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# Mohassan Grotto Booster

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## MONARCH

Martin Swanson

Greetings Prophets,

Thank you for attending the June Dinner and Stated Meeting. I am glad to see a good contingence of Prophets and their ladies in June. Please attend the July dinner and stated meeting as well and bring a lady likewise. Someone suggested the weather is too warm for semi formal attire at the respective dinner and meetings however, previous times there was a dress code established for the officers. Although that is not the case this season it appears that will likely happen in the future.

Past Monarch Bill Kranz chose the dress code to be casual for his leadership. So the culture of the organization still tends to prevail as that example. A dramatic shift would be more conducive to keeping it the same as how PM Bill had it. However, things such as this go in cycles. I, Monarch Martin Swanson, understand the prevailing standard of a semi formal dress code for the officers will be part of the repertoire of future Monarchs at Mohassan Grotto.

The dates of the move-up meetings have not been determined. I suggest September will be one of the months which a move-up meeting will be likely. The dinner in July will be starting at 6:00 so please arrive in time for the dining room prayer and the 50/50 drawing. The Mid West Grotto Association meeting is coming up so please make an effort to support the Mohassan Grotto leadership in this event.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to ask. The evaluation of the stated meeting was satisfac-



tory in June so congratulations to the line officers for participating in that event. Another visit from a District Deputy is likely in 2017. Any Past Monarchs wishing to attend the meeting are welcome as well.

Yours in the faith,  
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## CHIEF JUSTICE

Don France

Greetings Prophets,

June meeting dinner was a success and July will be a varied menu of brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers from what I have heard. We welcomed two new members in June, Rick and Sherman and are having a good year increasing our membership. A joint fish fry is planed for June 23 and hope to see a good turnout for that. The weather has been very hot and it isn't officially summer yet and the air conditioned comfort of the Masonic Center makes for a pleasant meeting. A proposal was made to build a garage to store the materials of Mogan in one place instead of the several now being used hope we have a good turnout to vote on that in the July meeting and I hope to see more of our members at July's meeting.

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GROTTO WEBSITE

[www.MohassanGrotto.org](http://www.MohassanGrotto.org)

CHECK IT OUT!

# MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Don Courter

Greetings Prophets & Ladies,

The other night I was asked why do Masons say So Mote It Be and what does it mean? Well let me try to explain that without making it too long. Amen means So Be It. It is a Latin word derived from a Hebrew word meaning certainly. The Free Masons of today go back to over a 600 year tradition and say So Mote It Be after a prayer. According to the Regis Manuscript this is how it was done in 1390. It is basically the Masonic version of Amen.

Congratulations to our two newest Prophets, Sherman Rudnick and Rick Koerner both from Davenport. All the new Prophets for 2017 were given the Fez Presentation. It is my intention to make that a regular part of the ceremony. Let's keep up the goal of bringing in at least one new member each month. We are on our way to a really great year.

Looks like our 1st parade for the Model T Cars will be the 4th of July in Bettendorf. Thanks to the Model T members that worked well over half of their June 17th Saturday to get 5 cars ready, running good and loaded on the trailer. The cars are a HOOT to drive. Mine is the black one with red wheels. Anyone interested in joining the Model T's see Wally Kelding.

All Prophets need to grab their significant other and take them to the July meeting. It is going to be a picnic theme with burgers, brats, chips, potato salad and cold beverages. There will be no green beans served. That's the fun side. On the business side several motions were made in the June meeting that need to set for 30 days. They will be voted on at the July meeting. Come eat, talk and vote.

We have a couple of important dates to put on your calendar. The Celebration Belle dinner cruise is on July 15th with boarding at 5:30PM. The Bandits baseball night at the park on August 16th. The Jefferson School fund raiser is August 22 from 5:00 to 7:00PM. The Monarch's breakfast on August 27th from 8:00 to 11:00AM. Please keep in mind that kids, significant others and Non-Masons are all welcome at these events.

I promise to do my best to do my very best.



As always my cell phone 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 happy to report that as of this writing Mohassan Grotto is for the most part healthy or at least as healthy as us old timers can be. Prophet Jim Goetch is recovering from ankle surgery but is up and around and should be healed up enough to attend the July Stated Meeting. Don't forget every stated meeting is ladies night and our new dinner time is 6:00 with the Stated Meeting time beginning at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,  
Brice Chapman, VP  
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Monarch Martin Swanson presents newly made Prophets Rick Koerner (left) and Sherman Rudnick (right) to the Mohassan Grotto membership at the June stated meeting.

**MONTHLY  
MEETING**

*July is  
Ladies Night  
"Picnic Theme"*

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

## MIGHTY CHOSEN ONE

Billie Defenbaugh

Dear Daughters,

We are settled in our new room and it is so much better than the other one, and the rent stayed the same.

July is here – time does fly. I had the pleasure of presenting Susan Sobie her 50 year membership pin, managed to surprise her.

Karen broke her foot and will be wearing a special shoe for some time and Marion is under the weather. Wishing them both a speedy recovery.

If any one has any news let me know at 386 697 5310, or hear of a daughter in distress call Marion at 563 326 3906.

Our July meeting is the 26th. Hope to see you there. Hoping every one has a good 4th of July and a safe holiday.

Respectfully,  
Billie Defenbaugh, MCO  
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## DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA NEWS

Here's hoping Joan and Marion Nielsen are feeling better. I'm moving slowly, I managed to fall and break my foot. In a boot for at least a month. We were planning on going to Grotto convention it but didn't work out. The Grand Line is graciously allowing the Daughters of Mokanna to hold an initiation at their convention. Hopefully we receive lots of new members.

Sorry to say we had to do a memorial for a 65 year member, Shirley Strunck. May she rest in peace.

Any news let me know, that's about all we have for this month.

Fraternally,  
Karen  
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## MOHASSAN QUILTERS

Sorry to say we didn't meet this month. I managed to fall and break my foot. Wasn't up to the long walk down the hall at Lincoln. I did manage to finish 4 quilts for the cupboard. Hopefully I behave myself and we will have quilters in July. If you know of someone who could use cheering up, let us know.

Karen  
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**RED WHITE & BOOM**

**Monday, July 3, 2017**

**Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.**

**Admission is FREE!**

### Locations

Downtown Davenport, Iowa Riverfront  
Modern Woodmen Park and the Genesis Healthy Family Viewing Section in LeClaire Park  
Check out additional viewing areas including the Sky-bridge, Centennial Park and Freight House Parking Lot.  
Downtown Rock Island, Illinois Riverfront  
Schwiebert Riverfront Park & The District

**2017  
MOHASSAN  
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BOOSTERS**

**Todd Gullickson  
Dora Gullickson  
Gullickson Group  
Dave Mason  
Phil Steffen**

**Mary - Ruth Steffen  
Tom Taylor  
Diane Taylor  
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Charlene Roenfeldt**

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### JULY CALENDAR

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Grotto Meeting

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** - Celebration Belle

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** - River Bandits Game

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Booster Deadline

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Veterans Breakfast  
& Quilters

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Caldron Meeting

## AROUNDAREALM

Past Monarch Bud Ashcraft has decided to retire from writing his I-30 article for the booster so Sue Grant, our printer extraordinaire, and I put our heads together to try and decide what we could put in its place. Bud's a hard act to follow. We couldn't think of anything more appropriate than to bring back Aroundarealm and DRAWKAB GNIKOOOL in honor of Past Monarch Norm Peters who was our Booster Editor for 40 years after taking over for his father Frank who retired. This is a work in progress so please be patient. Norm is an even harder act to follow than Bud.

Some of the upcoming events planned for Mohassan Grotto Prophets to enjoy include a dinner cruise on the Celebration Belle on July 15th tickets \$50 PP, a night at a River Bandits game on August 16th tickets \$15 PP, a fund raiser for Jefferson School on August 22nd, the Monarchs Breakfast on August 27th compliments of the Monarch and a bus trip to Grand Lodge and lunch at Camp Courageous on November 18th. The bus is paid for in part by Mohassan Grotto. For details or to register for any of these events contact Tom Taylor at 563-320-2005.

A full report on the Supreme Council convention proceedings will be given at the July Stated meeting and don't forget its Ladies Night and our new dinner time has be moved up to 6:00 with the Stated Meeting beginning at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

Tom Taylor  
Booster Editor



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for handicapped children and  
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