monarchs Ball 5pm
26 - Prophets Night -
Cooking Rich Hopkins

December

16 - Association Meeting 6:30pm
16 - Stated Meeting 7:30pm-
Cooking Ed Hanke
17 - Wrap Presents 7pm
18 = Children's Christmas Party 1pm-3pm
31 - No Prophets Night - Happy New Year!