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## Monarch Message – Ed Hanke

We are now into the meat of the matter. Things are moving along at lightning speed with meetings and activities galore. Get out your calendar now and write in the dates that you want to be a part of in the coming months. It's just so darned easy to let our time get away from us. We are embarking on the annual fantastic fish fry with opportunities for us all to take an active part in the preparation, serving and clean up. If you can't help, please come, and enjoy the cuisine and the fellowship of the evening, every Friday during Lent. If you have the time and the inclination, we would love to have you join the "fish friars". Let us know and we can put you to work.

A special "shout out" to those of Islam Grotto who took time from busy schedules to take part in the Polar Plunge to support the Special Olympians. Kids are the reason for the charitable efforts of Masons and most especially in our case, those kids with special challenges. Without the support of our Masonic fraternity, many of the worthwhile programs would never see the light of day and we wouldn't see the smiles on those many little faces and the appreciation of their parents.

Welcome on board to Sean Tomasic who takes over as Dr. of Smiles for Grotto as his predecessor Bob Lorenz prepares to assume the duties of Grand Monarch. Thanks to Bob for his many years of service in the effort to provide dental care for our special kids and we look forward to your year as Grand Monarch of the Realm.

Over the years and with the onset of Covid, we have lost some of the Grotto units that were integral to the strength and viability of the organization. We have redoubled our efforts to reinstitute, reconstitute and revive the interest that I am sure is still there. Our first emphasis is to provide a first-class Ceremonial on a regular basis so that we can once more portray the basic story of our Grotto. Along with that is the need for us to re-engage with the happier side of the house and bring back the Funster unit. I'm open to suggestions for any other kind of unit but right now, these two are "must haves" when we talk about Islam Grotto. Anyone wishing to be a part of either effort should let any of the Officers know of your desire. That's what we are here for, fulfilling desires.

Ed Hanke  
Monarch

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## Secretary Message – Michael Tomascin PGM

I am getting back in the swing of things for taking back over as secretary. Thank You Sean Tomasic for doing the secretary position for the past two years while I took on my other ventures.

Our ceremonial is scheduled for May 25, 2024, so get your petitions in to me. There are plenty of events for everyone so check the schedule.

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 2024 dues statements should have been sent out. Please pay your dues and if have already paid, Thank You!

Got one piece of mail returned from our last Islamite mailed out. If anyone knows the new address for William M. Jackson please let me know.

Safe travels and a see you around the Realm,  
Michael J. Tomascin PGM – Secretary

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## Grand Chief Justice Message – Robert Lorenz, Jr., PM

Greetings Prophets,

Well, it's that time of year and the fish fries are underway, come out and show your support for this event.

To bring you up to date on the 2026 Supreme Session, All, contacts have been approved and signed. The session will be held at the Erie Bayfront, June 21st through June 27th, 2026. I still need a chairman for some positions, if you would like to set-up and be one let me know, or I will have to pick prophets to fill those positions. These are important. We have already started fundraising for the convention. For those of you that came out to the Pork dinner bingo we say THANK YOU for your support, everyone had a good time. If you have an idea for fundraising, please let me or give Lady Theresa a call every idea is helpful.

In March I, with Lady Theresa, will be traveling to the Midwest Grotto Association spring meeting and the end of month off to Columbus, Ohio for the Board of Governors. April 5th through 7th, takes us to Williamsport, Pa., for the Pennsylvania Grotto Association spring meeting being held at the Holiday Inn. I hope to have more information soon.

On February 24th, we did the Polar Plunge, we handed out t-shirts. To those prophets who came out for this event THANK YOU, this is one way that we get our name out there. Always have fun with the plungers. It's a great time.

As always, our home Grotto first. Come out and support the events planned.

THANK YOU as always for your continued support as I go up the grand line. If you ever would like to travel with Lady Theresa and I please feel free, it's great going out there to meet the Prophets of the realm.

Yours in Grotto Fellowship,  
Bob Lorenz, Jr., PM  
Grand Chief Justice

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### Living Past Monarchs of Islam Grotto

1977 Richard Hoff	2009 William Woods
1985 Tommy Lee **	2010 Ron Davidson
1991 Jim Deller	2013/2014 David Rasch
1995 Ray Rietzel	2015 George Gittins
1999 Eugene Martucci	2016 Robert Lorenz III
2001 James Metsger *	2017 Jeramey Wieloch
2003 Edward Foster	2019 Michael Karkalla
2004 Max Pokorski	2020 Scott Allen
2005 Robert Lorenz Jr.	2021 Conrad Wieloch III
2006 Lenny Kolodziek	2022 Thomas Newland
2007 Michael Tomascin	2023

Suspended \*    Demitted \*\*

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## Schedule of Events for 2024

### February

2-4 - OGA Convention  
12 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
15 - Stated Meeting - (Cooking - Kyle Golik)  
16 - Grotto Fish Fry  
19 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
22 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
23 - Grotto Fish Fry - Prophet's Night  
24 - Polar Plunge  
24 - *Bingo*  
06 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
29 - *Fish Fry Prep*

### March

1- Grotto Fish Fry  
4 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
7 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
7 - *Ceremonial Read Along*  
8 - Grotto Fish Fry  
11 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
14 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
15 - Grotto Fish Fry  
18 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
21 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
21 - Stated Meeting -  
(Cooking - Chief Justice)  
22 - Grotto Fish Fry  
23 - *Ceremonial Read Along*  
23 - Grotto Easter Children's Party  
25 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
28 - *Fish Fry Prep*  
29 - Grotto Fish Fry - Prophet's Night

### April

5-7 - PGA Williamsport  
18 - Stated Meeting -  
(cooking - Master of Ceremonies)  
26 - Prophets Night -  
Venerable Prophet cooking

### May

17-19 - OGA Conference -Baku  
11 - Mother's Day Lunch  
16 - Stated Meeting  
17 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal  
24 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal  
25 - Grotto Ceremonial  
31 - Prophet's Night

### June

2-9 - 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council (New Orleans)  
20 - Stated Meeting  
28 - Prophet's Night  
30 - July 4th Picnic and Fireworks

### July

26 - Prophet's Night

### August

30 - Prophet's Night

### September

19 - Stated Meeting  
27 - Prophet's Night

### October

12 - Grotto Ceremonial Rehearsal  
17 - Stated Meeting  
19 - Grotto Fall Ceremonial  
25 - Prophet's Night

### November

21 - Stated Meeting  
29 - Prophet's Night

### December

19 - Stated Meeting  
20 - Grotto Christmas Wrapping  
21 - Grotto Christmas Children's party

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