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Greetings all,

First, let me say what an honor you have bestowed upon me by electing me as your Grand Monarch. Lady Karen and I are pleased to serve each and every one of you in the coming year.

I would also like to say Thank You to Past Grand Monarch Mark L McCombs and Lady Joan. The two of you made our journey through the line such a wonderful experience. What a great convention was put on by them in Perrysburg, Ohio. If you missed the National Convention you really missed out. Look for pictures in this Grotto magazine.

Congratulations to David Korb and Lady Kelly on being elected Grand Captain of the Guard. It was an honor passing my grand line ring down to you.

Congratulations, also, to Marty Trent on being elected Grand Treasurer. You are stepping into some big shoes, but I am confident you will rise to the challenge.

Lady Karen’s charm charity is The League of Miracles. It is an organization that provides baseball diamonds for children with special needs. It is a not-for-profit organization where special needs children, up to the age of eighteen, can play baseball. They can be in a wheelchair or they can be assisted by a parent. It is wonderful to watch these children having so much fun.

Since I am talking about charity, let me address our foundation. The five foundation trustees have set a budget that this year they are living to. This is important because they have made substantial cuts that affect the giving of the Foundation. Chairman Jim Payton has been working really hard to make this possible. The trustees are doing an excellent job looking after our funds.

Let’s talk membership and retention. We must retain the members that we have now in order to grow. We must find them something to do. Every member wants to feel like they are needed. Give them a job setting up for an event, helping with the event, even if it is doing cleanup after the event. Give every member something to do, hold them accountable and remember to say THANK YOU. Remember what it was like when you came into the Grotto.

Membership into the Grotto was an honor and a privilege. The Grotto has to be more than just another meeting. Grotto is about having fun. Nobody says remember that time we were at a meeting. No, it was remember that time we were at the Grotto picnic, or we were at the Grotto parade, or we were at the Grotto dance. The Grotto is about fun.

So in closing, remember, Grotto membership is a privilege, and you can honor that privilege by having fun.

Fraternally,

Mike Dempsey
Grand Monarch of the Grottoes of North America
Meet the Grand Monarch....

Mike was born on July 25, 1956. He graduated from Decatur Central high school in 1974. He went on to attend IUPUI and later worked for General Motors for 32 years.

Karen and Mike have known each other since they were 8 years old. They were married on the Rainbow Bridge overlooking Niagara Falls at the national convention. Mike has two sons and two stepdaughters, as well as twelve grandchildren.

Mike joined Mooresville Masonic Lodge in 1997 where he served as Worshipful Master in 2016. In 1998 he joined The Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite where he serves as Junior Warden, Sahara Grotto where he served as Monarch in 2008 and Murat Shrine. He has also served on the Indiana Masonic Home Board.

Mike joined the York Rite Westside Chapter, Waksman Council, William Bray Commandery and Imhotep AMD where he serves as Senior Warden. He is also a member of Isley York Rite College where he received the Award of Gold and has also joined Mooresville Eastern Star Chapter #260.

Join us in wishing Grand Monarch Mike and First Lady Karen a safe and successful year.

Join the Grand Monarch as he travels the Realm in 2017-2018
Grand Monarch Michael Dempsey will be at the following events
Florida State Grotto Association—September 21-23, 2017
Midwest Grotto Association—September 27-30, 2017
Empire Grotto Association—October 20-23, 2017
November Board of Governors Meeting Indianapolis—November 2-4, 2017

The Grand Monarch’s Travels will continue as plans are made!

Lady Karen is selling Charms!
Helping children with Autism is a passion of mine.
Please consider purchasing a charm for your bracelet and help me raise money for The League of Miracles.
The cost is $15 for a bracelet and $10 for the charm which has the Autism Awareness puzzle design shaped in a heart.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Karen Dempsey
“Race to Indy”

Reach the Finish Line with More New Members!

2017-2018 Membership Program

BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018

ACHIEVE THE SET GOAL OF 7%* AND THE SUPREME COUNCIL WILL REWARD YOUR GROTTO

$150

7%* WILL BE BASED ON YOUR TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 1, 2017

GRAND MONARCH MICHAEL DEMPSEY WILL PRESENT YOUR GROTTO A CHECK FOR $150 AT THE 128TH ANNUAL SESSION IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

ACHIEVING THIS GOAL WILL ALSO EARN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GROTTO IN THE FALL 2018 MAGAZINE

RULES:

- INITIATE NEW MEMBERS BETWEEN MAY 1, 2017 AND APRIL 30, 2018
- SUBMIT NEW INITIATE PAPERWORK NO LATER THAN MAY 10, 2018
- DUAL MEMBERSHIPS, DEATHS, DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS WILL NOT COUNT

*MINIMUM NUMBER OF NEW PROPHETS IS SEVEN (7)

DON’T FORGET, REINSTATEMENTS COUNT TOWARD YOUR GOAL!
VIP AND 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 Indianapolis, IN.

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 ten (10) Prophets sponsoring ten (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 the 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 under Secretary Forms. **Please note that a Preapproval 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.

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 preapproval from the Supreme Council Office. These forms may also be found under the Secretary Forms on the website.

“IT’S 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.

NEW TRADE SHOW STYLE DISPLAY IS NOW AVAILABLE!
A lightweight 2-sided banner display that is easy to assemble and light enough to carry. Use it at a Master Mason Night or at a Blue Lodge Hospitality Event, or any other Grotto function. Contact the office to reserve your date today! Shipping and handling is provided by Supreme Council.

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
Membership Chairman
And the Membership Committee
“Celebrating the Grotto Family”
Membership Goal Winners

The following Grottoes earned $150 for meeting their set goal of new Prophets Grotto

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Reminder:
Membership lists will be sent out in October. Please be sure to verify your Grotto’s membership list. There will be a form to send to SC so that we know you have authorized us to print your 2018 Dues Cards.

This will also help verify your 2017 Annual Per Capita that will be invoiced January 2018.
### Membership Key Award Winners

#### 33 Gold Key Winners with 3-4 new initiates
- **Abaca**—Kevin Alan Valentine—3
- **Abbid**—Charles Bidinger, PM—3
- **Aletheia**—John P. Howe, Sr., PM—4
- *Altan Kol*—William L. Sneyd, PM—4
- **Amalric**—Thomas Clint Chastain—3
- *Ankara*—Philip Gicalone, Sr., PGM—3
- *Aut Mori*—Gary S. Farrant—3
- **Azab**—Brad C. Brightman, PM, 33°—4
- **Azim**—David J. McDowell—4
- *Baku*—Stephen F. Metcalf, PM—3
- **Chinar**—Carl Wesley Wunsche, Sr.—4
- **El Jaala**—Gabriel Sanchez—3
- **El Rey**—Samuel W. Jacob—3
- **Farhad**—John M. Breaud, PM—3
- **Farrah**—Michael Keister, PM—3
- *Feramo*—Solomon Goldenberg, PM—3
- **Gao**—Richard Smith, Jr.—3
- *Ibn Saud*—Gary D. Adkins—3
- **Islam**—Bryan S. Allen—3
- **Islam**—Vincent George Monardo—3
- *Kishma*—Lawrence E. Wright, PM—3
- **Mohassan**—Donald E. Courter—3
- *Moslem*—George Fontana, PM—3
- **Nava**—Bryan E. Simmons, PM—3
- **Omali**—Nick R. Ramos, PM—3
- *Sahara*—Jarrett B. Hill—3
- **Selim**—Todd A. Mayer, PM—4
- *Sem I No*—Lester E. Jones, PM—4
- **Ubar**—Jay Laser—4

#### Gold Continued:
- *Yusef Khan*—David Korb, PM—4
- **Zafar**—Carroll P. Keefer—4
- **Zelmar**—Jeremiah Jackson, PM—4
- **Zindah**—Paul Ilchenten, PM—3

#### 8 Ruby Key Winners with 5-6 new initiates
- **Al Hassan**—John D. Reamer—5
- **Azab**—Victor Dias—5
- **Cashmere**—Christopher Callas—5
- **Gao**—Robert Gill—5
- *Ormazd*—Kenneth J. Mueller, PM—5
- **Saba**—James W. Durbin—6
- **Zangi**—David L. Poulin, PM—5
- **Zelmar**—Kevin J. Boles—5

#### 6 Diamond Key Winners with 7 + new initiates
- *Wahoo*—Marty D. Haley—81
- **El Jaala**—Howard Schermerhorn, PM—7
- **Saba**—William A. Arnold—7
- *Yusef Khan*—Jesse Pertee—7
- **Zelica**—Otto Thiergart, PGM—15
- **Ziba**—Jeremy Horton—7

*Denotes attendance at the 127th Annual Session where they received their key award from Grand Monarch Mark McCombs and Past Grand Monarch Bernard “Bernie” Mitchell Membership Chairman

### The Membership Committee would like to congratulate this year’s Winning Top Line Signers for signing up 10 or more new Prophets.

*Depending on the number of new Prophets you signed for you can either be awarded 1 or 4 free nights lodging.*

- **Otto Thiergart, PGM, Zelica**—1 night
- **Marty Haley, Wahoo**—4 nights

VIP Breakfast
127th Annual Session Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following:

**Opening and Closing**
Singara

**Balloon Making**
1st—Conrad Wieloch, Jr.—Islam
2nd—Jeramey Wieloch—Islam
3rd—Josh Anderson—O Ton Ta La

**Solo Contest**—Female
1st—Noel Conaway—Sahara
2nd—Shannon Anderson—O Ton Ta La
3rd—Linda Chapman—Yusef Khan

**Solo Contest Male**
1st—Ernest Jamie Ridener—Sahara

**Chorus Women**
1st—Yusef Khan

**Chorus Combined**
1st—Yusef Khan

**Grottoes Got Talent**
1st—Zuleika—3 Legged Marching Pair

**Clown Skit**—Joker
1st—Dwight Hamborsky—Zendah

**Clown Skit**—Auguste
1st—Marty Haley—Wahoo

**Goodfellow**
1st—Joseph Gargano—Zuleika
2nd—Dwight Hamborsky—Zendah

**Poster**
1st—Islam
2nd—Zuleika

**Color Guard**
1st—Bendemeer
2nd—Zelica

**Unique**
1st—Robert Chapman—Zuleika

**Revelers**
1st—Sahara

**Hospitality**
1st—Yusef Khan
2nd—Daughters of Mokanna
3rd—Sahara
4th—Zuleika

**Publications (0-99)**
1st—Selim

**Publication (100-199)**
1st—Al Sirat
2nd—Aut Mori
3rd—Erepa

**Web Page**
1st—Ohio Grotto Association

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Family, Fun and Fellowship were clearly the hallmark of their event.

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Congratulations John on being this year’s recipient of the PGM William F. Wears’ Secretary of the Year Award For your hard work and dedication to Amrou Grotto and The Grottoes of North America!

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The staff at the Supreme Council Office wish to thank you for your many years of service to Amrou Grotto, your dedication, and for turning your reports in on time, as well as the kind and courteous manner in which you do so. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
Top Line Signers of the Month:
February: Jeremy Horton, PM, Ziba, 4 new Prophets
March: Marty Haley, Wahoo, 78 new Prophets and a new Grotto!
April: Jesse Pertee, Yusef Khan, 6 new Prophets
May: Otto Thiergart, PGM, Zelica, 6 new Prophets
June: David Poulin, PM, Zangi, 8 new Prophets
July: David Poulin, PM, Zangi, 7 new Prophets

Aahmes
Eugene Graves, PM
Kevin M. George
Bernard S Golubiewski, PM
William L. Bookwalter

Achbar
Lee Randall Katz
Dane M. McClintick
Lonnie E. Casey
Michael D. Pshebelski
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James Robert Pitts, Jr.
Joe L Tomberlin, PM
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Patrick A. Talbott
Matthew P. Thomas

Aletheia
Seth A. Hunter, PM
William J. Tinney

Alhambra
Delbert Miller, Jr.
Joshua N. Smithwong

Alla
Richard Lee Hudman, PM
Danny R. Janes
Randel C. Bostain

Amalric
Gary M. Winningham
Andrew Morrison

Amrita
Jimmy Hugh Boston, PM
Kevin C. Elliott

Amrou
Bernard Mitchell, PGM
Cody D. Dierkes
Gary M. Pastor

Ammes
Stephen Kelso, PM
Mark A. Sheets

Ankara
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Shawn M. Cardin
Craig H. Ferries

Aries
Wesley Berry
Brandon Berry
Aaron Berry

Aut Mori
Clarence E Shawver, PGM
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Daniel Illenick
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Shawn Cooper
Alex J. Duenas
Matthew Zucal
Gary D. Chin

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Stephen F Metcalf, PM
Jeffrey A. Campbell

Ben Bey
Woodrow Sibley, Jr., PM
Jayson Morris
David Rice
Dusty Sullivan
Elwin McDowell
Paul Stephens

Clyde R. Huddleston, Jr.
Gregory Duff

Caliph
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Joseph P. Shriver, IV
Byron J. Whitney
James E. Criss, III

Cashan
Jimmie Haley, PM
Sean E. Dunn
David W. Williams

Cashmere
Christopher Callas
Jeffery G. Bailey

Chinar
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Bryant J. Wong

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Jose Caballero

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David Michalski, PM
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Samuel W Jacob
Dennis M. Keplinger
The Grottoes of North America and the Supreme Council Office would like to welcome each of these new Prophets to the Enchanted Realm.

We hope that you find that fun and fellowship abounds, not just at your local Grotto, but at the Associations and at the Annual Sessions each summer.

Please ask your Grotto’s officers what you can do to help at the various events they hold, how you can become an officer of your Grotto and when and where the next Annual Session is.

If you ever need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Supreme Council Office at 614-933-9193.

Welcome!
We would like to Welcome Wahoo Grotto to the Enchanted Realm. As you can see, the work of one man brought many new Prophets to the Realm. We wish to thank Marty Haley for his tireless efforts in creating and chartering Wahoo Grotto.

So, buckle up everyone, and join us as we Race to Indy with these new Prophets.

Well done to All our VIPS!
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Wednesday at the 127th Annual Session, there was a bit of magic and mystery in the air. Bowling was an added event this year for those who didn’t want to golf. Later, an ice cream social started the evening, followed by the official Grand Opening. Afterward, with everyone already dressed for an evening of Halloween fun, the Hospitality Room Contest began.

Below are some photos to show the Tricks and Treats of the first night of the Holidays with the Grotto Family!
Thursday’s Events at the 127th Annual Session

Meetings, Awards, Thanksgiving, Charity and Entertainment

Grand Monarch Mark McCombs and the winners of the 2016-2017 Grand Monarch’s Award of Excellence

Grand Monarch Mark McCombs and the Officers of Singara Grotto. These gentlemen did an exceptional job in assisting with GM McCombs’ convention.
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Meetings, Awards, Thanksgiving, Charity and Entertainment

Thanksgiving dinner was delicious and very well attended. Blessings were bountiful as all enjoyed this very special evening.

Did you know?
Food
Fun
Fellowship
Are Grotto Favorites!

Entertainer Johnny Counterfit provided some great songs, and impersonations, from yesteryear while the crowd joined in, and at times, took over the singing. Great fun and fellowship!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pictured with Chairman of the Humanitarian Foundation, Jim Payton and Trustee PGM Richard Faust is PGM Michael Yuskowatz, who presented HF with a $10,000 check from the Esther and George Jaruga Charitable Foundation in memory of his daughter-in-law’s uncle who was a dentist.
Santa came to Perrysburg on Friday evening during the Grand Monarch’s Banquet. A wonderful meal was served and once again the Grottoes of North America was surrounded in the blessings of Family, Friends, Fellowship and Fun.
As the week drew to an end, a new Grand Monarch was crowned, clown competitions heated up and the Prophets celebrated New Year’s Eve during the Red Tassel Party.
On the last day of the Annual Session each year, a new Grand Monarch is installed. We would like to wish our new Grand Monarch and First Lady, Michael and Karen Dempsey, a successful and fun-filled year. We hope everyone gets the chance to meet this couple as they travel the Realm visiting the Grottoes and Associations. May their work be inspiring and their journey safe.

The Supreme Council Office and Grand Line Officers would like to thank Scott Nave of Singara Grotto and Robert Stubbs of Sahara Grotto for providing these pictures from the 127th Annual Session. Your time and contribution is greatly appreciated.

We hope everyone enjoys a brief look at this convention. We will be adding these pictures, and more, to the website at www.scgrotto.org

Enjoy!
Introducing Your Grand Line Officers and Ladies
2017-2018

L to R, Standing and Sitting:
Grand Sentinel Robert and Rhonda Stubbs
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Grand Treasurer Marty and Bonita Trent, PM, 33°
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Grand Trustee Jim and Liz Jarnagin, PM
Grand Chaplain Jarrett Hill and Noel Conaway
From Around the Enchanted Realm

Pictured above, with Grand Trustee Jim Bainter, PM, are the Abbas Clowns and Easter Bunny. Sure looks like they had a hoppin’ good time!

Pictured above, from Zafar Grotto, Jill Roup, Mon. Gordon “Soup” Campbell and local children visiting the Easter Bunnies.

Above: Gao Grotto—92 Years Strong!
Front Row: L to R: Don Van Allen, Bob Pickett, Bob Lenover, PM Jim Bays, PM George Osborn, Mark Blakeney, Jimmie Gilliland

Dear All,

It was wonderful to meet so many of you at the Supreme Council Session in Perrysburg, Ohio, this past June. I was proud to represent the Daughters of Mokanna and hope you gained a greater understanding of our purpose and connection we have to the Grotto. Thank you for your generous hospitality and the opportunity to bring greetings.

One of the greatest highlights of the convention for me was initiating 9 new members into our Order. Special thanks to Immediate Past Grand Monarch Mark McCombs for making that day possible. Welcome to our newest Daughters; we know you will join our efforts in supporting the Grotto and its charitable good works!

Sharon Warren - Poughkeepsie, NY
Patricia Phillips - Orient, OH
Pamela Adams - Youngsville, NC
Rosemary Ayhens - Baldwinsville, NY
Elizabeth Jarnagin - Van Nuys, CA
Patricia Fries - McMinnville, OR
Brenda Ward - Sarasota, FL
Sharlet Meyers - Greentown, IN
Linda Stratton - Columbus, OH

Another Session highlight was announcing to the assembly that the Daughters of Mokanna contributed nearly $10,000 to the Humanitarian Foundation this year. Our purchases of Enchanted Lanterns nearly doubled from last year, and many Daughters contributed individually to the Fairchild Society. We are very proud of this support.

I will step down as Supreme Mighty Chosen One on September 17 at the close of our 98th Annual Supreme Session in Canton, OH and pass the baton to my very good friend Debbie Kempke of Al Sirat Caldron in Cleveland, OH. I know you will give Debbie the same support I received, and the relationship between our two organizations will continue to strengthen and grow. Debbie's email is micmse67@gmail.com.

May GM Mike, his officers and all Prophets and Ladies enjoy safe travels and many successes in this year of service.

God bless,
Cindy Gay, Supreme Mighty Chosen One
Daughters of Mokanna

Hotel Reservations for the 128th Annual Session can be made at the Wyndham West Indianapolis by calling: 317-248-2481. Be sure to tell them you are with the Grottoes of North America!
Enchanted Lantern Contributions (cont.)

1137 Thomas C. Chastain............. Amiraic
'172-73 David T Arnold............. Amrita
1174 Irvin "Buddy" Wiser............. Cashan
1175 Paul E Pfettscher.............. IbN Saud
1176 George Garcia.................... Oman
1177-80 Lawrence M. Byrd............ Jacoby
1181-82 Wilfred D. Grotto.......... Teheran
1183-84 Herbert Bachelier.......... Zangi
1185-86 Robert L. Phillips......... Zandah
1187-91 Donna Harris In Memory of Carl
Schnitzel, PM Family and Friends.....
1192-93 King Osman keeper of Arabia
Abbas Bin Mohammad Bin Nasser Bin
Ali (Jaala)
1194 Harold R. Siskin of Hejaz Grotto
1195 Wishing You a Great Year as Grand
Mother With Love Your Wife Karen...
1196 Richard Green, PM Florida State
Grotto Association.................. Selama
1197 Susan J. & David S. Elsner, PM
Plymouth, Massachusetts......... Taleb
1198-99 Nicole Thomas Azim Caldon
Daughters of Mokanna.............. Azim
1200-01 Collin M. Wolfe Nicole Thomas Azim Caldon
1202 Nicole Thomas Azim Caldon - Daughters of Mokanna Azim
1203 Nicole Thomas Azim Caldon - Daughters of Mokanna Azim
1204 Pauline Spivey Zandah Caldon
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1205-06 Sandy Dean Zandah Caldon
Daughters of Mokanna.............. Zandah
1207-08 Pauline Spivey Zandah Caldon
Daughters of Mokanna.............. Zandah
1209-12 Sandy Carreras Zandah Caldon
Daughters of Mokanna.............. Zandah
1213 Cathy Edson Zandah Caldon
Daughters of Mokanna.............. Zandah
1214 Sandy Dean Zandah Caldon
Daughters of Mokanna.............. Zandah
1215 Connie Branson.................. Ahammad
1216 Abid Grotto....................... Abid
1217 Richard Marba..................... Abchar
1218 Brandon Lively, PM.............. Al Azar
1219 Roger Taggart.................... Aleppo
1220 Charles Oestreicht, PM......... Aleppo
1221-22 Harvey Dorman, PM............ Allal
1223-25 Charles H. & Georgia M. Lapp
Lorraine Marsh We Love and Miss
You, Mom Michele & Denise ... Taleb
1226 Connie Branson................. Ahammad
1227 Robert Metzger.................. Atri Mon
1228-29 Sir Jeffrey Riddle........... Baku
1230 Phillip Scott, PM.............. Baku
1231-32 Raymond Cox, Jr., PM........ Caliph
1233 James Perry de Caliph........ Caliph
1234 James Young, PM................ Caliph
1235-36 Harrison Root, PM........... Cashan
1237 Ronald "Pete" Boute, PM......... Cashan
1238-39 William Blaize.............. Chinarr
1240-41 Richard Grotto.............. Farhad
1242 Sonny Knobloch.................. Farhad
1243 Barry Deutsch.................... Feramor
1244 Richard Hopkins............... Islam
1245 William Kind..................... Islam
1246 David Eichelberger, PM........ Ankara
1247-48 Nicholas Plaisance........... Ka Jon
1249 Michael Scarlett................ Moslem
1250-51 Richard Gutowski .......... Noruh
1252 Barton Patria.................... Ormazd
1253 James Gillies..................... Ormazd
1254 George Strother, Wood........ Ormazd
1255 Christopher Frazier............. Ormazd
1256 Irene Judvits.................... Ormazd
1257 Lester Jones, PM................. Sem I No
1258 Alian Mason...................... Sem I No
1259 Bruce Sorensen................. To Po Sed
1260 Marti Haley...................... Wahoo
1261 T. Bilardino Segui.............. Xella
1262 Jesse Perteet..................... Yusef Khan
1263 Earnest Sparks................... Zaman
1264 Herbert Bachelier, PM.......... Zangi
1265 Grover Lademan, III.......... Zangibar
1266 Eugene Tyler..................... Zangibar
1267 Christopher Lewis.............. Zangibar
1268 Alan Cox......................... Zelica
1269 Alireza Ghazi.................... Zelica
1270 Ryan Holland..................... Zelica
1271 Albert Platt...................... Zelmar
1272 Ronald Cramer, PM.............. Zulieka
1273 Abbas Grotto Past Monarchs Club In Memory of Our Brother, Abbas Grotto Past Monarch, Carl Schmitz... Abbas
1274 Dave & Liz Rebmann, "In Memory of PM Mike Wah".. Abbas
1275 Dave & Liz Rebmann, "In Memory of John & Janice Rebmann" Abbas
1276 Sydney Katz, To Donna Harman... "In Honor of Carl Schmidt" Abbas
1277 Sydney Katz To: Margaret Ashburn "In Honor of Ed Ashburn"... Abbas
1278 Al Hassan Grotto In Memory of PM & PP SEGA Kenneth Dam.. Al Hassan
1279 Al Hassan Grotto "In Memory of 
Prophet Bernie Steele" Al Hassan
1280 Al Hassan Grotto "In Memory of PM 
Frank Allan Brown" Al Hassan
1281 Bette & Mike Yuskowatz, "In Memory of PM Bill Keller Al Matta
1282-83 Donald Bird "In Memory of Nancy" Al Matta
1284 PGM Mitch & Beth Weinsteing, "GM 
Mark McCombs & Joan 
"Congratulations on a Great Year" Aleppo
1285-86 Sylvia Dupre P.H.P....
Altan Kol Grotto
1287 John Root, Jr., for Mark McCombs ..... Landemere
1288 Theodore Banaszek Steve Banaszek Caliph
1289 Farhad Grotto..................... Farhad
1290-91 Ladybugs Auxiliary......... Farhad
1292 Solomon Goldberg, PM In Memory of 
Donna Haywood Feramo
1293-94 Tropical Lodge #56 F. & A.M.\nGala 1295-96 Gary Matican............. Hejaz
1297 Gene & Diana Meyers............ Ibn Saud
1298 Islam Grotto "Dick Phillips" "Thanks For 
All Your Help" Islam
1299 Joanne Hopkins-Budd "In Memory of 
Larry W. Budd" Islam
1300 Joanne Hopkins-Budd "In Memory of 
William George & Twila H. Budd" Islam
1301 Joanne Hopkins "Thanks 
Charles H. & Georgia M. Lapp" Islam
1302 Islam Grotto "Mike Karkalla" "Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1303 Islam Grotto "Jim LaSalle" "Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1304 Islam Grotto "Valerie Belz" "Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1305 Islam Grotto "Scott Allen" "Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1306 Islam Grotto "Conrad Wieloch, Jr. 
"Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1307 Islam Grotto "Richard Hopkins" "Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1308 Islam Grotto "Ron Davidson" "Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1309 Islam Grotto "Thomas Alowicki" "Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1310 Islam Grotto "Richard Hopkins" "Thanks For All Your Help" Islam
1311 Mike Frymoyer, PM Mohassan Grotto Penny Collection, Mohassan Grotto
1312 George & Helena Fontana "In Honor of Our Family" Moslem
Enchanted Lantern Contributions (cont.)

1360 Mark Brewer "Toothbrush Day Give-Away" .................................................. Samoor
1361 Thomas Davie "Toothbrush Day Give-Away" .................................................. Samoor
1362 Gire Hill "Toothbrush Day Give-Away" .................................................. Samoor
1363 John Wolf "Toothbrush Day Give-Away" .................................................. Samoor
1364 Tim Cerio "Toothbrush Day Give-Away" .................................................. Samoor
1365 Constantin Chimenov "Toothbrush Day Give-Away" .................................................. Samoor
1366 Jack Brecklin .................................................. Abbas
1367 Jack P. Harvey, PM .................................................. Abbas
1368 James Michael Cornwell, PM .................................................. Abbas
1369 Daniel A. Night .................................................. Abigail
1370 Michael J. Cotteleer .................................................. Abigail
1371 William Schlatterbeck, PM .................................................. Al Sirat
1372 Charles Oestreicher .................................................. Aleppo
1373 Andrew G. Diehls .................................................. Aleppo
1374 Harold Knight .................................................. Aleppo
1375 Sidney A. Linder .................................................. Aleppo
1376 Earl Wayne Chaney, PM .................................................. Altan Kol
1377 Jeffrey L. Tilton .................................................. Amrou
1378 Keith A Shridere .................................................. Amrou
1379 William P. Leonard .................................................. Ankara
1380 Ryan D. Toll .................................................. Aries
1381 John E. Bennett, PM .................................................. Azim
1382 Ronald Hedges .................................................. Bendemeer
1383 Stanley E. Fisher .................................................. Bendemeer
1384 William B. Lundy .................................................. Bendemeer
1385 Arthur N. Ball .................................................. Cachas
1386 Ralph R. Royall .................................................. Chinar
1387 Ronald J. Price, PM .................................................. Chinar
1388 Michael E. Jaspan .................................................. Delco
1389 Howard I. Tenenbaum .................................................. Delco
1390 Robert D. Halper .................................................. Delco
1391 Thomas Wible, PM .................................................. Delco
1392 Fred Kuhlman, Jr .................................................. El Texa
1393 Larry D. Spence .................................................. Farrah
1394 Richard Sullivan .................................................. Farrah
1395 Douglas E. King .................................................. Hagat
1396 Les Beaver, PM .................................................. Hapac
1397 Ronald L. Bartusko .................................................. Hapac
1398 Aaron J. Ritchie .................................................. Hapac
1399 Alfred C. Adinolfi .................................................. Hejaz
1400 Theodore J. Nelson .................................................. Hejaz
1401 James M. Henry .................................................. Ibnsaud
1402 David L. Young .................................................. Ibnsaud
1403 Robert M. Louks, Jr .................................................. Ibnsaud
1404 Francis I Krawowski, PM .................................................. Ibnsaud
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1406 Jordan A. Jachve, PM .................................................. Kaa Rhei Vahn
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1408 Andrew Stevenson .................................................. Mithra
1409 William Andrew Adams, PM .................................................. Nabia
1410 William J. Vinner, PM .................................................. Nabia
1411 Andrew "Skip" Vanderhorst, Jr, PM .................................................. Nabia
1412 Ormus .................................................. Nubia
1413 Kaa Rhei Vahn .................................................. Nubia
1414 "Sarge" Hicks, PM .................................................. Nazir
1415 In Memory of Amber White Wilbur
1416 In Memory of Amber White Wilbur
1417 "Sarge" Hicks, PM .................................................. Nazir
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Humanitarian Foundation Matters....

Your Humanitarian Foundation Trustees want to give a big thank you to our guests for their generous donations during Thursday night’s HF program at the International Convention in Perrysburg, Ohio.

In the letter to our dental providers and Dr. of Smiles, there seems to be some confusion. We have not discontinued our program. We simply have exceeded our dental budget for 2017. We are working hard to correct budget shortcomings. There are still preapproved cases that will be paid when the work is completed. The Foundation will be revising the guidelines to allow monies to be more widely distributed. All cases will have to be preapproved, including routine and preventive care. The preapprovals will have an expiration date and will not be carried over for an indefinite time.

The Foundation welcomes our latest appointee, Bill Thomas, to our board. He brings valuable tools for us to use. At the same time, we want to thank PGM Dick Faust, for his time served on the board.

As of January 2018, we will again be helping as many Special Needs Children as possible, one smile at a time.

On a final note, please continue to support our many fundraising projects. Your donations will continue to help ease some of the costs of dental care to the families of these special needs children.

Yours in Goodfellowship,

James “Jim” Payton, PM
Chairman

The Humanitarian Foundation was pleased to present the following awards during its Thursday evening program at the 127th Annual Session:

Under 99 Members: Samoor Grotto with 50 members purchased 77 Enchanted Lanterns – 154%

100-199 Members: Taleb Grotto with 104 members purchased 60 Enchanted Lanterns – 58%

Over 200 Members: Bendemeer Grotto with 281 members purchased 71 Enchanted Lanterns – 25%

The Humanitarian Foundation’s Chairman’s Choice Award went to Alhambra Grotto’s Francis Bucholz in recognition of his dedication to the HF programs.
Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I cannot say it enough. Thanks to the Supreme Council Office staff, the Humanitarian Foundation staff, my committees and all of the Prophets and the Ladies who attended the 2017 Supreme Council Session in Perrysburg, Ohio. Joan and I enjoyed every minute of the Convention and we hope you did, too. We will see you in Indianapolis, in June 2018, to support Grand Monarch Mike Dempsey and First Lady Karen.

Yours in Goodfellowship,

Past Grand Monarch Mark L. McCombs
and Lady Joan

Friends, Grand Line and Past Grand Line Ladies,
Thanks for all the good memories over the past 12-years. Most of all, thank you for my candy dish filled with chocolate kisses!

Love to you all,

Peggy Jackson