The Gratto Magazine



Sympathy & Goodfellowship,
Tradition, Fun, Racing & Grotto
All can be found at the
128th Annual Session
Indianapolis, Indiana, June 13-16, 2018!

"Racing To Indy"

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A message from the Grand Monarch....

Prophets and Ladies,

What a pleasure it has been for me and Karen to serve as your Grand Monarch and First Lady.

At the installation of officers last June I said that my year was going to be all about having fun. We have had a blast. It has been a lot of work but we have done our best to enjoy the fun along the way at all of the association meetings. We have a few left to attend in April and May to close out our year and I am sure we will have fun at those association meetings, too.

The office Christmas dinner and party was so much fun and the dinner was fantastic. The entire office staff was able to attend along with a few guests.



I received my "war bonnet" or Indian headdress at the Feast of Adam's Rib and the Installation of Officers at Saba Grotto in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A great time was had by everyone in attendance. Thank you, Nancy Davis, you did a fantastic job.

I would like to thank Monarch Richard Losch, the Officers, the Prophets and the Ladies of Dinar Grotto for the wonderful reception I received at the Installation of Officers of Dinar Grotto. A special thank you to Ken Baker for arranging everything for my visit.

We had a fantastic time at the Installation of Officers of Amrou Grotto. Congratulations to Monarch David Merckle, II, and his corps of officers. We are looking forward to returning to Amrou in April for the Ohio Grotto Association.

It was such an honor for me to install the officers of Sahara Grotto. I installed Jarrett Hill as Monarch and the other officers for 2018. This is my home Grotto and Jarrett Hill is this year's Grand Chaplain and my Convention Chairman. Now you can see why I was so honored to perform this installation.

There has been a change made for the golf outing at the convention. We will now be playing Smock Golf Course with lunch at Sahara Grotto.

I would like to welcome Howard Schermerhorn, PM, as a new Humanitarian Foundation Trustee. Howard was appointed by the board to complete the term that came open when a trustee resigned from the foundation. Howard is a Past Monarch of EL Jaala Grotto and a Past President of the Illinois State Grotto Association. Howard has plenty of experience with the work of the Foundation. Welcome Howard.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at my convention, June 13-16, 2018, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please be sure you have your reservations made and your registration forms in to the Supreme Council Office by the June 1, 2018 deadline. Thank you.

Yours in Goodfellowship,

Michael E. Dempsey Grand Monarch The Grottoes of North America Greetings Prophets,

Pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 1 of the Supreme Council Code, I, Michael E. Dempsey, Grand Monarch of the Supreme Council, direct that the official notice be given that the 128th Annual Session of the Supreme Council M.O.V.P.E.R. will be held at the Wyndham Indianapolis West in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 13, 2018 to June 16, 2018.

This is in accordance with the provision of the Supreme Council Code this 25th Day of March, 2018.

Yours in Goodfellowship,

Attested:

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Michael E. Dempsey, Grand Monarch

William "Skip" Moerch, PM, Executive Secretary

Join the Grand Monarch as he travels the Realm in 2018
Grand Monarch Michael Dempsey, where he has been and where he is going:

3/22-24/2018—Board of Governors' Meeting SC Office
4/7/2018 Humanitarian Foundation Meeting
4/13-14/2018 Midwest Grotto Association
4/20-21/2018—Central States Grotto Association
4/27-28/2018—Ohio Grotto Association
5/15-16/2018—Annual Communications for Indiana Grand Lodge
5/18-19/2018—Southeastern Grotto Association
6/10-17/2018—128th Annual Session, Indianapolis, Indiana

Join First Lady Karen in her Race to support The League of Miracles



I wish to thank everyone who has supported my project this year helping children with Autism.

I still have some bracelets and charms left, so please consider purchasing a bracelet and/or a charm to help raise money for

The League of Miracles.

The cost is \$15 for a bracelet and \$10 for a charm, which
has the Autism Awareness
puzzle design logo shaped in a heart.
Contact me, the SC office or one of the Grand Line
Ladies to get yours before convention is over!



Thank you, Karen Dempsey



"Race to Indy"

We are in the Final Lap!
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.

<u>A 2nd NEW TRADE SHOW STYLE DISPLAY WILL BE</u> AVAILABLE SOON!

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.

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www.scgrotto.org

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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!



Rev up those engines and race fast to get the qualifying amount of new members to receive either a free night, or 4-night, stay on us!

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

Attention Ladics!

The General Ladies' Luncheon will be Friday, June 15, 2018, in the Golden Ballroom at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel. The theme this year will be Christmas. Wear your favorite holiday apparel, or jewelry, and come prepared to Celebrate Christmas in June!





After a day of travel to arrive in Indianapolis, plan to relax the stress away on a Gondola ride with Old World Gondoliers through downtown Indianapolis. Come experience a journey into the past. Sit back and let your imagination take you to the canals of Venice, where you will be serenaded by your Gondolier as you are transported into the romance of old Italy. Experience the beauty, mystique and charm of downtown Indianapolis with spectacular canal views from the gondolas. Following we will have lunch at The Old Spaghetti Factory (price not included.) Registration form on page 12.

> Please note this is weather permitting. Alternate plans will be announced possibly changing to the Butterfly exhibit below.



On Tuesday, June 12, enjoy a beautiful day at the Indianapolis Zoo for the Butterfly Exhibit. Buy your tickets today using the forms on page 12. These tickets include admission to the zoo.

Lunch, price not included, will be at Dick's Last Resort.

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Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!



SPEEDWAY MUSEUM

Prophets, on Monday, June 11, we will be touring the Speedway Museum. You can use the registration form on page 12 to buy your tickets. In addition, if you choose, you may purchase a ticket to take a bus ride around the track.

Lunch for this day will be on your own.

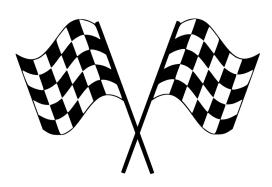


SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND THE INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL

Prophets, these free tours will be held on Tuesday, June 12.

This magnificent example of neo-gothic architecture remains the largest building in the United States devoted to Freemasonry.

Lunch will be served at the Scottish Rite.
Cost will be dependent upon your selection.



128th Annual Session Evening Events for Everyone!



Hot Dogs, Peanuts and Cracker Jacks
June 11, 2018

Monday evening join your Grotto friends for a
night out at the park.

The Indianapolis Indiana Baseball Park.

Purchase your tickets now using the order form on page 12.

See you during the 7th inning stretch!







On Tuesday, June 12, 2018, enjoy dinner and a show at Indiana's own Beef & Boards Dinner Theater.

Sign up to have a delicious dinner while enjoying the beloved "Annie" on stage at Beef & Boards! Don't delay, you won't want to miss this event!

See page 12.



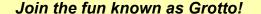
Celebrate 128 years of Grotto!

June 13, 2018, at the Grand Opening

we will have

pizza, cake and ice cream and
a good old fashioned birthday party for the

Grottoes of North America!







Thursday, June 14, 2018, visit Sahara Grotto for a delicious home cooked meal. Enjoy some of Indy's finest hospitality and visit with dear Grotto Friends. Afterward, the Humanitarian Foundation will present their annual update.

Hotel Reservations for the 128th Annual Session can be made at the Wyndham Indianapolis West by calling: <u>317-248-2481</u>.

Be sure to tell them you are with the Grottoes of North America!

128th Annual Supreme Council Session WYNDHAM INDIANAPOLIS WEST, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA JUNE 13-16, 2018

Pre-Registration Form

DO NOT SEND TOUR or GOLF MONEY TO SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICE

Please make check payable to 128th Supreme Council Session

SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

128th SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION GROTTOES OF NORTH AMERICA

430 Beecher Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

PAYMENT AND FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1, 2018

Prophet		Grotto	
Lady's Name			
Guest Name			
Address			
Phone:		Stat	1 -
PLEASE CHECK	THE APPROPRIATE S	PACE:	
Prophet is a VIP: Past Monarch:	Monarch:	Chief	Justice:
Master of Ceremonies	Secretary:	Alternate_	
***Supreme Council Number			
*DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR 2018 DU NO REFUNDS AFTER June 1, Pre-Registration Event	_		
Prophet Registration	\$20.00	Quartercy	\$
Lady or Guest Registration	\$10.00		\$
Thursday – Dinner at Sahara Grotto	\$20.00		\$
Friday – Men's General Lunch	\$25.00		\$
Friday – Ladies' General Lunch	\$25.00		\$
Friday – Grand Monarch's Banquet			
Salmon	\$55.00		\$
Sirloin Steak	\$55.00		\$
Saturday – Red Tassel Party	\$8.00		\$
	TOTAL ENCLO	OSED	
Credit Card Payment: Name on Card Number	Sagurit.	Code	Expiration



GROTTOES OF NORTH AMERICA 128th SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION OFFICIAL HOTEL RESERVATION FORM June 10-17, 2018 HEADQUARTERS HOTEL Wyndham Indianapolis West

Name:					
Grotto:			Address:		
City:			State:	Zip Code: _	
Telephone	Number: (_)			
Email Addr	ess:				
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Reservations may be made through U.S. Mail to:

Wyndham Indianapolis West (near the airport) 2544 Executive Dr.

Indianapolis, IN 46241 or;

By phone: 317-248-2481 or By fax: 317-248-0187

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

Reservation Deadline: May 28, 2018

Free Parking!

128th Supreme Council Session Tours and Events



Monday, June 11, 2018—Daytime

Ladies: Gondolier Ride \$35.00 with lunch at Spaghetti Factory (additional cost)



Men: Speedway Museum \$10.00 + Bus Trip around the Track \$8.00 Lunch on own



Monday, June 11, 2018—Evening

Everyone: Indianapolis Indians Baseball includes hot dog, popcorn and soda Transportation on your own—Parking fee not included.



Ladies: Butterfly Exhibit at the Indianapolis Zoo (includes admittance to zoo) with lunch at Dick's Last Resort (additional cost)

Tuesday, June 12, 2018—Daytime

Men: Tour of the Scottish Rite & Indiana War Memorial—Free admittance with lunch served at Scottish Rite Cost of lunch TBD Transportation on your own with free parking

Tuesday, June 12, 2018—Evening For the 1st 100 ticket purchasers



Beef & Boards Dinner Theater featuring the musical "Annie" Transportation on your own with free parking

Complete this form and mail with check

Registration Deadline is	s May 20, 20	018	
Name			
Address			
City State and Zip			
Monday Lady's Gondolier Ride	\$35.00 x	qty = \$	Total Due
Monday Men's Speedway Museum	\$10.00 x	qty = \$	Total Due
Monday Men's Bus Trip around the Track	\$ 8.00 x	qty = \$	Total Due
Monday Evening Indianapolis Indians Baseball	\$20.00 x	qty = \$	Total Due
Tuesday Lady's Butterfly Exhibit/Zoo	\$25.00 x	qty = \$	Total Due
Tuesday Men's tour of the Scottish Rite—Free a	dmission—cos	st of lunch not inclu	ded
Tuesday Night Beef & Boards featuring the musical "Annie"	\$55.00 x	qty = \$	Total Due
Total Included: \$			
Send checks payable to Sahara Gro	otto Convent	ion Fund to:	

Jarrett Hill • 2225 E. Stop 10 Rd. • Indianapolis, IN 46227



Bowling is back! Western Bowling Center

128th Annual Bowling Fun • Wednesday, June 13, 2018 Cost is \$15 per bowler, includes 2 games, shoes & drink

Bowler #1:			
Bowler #2:			
Bowler #3:			
Bowler #4:			
Total Qu	antity:	Total \$_	

Send this form with your check payable to:
Sahara Grotto Convention Fund

Jarrett Hill • 2225 E. Stop 10 Rd. • Indianapolis, IN 46227



128th Annual Supreme Council Golf Tournament!

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Shotgun Start: 8:30 A.M.

Cost: \$65.00 per player



Smock Golf Course • 3910 County Line Rd. • Indianapolis, IN 46237

Title Sponsor \$1500 • Lunch Sponsor \$1000 • Beverage Cart Sponsor \$750

Contest Holes \$300 • Hole Sponsors \$150

This includes 18-holes of golf, cart, meal

* AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE RED TASSEL PARTY *

1.	Captain:	Email:	Phone#	
2.	Player:	Email:	Phone#	
3.	Player:	Email:	Phone#	
		Email:		
	Each pe	son is responsible for their own transportation	n. Registration deadline is June 1, 20°	18
	1 PLAY	ER \$65.00 EACH #FOURSOME = \$26	60.00 # TOTAL \$	
	Pleas	se mail entry form with check payable to:	Sahara Grotto Convention Fund	

Mike Neeley • 602 Oakland Way • New Whiteland, IN 46184

2018 SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION PROGRAM ADVERTISING

Name						
Grotto or O	rganization					
Address						
	Street		City	State	e Posta	l Code
Phone	 	FAX	Email_			
Full Page	3/4 Page	•	•	½ Page Vertical \$85	1/4 Page	Business
\$300	\$225	Vertical \$175	Horizontal \$170	Vertical \$85	Horizontal \$85	Card \$40
		ALL ADS IN COL	OR THIS YEAR AT	A DISCOUNT		
	_Full Page Inside Ba	ack Cover \$500.00		Full Page	Outside Back Cov	er \$550.00
	\$10	0.00 per MEMORIAL	LINE OR HONORA	RIUM LINE OR BO	OOSTER 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 o	on a Date/Time	Basis D	ate	Time	e	
Price of Ad - Camera Ready provided by advertiser (includes business cards) \$_					\$	
Non-Camera Ready Ad - Add an additional Charge of \$60.00/ Hr				\$		
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SAHARA GROTTO CONVENTION FUND **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ADS - JUNE 1, 2018** EMAIL ADVERTISING TO: <u>saharamonarch2017@gmail.com</u> OR MAIL TO:

Robert Stubbs, PM • 5070 S. Walcott St. • Indianapolis, IN 46227 Questions, or concerns? Call: (317) 833-7350

128th ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Room Location
Monday June 11	Tour	9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Front Lobby
	Baseball	TBD	Front Lobby
	Hospitality Room	6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	2nd/3rd/4th/5th Fls
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Tuesday June 12	Tour	9:00 a.m.	Front Lobby
raccaa, came n	Hospitality Room	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	2nd/3rd/4th/5th Fls
	Beef and Boards with show "Annie"	6:00 p.m.	Front Lobby
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Wednesday June 13	Registration	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Golden Preconven
,	Vendors	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Golden Preconven
	Golf	8:30 a.m. to ?	Front Lobby
	Bowling	10:30 a.m. to ?	Front Lobby
	Contest / Revelers Meeting / Registration	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Fortune Square
	GM & DGM's Welcoming/Pizza/Birthday Party	7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Golden Preconven
	Grand Opening Ceremony	8:00 p.m.	Golden Preconven
	"Racing to Indy" Hospitality Room Contest	After Grand Opening	2nd/3rd/4th/5th Fls
Thursday June 14	VIP Breakfast	7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Golden 1-3
	Registration	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Golden Preconven
	Vendors	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Golden Preconven
	General Business Session	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Hall of Champions
	International Sec. Assn. Luncheon	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Golden 6-7
	Caucus #1	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	DR2
	Caucus #2	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	DR3
	Caucus #3	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	DR4
	Caucus #4	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	FSD
	Dr. of Smiles Seminar	2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	International
	Grotto Dinner at Sahara	5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Front Lobby
	Humanitarian Program & Entertainment	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Hall of Champions
	Hospitality Rooms	After H/F Program	2nd/3rd/4th/5th Fl
Friday June 15	PGM Breakfast	7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Library
	Registration	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Golden Preconven
	Vendors	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Golden Preconven
	General Business Session	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Hall of Champions
	Ladies' Luncheon/Christmas	12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Golden 5-7
	Men's Luncheon	12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Golden 1-4
	Leadership Training Seminar/Ceremonial	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Fortune Square
	Daughters of Mokanna	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	International
	Vocal/Revel	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Fortune Square
	Grand Monarch's Banquet/Racing to Indy	7:00 p.m.	Golden Ballroom
	Hospitality Rooms	After Banquet	2nd/3rd/4th/5th Fl
Saturday June 16	Registration office - closed - but used for office and	storage for vendors	Closed
	Installation of Officers	10:00 a.m.	Hall of Champions
	Pass & Review	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Parking Lot
	Red Tassel Party/Sock Hop	7:00 p.m.	Golden Ballroom

CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. Penalty points will be assessed for late contest registrations. All registration forms must be received in the Supreme Council Office by the close of business June 1, 2018. Any individual contestant or 4. The Themed Hospitality Room Contest will be held on unit whose registration form is received after the above date will have the penalty points deducted from their contest score at the convention.
- 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, 2018, to give the Judges time to review and judge the web sites before they leave home for the Convention.
- 3. An award certificate will be presented to the winners 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.
- Wednesday night, June 13, 2018, following the Grand Opening. This year's theme will be "Racing to Indy." The rules for this contest are available from the Supreme Council Office. It should be noted that the registration forms for this contest must also be in the Supreme Council Office by June 1, 2018.
- 5. As a reminder, 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.

2018 CONTEST AND UNIT REVIEW ENTRY FORM -

<u>THERE WILL BE MOTORIZED UNIT COMPETITION THIS YEAR!</u>

Register your Motorized Units and Show-off your Stuff!

Grotto NameCity
We wish to enter the following Units and/or Individuals, in competition in Indianapolis, IN, at the 128th Annual Supreme Council Session in June 2018. INDIVIDUAL ENTRY
A. List Category Entering
B. Contestant (Fill in #1 and/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
(Prophet's name)
UNIT ENTRY
A. List Category Entering
B. Approximate Number of Members in Unit Competing
INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this 2018 Entry Form and forward to the Supreme Council Office at 430 Beecher Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230, prior to June 1, 2018 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 participate and compete at Convention.
PLEASE MAIL THE RULES TO: Name
Grotto
CityStateZip
Monarch's Signature











WHAT GREATER COMPETITION THAN THE INDY 500??

When you hear Indianapolis you immediately think INDY 500. When you think INDY 500 you think of competition at its finest between the best of the best.

That is exactly what Supreme Council Competition should be, determining the best of the best among Grottoes and Prophets. With all competition some win and some lose but, when you compete at Supreme everyone wins; for you showcase your units, Prophets and Grotto. So get your entry forms turned in now to prevent penalty points for late entry.

If your talent doesn't have a category then sign up as UNIQUE UNIT.

- Mark McCombs, PGM, Contest Committee Chairman

Contest Categories

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Concert/Marching Band Lady Patrol Drill Clown—Auguste Swing/Dance Band Clown—Tramp Color Guard Pipe Band Clown—Character Officers Open/Close Clown Unit—Mech Choral Revelers Solo—Male Clown Unit—Non Mech Goodfellow Solo—Female Motor Patrol 350 Up Poster Display Chorus Men's Motor Patrol 350 Down **Publications** Chorus Women's 3 & 4 Wheelers **Balloon Making** Men's Quartet Web Page **Unique Unit** Women's Quartet Drum & Bugle **Hospitality Room Contest** Clown—Whiteface Men Patrol Drill

Top Line Signers of the Month:

November: Six-way Tie! All with 2 new Prophets:

Robert Chapman, PM and Daniel Dinatale, of Zuleika Grotto, Phillip Scott, PM of Baku Grotto, Jeremy Horton, PM of Ziba Grotto, Michael Moorman, PM and Paul Lipke-Benn, PM of El Rey Grotto

December: Due to the Holidays no one topline signed more than one new Prophet. However there

were 10 new Prophets initiated into the Realm in December!

January: Robert Lyle, PM of Moslem Grotto with 2 new Prophets

February: Donald C. Bell, Jr. of Abbas Grotto with 5 new Prophets

Abaca

Kevin Alan Valentine, PM Christopher S. Tripp

Abbas

Donald C Bell, Jr.

Michael C. Stephens
Robert Dickerson
Richard S. Reliford
Leonard Williams
Keith Lozeau
Richard Alan Gibson, PM
Gregory L. Domaszewicz

Acacia

Steve E Amsler Harvey J. Long

Al Hassan

Joe L Tomberlin, PM Zachary E. Doole

Aletheia

John P Howe, Sr., PM Keith M. Fancy

Alhambra

William J Mathis, Jr, PM
William I. Hrach, Jr.
lan S. Koster
Caleb W. Koster

Ali Baba

Allen Lee Briggs, PM Gerould Douce

Alla

Harvey S. Dorman, PM
William R. Luth
Richard Lee Hudman, PM
Christopher M. Sartor

Amrita

Kevin C. Elliott
Devon T. Renfro

Ankara

William P. Leonard Don V. Riley

Azab

Brad C Brightman, 33°, PM Christopher Oliveira Scott P. McDuffie Adam M. Pimentel Macy J. Korolnek Victor P. Dias

Michael D. Spencer

Gerard A. Bergeron Scott T. McGarty

Dean S. Valenti

Evan L. Kershaw

Baku

Phillip Scott, PM
Jason A. Taylor
David P. Scott
Douglas R Neighbors, PM
Hobart Brewer
Bruce A Seaburn, PM
Michael W Heston
Ryan F. Ball
Bradin Crabtree

Bendemeer

William P Wilson, PM
Alton Pecanty
Arnold Hodge
Michael Bunn
Arthur Smith
Michael R Olegario
Shaun Jennings
Mike Jones
Timothy Lawson

Caliph

Thomas "Grumpy" Thompson, PM Edwin L. Higginbotham James J. Pernus Jerry H. Kramer

Cashan

Harrison L. Root, PM
Richard Walker
Terry L. Presson
Irvin "Buddy" Wiser
Dino G. Htira
Tommy C. Chapman
Christopher J. Hughes
Marty D. Haley, PM
Luke Barton

Cashmere

Albert Comfort, III, PM Donald Kimble

Chinar

Jimmy Royce Rumsey Roberto DeLuna, Jr. William B. Blaize Mark St. Dube

Dinar

Ronald G. Andress, PM Nicholas Britto

El Jaala

Ivan Lugo, PM
Christopher A. Sanchez
Gregory Crouther

El Rey

Michael Moorman, PM
John M. Porter
Jason B. Setliff
Paul M. Lipke-Benn, PM
James L. Parker
Shawn T. Parker

El Texa

David Sebastian
George D. Coon
John Hrisco, PM
Horacio Gonzales
Matt Fisher
Jason D. Banks
William R. Budnick
Billy J. Hamilton, Jr.

Farhad

Clifton F Frilot
Brenden E. Coyne
Jerry Willis Eubanks
Morgan L. Kelley
Louis M. Webre, Jr.
Brady M. Leake

Feramo

Barry Deutsch
David Scharf
Robert Smith
Charles Francis, Jr.

Top Line Signers (continued)

Hapac

Brian Truex, PM Stevin G. Dahl Aaron J. Ritchie

John J. Columbo

Nathan Joseph Hunt Eric K. Doyle

Hassan

Brian D Lundquist, PM Christopher A. Smith William Joseph McGinn, Jr., PM Martin W. Eberly

Ibn Saud

Gary D. Adkins, PM John E Colbert, PM

Kaa Rheu Vahn

Francis I Karwowski, PM Steven D. Schultz

Kerman

Thomas Osborn
David E. Sizemore

Lalla Rookh

Bernie Lazerson, PM Neil E. Laundry Franklyn J. Habitzreuther, PM Richard Aseltine

Mithra

John Robert Cunningham, PM William J. Hill

Mohassan

David L. France Rory Timmerman

Moslem

Robert D Lyle, PM
Peter Iacobocci
Glenn S. Carlson
Richard Pink
Rowan A. Gottschalk
Russell H. Dean

No Ruz

Lanny Decker, PM
Chester Peak
Fredrick Behnke, III, PM
Eugene Stuard
Fredrick Behnke, IV

Noruh

Terry G. Baker, PM Dwight A. Humm **Oola Khan**

William R Eckerle Dolby H. Bennett Philip C Travis, PM William W. Clark

Saba

Robert P Walstad, PM
Dan W. Shea
Jerry D. DeShong
Lawrence L. Ashbaugh

Lawrence L. Ashbaugh

Sahara

Robert E Stubbs, PM
David R. Stubbs

Jarrett B. Hill
Jonathan M. Vaughan
Leland J. Owens
Robert Meijer, II

Samoor

Roland Yates
William J. Thornton

Selama

Joseph L Griffith, PM Ernest Porter

Selim

Todd A Mayer, PM Trent B. Gilbertosoon

Singara

Ervin C Pitcher
James Robbins
Scott O. Nave
Edward J. Andres, Jr.

Taleb

John W Knox, PM James M. Tyack Robert N. Mood Vincent L. Mood

Ubar

David J. Steffie

Dennis D. O'Conner

Wahoo

Dennis D. Reader
Aubtey A. Johnson
Stanley E. Casner, Jr.
Daniel S. Munson
Ronald M. Dailey
James D. Carter
Michael W. Nelson
Daryl R. Weigelt
Jay Hicks
Scott W. Bratsen

Yubba

Francis Callahan, PM Shawn Callahan

Zal Gaz

Patrick J Tessmer, PM
Paul Uslan
David Bunn
William A. Calvo-Quiro's

Zelica

Otto Thiergart, PGM
David L. Danielson

Zendah

Arthur J. Ahrens
David A. Lively
Gary Bryant, PM
Houston A. Tucker

Ziba

Jeremy Horton, PM
Stephen Summers
Joseph A. Joyal
Glenn M. Chadbourne
Robert L. Causey
Abraham E. Velilla

Zuleika

Robert Chapman, PM
Richard L. Hewitt
Martin F. Szymanski
Robert S Glace, Jr, PM
Gary V. Fazio
Daniel J. Dinatale
Donald G. Williams
Fredrick G. Clark, III
John M. Budowski
Jason Godios



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GROTTO HISTORY

As you travel the Grotto Realm visiting different Grottoes or Associations it is quite likely that you will hear said, "that is why the Grotto was formed" or "that's the main reason / purpose of the Grotto" when referring to the Humanitarian Foundation or local charity causes. Although part of the Grotto of 2018 it was NOT the reason Grotto was started or the main purpose for the Grotto. The Supreme Council of the Grottoes of North America was organized in Hamilton, New York June 13th, 1890 for the sole purpose of providing a place wherein Master Mason of all Lodges may meet and cultivate the cheerful side of life. The organized Humanitarian Foundation (Committee) was not introduced into

the roster until 1949. That's right, not until approximately 59 years after the formal organization of the Supreme Council. This is not to say charitable works were not happening at the local Grotto level during this time. You may not know that prior to Dental Care for Special Needs Children it was Denistry for Handicapped Children and prior to that the funding was for Cerebral Palsy Research. Sources report that at one time a grotto would find a local need and the HF, of that time, would possibly do matching funds with the local grotto to help make it happen. As times changed so has the Grottoes Humanitarian directives changed, by the membership, to meet the current needs.

DID YOU KNOW: There is a book titled "STUNT BOOK" For Use of Revels Units in Creating Enthusiasm and Entertainment in the Grotto dated 1950. A Revels unit at that time, per the book, included an electrician and a mechanic. Side note: Electric is no longer allowed by Supreme Council. From the Book: OLD SHOE STUNT – Have barrel with false bottom half-way in barrel – lower half of barrel filled with old shoes – candidates place their shoes in top half of barrel and when barrel is lifted and reversed, revelers take axes and chop up old shoes, much to the consternation of the candidates. Remember shoes of that time era looked all the same.

GROTTO NAME ORIGINS

(originally published by Grand Historian Michael Wahl, PGM, 33°

- Aries: Named for the Ram, the 1st sign of the Zodiac. A Constellation between Pisces and Taurus
- ◆ Aut Mori: The keeper of "Pierre"
- ◆ Azab: A nymph of Persia, described as "one with darker smiles." Also, a tent city—The Myrrh Country–known as Saba
- ◆ Azim: A young good looking warrior (no wonder Azim thinks they are the Handsomest Grotto in the Realm.) A lover of Zelica, as a teenager he was captured and held by the Greeks. In the war of Caliph Mahadi against the Empress Irene. He worshipped at the throne of MOKANNA.
- ◆ Baku: A Russian republic on the west shore of the Caspian Sea. Naphtha gas burning on the water running into the sea. The Russians call it "The everlasting fires of Baku."
- Balbec: Ancient Persians referred to the Vale or Valley of Balbec. A city there had edifices like Chelminar said to have been built on orders from Jan Ben Jan. Treasures are said to be buried under the ruins. The "Temple of the Sun" is here.
- ◆ Bela: The small town by that name on the plains of Egypt was probably named after an Edomite King Bela who was the son of Beor.
- Ben Bey: In Persian, Ben means Son. This translates to the Son of Bey.
- ◆ **Bendemeer:** A pretty river near the ruins of Chelminar. Thos. Moore wrote, "There's a bower of roses by Bendemeer's stream..."
- Caliph: A Caliph is a ruler. The successor to Mohammad was one.
- ◆ Cashan: A very, very old Persian city with many Mosques, Mausoleums, and Sepulchers. Site of many excavations.

Continue to check back each issue till you see your Grotto's name! - PGM Mark McCombs



Around the Enchanted Realm 805 Years of Grotto







Amrou Grotto celebrated 805 combined years of Grotto Fun and Fellowship

Pictured on the Left:

Standing (L to R): Executive Secretary Skip Moerch, PM, Amrou Secretary John Colling, PM, Monarch Randy David Merckle, II.

Sitting Back Row (L to R): William Grizzard (50-years), Kenneth Knight (50-Years), Jack Lambert (50-years), Harry West (50-years).

Sitting Front Row (L to R): Bernie Mitchell, PGM, (60-years), Russ Hansen (60-years), Donald Chandler (50-years), Rodney Fletcher (50-years), Roland Hetrick (60-years).

Absent: Earl Saunders (60-years), John Rusk (50-years), Norval Camp (50-years) Brad Matheney (25-years), William Donnelly (25-years), Derwood Berry (50-years).

Pictured on the Right:

PGM Bernie Mitchell with Monarch Keith Shrider, Past Master Steve Kelso, PM, Deputy Grand Master of Ohio Jess N. Raines, and Robert Neff (65-years in Amrou Grotto with 70-years as a Master Mason of Gage and Gavel Lodge No. 448)

Amrou Grotto handed out certificates to members with 25, 50 and 60 years of service to their Grotto. Combined this totaled 805 years. The Supreme Council would like to thank all these members for their dedication to Amrou Grotto and The Grottoes of North America. *Job well done!*

Special thanks to Deputy Grand Master Jess Raines for his participation in presenting these certificates to Prophet Robert Neff.

From the Enchanted Realm



Right: Pictured is Grand Marshal Victor Mann, PM, with Ohio Governor John Kasich. Victor was fortunate enough to meet the Governor while he was traveling home from the Supreme Council Office.

Left: No Ruz Grotto of Evansville, Indiana, purchased a new sign. The new logo is used and it looks very nice.

Good work No Ruz!







Above: Zal Gaz Grotto #34 of Ann Arbor Michigan recently organized a "Dr. Smiles' Car & Jazz Fest". The event drew crowds and cars from around the area to view some great rides and take in some cool jazz! Over \$1,400 was raised for their Doctor of Smiles' fund, \$500 of which they have donated to the continuing good work of the Humanitarian Foundation. Zal Gaz hopes to make this an annual event. Check out the fun stuff going on in their corner of the Enchanted Realm at zalgaz.org!

Reminders:



Work is still being done to finalize the copyright on our logo. Achbar issued a challenge to the Grottoes to match their donation of \$100 toward the cost of the copyright. Islam Grotto took that challenge and donated \$100.00. There is still time to step up to this challenge and get your name on the list of those who donated.

Thank you,
Skip Moerch, PM
Executive Secretary,
Past Monarch Achbar Grotto

If you have not yet sent your email address to the office so that you too are included on any updates or important information, please do so today!

You can go to our website at www.scgrotto.org and click on this little guy in the lower left corner to send us your info.



Or email us directly at robin.garrett@scgrotto.org or pat.phillips at scgrotto.org

Per Capita was due March 1, 2018

There are still a couple
Grottoes who have not paid
their 2017 Per Capita. Please
be reminded that when your
Grotto is late a 10% penalty is
assessed and the Grotto will be
considered NOT IN GOOD
STANDING. Prophets of these
Grottoes will not be permitted to
attend the 128th Annual
Session.

Please check with your Treasurer today to be sure your 2017 Per Capita is paid.

> Thank you, Skip Moerch, PM

NOTICE! MILEAGE & PER DIEM WILL BE PAID AFTER INSTALLATION ON SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018

Grand Monarch's Award of Excellence For Monarchs and Chief Justices 2017—2018

ALI BABA GROTTO – William Wayne Cavender, Jr., Monarch 2017
AUT MORI GROTTO – Gary L. Shane, Monarch 2018
DINAR GROTTO – David Kirk Hartin, Monarch 2017
EL REY GROTTO – Paul M. Lipke-Binn, Monarch 2017
GALAE GROTTO – Gene F. Sims, Monarch 2017
GAO GROTTO – Todd A. Spicer, Monarch 2018
KERMAN GROTTO – Melvin W. Eastham, Monarch 2017
MEROU GROTTO – Mark Jenkinson, Monarch 2017
SADIR KHAN GROTTO – David W. Gillespie, PM, Monarch 2017
TACOBAT GROTTO – Lawrence M. Byrd, Monarch 2018
YUSEF KHAN GROTTO – Ronald L. Wyatt, Monarch 2018
ZENDAH GROTTO – James Bryant, Monarch 2017
ZENDAH—Todd A. Spicer, Monarch 2018

DINAR GROTTO – Richard R. Losch, Chief Justice 2017 NAVA GROTTO – Justin Munroe, Chief Justice 2017

Grand Monarch Dempsey's Race to Indy



2012—Grand Marshal







2013—Grand Orator



2014—Grand Venerable Prophet





Grand Monarch Dempsey's Race to Indy continues.....

Grand Monarch Michael and Lady Karen Dempsey of Sahara Grotto have been a lot of fun to work with and have made some significant contributions to the Realm during their years in the Grand Line. Their dedication to making the Realm a better place, while creating a legacy, has been greatly appreciated and enjoyable.

The Supreme Council Office wishes them a convention filled with friends, good times, lots of laughs and plenty of love-filled memories.



2016—Deputy Grand Monarch



2017—The night before installation



The Obligation



Grand Monarch and Lady Dempsey's Final Lap around the Enchanted Realm



In Memoriam....

Clayton E. Simons, PGM, 33° Zangi Grotto



"The song is ended, but the melody lingers on."

—Irving Berlin



Humanitarian Foundation Matters....

The board has implemented changes for this year that may need explaining to all Prophets to give us the opportunity to serve a wider range of children meeting our criteria of qualifications.

- No Medicaid child will be covered.
- Nothing will be paid prior to a pre-approval.
- Preventive care requires preapproval.
- Pre-approvals expire in 90 days.
- A remaining balance of \$5.00 or under will not be paid by the Foundation.
- Hospital costs and in-hospital anesthesia will no longer be covered.
- Mobile anesthesia in a dental office is still covered.
 Our Foundation assists qualifying special needs children with dental costs. We are not an insurance company. Form 1, for new patients, needs to be completed by a parent or

legal guardian, including supporting documents, also including Sponsoring Grotto, and the Dr. of Smiles, and then sent by him to the HF office for qualifying. He retains a copy for his records.

We are continuing to work to rebuild our web site. We have obtained release from our DNS (DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM) and have a copy of our files from the former hosting provider. Coming Soon! HFGROTTO.ORG

May we continue to help Children with Special Needs, one smile at a time. Thanks for your understanding and continuing as our loyal contributors.

On behalf of the Foundation Trustees and staff,

Jim Payton, PM Chairman

Greetings from the Daughters of Mokanna!

Our Daughters have been very busy around their various locations and initiating new members along the way also. I have started visiting the various Daughters of Mokanna around the USA and have more to visit in April and May, which I am excited about.

We have exciting news to share with all wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Grotto members. Grand Monarch Michael Dempsey is allowing the Daughters of Mokanna to have an Initiation and Ceremonial during the Supreme Council Convention of the Grottoes of North America in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, June15, 2018 at 2:00 PM. We need initiates! The Grotto will be in a meeting and what better time to join the Daughters of Mokanna than on the 15th. The fee is \$115.00. Initiation fee is \$15.00, dues are \$20.00 per year and the cost of the Fez is \$80.00. We have several ladies that are interested at this time but

we need more. If you need a petition please contact me at micmse67@gmail.com.

In September, the 11th thru the 15th, 2018, will be our Supreme Session in Middleburg Heights, Ohio (Cleveland, Ohio). This Session will be a good time to join in the fun that the Daughters of Mokanna have during their session.

The Supreme Daughters of Mokanna will also have a Hospitality Room on Wednesday evening. We invite you to come and visit with us. We will have more information available at the Grotto Session.

I hope to meet you at the Supreme Council in Indianapolis, Indiana.

See you real soon!

Debbie Kempke, Supreme Mighty Chosen One



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From the desk of

Deputy Grand Monarch Matthew Wissell, PM, 33°

If elected as Grand Monarch my travel plans will include the following stops:

- July 12-14, 2018—Northwest Grotto Association
- August 17-18, 2018—Michigan/Western Ontario Grotto
- August 23-25, 2018—Ohio Grotto Association
- September 7-9, 2018—New England Grotto Association
- October 3-6, 2018—Midwest Grotto Association
- October 10-13, 2018—Pennsylvania Grotto Association
- October 24-27, 2018—Western Grotto Association
- June 16-23, 2019—Branson, Missouri

Amy and I wish to invite all to join us in Branson, Missouri, the week of June 16-23, 2019. We have a fun-filled week planned in the *Show Me* state.

The hotel will be the Radisson Hotel Branson at 120 South Wildwood Dr., Branson, Missouri, 65616

You can make your reservations by calling 417-690 -4021.

See you in Branson!

Matt and Amy Wissell

"It's Showtime!"

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