Celebrating the Grotto Family

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Picture coming soon
Joan and I had a wonderful time at the 126th Annual Supreme Council Session in New Orleans, Louisiana and congratulate PGM Dr. David C. Blythe, Jr. and Lady Jenny on a successful and fun-filled week. I’d like to thank all the Prophets and Ladies who attended the installation of officers Saturday morning. Your support is greatly appreciated.

My first visit, as Grand Monarch, was to Northwest Grotto Association, hosted by Tacobat Grotto, where I was honored to participate in obligating a new Prophet, install their new officers, and celebrate Tacobat’s 100th anniversary. The entire event was one of fun, great hospitality, and truly magical, which lived up to their theme.

My year is dedicated to “Celebrating the Grotto Family” with a convention theme of “Family Holidays.” I therefore invite all Grotto Prophets and their families to Perrysburg, Ohio (Toledo) June 19th -24th, 2017, for the 127th Supreme Council Session. I do wish to make all aware that the Grand Opening will be a Halloween Themed Opening and Halloween Costumes are highly encouraged so you can join in the fun. Hint, you may want to watch for end of season sales!

To survive a family must grow, and to help with this, I have asked that the 5% Membership Contest Program continue with an additional requirement addressing reinstatements. Please see membership contest program announcement in this magazine.

Last year’s program proved very successful with 34 Grottoes reaching their goal and receiving $150.

Traveling the Enchanted Realm I have discovered that many Prophets have never seen the 7-act, full form ceremonial or know how to successfully conduct one. The questions I have are, would you the Prophets like to see the 7-act full form ceremonial performance at the Supreme Council Session and if proficient in a role, would you be interested in taking an active role? If so, please notify the Supreme Council Office at 614-933-9193. Your call, pro or con, will strongly be considered in the decision.

I thank you for the honor you have bestowed on me by electing me to serve as your Grand Monarch. Until we meet, I leave you with the following thought:

**LIVING LIFE**

Life is not a race – but indeed a journey.
Be honest.
Work hard.
Be choosey.

Say “thank you”, “I love you”, and “great job” to someone each day.

Go to church, take time for prayer.
The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh.
Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper.

Love your life and what you’ve been given, it is not accidental – search for your purpose and do it as best you can.

Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you aspire to be.
Laugh often.

Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them.

Some of the best things really are free.
Do not worry, less wrinkles are more becoming.

Forgive, it frees the soul.

Take time for yourself – plan for longevity.
Recognize the special people you’ve been blessed to know.

Live for today, enjoy the moment.

– Bonnie Mohr

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**GRAND MONARCH’S MESSAGE**

GM MARK AND LADY JOAN MCCOMBS
Lady Joan is selling Chain Link Bracelets and Charms!

I will be selling something shiny and new. Instead of selling a pin this year the Grand Line Ladies and I will be selling sterling silver link bracelets to hang your favorite Grotto charms from. This year’s charm will be a tree on one side with the word family on the other side. Bracelets are $15.00 each and the charms are $10.00 each. Monies from the sales will be donated to the Supreme Council. I look forward to seeing each of you as Mark and I travel around the Enchanted Realm during his year as Grand Monarch!

Joan McCombs
“Celebrating the Grotto Family”
Celebrate by bringing new friends to the Grotto

2016-2017 Membership Program

BEGINNING MAY 1, 2016, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2017

ACHIEVE THE SET GOAL OF 5%* (Plus 2 Reinstatements) AND
SUPREME COUNCIL WILL REWARD YOUR GROTTO

$150

5%* WILL BE BASED ON YOUR TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
AS OF MAY 1, 2016

GRAND MONARCH MARK MCCOMBS
WILL PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AT THE
127TH ANNUAL SESSION IN PERRYSBURG, OHIO

ACHIEVING THIS GOAL WILL ALSO EARN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GROTTO
IN THE FALL 2017 MAGAZINE

RULES:

- INITIATE NEW MEMBERS BETWEEN MAY 1, 2016 AND APRIL 30, 2017
- SUBMIT NEW INITIATE PAPERWORK NO LATER THAN MAY 10, 2017
- DUAL MEMBERSHIPS, DEATHS, DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS WILL NOT COUNT AGAINST THE 5%

*MINIMUM NUMBER OF NEW INITIATES IS FIVE (5)
PLUS A MINIMUM of 2 REINSTATED MEMBERS
**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 breakfast at the Supreme Council Convention in Perrysburg, Ohio.

**VIP (UNDER 40)**
In addition to the VIP program, anyone sponsoring a new or qualified reinstated Prophet who 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.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Enchanted Realm!

Yours in Goodfellowship,
Bernie Mitchell, PGM, and the Membership Committee

**Don’t get left out in the cold sign up ten new members and win a free night’s stay at convention!**
ATTENTION ALL GROTTO MEMBERS

Does the Supreme Council Office have your email address on file?
Please send your email address to:

robin.garrett@scgrotto.org

We want to be sure to include you so that you are receiving important updates, anniversary wishes and more.

Thank you,
Michael Dempsey, Deputy Grand Monarch

Reminder:
Membership lists will be sent out in October. Please be sure to verify your Grotto’s membership for dues cards and to help ensure your Annual Per Capita will be charged accordingly.
## Membership Key Award Winners

### 33 Gold Key Winners with 3-4 new initiates

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### 12 Ruby Key Winners with 5-6 new initiates

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<td>Ziba’s Jeremy Horton, PM</td>
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### 14 Diamond Key Winners with 7 + new initiates

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<td>Zorah’s Brandon H. Duenas, PM</td>
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*Denotes attendance at the 126th Annual Session where they received their key award from Grand Monarch Dr. David C. Blythe, Jr. and Past Grand Monarch and Membership Chairman, Bernard “Bernie” Mitchell.

The Past Grand Monarch William F. Wears, Executive Secretary, Secretary of the Year Award for 2015 was presented to Thomas “Grumpy” Thompson, PM of Caliph Grotto at the 126th Annual Session.

Pictured L to R from the SC Office are Robin Garrett, Pat Phillips, with “Grumpy”, Grand Monarch Dr. David C. Blythe, Jr. and Executive Secretary Skip Moerch, PM.

The staff at the Supreme Council office wishes to thank you for the amazing job you have done and the courteous manner in which you do so. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to Grotto!
More from the 126th Annual Session!

Contest Winners
Balloon Making tied for 1st place Jeramey Weiloch and Conrad Weiloch
Clown Auguste—Brenda Ward—1st place
Clown Character—Dwight Hamborsky—1st place
Clown Tramp—John Land, Ill—1st place
Clown Whiteface—Paul Ritchie—1st place
Color Guard—Bendemeer Grotto—1st place
Drill Team—Bendemeer Grotto—1st place
Goodfellow—Tim Heinrichs—1st place
Grottoes Got Talent—Susan Land—1st place
Grottoes Got Talent—Zuleika Grotto—2nd place
Grottoes Got Talent—Dwight Hamborsky—3rd place
Grottoes Got Talent—Jim Gillespie—4th place
Hospitality Room Contest—Zuleika Grotto—1st place
Hospitality Room Contest—Sahara Grotto—2nd place
Poster Display—Zuleika Grotto—1st place
Publications (100-199) Al Sirat Grotto—1st place
Publications (100-199) Aut Mori—2nd place
Website—Islam Grotto—1st place
Website—Ohio Grotto Association 2nd place

Room Night Award Winners:
Brad C. Brightman, 33°, Azab Grotto—25 initiates
Spencer Riley, PM, Aleppo Grotto—24 initiates
Bryan Simmons, Nava Grotto—20 initiates
Otto Thiergart, PGM, Zelica Grotto—11 initiates
Richard Taman, PM, El Jaala Grotto—11 initiates
Thomas V. Land, Jr., PM, No Ruz Grotto—10 initiates
Paul Ritchie, Samoor Grotto—10 initiates

From Around the Enchanted Realm

Pictured above, with the Victory Belles from BB’s Stage Door Canteen, located at the WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, are GM Dr. David Blythe and Lady Jenny after their show on the Tuesday evening of the 126th Annual Session.

What says Grotto Family better? Pictured below is PGM Bernie and Kay Marie Mitchell, with First Lady Joan McCombs. Holding PGM Mitchell’s attention is Makyah, granddaughter to Grand Monarch Mark and Lady Joan McCombs, daughter to Jennifer and Landon.

Pictured, from Yusef Khan Grotto in Akron, Ohio, celebrating Bob Wiltroot’s 99th birthday are:
Sitting L to R: Bill Hoffman, Glenn Smith, Red King
Standing L to R: Bill Israel, Bob Wiltroot, the birthday boy!

Happy Birthday!
Top Line Signers of the Month
March: Richard Taman, PM, El Jaala Grotto—7 new Prophets!
April: Brad Brightman, PM, 33°, Azab Grotto - 25 new Prophets!
May: Otto Thiergart, PGM, Zelica Grotto—3 new Prophets!

Aahmes
Eugene Graves, PM
Charles E. Knapp, Jr.

Abbas
David P. Rebmann, PGM
Austin J. Bennett
Donald C Bell, Jr.
Austin Bunting
Shannon H Walden, PM
James E. Thornton
Jack P. Harvey
Jack P. Harvey, Jr.
Jack Brecklin
Dustin Brecklin

Abbass
Ronald R Rudolph
Peter J. Murdoch
Charles Bidinger, PM
Leonard "Buck" Nichols

Al Azar
Brandon L. Lively
Joseph L. Cooper

Al Matta
Douglas S. Simpson, PM
Marvin Paul Anderson

Aletheia
John P Howe, Sr., PM
Jamie P. Jordan
Mark Alzapedi
David J. Smith
Shawn M. Tranter
Thomas J. Scannell
Allen W. Kwasniewski
Seth A. Hunter
Jorge E. Torres
James T. Ingalls
Mark D. Speakman

Alhambra
Francis X. LaVar, Jr.
Larry M. Endicott, Sr.

Altan Kol
Richard A Kessler, PM
Daniel J. Brys
Richard Conners
Benjamin Pronneke
Raymond A. Phillips
Robert W. Brown
James E. Moore

Amalric
Randy L. George
Michael A. H. Lewis
Thomas Clint Chastain
Ronald B. Glenn

Amrita
David T Arnold
Bill Boothman

Amrou
Stephen Kelso, PM
David E. Hash
Dale M. Crook
Thurman L. Drake
Barry B. Sheets

William C Donnelly
David Taylor
Clyde O Parks
Joshua V. Leasure
Terry L Havens
Hayward G. Hall, Jr.
Terry J. Havens
Mike Kirkbride
Wilfred E. Cochran
Cory L. Rush

Ankara
Philip A. Gicalone, Sr PGM
Timothy A. Fowler
Mike Haxton, PM
H. Wayne Rector
Richard W. Sodders
Dennis H. Taylor
Jon D. Robbins
William P. Leonard
Thomas A. Strickland, Jr.
Travis J Marshall
Mark D. Hixon
Charles W Stephens, PM
Dallas G. Wonnell
Glen Ray Epperson
Thomas E. Branontonies, Sr.

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Charles H Graham
Sterling Jamison
Clarence E Shawwer, PGM
Daniel Illenick
Edward C. Ross, II, PM
Shawn M. Laughlin
John Factor
Thomas A. Brown
George McClelland, PM
William Price
George E Brainard, PM
Jason W. Short
Ronald R Craig
William T. Boros

Azab
Brad C Brightman, 33°
Adam M. Pimentel
Michael Silvia
Bradford F. Anselmo
Norman D. Schneider
Donald F. Valenti, Jr.
Dean S. Valenti
Michael S. Gagne
Robert A. Rodriquez, Jr.
Andrew M. Giovannini
John A. Cole
Mark K. Reed
Thomas R. Tripp
Raymond Jesus, Jr.
Edmund L. Gordon
Gerard A. Bergeron
Emmanuel R. Fernandes
John P. Masella
David P. Saucier
Steven R. Boucher

Robert C. Franklin, Jr.
Victor P. Dias
Nicholas A. Lorenzana
Arthur P. Landry
Stanley Smeaton
Thomas O. Dexter
Arthur D. Dill
John Catteral
Scott S. Kelley

Azim
Victor L Mann, PM
Thomas M. Head
Isaac Moore, PM
George J. Sawyer, III
Javier A. Ramirez
Miguel Feliz, Jr.
Thomas Spencer Fisher
William Fotey
Joseph M. Hummel
Byron J. Collier
Steven Rosen
Joseph A. Zingale
Mario G. Pirotta
Christopher J. Giambrone

Baku
Cyril Dorner
T. William Baker
Stephen F Metcalf, PM
Mark D. Whitaker

Ben Bey
Allen Pyles
Donald Johnson
Jack D DePue
Jarrett DePe

Bendemeer
Patrick C Carr, PM
Daniel D. Hanttula

Cashan
Andrew D. Arnold
Bradley P. Richards

Cinema
James Jarnagin, PM
Donald L. Gipson, Jr.
Ralph Morton
Eduardo B. Gonzaga, III
Michael A. Schneider
Dennis P. Bionbi

Delco
Stephen J Bradley, Sr, PM
Leonard B. Altieri, III

Grotto
El Jaala
Howard Schermerhorn, PM
Robert Willey
Frank J. Drozd, II
Steven Schenk
Charles R. Kerner
Richard Taman, PM
James W. Voss, II
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Carlos Hernandez
Jorge Valdez

Ela Ala
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Michael Gafner
Michael B. Walters
Cody R. Brown

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Well, my time as Supreme Mighty Chosen One of the Supreme Caldron of the Daughters of Mokanna is rapidly drawing to an end. It has been such an awesome journey. I am very honored to have had the opportunity to serve and I would like to give a big “THANK YOU” to all who made this such a wonderful experience.

Thank you to Past Grand Monarch, Dr. David Blythe, on behalf of the Grottoes of North America and the Supreme Council, for my invitation to the 126th Annual Supreme Session. Thank you Past Grand Lady Jenny for my invitation to attend and speak at both of your luncheons. It was a wonderful session and I appreciate all the courtesies that were extended to Chuck and me.

Congratulations to the new Grand Monarch, Mark McCombs, and his wonderful lady Joan. I hope your upcoming year is everything you wish it to be. I also would like to congratulate the new Grand Captain of the Guard, Victor L. Mann and his lovely lady Angelique. Best wishes to you on your journey.

I wish to extend condolences to PMCO Hellen Young on the loss of her husband, Past Grand Monarch Robert Young. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed. He was very dedicated to the Grotto and his lady Hellen is carrying on with her attendance in Bendemeer caldron.

The DOM can only have a caldron where there is a Grotto in the neighborhood. The caldron takes the name of that Grotto and aids them in their social and philanthropic work. If your Grotto is interested please contact myself (501-681-7740) or any daughter.

The 97th Supreme Session of Daughters of Mokanna will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel September 14 – 17th, 2016, in Little Rock, Arkansas. We would love to have as many daughters in attendance as possible. My husband, Past Monarch Chuck Benson, is the President of the Tag-A-Longs and he has a couple of tours for ANY men in attendance as well as a couple of bus tours for both the men and the ladies. If you have any questions you may contact my convention chairperson, PSMCO Betty Barnhardt at 501-766-6767 or my Co-Chairperson, PMCO Louise Ferguson, at 501-316-0231.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings through articles in “The Grotto Magazine.” It has been an honor.

Fraternally,

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The following awards were presented at the 126th Annual Session:

PGM Donald L. LaBarre Award for helping the most children went to Ozz Grotto

PGM Michael Wahl Award was presented to Zendah Grotto for the largest percentage increase for the number of children helped over the last year.

PGM Robert Rush Award—Dr. of Smiles of the Year, 2016 was presented to Ralph McLeod, PM of Omala Grotto.

Congratulations to these Grottoes for their tireless efforts in helping the children!

The Humanitarian Foundation received the following thank you note from a parent:

Dear Humanitarian Foundation,

Our family cannot thank you enough for your generous financial support. Our daughter, Shena Li, was adopted from China in the fall of 2015 and has needed a great deal of dental treatment since being home.

We appreciate all you do to help special needs children and their families. Blessings to you!

Warmly,
Haoyung, Shena Li, Jenny and Stephen

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