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GRAND MONARCH'S MESSAGE

GM MARK AND LADY JOAN MCCOMBS

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



Meet the Grand Monarch....

Mark Laymen McCombs was born in Springfield, Ohio, to the late Past Monarch Laymen and Past Mighty Chosen One Elizabeth McCombs. He graduated from Springfield North High School in 1974, Wittenberg University in 1978, and Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Association with Wake Forest University Physician's Assistant Program in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in 1982.

Mark became a Master Mason in St. Andrews Lodge #619 Springfield, Ohio, and a Prophet of Khana Shahar Grotto in Springfield, Ohio, in 1978. After advancing to Chief Justice, a job change forced relocation to Sandusky, Ohio, where he became a member of Singara Grotto. There he advanced to Monarch in 1997. As Past Monarch he was elected and completed the six-year line of the Ohio Grotto Association and served as President in 2004, as well as celebrating his 25th year of marriage to Joan (Lohnes) McCombs.

Mark and Joan met at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Ohio, where he was an orderly and she a nurse's aide. They have three grown "Grotto Brats," Elizabeth (Jason Smith), Jennifer (Landon Matuska), Katie McCombs, and three grandchildren.

Mark has served as Cast Director, Master of Revels, OGA Chaplain, Zone Director, Supreme Council District Deputy, Guitarist for Singara Notes Band, Contest Committee, Master of Ceremonies for PGM Sam Lattin, 33°, and on the Training Committee. In his spare time Mark enjoys playing guitar, fishing, boating, and enjoying time with family.

Mark and Joan hope you will join them in Perrysburg, Ohio
June 19-24, 2017 for

"Celebrating the Grotto Family"

2017 Travel Schedule for Grand Monarch Mark McCombs

Aug 4-7, 2016, Northwest Grotto Association, Tacoma, WA
Aug 18-21, 2016, Ohio Grotto Association, Covington, KY
Sept 2-5, 2016, Southwest Grotto Association, Beaumont, TX
Sept 29-Oct. 2, 2016, Midwest Grotto Association, Louisville, KY
Oct 7-9, 2016, Pennsylvania Grotto Association, Pittsburgh, PA
Oct 14-16, 2016, Empire State Grotto Association, Dunkirk, NY
Oct 22, 2016 Prophet at Sight, Buffalo, NY
Oct 28/29, 2016—New England Grotto Association, Groton, CT
Nov 3-6, 2016, SC Board of Governors Meeting, Perrysburg, OH
Chartering a new Grotto in McPherson, Kansas, Nov 19, 2016
Dec 1, 2016, Installation of Officers, Singara Grotto
Dec 2, 2016, Supreme Council Office Christmas Party!
Dec 3, 2016, Khana Shahar Grotto Installation, Springfield, OH
Dec 9-10, 2016, Installation, Hail & Farewell Party/Adam's Rib, Saba Grotto, Tulsa, OK
Jan 7, 2017, Installation of Officers, Amrou Grotto, Zanesville, OH
Jan 13, 2017, Installation of Officers, El Rey Grotto, Elyria, OH
Jan 14, 2017, Achbar Grotto Installation, Columbus, OH
Feb 3-4, 2017, OGA Zone Conference, Springfield, OH
The Grand Monarch's Travels will continue as plans are made!



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 GROTTTO***

\$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 GROTTTO
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 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 GROTTTO 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!



**Grand Monarch's Award of Excellence
2016-2017**

Abbas – Richard Gibson, Monarch 2015
 Abbid – Andrew (Jack) Holland, Monarch 2016
 Al Hassan – Joe L. Tomberlin, Monarch 2015
 Al Sirat – David G. Finley, Monarch 2016
 Altan Kol – Sidney Leluan, III, PM, Monarch 2015 & 2016
 Amrou – Dan Wheeler, Monarch 2016
 Bendemeer – William R. Frizzell, Monarch 2016
 El Rey – Robert Hennes, Monarch 2015
 Galae – Richard T. Nelson, Monarch 2016
 Gao – Timothy Heinrichs, Monarch 2015
 Hassan – William J. McGinn, Jr., Monarch 2016
 Hejaz – Gerald A. Calabritto, Monarch 2016
 Islam – George T. Gittins, Monarch 2015
 Islam - Robert J. Lorenz, III, Monarch 2016
 Kismet – David H. Ingalls, PM, Monarch 2015 & 2016
 Moslem – Robert D. Lyle, PM, Monarch 2016
 Nava – Bryan E. Simmons, Monarch 2016
 Ormazd – Kenneth J. Mueller, Monarch 2016
 Ormus – Keith Newton, Monarch 2015
 Ormus - H. Jeffery Shaw, Monarch 2016
 Rameses – Paul K. McCullough, Monarch 2016
 Sadir Khan – Robert McVicker, Monarch 2016
 Sahara – Robert A. Dungan, Monarch 2015
 Samoor – Paul Ritchie, Monarch 2016
 Selama – David S. Vincent, Monarch 2015
 Selama - Joseph L. Griffith, Monarch 2016
 Selim – Steve Kingdon, Monarch 2016
 Sem I No – Shawn Ray Lopez, Monarch 2015
 Sem I No - Lester E. Jones, Monarch 2015
 Tacobat – Carl Brady, PM, Monarch 2015
 Tacobat - Alexander Jordan, PM, Monarch 2016
 Teheran – John D. Bounds, Monarch 2016
 Xella – Raymond Charles, PM, Monarch 2016
 Yusef Khan – Mark Kirk, Monarch 2016
 Zafar – John W. Knelly, III, Monarch 2015
 Zafar - Eugene J. Waldman, Monarch 2016
 Zelica – Lawrence M. Buck, Monarch 2015
 Zendah – Jerry A. Haywood, Monarch 2015
 Zendah - Gary Bryant, Monarch 2015
 Ziba – Jeremy Horton, PM, Monarch 2015
 Ziba - Frank E. Kiefer, Monarch 2015

**Let the Good Times Roll
Membership Goal Winners of \$150
for meeting their set goal of new Prophets are:**

<u>Grotto</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aahmed	5	9
Aletheia	5	9
Alhambra	5	8
Amalric	5	6
Ankara	5	8
Azab	5	25
Azim	9	35
Cashan	5	10
Delco	5	9
Dinar	5	6
El Jaala	12	43
Gotham	5	9
Hapac	5	7
Hassan	5	5
Hejaz	5	6
Ka Jon	6	8
Kallipolis	5	5
Merou	5	7
Mi Am I	5	6
Moslem	5	8
Nava	5	26
No Ruz	5	12
Noruh	5	7
Saba	5	10
Samoor	5	14
Selama	5	10
Sem I No	5	8
Singara	5	10
Tri Po Bed	5	9
Ubar	5	28
Zal Gaz	7	11
Zelica	9	13
Zorah	9	13
Zuleika	5	7

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

Al Azar's David Carroll, Jr.
Al Hassan's Joe L. Tomberlin, PM
Alhambra's George M. Merkle, PM
Alhambra's Charles M. Huey
Altan Kol's Richard A. Kessler, PM
Amalric's Thomas Clint Chastain
Amrou's Terry L. Havens
Azim's Isaac Moore, PM *
Azim's Elijah C. Mills
Baku's Donald R. Neighbors, PM
Chinar's William B. Blaize *
Delco's Thomas Wible, PM
El Jaala's I. Michael Toth
El Jaala's Guy Carbona, PM
El Jaala's Richard Pugh *
El Jaala's Tommy Hendrix, Jr.
El Jaala's Martin Kwilosz
Gotham's Michael Feinman, PM *
Hassan's William Joseph McGinn, Jr.
Mi Am I's Carlos Correa, PM
Noruh's Anthony M. Chamberlin *
Saba's Christopher Richardson
Tri Po Bed's Thomas C. Adsmond, PM
Tri Po Bed's Robert George Siebold
Ubar's John F. Harley
Ubar's Jason J. Caneal
Xellas' Rodger Van Riesen, PM *
Zafar's Robert E. Saul, Sr., PM
Zangi's David L. Poulin, PM
Zelica's Lawrence M. Buck, PM *
Zorah's Howard "Bud" Ramsey, PM
Zuleika's Donald W. Monheim
Zuleika's Joseph A. Gargano

12 Ruby Key Winners with 5-6 new initiates

Aletheia's John P. Howe, Sr., PM
Ankara's Mike Haxton, PM *
Cashan's Andrew D. Arnold
Gotham's Richard Springer
Merou's Edward G. McKeown
Nava's William Richards
Saba's Matthew Q. Llewellyn
Selama's Bruce L. Ward *
Singara's Robert W. Reardon
Ubar's Peter James Ruggieri *
Zal Gaz's Robert W. Hospadaruk *
Ziba's Jeremy Horton, PM

14 Diamond Key Winners with 7 + new initiates

Aahmed's James C. Carter
Aleppo's Spencer C. Riley, PM
Azab's Brad C. Brightman, 33° *
Azim's Victor L. Mann, PM *
El Jaala's Howard Schermerhorn, PM *
El Jaala's Richard Taman, PM
Hapac's Brian Truex, PM
Moslem's George S. Fontana, PM *
Nava's Bryan E. Simmons
No Ruz's Thomas V. Land, Jr., PM
Samoor's Paul Ritchie *
Sem I No's Lester E. Jones *
Zelica's Otto Thiergart, PGM *
Zorah's Brandon H. Duenas, PM

*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 Moersch, 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!



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.



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, III—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, from Yusef Khan Grotto in Akron, Ohio, celebrating Bob Wilttrout's 99th birthday are:

Sitting L to R: Bill Hoffman, Glenn Smith, Red King
 Standing L to R: Bill Israel, Bob Wilttrout, the birthday boy!



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

Abbid

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 Alzapiedi
David J. Smith
Shaun 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 Connors
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
Wilmer 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. Branotonies, Sr.

Aut Mori

Charles H Graham
Sterling Jamison
Clarence E Shawver, PGM
Daniel Illenick
Edward C. Ross, II, PM
Shaun 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. Roderiques, 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

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Nicholas A. Lorenzana
Arthur P. Landry
Stanley Smeaton
Thomas O. Dexter
Arthur D. Dill
John Catteral
Scott S. Kelley

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Byron J. Collier
Steven Rosen
Joseph A. Zingale
Mario G. Pironti
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 Depue

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



Top Line Signers (continued)
3/1/2016 to 6/30/2016

EI Jaala

Howard Schermerhorn, PM
Robert Willey
Frank J. Drozd, II
Steven Schenk
Charles R. Kerner
Richard Taman, PM
James W. Voss, II
Herbert J. Lindberg
Wayne J. Lundberg
Paul A. Davison
Walter J. Andersen
Robert L. Vighi
Robert E. Derby, Jr.
Richard Pugh
Gary Kurowski
Brian Duke
James Wilson
Timothy W. Blythe
Cesar Torres
Martin Kwilosz
Gabriel Sanchez
Darrell W. Paris
Jack Buvolet
Phillip G. Vaillancourt
Aric J. White
Vincenzo Grisi
Carlos Hernandez
Jorge Valdez

Ela Ala

Jerold Michael Forsberg, PM
Christopher F. Steinhaus

Farrah

Michael Keister, PM
Larry D. Spence
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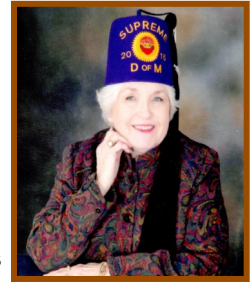
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Well, my time as Supreme Mighty Chosen One of the Supreme Caldron of the Daughters of Mokanna is rapidly drawing to an end. It has been such an awesome journey. I am very honored to have had the opportunity to serve and I would like to give a big "THANK 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,

Susan Benson,
 Supreme Mighty Chosen One



Humanitarian Foundation Matters....

Let me start by introducing the Humanitarian Foundation Officers for the next year. I, PM James Payton, was elected as the Chairman; PGM Shuards Sutherland is the new 1st Vice Chairman, PM Gene Meyers, newly appointed Trustee, was elected to 2nd Vice Chairman, PGM Richard Faust remains as our Treasurer, and PM Timothy Brooks is now our Secretary.

Prophets, if you did not attend the Supreme Council Annual Session in New Orleans, you missed a great convention.

Thanks to every Grotto, Association, Prophet, and other Contributors for their very great generosity and donations to the Foundation.

We the Foundation Trustees are tightening our belts to help us through a very slow economy. We will work hard to safeguard your money and align our budget with the changing times.

Thanks again!

Yours in Goodfellowship
 Jim Payton, Chairman



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

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