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Mohassan Grotto Booster

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MONARCH

Martin Swanson

Greetings Prophets,

Thank you for attending the May stated meeting and dinner. The June stated meeting will be Ladies Night as well. For the group going to Perrysburg, Ohio please have a safe trip to the Supreme Council Session and back. The Supreme Council Session in 2018 will be in Branson, Missouri. I hope Mohassan Grotto will have appropriate representation in both cases. I anticipate a steak fry this year but not a spaghetti supper consequently.

The new members are welcome to participate in the activities involving the current set of officers which can become a potential opportunity for future leadership. Attendance at functions is suggested for recruiting new candidates and impacting the direction of the organization.

I received several compliments on the performance of the Booster. Some suggested the Booster is professional and an overall improvement from previous Boosters. I said it was, "a work in progress" and the Grotto deserves the credit. I also implied the Booster is more colorful and everyone who participates in making it should be commended.

The organization is constantly acquiring potential leadership and the Mohassan Grotto is in good hands. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to ask the line or Prophets which members



would like to see in the next or future set of officers. The practice for the evaluation in the stated meeting has yet to be scheduled. It will most likely happen in June on a Monday following the coffee group, please attend and help become proficient in the ritual.

Yours in the faith,
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CHIEF JUSTICE

Don France

Greetings Prophets,

May meeting produced another new candidate so we are showing some increase in membership. Dinner was exceptional and Tom Taylor and his crew deserve all the credit, next month will be another "Chef's choice" so even though I don't know exactly what they have in mind I am sure it will be as good as the one in May. Things look good for the Summer plenty of activities, conventions etc. I'll keep this short and hope to see everyone at the June meeting.

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GROTTO WEBSITE

www.MohassanGrotto.org

CHECK IT OUT!

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Don Courter

Greetings Prophets & Ladies,

I certainly hope all of you had a very Happy Mother's Day. The Courter household had two days of Mother's Day. With two daughters, many grandchildren and two great grandchildren we had a very nice weekend. I can hardly wait for Father's Day to get here.

According to my lawn and the shortness of time between mowings it is obvious that summer is here. I am glad. Let's all try to make it a very busy and fun summer for the Grotto and their families. After all the Grotto is known as the Master Masons playground. As an overview we have parades, conventions, good food and the enjoyment of the social pleasures of life. Get your calendars out and make notes of some important dates.

Our June dinner will be Cornish hens, roasted red potatoes, green bean surprise, salad and dessert. Do not forget that all the meetings for the rest of the year will be Ladies Nights. Tom and his kitchen crew are doing a really great job.

Welcome to Charlie Schaffer our newest Prophet. He has been very active in his Masonic life. He is a 33rd degree 50 plus year Scottish Rite Mason. Welcome to the Grotto Charlie.

I request that all the new 2017 Profits be at the June meeting for their Fez presentation. Make sure to wear your Fez.

Also the at the June meeting We will be judged on opening and closing of the Grotto both in our ritual work and the dress code. It is the Monarch's wish that we are more formal then in the past and I certainly agree with that. We all elected Monarch Swanson and it is now our duty to support him.

If we want the Grotto to grow and be great again it cannot be just lip service. It takes new ideas, new activities, more participation in the activities, and most of all work. Let's all do our share.

As always my cell phone always accepts calls with questions, new creative ideas or constructive criticism .

Yours In Goodfellowship,
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VENERABLE PROPHET

Brice Chapman

Hello Prophets,

I am sad to report the passing of long time member Delmar Dudgeon on May 13th. A Masonic Service was held by Wilton Masonic Lodge #167 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Walcott on May 17th. Delmar's long time support of Mohassan Grotto and it's Model T Patrol will be truly Missed.

Fraternally,
Brice Chapman, VP
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On Behalf Of the **Quilts of Valor Foundation** Past Monarch Tom Taylor was awarded a Quilt of Valor for His service and Sacrifice for this Nation at a recent ceremony at the Davenport Masonic Center. The quilt was pieced by Dennis Zahrt and quilted and bound by Janet Zahrt.



**MONTHLY
MEETING**

*June is
Ladies Night*

Bring your wife OR girlfriend!

**2nd Wednesday
of Each Month
511 Veterans
Memorial Parkway
Davenport**

MIGHTY CHOSEN ONE

Billie Defenbaugh

Dear Daughters,

We had a great meeting with Supreme MCO Cindy Gay, a really nice lady. Our salad luncheon was good - so many different salads.

We have moved to a different room in Lincoln school, it is much bigger, loads of storage and side room for coats etc. and best part - rent remains the same.

June is mother daughter night -bring your daughters. If you hear or know of anyone in distress call Marion 563-326-3906..

Respectfully,

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TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Just a reminder that the Bi-Laws committee will be presenting the proposed changes to the Bi-Laws at the June Stated meeting. Most of the changes pertain to eliminating sections related to Club Moka and the Bingo operation which we no longer have. One change being proposed that will effect everyone is moving our stated meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 and our dinner from 6:30 to 6:00. This would get everyone home a little earlier. All changes will be presented at the June Stated meeting, held over, and voted on at the July Stated meeting. Your input is always appreciated.

Tom Taylor
Trustee



PURCHASE AN ENCHANTED LANTERN
Help support dentistry needs for handicapped children and research to battle cerebral palsy.

2017 MOHASSAN BOOSTER BOOSTERS	Todd Gullickson	Mary - Ruth Steffen	Patty Courter
	Dora Gullickson	Tom Taylor	Roger Heesch
	Gullickson Group	Diane Taylor	Charlie Roenfeldt
	Dave Mason	Don & Lois Cartwright	Charlene Roenfeldt
	Phil Steffen	Donald E. Courter, PP	



DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA NEWS

Like I said we had our Official visit, with Guests for Peoria and Ohio. Our Supreme and her 2 traveling companions were from Ohio. A good time was had by all. Of course we had to go to Sancho's for margaritas after. I think it has become tradition, at least with some of the Daughters.

Hope Marion Nielsen and Joanne Sothman enjoyed their birthdays. Bill and I celebrated our 55th Anniversary. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Daughter Anne Dudgeon on the passing of husband Delmar.

We are still at Lincoln we keep hearing rumors our stay may last longer than expected. Works for us. Come join us. Doors open at 1 pm and meeting starts at 2pm. Park on the playground and come to East door. Hope to see you soon.

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MOHASSAN QUILTERS

Pretty much the same as last month. We finished a tied quilt and Joan did one of her no sew blankets. Our numbers have dwindled so for 5 we got quite a bit done. Like I've said if you know of someone who would appreciate one of our concern gifts, let us know.

Take care,
Karen

Quilters finished tying this one yesterday.



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JUNE CALENDAR

Wednesday 14th - Grotto Meeting

Thursday 15th - Veterans Breakfast
& Quilters

Monday 19th - Booster Deadline

Wednesday 28th - Caldron Meeting

1-30

There is an old saying that the third time is a charm. What that means I don't know. But maybe it refers to the number of times that I have quit writing articles for this Booster and then started again. Around 1965 I started writing an article for the Booster about all of the things that were happening around the campgrounds that the Grotto had out on Utah Ave. I called it, "The Campers Corner". There were about 30 campers that spent almost every weekend out there. And there was always plenty of things to tell. Then the Mini-Bikers were developed and I started writing about their escapades. Always good copy there. Like, at a practice when Jim Adams stopped his bike after a session, and fell to the ground - when he forgot to put his feet down. Then in 1973 I was elected to be the Venerable Prophet and I continued that stuff until after I finished my tour as Monarch in 1977. Then I started this one which I have really enjoyed writing every month. BUT - the old pen is drying up. I thank all of the members that I have noted all of these years and also those who have read these articles. I look forward to a replacement writer. After about 52 years of filling some of the space here, it is time to call it a day. THANKS AGAIN.

Bud

Jim Goetz-receiving Enchanted Lantern

Charles Shaeffer-new Prophet

