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MONARCH
Thomas F. Hodges

Greetings Prophets and Ladies,

I would like to thank everyone who was at the December meeting of Mohassan Grotto, and the installation team lead by Past Grand Monarch Dave Rebmann of Abbas Grotto, East Peoria, Illinois, Installing Marshall Past Mohassan Monarch Monte Harris, and Chaplain Dennis Soebbing. Both elected and appointed officers of the line were installed. I especially liked having the ladies in attendance. This brings excitement and hope that Mohassan Grotto is recovering from the covid pandemic. A special thanks goes to Past Mohassan Monarch Dr. Dave Birdsell for his preparation of arrangements for installation that night. We also must give thanks to our Junior Past Monarch Brice Chapman for his leadership over the past two years.

Where are we going and/or what will become of Mohassan Grotto? That question is being asked all the time and I really do not have a final answer for that question. I hope that our members will continue to return

to our stated meetings and talk to other members or potential new members to come and join us as we will try to bring back the FUN and FELLOWSHIP to the Grotto. One of my Obligations/Commitments of becoming Monarch was to have two ceremonials each year. I believe the last Ceremonial was 3 years ago, meaning that we need new members. This is only possible if WE go out and find new members and it will take us all to get this accomplished.

What will we be doing in the upcoming year? Discussion was conducted between Abbas Grotto and Mohassan Grotto to join together at a hockey game early in 2022, which I will be planning the date with them for that. I also would like to have an evening at Modern Woodmen Park again for a baseball game early in the season. What does the membership think about a Daytona 500 party or an Indianapolis 500 party or a Super bowl party maybe combined with a chili cook-off sometime? If YOU have an idea for something that may bring us together, please LET'S TALK. One of my ideas was possibly a day trip locally to see something we have forgotten about. I will have more to come on this as time goes by and as YOUR input is received.

Financial status of Mohassan Grotto: before the December meeting the Board of Governors and Executive Committees met and agreed to

change our risk value on our Humanitarian portfolio. At the present time, it is very conservative and we agreed to raise the risk factor just a very little so that those funds can possibly give a better return. We will watch this closely and report back at a later date.

The Mohassan Grotto line of officers that you have elected is a combination for the 2022 year, with me as your Monarch and Sam Burnett as Chief Justice, we represent a few more years of experience as officers and the Master of Ceremonies, Derek Fuller, and Venerable Prophet, Chris Soebbing, represent a very qualified and youthful approach, which in my opinion makes for a great mix of ideas in the Grotto. All the appointed chairs are competently filled and a heartfelt thank you goes out to them. They are: Marshall Past Monarch Monte Harris, Chaplain Dennis Soebbing, Captain of the Guard Brian Huff, Sentinel Sherman Rudnick, Trustees Richard (Skip) W. Skepstedt, Sherman Rudnick and Junior Past Monarch Brice Chapman. With all the elected and appointed chairs filled and installed, we can look forward to achieving effective Stated Meetings, a good place to start making Mohassan Grotto outstanding again. If you have been a secretary in a Masonic Lodge, you know this individual is never given enough accolades. Prophet Dave France does so much before,

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MONARCH CONTINUED during and after the stated meeting to keep us aware of information and out of trouble. He ensures all payments are done on time and our investments are on track, plus even more with all the correspondence that goes and comes. So, if you think about it, take the time to thank our Secretary for all the things he does for Mohassan Grotto. And we must not forget to thank our Treasurer, Terry Riessen.

2022 Dues notices will be sent out soon and I encourage everyone to pay them as quickly as you can comfortably can. Please, also consider supporting our Mohassan Grotto Booster, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for electing me your 2022 Monarch, I will humbly do my best to get Mohassan Grotto back on track and moving forward to being a significant and recognized organization again as it was in previous years.

I hope to see all of you and your Lady at the next meeting on January 12, 2022.

Fraternally
 Thomas F. Hodges, Monarch
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Past Grand Monarch David Rebmann is ready to install the Mohassan Grotto officers for 2022



**CHIEF JUSTICE
 Sam Burnett**

Greetings Prophets and Ladies,
 Happy New Year everyone. I would like to thank you all for making me your new Chief Justice for 2022. There is a lot I need to learn, but I am here to assist our new Monarch Thomas Hodges and the Prophets of Mohassan Grotto. I would like to thank the Prophets who came to the December meeting and see the Officers being installed by the Past Grand Monarch and District Deputy David Rebmann.

During this new year, we are looking for ways to bring back the fun and increase the participation of our fellow Prophets besides the increase in membership. So come on out to the meetings and let us know what you would like us to possibly do to improve what is going on or make it fun again.

I am at your service; anyone can contact me at any time. My contact information is listed below.

Fraternally,
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**VENERABLE PROPHET
 Chris Soebbing**

Greetings Prophets and Grotto family!
 As we prepare for the coming year, I would like to take a moment and thank the members of Mohassan Grotto for electing me to the office of Venerable Prophet. I look forward to a prosperous (and hopefully more normal) year for both the Grotto and Iowa Masonry in 2022.

Chris Risley, wife of Prophet Russ Risley, is doing better and is back on the lung transplant list. Please continue to keep Chris in your thoughts and prayers as she continues on the path to recovery.

If anyone hears or knows of a Prophet or relative in sickness or distress, please reach out to me via call, text, or e-mail.

Take care Prophets and may we all have a safe and happy new year!

Fraternally,
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The Mohassan Grotto installation of officers for 2022



Mary's Monologue



Dear Grotto Ladies,

Hi! I am Mary Coffin, Monarch Tom Hodges' Lady. As of now, I plan to write an article for each Grotto Booster publication. I really want to see more of you Ladies attending the Grotto meetings. I am inviting you to come and share your ideas on what would be enjoyable activities TO YOU for our time together while the men are in the Lodge Room for their Stated Meeting.

I have a program in mind for our

January 12 meeting, but the discussion of future activities for us will take precedence over it. Ladies, we can get together, chat and figure out what would be entertaining for our social time. As you are probably aware, part of Tom's goal for 2022 is to revitalize Mohassan Grotto, and as the Prophets' Ladies we can be instrumental in helping. Yes, Grotto is a Men's organization, but as their Lady, if we want to come to our Ladies' gathering after the meal, the men will be more inclined to attend their meeting. Let's try anyway!

I am looking forward to seeing you in January or contact me before, my info is below.

Best regards,
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Monarch Tom installed by PGM Dave Rebmann.



Monarch Tom & Lady Mary.



MONTHLY MEETING
SECOND WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
SOCIAL 5:00 P.M.
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JANUARY CALENDAR
12TH - GROTTO MEETING
17TH - BOOSTER DEADLINE



MIGHTY CHOSEN ONE
Joan Nielsen

Greetings Daughters,
Well it was a shock to read that two of our 50 year members had passed. They were Betty Jean Daily and Audrea Zoeckler. Well they are in a much happier place.
Not much to write about this month, since we are not having any meetings till February, not getting together or anything.
Please stay safe and well till then.

Bee seeing you!
Joan B. Nielsen, MCO



Past Monarchs of Mohassan Grotto:
Monte Harris and Dr. David Birdsell

Past Grand Monarch David Rebmann comes from Abbas Grotto in Peoria IL to install Mohassan Grotto

