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Grand Monarch's Message

Greetings Prophets and Ladies:

It is hard to believe that the first half on my year is almost over! Jenny and I want to thank all the Prophets and ladies who have made us feel welcome and who have taken so very good care of us, particularly ME (following my injury), and providing us with all the comforts of home, while we are traveling.

After the Supreme Council meeting last July, we almost immediately traveled to Plymouth, IN to institute a new Grotto–Zanzibar Grotto. With the able aid of PGM Mitch Weinsting and DGM Mark McCombs and GCJ Mike Dempsey, in a closed ceremony, 19 of the 25 Brothers were initiated and obligated and the Officers for the ensuing year installed. What a treat it was for me to get to participate in presenting a Charter to a new Grotto.

A week later, we were off to Portland, OR, for the Northwest Meeting, then to OGA in Mansfield, OH. As there was a conflict with Michigan-Western Ontario, PGM Shuards Sutherland represented me ably.

It was at this point that I had my unfortunate injury, but in between the injury and the scheduled surgery to repair my face, Jenny and I were able to attend the Southwest in Tulsa, at which yours truly was presented with a hand-made and custom made Indian headdress, which I will wear proudly at future SWGA functions. Our special thanks to Shawn and David Whitehead for seeing to my dietary needs – you know what I mean by that.

My surgery interfered with my attendance at the Daughters of Mokanna in San Antonio, TX, but PGM Sam Lattin did a far better job for me than if I had been there myself. Thanks, Sam, you pulled me out of a fire.

My facial swelling was down enough for us to attend the Florida State Grotto Association meeting in St. Augustine, FL, which turned out to be a lot more fun than I thought I could handle, especially the trip to and from the Pirate Ship with everyone in costume and trying to scare the pedestrians on the street. What a HOOT!

After a quick two day turnaround, we were off to Peoria, IL for the Midwest Grotto Association convention. Jim and Linda Bainter, along with most of the Grand Line and several Past Grand Monarchs presided over what, I think, a Grotto Association convention should be like...competitions, both vocal and clown, funny cars, pass in review...like things used to be all over. And they were generous, too, as \$5,000 was donated to our charity through the Humanitarian Foundation.

Again, there was a conflict between Empire State and Western Grotto Associations and Grand Chief Justice Mike Dempsey represented me at Empire State while Jenny and I went to Williams, AZ for Western. I was stationed in southern Arizona with the USAF but never got far enough north to see the Grand Canyon. I scratched that off my bucket list with this trip.

Next is the Board of Governors meeting in New Orleans, then all the Grotto Officers installations and a few Association meetings and the Conference of Grand Masters.

That's what we've been doing....now for what YOU are going to be doing next July.

The 126th Supreme Council Session will be in New Orleans from July 17th – 24th, 2016. The convention hotel is the Marriott French Quarter at 555 Canal St. Rooms are \$109 (plus tax) per night and covered, in and out, valet parking is \$10 per day. The National World War II museum is easy to get to from the hotel and we have arranged discounts for those attending. Details and registration forms should be on the Supreme Council website (www.scgrotto.org) and in this edition of The Grotto Magazine. The hotel itself is awarding a two night stay to one of the first 200 Prophets to book a room. You can see ANY Grand Line Officer to “donate” \$20 in exchange for an opportunity to be awarded all 7 nights at the hotel (parking not included), plus all the tickets an attendee usually purchases, except the golf outing, i.e., men's & ladies luncheon, Monday and Tuesday evening functions, Grand Monarch's Dinner and Red Tassel party.

This convention is for everyone, and it is a chance for all Prophets to come and be a part of the Grottoes of North America, not just the Grotto in your community. Grotto is about meeting new friends, and sharing Masonic fellowship with Masons from all over North America. It is about expanding your horizons and changing perspectives. See how Brothers from other parts of the Realm do things, and take some ideas back to your own Grotto and see if they might work for you. If you have never been to a Supreme Council convention, now is the time! Book your room, send in your registration, and come to New Orleans. It will be an experience you won't regret.

In closing, Jenny and I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. As we close out 2015 and move in to 2016, take time to reflect on the blessings we have been granted and the many wonderful adventures that lie ahead for each of us. Grotto is alive and well, and we will continue to be a joy in the lives of others. ***Remember, Grotto is the Fun of Life, Laissez les bon temps roulez.***

Yours in Sympathy and Goodfellowship,
—Dave & Jenny Blythe



GRAND MONARCH'S CHALLENGE LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

The Membership Contest Program Has Changed

Beginning May 1, 2015 and Ending April 30, 2016

Achieve the set goal of 5% and the Supreme Council will reward your Grotto

\$150.⁰⁰

Grand Monarch David Blythe will present a certificate of achievement at the
126th Annual Session in New Orleans, Louisiana

Achieving this goal will also earn recognition of your Grotto in the
Fall 2016 *GROTTO Magazine*

RULES:

- * Initiate new members between May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016
- * Submit new initiate paperwork no later than May 10, 2016
- * Dual memberships, deaths, demits and suspensions will not count against the 5%
- * 5% will be based on your total active membership as of May 1, 2015

MINIMUM NUMBER OF NEW INITIATES IS FIVE (5)
(Re-instatements will not count!)

Your Grotto's Goal?

If you do not know your Grotto's Goal, contact the Supreme Council Office!

Has your Grotto reached its goal? 15 Grottoes already have! Please be sure to be included in that count by convention in order to collect \$150 from the Membership Committee! Good luck!

Laissez les bon temps roulez!



GRAND MONARCH'S SCHEDULED TRAVEL 2015-16

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

Madison, WI February 20 – 24, 2016

Central States Grotto Association

(2016 Date and Location to be Announced)

Southeast Grotto Association

(2016 Date and Location to be Announced)

BOG Meeting

April 1 – 2, 2016

Achbar Monarch's Ball

April 2, 2016

126th Supreme Council Session

New Orleans, LA July 17 – 24, 2016

Islam Grotto Installation

January 15 – 17, 2016

Al Azar's Monarch's Ball

February 13, 2016

DeMolay International

San Diego, CA June 14 – 18, 2016

Lady Jenny's Mardi Gras Pin

The theme of the 2016 Convention in New Orleans July 17-24 will be Mardi Gras with the motto "*Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez!*" (Let the good times roll!) I hope you will be joining us.



My pin this year follows that theme—a Mardi Gras mask. The cost is \$10 and you can purchase one from me or any of the Grand Line ladies. The proceeds will go to the Humanitarian Foundation to support our charity—providing quality dental care for special needs children.

—Jenny Blythe

Membership Programs

VIP PROGRAM

Any Prophet who sponsors a new member or reinstated member who has been out of the Grotto for at least 13 months between May 1st and April 30th will be entitled to attend the Grand Monarch's VIP lunch or breakfast at the Supreme Council Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

VIP(UNDER 40)

In addition to the VIP program, anyone sponsoring a new or qualified reinstated Prophet that is under 40 years old will receive a special (under 40) pin.

KEY PROPHETS

Any Prophet sponsoring 3 new or qualified reinstated members between May 1st and April 30th will be awarded a distinctive GOLD Key emblem. Any Prophet sponsoring 5 new members will receive a RUBY Key and for 7 or more new members a DIAMOND Key. A Prophet will receive one (1) key of the highest level he has earned. If in attendance at the Supreme Council Session, the key will be presented by the Grand Monarch.

SLEEP ON US

The first (10) ten Prophets sponsoring 10 new or qualified reinstated Prophets between May 1st and April 30th will receive one (1) FREE night stay in the convention host hotel during the Supreme Council Session. The first Prophet to sponsor twenty-five (25) new Prophets will receive four (4) free nights at host hotel.

RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

The Prophet sponsoring the greatest number of new members initiated in the entire Realm in any month, with a minimum of two (2), will receive a \$100.00 cash award. The initiation report must be turned in to Supreme Council office by the close of the following month. Awards will be split if a tie occurs.

KEY MASTER MASON NIGHTS

The Supreme Council will reimburse a Grotto 50% of the cost, up to \$300.00 for a Master Mason Night once a year. Contact the Supreme Council Office for details and a PRE-EVENT REQUEST FORM or find online at www.scgrotto.org under Secretary Forms. ****Please note that a Pre-approval request form and a budget for the event must be sent to the Supreme Council Office attention Membership for approval prior to the event in order for any reimbursement to be paid!** Keep in mind that this is not to be used in conjunction with any other event.

MASONIC HOSPITALITY

The Supreme Council will reimburse a Grotto 50% of the cost up to \$300.00, for sponsoring a hospitality event at a Master Mason Event. This must be pre-approved, including a budget and is limited to one (1) per year. You must present your program for pre-approval with budget and can obtain forms from the Supreme Council Office or online at www.scgrotto.org under Secretary Forms. This cannot be used with other events.

LODGE VISITATIONS & REFRESHMENTS

We will reimburse a Grotto up to \$75.00 for attending and providing refreshments at a Blue Lodge Meeting. You must obtain pre-approval from the Supreme Council Office. These forms may also be found under the Secretary Forms online at www.scgrotto.org.

"ITS GREAT TO BE A GROTTO MEMBER"

Booklets are available at no charge from the Supreme Council office. A Grotto may have up to 100 per year. Sufficient quantities will be given to every candidate of a one-day class if allowed by the Grand Lodge of that Jurisdiction.

POCKET PETITIONS are also available at no charge from the Supreme Council office.

TRADE SHOW STYLE DISPLAY

A six (6) foot display (which can also be used as one or two 3 foot table displays) is available for MASONIC HOSPITALITY and other similar events where a large number of Masons are present. (Shipping by M.O.V.P.E.R.)

GRAND MASTERS RECRUITMENT

The Supreme Council Membership Committee will pay the \$50.00 "Prophet at Sight" cost for any Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master joining the Grotto.

Please consider using these suggestions to your advantage, get paid for signing up new members and become a major contributor to growing the Realm!

In Sympathy and Goodfellowship,

—Bernie Mitchell, PGM
Membership Chairman



GRAND MONARCH'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2015-16

AAHMED GROTTTO
Russell Grant, Monarch
2015

ABBAS GROTTTO
Richard Gibson, Monarch
2015

AL HASSAN GROTTTO
Joe L. Tomberlin, Monarch
2015

EL REY GROTTTO
Robert Hennes, Monarch
2015

GALAE GROTTTO
Richard T. Nelson, Monarch
2015

GAO GROTTTO
Timothy Heinrichs,
Monarch 2015

KISMET GROTTTO
David H. Ingalls, PM,
Monarch 2015

ORMUS GROTTTO
Keith Newton, Monarch
2015

SAHARA GROTTTO
Robert A. Dungan, Monarch
2015

SELAMA GROTTTO
David S. Vincent, Monarch
2015

SEM I NO GROTTTO
Shawn Ray Lopez, Monarch
2015

TACOBAT GROTTTO
Carl Brady, PM, Monarch
2015

ZELICA GROTTTO
Lawrence M. Buck,
Monarch 2015

ZENDAH GROTTTO
Jerry A. Haywood, Monarch
2015

ZIBA GROTTTO
Jeremy Horton, PM<
Monarch 2015

ATTENTION ALL GROTTTO MEMBERS

The Supreme Council is starting a new initiative to recognize the date that you joined your local Grotto as your Anniversary Date with the Grottoes of North America. Please send your email address to robin.garrett@scgrotto.org so that we can include you in our database. Then be on the lookout for an email congratulating you each year for being a member!

Thank you,

—*Michael Dempsey*
Grand Chief Justice

Prophet Retention

by Matthew Wissell, PM, Grand Master of Ceremonies

I have a question for you. *What does a Prophet get for paying his dues at your Grotto?* I know it is a provocative question. Yet, it is the question that gets to the heart of our trouble with demits and suspensions for non-payment of dues. It is in one aspect an economic issue. *Do your members feel that they are getting what they paid for? Is their dues payment a valuable and worthwhile expenditure of their financial resources?* It is a question each and every Grotto must answer for itself.



Many have said that you cannot put a monetary value on Freemasonry. I would challenge that thought. I believe there are many brothers who do, in fact, put a monetary value on the Craft. They add an economic factor into their thought process around whether or not to participate in a certain group or activity. *“How much does it cost?”* and *“Is it worth it?”* are what they ask themselves. There is no denying it.

Our challenge is to respond to those questions by making the Grotto experience worth the expense of their money and their time. As we plan our years and our events we need to keep those thoughts in mind. *“What are they getting for their time and money?”* *“If I were not a member, would this event make me consider joining?”* *“Can I describe a tangible value for the money spent to be involved?”* Tough questions but each Grotto must answer them.

If we are going to retain our members we need to offer them something more than a boring or contentious business meeting. Neither is worth their time and money. We need to provide them with a meaningful, valuable experience. They are consumers of our product. *What kind of product do we have?*

I ask you to think about these questions as you plan for your 2016 schedule. You will not be able to change everything all at once. One thing at a time is an acceptable pace. What is not acceptable is doing exactly what you have always done. We all need to grow and improve. *Make their Grotto experience worth their time and money and they will keep their membership.*

Top Line Signers of the Month

August – John Combel, Ka Jon Grotto with 5 new Prophets!
September – Brian Truex, Hapac Grotto with 7 new Prophets!
October – Richard Taman, El Jaala Grotto with 4 new Prophets!

Top Line Signers

8/1/2015 – 10/31/2015

AAHMED

Ronald Schmacher
Virgil E. Allen
James C Carter
Wayne M. Weaver
Kerry M. Slaughter
Adiann P. Kroon
Robert A. Jones, Jr.
Joseph S. Cooley
Alex G. Carter
Henry T. Mills, Jr.

ABBAS

Lonnie E. Casey
John Leroy Lee
Curtis Lee Gruber

AL AZAR

David K Bankston, Jr., PM
Paul G. Sumrall, Jr.
John Combel
Carl Ledet
Corey M. LeBlanc
Obay LeBlanc
Chris LeBlanc
Ronald Lauland
Ronnie Deeters
David Carroll, Jr.
Steven A. Kemp
Ridal J. Broussard, Jr.

AL HASSAN

Joe L Tomberlin
Floyd C. Yeager
Robert J. Gerhardt

ALHAMBRA

George M Merkle
Ernest R. Loebner
Walter S Sawicki, II
Michael J. Barcus
Charles M. Huey
John P. Singer
Michae P. Singer, Jr.
Michael P. Singer, III

ALIABAD

James C. Byrnes
James D. Arcudi

AMROU

Steven L Dailey
Todd E. Mitchell

AUT MORI

Tad C Fithian
Thomas A. Kidd

AZIM

William Thomas
Virgil Blackstone
Victor L Mann, PM
Yves-Laurent Muls
Garret Kane
Sagar Vachhani

BEN BEY

Richard L Looney
Andrew Daniel
Mark A Wigal, PM
Joseph Vincent

CASHAN

Andrew D. Arnold
Tommy C. Chapman
James L. Beard

CHINAR

William B. Blaize
Hector Flores

DELCO

Thomas Wible
Joseph W. Calabrese
Richard R. Sonier
Richard A. Decky, Sr.
Richard Alan Heath
Donald S. Harwick

DINAR

Kenneth B Baker, PM
Bruce E. Niemeyer
Ronald G. Address, PM
Alan E. Nelson
Benjamin S. Keaten
Zachary A. Brannon

EL JAALA

Howard Schermerhorn, PM
Christopher P. Garlington
John M. Hammond, PM
Irwin Jerome Z. Angeles
Bradley L. Baker, PM
Richard Taman, PM
Vito Glazers
Robert T. Deacon
Nestor Policarpio
Guy Carbona, PM
David Pashia
Derek Reichart
Sam Wilson

EL JAALA (continued)

Donald S Dayton
Jim Tome
Tommy Hendrix, Jr.
Brian Tripp
Joseph Maas
Edilberto Vazquez

FARHAD

Larry J Gaff, PM
Rollin P. Rieffel, Jr.

FERAMO

Michael Taussig
Rodolfo Gabor

GAO

Larry Eaglen
Richard E. Durnell
Donald D Robertson
Gary Reaktenwalt
James D. Hettmansberger
George Osborn
Justin Michael McDaniel
Brandon Michael Woodley
Sean McBride
John McBride
Matthew Birge
Wade Aaron Anderson
Rick Strebing, PM
Roger Dean Boen
Darren Lane
William B. Spicer

HAPAC

Brian Truex
Jared L. Kellar
Joseph J. Bartusek
Scott J. Shipman
Douglas E. King
Rashad Penton
Donald Katterhenry
Ronald L. Bartusek

HASSAN

Brian D Lundquist
Jonathan R. Schrader

HEJAZ

Arnold H. Freedman
Stephen M. Thal
David E Berger, PM
Martin E. Cobern
William L Greene, PM
Marc Darren

ISLAM

Robert C. Schwanbeck, V
Edward W. Dietz, Jr.

KA JON

Ambrose Thibodaux, PM
Chadwick D. Powell
Raymond J Dupre, Jr.
Craig C. Brown

KHARRAM

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Daniel E. Siggins

MOHASSAN

Charles L Roenfeldt, PM
Bradley R Peek, PM

MONKER

Mark Walker
Benjamin F. Wilson

MOSLEM

George S Fontana, PM
Kevin A. Pellerin
Stephen J. Accello
Leo J. Switzer

NAVA

Bryan E. Simmons
Mitchell D. Shair
Adam M. Perreault

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Robert E. Cooper

SABA

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Jeffrey Williamson
Matthew Q. Llewellyn
Christopher Richardson

SINGARA

Mark L McCombs, PM
Carl J. Beatty
Robert W Reardon
Jules R. Bahnsen

Top Line Signers 8/1/2015 – 10/31/2015

TACOBAT

William G Norton, PM 33°
Lawrence M. Byrd

TRI PO BED

Thomas C. Adsmond, PM
Jared H. Neal
Clinton E. Allen, Jr.

TROY

John Goodbred, PM
Richard Rizzo
Stanley Craig
John J. Edwards, Jr., PM
Gregory Mudd

UBAR

David A. Labagh
Jack D. Keener
Michael J. Keener
Christopher D. Reed
Austin H. Zumburum
Jason J. Caneal
Edward C. McGrath, Jr.

XELLA

Rodger Van Riesen, PM
Dylan R. McLay

ZAFAR

Paul J Hubbard, PM
Charles A. Haynes
Richard H. Millington
Robert E Saul, Sr., PM
John E. Barnhart, III
Franklin E. Hort, Sr.
John S. Nace

ZAFAR

Robert L Aungst
Carroll P. Keefer
John Magyar, II

ZAL GAZ

Henry Geiss, PM
Steven A Reed
Richard S Wilcox
Donald Wilson
Robert W Hospadaruk
Gregory Hammond
Andrew Hoffman

ZELICA

Otto Thiergart, PGM
Joseph G. Scheuring
Dudley C Herrington, II
Alfred O Deweese, III

ZELICA

Lawrence M. Buck
Donald L. Ramsdell
Shawn D. Johnson
Edwin Eblamo
Steven A. Goins

ZIBA

Jeremy Horton, PM
Richard B. Hai
Justin M. Kunst
Larry Lutrin

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Total New Initiates

A Message from The Supreme Mighty Chosen One

My, how time flies! I was installed as Supreme Mighty Chosen One in San Antonio, Texas, in September, 2015. It seems like my journey has just begun. The past four years went very fast but I am humbled and excited about my office.

I am excited to be able to promote the Grottoes' good works in the coming year. I plan on carrying forms with me, during my travels, for the purchase of Enchanted Lanterns, as well as the Fairchild Society. I pledge the continued support of the Supreme and Subordinate Caldrons during my year. Let's "KEEP THE CHILDREN SMILING."

On behalf of the Supreme Caldron we would like to thank Grand Monarch, David Blythe, for allowing Samuel Lattin, PGM, to bring words of greeting from the Supreme Council, in his absence. We would like for him to know that he was missed but understand about the accident and healthcare. We hope that he is recovering nicely. Our regards to Lady Jenny.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to Jim Payton, Chairman of the Humanitarian Foundation, for his time and effort in promoting the Grottoes' philanthropic work and thank him for his attendance.



The 97th Supreme Session of the Daughters of Mokanna will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on September 14-17th, 2016, in Little Rock, Arkansas. We would love to have as many Daughters as possible along with their Prophets. We have a TagAlong group for the men in attendance. Any Lady of a Prophet who is interested in becoming a Daughter may contact me for information.

Since we have a Supreme Caldron they may join it if there is not a caldron in their vicinity. The aim of the Daughters of Mokanna is to assist and cooperate with the members of the Grotto and help them in their endeavors.

Fraternally,

*—Susan Benson,
Supreme Mighty Chosen One*



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Host Grotto: TBA
Annual Meeting: Date TBA, Colonial Williamsburg & Philadelphia, PA
Website: www.colonialgrotto.org

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Annual Meeting: September 15-18, 2016, Warren, PA

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Annual Meeting: TBA

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Annual Meeting: August 18 - 20, 2016
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Secretary: John Reamer, PM
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Host Grotto: Zelica Grotto
Annual Meeting: May 12-14, 2016, Pensacola, FL
Website: www.segagrotto.com

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Host Grotto: Cashan Grotto
Annual Meeting: September 2-5, 2016, Beaumont, TX

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Host Grotto: Zula Grotto
Annual Meeting: October 13-17, 2016, Henderson, NV 89105
Website: www.westerngrottoassoc.org

DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA D.O.M.

Supreme Mighty Chosen One: Susan Benson, SMCO
Supreme Mighty Chosen One's Email: susan.benson@att.net
Supreme Rodeval: Barbara Turner
Supreme Rodeval's Email: supremeroval@gmail.com
Host Caldron: Bendemeer Grotto
Annual Meeting: September 14-27, 2016, Little Rock, AR

126TH ANNUAL SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION

New Orleans, LA - July 17-24, 2016

Pre-Registration Form

****DO NOT SEND TOUR or GOLF MONEY TO SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICE****

Please make check payable to 126th Supreme Council Session.

**SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:
126th SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION GROTTOS OF NORTH AMERICA
430 Beecher Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230**

PAYMENT AND FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 1, 2016

Prophet _____ Grotto _____

Lady's Name _____ Guest Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE SPACE:

Prophet is a VIP: _____ Past Monarch: _____ Monarch: _____ Chief Justice: _____

Master of Ceremonies _____ Secretary: _____ Alternate _____

***Supreme Council Number _____ (Located on your 2016 Dues Card)

****DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR 2016 DUES CARD TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION**
NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 7, 2016**

Pre-Registration Event	COST	Number	TOTAL COST
Prophet Registration	\$20.00		\$
Lady or Guest Registration	\$10.00		\$
Thursday – Mardi Gras Theme Buffet	\$30.00		\$
Friday – Men's General Lunch	\$30.00		\$
Friday – Ladies' General Lunch	\$30.00		\$
Friday – Grand Monarch Banquet	Beef \$50.00		\$
	Chicken \$50.00		\$
Saturday – Red Tassel Party	\$ 6.00		\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

Credit Card Payment Circle one: AX MC VS DC

Name on Card _____ Number _____ Exp. Date _____

**GROTTOES OF NORTH AMERICA
126th SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION**

OFFICIAL HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

July 17 – July 24, 2016

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: New Orleans Marriott (French Quarter)

555 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70130

(504) 581-1000 www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/msyla-new-orleans-marriott

Name: _____ Grotto: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

Arrival Date: ____/____/____ Departure Date: ____/____/____

Check or money order for one night's lodging must be enclosed or secured by credit card.

Circle one: AX MC VS DC Last 4 Digits of Credit Card # only: _____

All rooms are \$110 per night plus tax Single/Double occupancy

_____ \$110 + Tax 1-King Size Bed

_____ \$110 + Tax 2-Double Size Beds

Reservations may be made through email to lisa.pickett@marriott.com, by phone or U.S. Mail to:

New Orleans Marriott (French Quarter)

555 Canal St.

New Orleans, LA 70130

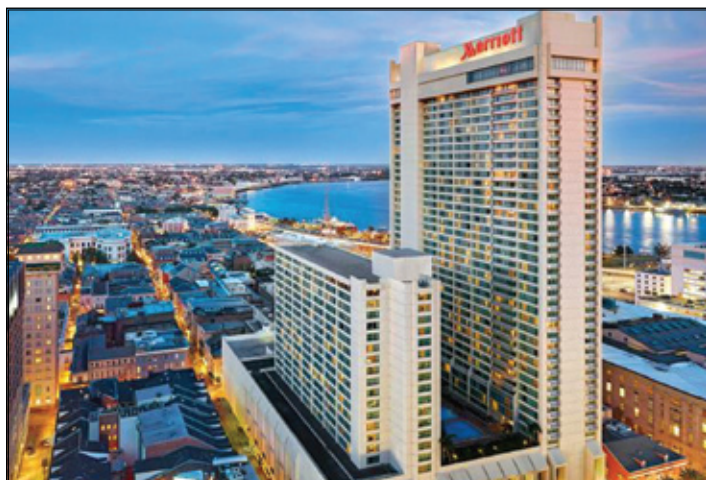
Direct: (504) 581-1000 Toll free reservations: 1-800-654-3990

(Please be sure to indicate that you are with the Grottoes of North America.)

Reservation Deadline: June 16, 2016

Covered, in-and-out, valet parking in Hotel is only \$10 per night (usually \$38 per night).

Check out this website for tours handled by the Concierge desk! <http://liverytours.com>



126TH SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION TOURS AND EVENTS

Monday July 18, 2016 – Mulate’s

Please join the Grand Monarch David and Lady Jenny at the world famous Mulate’s for an evening of FUN, GOOD FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT! Cajun Music and Dancing (with instructors) a Creole Buffet (and other food for the less adventuresome.) **Transportation included!**



Tuesday July 19, 2016 – BB’s Stage Door Canteen – WWII The National WWII Museum



The Victory Belles presents Songs that Won the War. The Victory Belles bring to life the songs that inspired the Allies to victory during World War II. This new Belles show features musical gems of the era such as White Cliffs of Dover, Harbor Lights, The Last Time I Saw Paris, La Vie En Rose, and I’ll Be Seeing You, all sung in rich, three-part harmony. You may even find yourself dancing with one of the beautiful Belles! Dinner 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. includes three-course meal. **Transportation included!**

Complete this form and mail with Check made payable to Ka Jon Grotto to:

A J Marlborough, 3725 Lake Arrowhead Drive, Harvey, LA 70058

Deadline for tours is July 1, 2016

Name: _____ Grotto _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Tours	Cost	Number of Tickets	TOTAL
Mulate’s - Monday July 18, 2016 Evening - details coming soon on time	\$60		
BB’s Stage Door Canteen Tuesday July 19, 2016 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	\$75		
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$

126TH ANNUAL SUPREME COUNCIL CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT - FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE



Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Bayou Barriere Golf Club, Belle Chasse, LA

Tee-off: 8:30 A.M. Cost: \$75.00 per player Hole Sponsor: \$100 \$250 or \$500

This includes 18-holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, and transportation

*** AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE RED TASSEL PARTY ***

1. Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone# _____

2. Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone# _____

3. Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone# _____

4. Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone# _____

HOLE SPONSOR SIGN SHOULD READ _____

1 PLAYER \$75.00 EACH \$ _____ FOURSOME = \$300.00 TOTAL \$ _____

HOLE SPONSORSHIP: \$ _____ \$100 , \$200 or \$500 TOTAL \$ _____

Please mail entry form with check payable to Kyle Chisholm 1620 Lake Salvador Dr. Harvey, LA 70058

For more information: gulfcontainer@cox.net

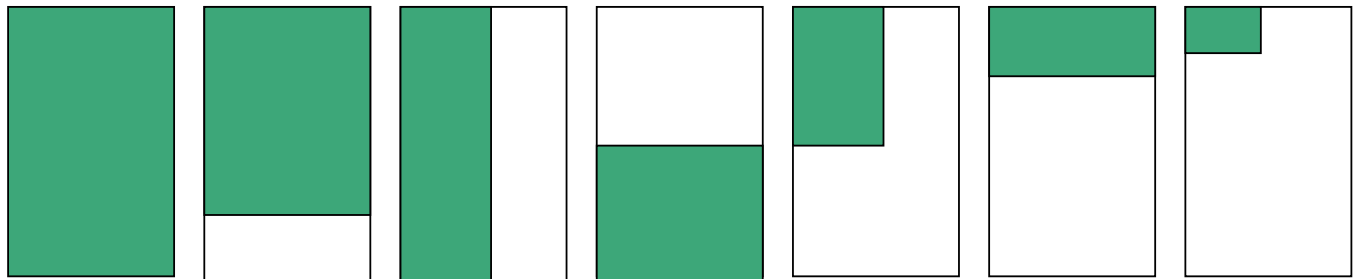
2016 SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION PROGRAM ADVERTISING

Name _____

Grotto or Organization _____

Address _____
Street City State Postal Code

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____



<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Page	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page Vertical	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page Horizontal	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page Vertical	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page Horizontal	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Card
Color \$300.00	\$225.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$40.00

ALL ADS IN COLOR THIS YEAR AT A DISCOUNT

Full Page Inside Back Cover \$500.00 Full Page Outside Back Cover \$550.00

\$10.00 per MEMORIAL LINE OR HONORARIUM LINE OR BOOSTER NAME

This program will include listings "In Honor of..." and "In Memory of..." If you would like to remember someone in this way, please attach a sheet with the information typed or written legibly and include \$10 for each name remembered or honored.

EXAMPLE: John Smith - In Memory of Ann Smith

Accepted on a Date/Time Basis Date _____ Time _____

Price of Ad - Camera Ready provided by advertiser (includes business cards) \$ _____

Non-Camera Ready Ad - Add an additional Charge of \$60.00/ Hr _____

TOTAL COST OF AD \$ _____

Advertisement Copy Attached YES NO

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KA JON GROTTO
 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ADS – July 1, 2016**

**Submit and Mail Payment to:
 Nick Plaisance
 228 Progressive Blvd. Suite 201
 Houma, LA 70360**

Contest Rules & Regulations

1. Penalty points will be assessed this year for late contest registration. All registration forms must be received in the Supreme Council Office by the close of business on July 1, 2016. Any individual contestant or unit whose registration form is received after the above date will have the penalty points deducted from their contest score at the convention.
2. The Web Page Contest will be the Best Web Page by a Grotto or Association. The rules for this contest are available from the Supreme Council Office and entries should be received by June 1, 2016 so as to give the Judges time to review and judge the web sites before they leave home for the Convention.
3. The Contest Committee will use the same procedure again this year in awarding the prize money and plaques that was used last year. An award certificate will be presented to the winning contestants and units at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening. After the Supreme Council Office personnel return home, they will prepare the checks, and send them to the winning contestants and units.
4. The Theme Hospitality Room Contest will be held this year on Wednesday night, July 20, 2016, following the Grand Opening. This year's theme will be "Let the Good Times Roll!" The rules for this contest are available from the Supreme Council Office. It should be noted that the registration forms for this contest must be in the Supreme Council Office by July 1, 2016.
5. The Clown Contest will have an additional requirement at the 126th Session in New Orleans, Louisiana. During the clown judging on Saturday the clowns will be required to do a 3 minute act showing their clowning skills. This will be in addition to the judging of their makeup and dress.
6. *There will be NO MOTORIZED UNITS competition this year.*

— — — — — 2016 CONTEST AND UNIT REVIEW ENTRY FORM — — — — —

Grotto Name _____ City _____

We wish to enter the following Units and/or Individuals, in competition in Columbia, Missouri, at the 126th Annual Supreme Council Session in July 2016.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

A. List Category Entering: _____

B. Contestant (Fill in #1 or #2)

If Prophet 1. My Name is _____

If Related 2. My Name is _____

Check One: I am the Wife ___ Widow ___ Daughter ___ Sister ___ Mother ___

Of Prophet (his name) _____

UNIT ENTRY

A. List Category Entering _____

B. Approximate Numbers of Members in Unit Competing _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete this 2016 Entry Form and forward to the Supreme Council Office at 430 Beecher Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230, prior to **July 1, 2016**. You will be sent Contest Rules covering the categories you have entered. Individual or Unit entries received at the office or at the Supreme Council Session after the above date will be assessed late points.

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION!

PLEASE MAIL THE RULES TO:

Name _____ Grotto _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Monarch's Signature _____

NOTICE TO PROPHETS

Each year at the Supreme Council National Convention four (4) management positions are available. Three (3) of these positions—the Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Treasurer and a Grand Trustee are elected on the floor at the convention and are open to Past Monarchs and Monarchs only. The fourth position (Humanitarian Foundation Trustee) is appointed by the Board of Governors during the convention and is available to Past Monarchs and Monarchs.

1. GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

The entry level position in the Grand Line. Duties are to guard the Supreme Council while in session and comply with all wishes of the Grand Monarch. This office should be completely familiar with the Supreme Council Code and be prepared to accept more responsibilities as he progresses through the Supreme Council Line to his ultimate goal of Grand Monarch. He is a voting member of the Supreme Council Board of Governors. He is paid mileage/per diem for attending the National Convention and actual expenses for Board Meetings.

2. GRAND TREASURER

Elected for one (1) year term. Duties and responsibilities are outlined in Chapter V, Section 5.6 of the Supreme Council Code. This officer is also a voting member of the Board of Governors as outlined in Chapter VI of the Supreme Council Code. He is paid mileage/per diem for attendance at the National Convention and actual expenses for attendance at other Board Meetings. Preferably, he should have a financial management background.

3. GRAND TRUSTEE

There will be one for three (3) year term this year. Duties and responsibilities involve the management of property and investing of Supreme Council funds as outlined in Chapter V, Section 5.11, 5.12 and 5.14 of the Supreme Council Code. He should be experienced in financial investing. He is paid mileage/per diem for attending the National Convention and actual expenses if ever to attend Board of Governors meetings.

4. HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

This is a position appointed by the Supreme Council Board of Governors for a five (5) year term. For details of the duties and responsibilities of this position refer to Chapter X of the Supreme Council Code. Prophets interested in this position should submit a brief resume of their qualifications to the Supreme Council Board of Governors through the Supreme Council Office. Remuneration is the same as a Grand Trustee.

GRAND MONARCH'S CLUB 2016-2017

*****A PROPOSAL AND INVITATION from Mark McCombs, Deputy Grand Monarch*****

This is an invitation to the Monarch of 2016 and 2017, and appropriate Association Officers (Presidents of 2016 or 2017) to be part of a new concept in commradary, fellowship and communication.

I am proposing the initiation of “**THE GRAND MONARCH'S CLUB.**” The idea is to link together the men and ladies of 2016 and 2017 who will be sharing the unique experience of leading their Grottoes, Associations, and Supreme Council during my year as Grand Monarch. This association and bond can begin before and last long after our terms of office with The Grottoes of North America. As with anything, it will be what we make of it. We can all benefit as leaders with better communication and shared involvement of our hopes, dreams, and plans for our individual year(s) of service.

As Deputy Grand Monarch I have already began receiving invitations to installations, association conventions, and other events. If you have a desire to have Joan and me (*as Deputy Grand Monarch or Grand Monarch*) at your event, I hope not to disappoint, but the reality is there are only so many weekends and so many vacation days.

Some of my initial ideas for the GRAND MONARCH'S CLUB 2016-17 are as follows:

It is to be made up of Grand Monarch, Association President, sitting Monarch and all new Prophets for that Convention year.

I need your commitment to communicate and opportunity to meet as a club during Supreme Sessions for 2017 and beyond.

** Possible use of Past Grand Monarch's and Grand- line as a short form team for initiation of new Prophets at Association and Supreme conventions.*

** Possible special certificate, pin, plaque of club members to be displayed at Sessions of Associations and Supreme Council.*

** Possible special initiation fee for new Prophets.*

** Idea to invite all candidates and sponsors to Association meeting for a first order of business initiation followed by participation in meeting and hospitality at Association convention or Supreme.*

** Create a news release for local papers about Installation*

THE FIRST STEP: E-mail or mail names of those who will be a Monarch or Association President 2016 or 2017 to:

Mark McCombs

104 Sheffield St., Bellevue, Ohio 44811

or e-mail to: mlmcombs@frontier.com

Please include your full name, address, e-mail, phone number and office title for 2016 or 2017.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION MATTERS

Shuards Sutherland, PGM

LeRoy here!

I was just sitting, looking down at what the Grotto has become today. To think that back in 1886, it all started because I asked a group of men to organize a function for the Royal Arch, and in so doing, they came up with a title for themselves—the FDC. (Fairchild’s Deviltry Committee)

These men were all Masons, of the same generation, who enjoyed playing pranks on each other, telling jokes and just looking for fun. In time they started to have meetings, which were held not in the Lodge, but in back rooms of stores or buildings wherever the red railroad lantern hung identifying the meeting’s location.

Who knew, these Masons of Hamilton New York, the Founders of the FDC would turn toward philanthropy—raising money for Cerebral Palsy and now onto Dentistry for Special Needs Children. We now do a million dollar’s worth of Dentistry a year, treating over 1,400 Special Needs Children. Without the commitment and support of the generous Prophets around the Realm, their families, the Daughters of the Mokanna and many other donors, **where would we be?**

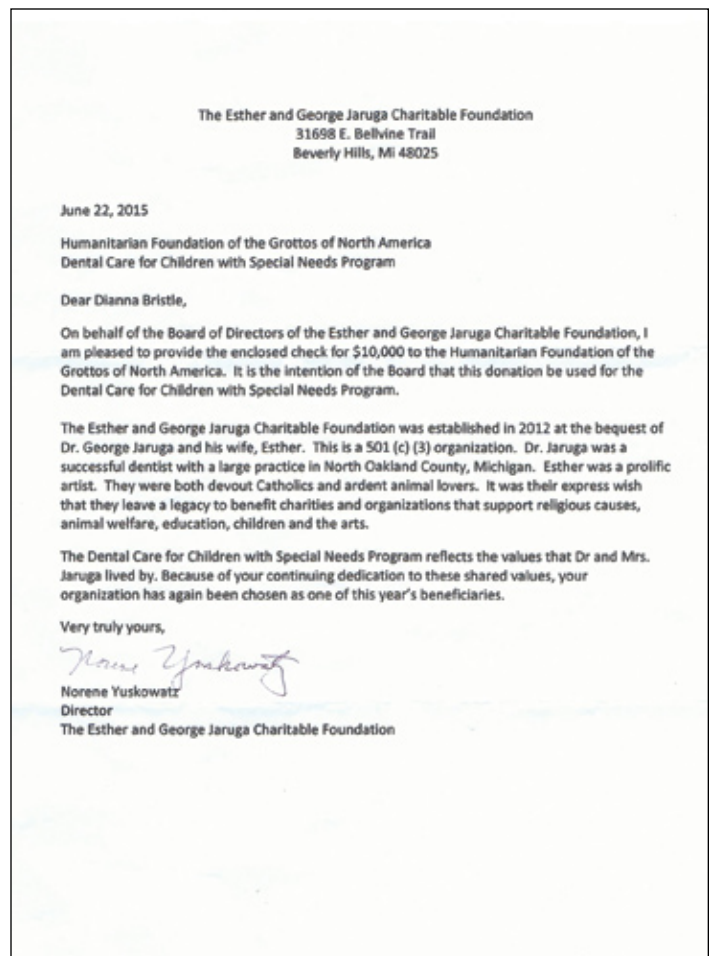
*It’s kind of like the poem **In a Friendly Sort of Way**, “When all the world seems gloomy, and the clouds hang dark and heavy, what you are doing will let the sun come out again, you feel a happy throbbing, in the region of your heart.” Let the Sun Shine through on our **SPECIAL KIDS**.*

Keep up the Good Work!

P.S. Remember all I had was a DREAM!



Pictured Above are PGM Mike Yuskowatz (left) Charles Ferguson, PM (center) and PGM Mitch Weinsting as the Humanitarian Foundation received \$10,000 from Mike’s daughter, Norene Yuskowatz, Director of the Esther and George Jaruga Charitable Foundation. (Letter pictured below.)



Humanitarian Foundation Circle Awards

COMPLETED PLEDGES

AUGUST 15 TO NOVEMBER 24, 2015

Monarch Circle

Kenneth M SholarAries
 Charles Fred FoxKhana Shahar
 Arthur PayneNoruh
 Achbar Grotto Ladies AuxiliaryAchbar
 Jerry OgletreeDinar
 Stan Jones TrophyMidwest Association

Grand Monarch Circle

Randall Kimbrough, PMCashan
 William Kimbrough, PMCashan
 Kismet GrottoettesKismet
 Todd MayerSelim
 Gotham GrottoGotham

Fairchild Silver Circle

Amrita GrottoAmrita
 Zuleika GrottoZuleika
 Nubia GrottoNubia
 Harold StrigfellowBendemeer
 Terry WahlKhana Shahar

Fairchild Emerald Circle

Patrick CarrAlmaric

NEW PLEDGES / UPGRADES

Monarch Circle

Omala CaldronOmala Caldron

Grand Monarch Circle

Edward Ross, IIAut Mori

Fairchild Emerald Circle

Fred DawsonAbbas
 Marty StoverAleppo



Around the Realm

SIXTY-FIVE YEAR PRESENTATION

Merrimac, Massachusetts

Prophet PM Reverend John Murray Balcom was initiated in Mir-A-Mac Grotto in Merrimac Massachusetts October 20, 1949, affiliated with Mahded Grotto January 25, 1955, which has recently merged with Moslem Grotto.

SCDD PM Jack Bell and PM George Fontana and their ladies Carolyn Bell and Helena Fontana visited Rev John and his lady Jeanne Balcom at their home on Cape Cod, for the purpose of presenting him with his 65 year certificate as a Prophet.

They were entertained in true Cape Cod fashion with cookies and Cape Cod Cranberry Cider by Rev John's lady Jeanne. This was a typical Grotto time of Fun, Food and Family.

Pictured below from left to right are SCDD Jack Bell Rev. John Balcom and George Fontana.



ABBAS GROTTTO

Peoria, Illinois

Abbas Grotto Past Monarch Shannon Walden, a Peoria, Illinois Police K-9 officer (fourth from the left) and his K-9 partner Anfo along with other Peoria and area department officers use the Abbas Grotto grounds for re-certification and training.

Thanks so much for what you do.

Pictured below with their K-9 partners are left to right James (Ed) White, Tom (Shoe b do), and E. Dean Settles, with Tim (Teeball).



Enchanted Lantern Contributions

437	Kathy Stephenson Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	488	Danny David Neuhaus.....Oxus	539	Clarence (Wes) Stephens.....Amalric	639-640	Tali & Angie Atala Congratulations on a Great Year Jim & Linda Bainter.....Abbas
438	Straub's - Town & Country, MO Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	489	Basil Johnson, Jr.....Samoor	540	Thomas 'Clint' Chastain.....Amalric	641	In Honor of PGM Mike Wahl PGM Dave and Liz Rebmann.....Abbas
439	Keven M. Smith Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	490	Ronald C Newton.....Selama	541	Stanley Stalnaker.....Amrou	642	Tim and Joyce We Love You ! PGM Dave and Liz Rebmann.....Abbas
440	John Trower Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	491	John M Patrick.....Teheran	542	Anthony J Adornetto.....Amrou	643	Larry Powers In Memory of Your Mother, Patricia Sydney Katz.....Abbas
441	Tearl D. Finley Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	492	Wilfred Bowers, PM.....Teheran	543	Charles W Siecrist, PM.....Ankara	644	John Combel Al Azar Grotto Baton Rouge, Louisiana.....Al Azar
442	William J. B. Mathis Jr. Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program 2015.....Alhambra	493	William McCord.....Tri Po Bed	544	Charles B Beavers, PM.....Aries	645	In Memory of PM Kenneth P Lodge Bette and Mike Yuskowatz.....Al Matta
443	Terry Coppotelli Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	494	David Korb.....Yusef Khan	545-546	Gary L Shane.....Aut Mori	646	In Memory of Eleanor Hinton Bette and Mike Yuskowatz.....Al Matta
444	Thomas Cupples Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	495-496	Robert L. Phillips.....Zendah	547	Robert A Metzger.....Aut Mori	647	In Memory of Leslie Sequin Bette and Mike Yuskowatz.....Al Matta
445	Marion L. Briggs Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	497	Dennis Cyr, PM.....Zindah	548	Isaac Moore, PM.....Azim	648	Jackie Jammal Al Sirat Grotto.....Al Sirat
446	Walter S. Sawicki, II Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	498	In Memory of Bill Poteet Aahmed Grotto.....Aahmed	549	Thomas Spencer Fisher.....Azim	649	Congratulations on a Great Year Love, Beth.....Aleppo
447	Straub's - Webster Groves, MO Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	499	In Memory of Ralph Howard Aahmed Grotto.....Aahmed	550	Zachary N. Ostrow.....Azim	650	R. Rex Taggart of Aleppo Grotto Columbia, Missouri.....Aleppo
448	Straub's - Clayton, MO Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	500	PGM David Rebmann In Continuation of Your 5 for 5 Program Jillian Rosenberger.....Abbas	551	John T. Root, Jr.....Bendemeer	651	Tali Atala Congratulations on a Great Year as President of SEGA and a Fantastic Convention Grand Monarch Mitch & Beth Weinsting.....Aleppo
449-450	Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	501	Lewis Karney Aleppo Grotto Columbia, MO.....Aleppo	552	David B. Boyer.....Bendemeer	652	We Are Proud of You Love, Sarah & Lane and Matthew & Amy.....Aleppo
451	Dennis E. Fetter Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	502	In Honor of Bobby Turner Ronald Tucker.....Bendemeer	553	Richard Hayes, PM.....Cashan	653	In Honor of PGM Mike Wahl PGM Bernie Mitchell.....Amrou
452	Straub's - St. Louis, MO Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Program - 2015.....Alhambra	503	In Honor of Troy Cole Ronald Tucker.....Bendemeer	554	Glenn R Payton, PM.....Farhad	654	In Honor of PM Tim Brooks PGM Bernie Mitchell.....Amrou
453	Les Ferguson Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	504	In Memory of William Wayne Nesbitt Don T. Nesbitt, Jr.....Chinar	555-558	Donald LaBarre, PGM.....Farhad	655	In Honor of PGM Bill Wears PGM Bernie Mitchell.....Amrou
454	Harry Worthington, PM Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	505	Garret W Post Hejaz Grotto New Haven, CT.....Hejaz	559	Richard Sullivan.....Farrah	656-657	Philip A. Gicalone, Sr, PGM Ankara Grotto, Kansas, MO.....Ankara
455	Frank Peters, PM Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	506	Robert Trussell of Hejaz Grotto New Haven, Connecticut.....Hejaz	560	Richard Barrett.....Farrah	658-659	Brent Beavers Aries Grotto Southfield, MI.....Aries
456	Kenney Lenefestey, PM Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	507	Sharlet Meyers Ibn Saud.....Ibn Saud	561	Michael R. Gill.....Gao	660	In Memory of Charles H Lapp Joanne and Larry Budd.....Aut Mori
457	Steve New, PM Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	508	Wanda Jackson Ibn Saud.....Ibn Saud	562	Mark A Binkley.....Hassan	661	In Memory of Georgia M Lapp Joanne and Larry Budd.....Aut Mori
458	Francis Callahan, PM Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	509	Daniel R Davis Ibn Saud Grotto Kokomo, IN.....Ibn Saud	563	Thomas "Nash" Gwinn.....Hassan	662	In Memory of Twila H Budd Larry and Joanne Budd.....Aut Mori
459	William Wiles, PM Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	510	Jerry Cunningham In Memory of Florence Officers, Prophets and Ladies of Ka Jon Grotto.....Ka Jon	564	Tyrel D. Carver.....Hassan	663	In Memory of William George Budd Larry and Joanne Budd.....Aut Mori
460	Ray Coy Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	511	John Leisenring, PM of Mi Am I Grotto Miami, FL.....Mi Am I	565	Scott Paske.....Hassan	664	Peter Brusoe Azim Grotto.....Azim
461	Steve New, PM Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	512	Ted Hammond, Jr. James Dickenson.....Ormazd	566	Steve Kline.....Hassan	665	Chuck & Susan Benson Bendemeer Grotto & Caldron.....Bendemeer
462	Monte Smith Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	513	In Memory of Ellis Hormats Sims Internal Audit.....Ormazd	567	Dewey Goering.....Hassan	666	In Honor of PGM Mike Wahl, PGM Bill Wears & PM Tim Brooks David B Boyer.....Bendemeer
463	Frank Peters, PM Yubba Grotto Toothbrush Campaign.....Yubba	514-515	In Memory of Ellis Hormats The Board of Directors of the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center.....Ormazd	568	Aaron D Pursell.....Hassan	667	In Honor of William P Wilson Larry D Berry.....Bendemeer
464	Ray Thomas.....Abbid	516	In Memory of Ellis Hormats James Dickenson.....Ormazd	569	Brian D Lundquist.....Hassan	668-670	In Honor of Jan Cox Raymond Cox.....Caliph
465	Robert H Gorman.....Ali Baba	517	Joan Johnson.....Samoor	570	William Joseph McGinn, Jr.....Hassan	671-674	Farhad Grotto - Dahraf Ladies Harahan, Louisiana.....Farhad
466	Ronald Currey, PM.....Ali Baba	518	Arthur E. Johnson, PGM Congratulations and Thank You for 50 Years of Service & Friendship to Taleb Grotto "May 21, 2015" Taleb Grotto.....Taleb	571	Jerry Wayne Hall.....Hassan	675-676	Farhad Grotto - Lady Bugs Harahan, Louisiana.....Farhad
467	Charles W Siecrist, PM.....Ankara	519	In Memory of Raymond F. Fleck Ann D. Fleck.....Taleb	572-573	Timothy V Cavanaugh.....Hejaz	677	Dominick 'Nick' Manno, Jr of Farhad Grotto Harahan, Louisiana.....Farhad
468-469Carmen Pompeii, PM.....Aut Mori	520	PM Harold Warren of Tri Po Bed Grotto Poughkeepsie, New York.....Tri Po Bed	574	Theodore J. Nelson.....Hejaz	678	To My Lovely Wife Debbie Stephen Goldberg, PM.....Hejaz
470	Robert A Metzger.....Aut Mori	521	In Memory of Michael Palazzo Charles P. Uhle.....Tri Po Bed	575	Wayne K. Jackson, PM.....Ibn Saud	679	Tim and Joyce In Memory of your Grandson, Elijah You are in my thoughts and prayers ! Diana Bristle.....Humanitarian Fnd
471	Howard E. Tipper.....Baku	522	Chris Ward Zal Gaz Grotto.....Zal Gaz	576	Jerry Weir.....Ibn Saud	680-681	Tali Atala Mike Hosler.....Ibn Saud
472	David F Cline.....Baku	523	To Honor Our SMCO Elizabeth Lockwood-Tamsett May Each Lantern Help One More Child Azusa Caldron Daughters of Mokanna.....Azusa	577	Cassie T Smith, PM.....Ibn Saud	682	Anita Schaeffer Ibn Saud Grotto Kokomo, Indiana.....Ibn Saud
473	Charles A Shumway, PM.....Baku	524	El Rey Caldron #67 Daughters of Mokanna.....El Rey	578	Douglas Mahaven.....Islam	683	Carol Langston Ibn Saud Grotto Kokomo, Indiana.....Ibn Saud
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MEROU GROTTO West LaFayette, Indiana

Merou Grotto had a nice Halloween Haunted House. It was lots of fun for everyone who was involved in preparation and played the parts of ghouls during the fund-raising event. Prophets and their friends made up the cast who provided candy and toothbrushes to each child who came through the haunted house. Funds collected will be used for contributions to the Humanitarian Foundation and the Jack Davis Memorial Christmas Food and Toy Drive. A video of the Haunted House can be seen on our YouTube page for the Merou Grotto at: <https://youtu.be/SLUGhWdNcYw>.

Pictured at right are Prophets and their assistants working on the haunted house project.



Enchanted Lantern Contributions

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694	A Special Thanks to PGM Wears, PGM Mitchell, Robin and Dianna - For their organization and assistance in helping us produce The Grotto magazine Gary and Patty Schlaeger.....Selim	716	Grand Monarch Mitch & Lady Beth Congratulations on a Good Year! PGM Otto Thiergart & Lady Lois...Zelica	743	Elizabeth Lockwood-Tamsett Omala Caldron - Daughters of Mokanna Omala Susan Benson Omala Caldron - Daughters of Mokanna.....Omala	781	Fredericktown Wal-Mart Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Day 6/6/15..Alhambra
695	In Memory of Ray and GG Hahn Hassan Grotto & Caldron - We Miss You Patty and Gary Schlaeger.....Selim	717	Donna Abbott Zelica Grotto Pensacola, Florida.....Zelica	744	745-747 Sandy Dean Zendah Caldron - Daughters of Mokanna.....Zendah	782	William J Mathis, Jr Alhambra Grotto Toothbrush Day 6/13/15.....Alhambra
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We had an amazing new contest, **GROTTO'S GOT TALENT**, at the 125th Supreme Council Session in Columbia, Missouri. The fun and fellowship at the Red Tassel Party Saturday night during the finals was awesome. Friday afternoon was the qualifying and Saturday night was the finals. We will use the same format this year in The Big Easy.

All talent is welcome, so if you tell stories, read poetry, play an instrument, sing or sing Karaoke, come out, compete and have fun. Don't forget the thrill of winning the competition. We at the contest committee look forward to seeing you there.

Your Contest Committee,
Jim Jarnagin, PM, Chairman
Robert Lorenz, III
Tom Curtis, PM

**Best Wishes for a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year!**
**The Supreme Council Officers,
Trustees & Office Staff**
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