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MONARCH

Martin Swanson

Greetings Prophets,
Thank you for attending the April stated meeting and dinner. I apologize if the fellow Prophets were disappointed about the Easter Breakfast, however; the next breakfast is planned for August 2017 and that will be your next best alternative in that case. Likewise, the ladies night in May 2017 will be another opportunity to socialize at the Davenport Masonic Center with your significant other.

I appreciate the line officers following the Grotto as requested. Consequently, I would like to see good attendance at the next dinner and stated meeting similar or better than what the Mohassan Grotto had the previous month.

I have suggested more candidates are appearing on the scene continuously and that is a good way for the organization to become and stay significant. Without the participation of new prophets the Mohassan Grotto would have difficulty pursuing its goals. Please introduce yourself to the new prophets or ask to be introduced to them individually.

I would like to congratulate the Chief Justice on his



installation in April and I wish his lady will get well. If there are any more questions please do not hesitate to ask. Likewise, I want to thank the Prophet Chaplin for doing such a good deed as being the Mohassan Grotto's example as a spiritual role model.

Yours in Goodfellowship,
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CHIEF JUSTICE

Don France

*Sending this on my father's behalf.
There will not be an article this
month from the Chief Justice.
Both he and my mother have had
a lousy couple of weeks, health-
wise, but both are on the mend.
Dave France*

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CHECK IT OUT!

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Don Courter

Greetings Profits & Ladies,

Let's get a big ego bucket at Mohassan Grotto. It just doesn't matter what office you held or for how long you held it or what organization it was with this is the hated phrase. "Well when I was the _____ this is the way we did it." I realize this is a very

hard phrase not to use. In the recent past I have found myself wanting to use it many times so I truly understand. Let's put all that (The way we did it when I was in charge) in the ego bucket. The past can supply some excellent guidelines if they can fit in today's world. First and foremost in our thoughts and actions has to be what is best for the present and future of the Mohassan Grotto. Times are changing and we all need to concentrate on fresh ideas with new ways to do things to MGGA.

It looks like we will have an addition of at least two more Profits at the May meeting. By bringing in one or two each month we could have a really good year. Increasing membership and our activities are the best things we can do. Let's impress the new Profits with increased attendance and great ritual.

In March the joint fish fry between the Kaaba Shrine and the Mohassan Grotto was a success. The last word I got was at just under \$1500.00 was taken in. Need more joint projects like that done on a regular basis. Thanks to all in both organizations that helped with all the chores.

I was very glad to see the membership vote to increase the number of ladies nights for the year. The menu for the May meeting will be chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, buns, salad and desert.

The issue of changing the starting time of the meeting is being studied. An earlier starting time needs to be accepted. If the bylaws need to be changed then change them.

A big Thanks to Wally Kelding for taking on the job of reorganizing the Model T Cars unit. It was pretty neat to see a Past Monarch just step up to the plate and take over a big project like that. He needs to have a secretary-treasurer to help him. You know take minutes and count



the money. How about a volunteer for this job. Call me. At this late date we will probably will just have the Model T's as our only parade unit so let's make it a good one. Wally tells me he looking forward to a fun parade season this summer.

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

Yours In Goodfellowship,
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VENERABLE PROPHET

Brice Chapman

Hello Prophets,

Please keep Prophets Delmar Dudgeon in our thoughts and prayers. He is back home but struggling and has to be on oxygen full time. Pauline France (wife of Chief Justice Don France and mother of our Secretary Dave France) is in the hospital after undergoing back surgery. I have been told she has started physical therapy and hopes to go home soon. I am sorry to have to report we lost Prophet Earnest Fuhr since our last meeting. Keep Earnest's family in your prayers.

On a brighter note I want to welcome Charlie Shaffer as our newest member of Mohassan. He will be installed at our May stated meeting so plan to attend and give him a warm welcome. If anyone hears of a Prophet or his family that is sick or in distress please contact me so I can get it reported to our membership. I look forward to seeing you at our next stated meeting.

Fraternally,
Brice Chapman, VP
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**MONTHLY
MEETING**

*Bring your better half
May is
Ladies Night*

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

MIGHTY CHOSEN ONE

Billie Defenbaugh

Dear Daughters,

Just a reminder May we celebrate 25 and 50 year members. Also Mothers day is the 14th.

Have some news about our meeting place. We have a new room and it is much larger than the room we have now. Has loads of storage, private bathroom facilities, best news our rent remains the same. We will still be at Lincoln school, but much better.

Our Supreme visit will be over and for me I'll be happy.

Respectfully,

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DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA NEWS

Boy is the time flying. It's almost May. For the month of April, we hope Heidi Barnes had a Happy Birthday on the 13th and Ron and Jody had a Happy Anniversary on the 8th. For the month of May, Happy Birthday to Nancy Czubara on the 31st and we have 2 anniversaries: Jessica and Sean Stube on the 25th and Heidi and Mathew on the 23rd. Happy, happy to all.

We had our Official visit this month. More to follow in next article. Not much to talk about. Getting Bill ready to go to hospital tomorrow for his surgery.

Take care, have news to share, let me know.

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MOHASSAN QUILTERS

Nothing really exciting happening for the quilters. Getting our bear and blanket supply built up. Still meeting on the 3rd Thursday at 9. If you know of someone who you would like to receive one of our items, let me know.

Take care,
Karen



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	

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MAY CALENDAR

Wednesday 10th - Grotto Meeting

Monday 15th - Booster Deadline

Thursday 18th - Veterans Breakfast
& Quilters

Wednesday 31st - Caldron Meeting

1-30

Something happened today that hasn't happened often in my 40 plus years of writing articles for the Booster. I just could not think of how to start, or where to start, or what to start, writing about. I know of no reason to sit at this machine and put down anything that is of no interest to everyone else who reads this. So I just left the paper in the machine by writing this much and then let it sit until something developed.

Ah, after a long nap and a couple of shots of my favorite soda (with a touch of Scotch) I believe there is something in this head worth repeating. Hope you think the same. At this mornings gathering I mentioned my problem and remarked that maybe I could pull out an article from 30 years ago because not too many have been members that long. I wouldn't do that. Would I?

Our Master of Ceremonies and our new established Chief Cook had a great conversation about the next meetings meal. I don't want to repeat it here because I know that you will really enjoy it with your lady. All I can say is that they spent more time talking about it than it will take to make it. Don't miss it.

Just remember, *"The biggest trouble maker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning."*

Bud

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Several items of new business came before the membership at the April Stated Meeting. Beginning with the May stated meeting our ladies are invited to have dinner with us prior to all Stated Meetings. Monarch Swanson appointed Past Monarch's Dave Birdsell, Bill Kranz and Tom Taylor to look into updating our Bi-laws to reflect the fact we no longer have a bingo game. Another change in the Bi-laws was suggested that we move our dinners to 6:00 and our stated meeting to 7:00. We will be reading the proposed changes at the May stated meeting and then held over for a vote at the June Stated meeting. A vote was made seconded and approved to donate \$1,000 to the Masonic Center to help offset over \$10,000 in improvements to the kitchen and Lodge room which Mohassan Grotto benefits from. However because the expenditure is over \$500 the Motion has to be held over and posted in the booster then voted on at the next stated meeting. This is your official notice of the Motion to make the donation of \$1,000 to the Masonic center. It will be officially voted on at the May stated meeting. The Grotto is also looking into obtaining general liability insurance and parade insurance (Model T's maybe parading this year) so we minimize our risk. Your input is appreciated on all these items so plan to attend the May stated meeting.

Tom Taylor
Trustee