



Mohassan Grotto Booster

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MONARCH Don France

Greetings Prophets,

Well, I made it, feeling better. Kind of an odd meeting as many officers missing, but we made it somehow. Really good dinner. Those who were at convention will no doubt have a lot to report next month. Monte Harris did a great job organizing things for the meeting and I really appreciate his efforts.

Really hot weather is on us and I had to replace my central air. The new unit is in and running and I am no longer in danger of frying, I just can't take the heat like I used to. I know everyone else is in the same position as far as the heat and weather are concerned and we are lucky the Masonic Center is air conditioned. I remember hearing older members talk about how the old Masonic Temple used to close down during the summer.

Hopefully next month will have a good turnout and no matter how hot it is outside the dinner and meeting will be in a cool place. Hope to see everyone there

Fraternally,
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CHIEF JUSTICE Don Courter

Greetings Prophets,

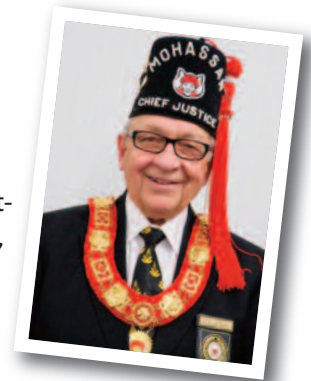
Lady Patty and I spent four days at the 128th Annual Session of the Grottos Of North America in Indianapolis, Indiana. Also in attendance were MGA, PM Mike and Tracy Frymoyer, PM Dr. Dave Birdsell, and PM Tom and Diane Taylor. Past Grand Monarch Mike Dempsey has made remarkable progress toward complete recovery from his stroke. Although looking very tired at the end of the session, he and Lady Karen performed all of their duties very well. We saw old friends, made new friends, made many notes and learned a lot. It was Great. We are already making plans to attend the 129th Annual Session Of the Grottos of North America which will be June of 2019 in Branson, Missouri. Put it on your calendar and go with us. A welcome to the new Grand Monarch Matt Wisell and Lady Amy and we wish them Good Luck for their upcoming year.

Sounds like Monarch Don, MC Monte and VP Jim kept everything going in a smooth and organized manner at the Mohassan Grotto June meeting. Good job.

We need to get down to work making the October Midwest Grotto Association Convention October 3rd-7th, 2018 go smooth, organized and most of all FUN FOR EVERYONE!!!

My cell phone always accepts calls with questions, new ideas and or constructive Criticism.

Yours in Goodfellowship,
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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Monte Harris

Greetings Prophets & Ladies,

I would like to thank the Prophets and their ladies who attended our June stated meeting, your patience as we worked through the absence of several of our key players was very much appreciated. The ham and scalloped potato dinner prepared by Roberta Gimmy was excellent but there was a significant amount of left-over food due to so many absences.

For our July stated meeting, we plan to have a "picnic" themed dinner with a choice of hamburger or grilled tenderloin served with potato salad, coleslaw, and maybe baked beans or some other side dish. This meal does require that you make a choice of either the hamburger or the tenderloin, so I strongly request that you contact either Tom (563) 320-2005 or myself by Monday, July 9th to let us know if you will be attending and your choice of entrée. If you choose not to make a reservation, we cannot guarantee that you will get the meal that you prefer.

Fraternally,
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VENERABLE PROPHET

Jim Goetsch

Greetings Prophets & Ladies,

Not many members at the June meeting, we do have a few to keep in our thoughts and prayers. Bill Kranz, Rick Koerner, had knee replacement, getting along well, and Gary Tague, had a stroke. Hope all are progressing well. If you know of anyone please call me 563-370-3366.

Thanks for letting me serve you,
 Jim Goetsch, VP
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The June meeting of Mohassan Grotto was preceded by a delicious dinner prepared by Roberta and Jon Gimmy. Approximately 25 members and guests enjoyed scalloped potatoes and ham, mixed vegetables, and homemade peach cobbler — a perfect summertime meal for only \$7.00!

128TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GROTTOS OF NORTH AMERICA

Indianapolis, Indiana



Don Courter congrats Grand Monarch on a great convention.



Patty Courter, Diane Taylor, Santa and Tracy Frymoyer having a 'nice' time at the convention.



P.Q. is having a toast to the new Grand Monarch Marty.



Don & Patty Courter in front of an awesome Grotto banner.

There will be more next month with 'official' convention photographs of Mohassan's awards/presentations. STAY TUNED!!!

MONTHLY MEETING



Joe Laleman and Dennis Soebbing receive Enchanted Lantern certificates from Monarch Don France.

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
511 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Davenport



RETURN OF THE MOHASSAN GROTTO MODEL T PATROL

Wally Kelding and Skip Skeppstedt of the Mohassan Grotto needed help preparing the mini Model T cars for the 2018 parade season. I offered to help thinking that they would just need a clean and tune up. It turned out to be a bit more than that. Here's a list of the current work so far.

I created a spreadsheet to record the condition and work on each of the cars. There are a total of ten cars. I'm currently working on six of them. The remaining four are in storage for now. The spread sheet will provide a good record for future maintenance needs.

If operation manuals came with the cars when new, they have long since been lost. Wally was able to provide a parts list with a few detailed drawings. I was able to find an operators and service manual for the Briggs & Stratton 5 HP engine on line.

There is no wiring diagram for the cars, so I'm currently making notes and drawing a schematic to help look for shorts and where the wires go.

The first step in getting them running was to make sure the batteries were fully charged and in good condition. About half of the tires were either low or completely flat. I inflated all the tires to spec, made notes in the database where the problem tires were and waited to see how fast they would deflate. All the cars have a working spare, so we should have enough good tires for a parade while fixing the bad ones. At this time I also removed all the old gasoline.

Each car has a box covering the engine. It needed to be removed to get access for checking parts and make adjustments. I blew out all the air filters, check the oil levels, removed the carburetor float bowls for cleaning sediment and looked for obvious problems. All in all, most of the cars have been well maintained over the years, but they've been sitting for so long that a thorough servicing was necessary to minimize/prevent problems showing up at the parades.

I was able to get four of the six cars running with minor adjustments. While working on them, I noticed and made note of the

differences between them. The cars were purchased over many years, so there were manufacturing changes. Two of the newer six cars have a transaxle instead of a transmission and chain drive to the rear axle. The cars have three forward speeds, neutral and reverse. The accelerator and brake setup is different on the newer transaxle cars, so knowing how to drive them properly in advance to a parade is critical. Since there are no operator manuals, it took a bit of time to figure out the right way to drive them. Even starting them is a bit tricky.

One of the cars had no spark and would blow fuses. To get access to the wires, I had to remove the body from the frame and look for shorts. There was a dead short going to the engine. After taking the engine apart, I found that the alternator coil was burned out. After not finding a replacement locally, I found a source online and ordered a new alternator. Hopefully, I'll get it in time to put the car back together and have it ready for the 4th of July parade in Bettendorf. Since I had the engine apart and because this car has seen a lot of use, I cleaned the carburetor and blew out the jets. The fuel flow was adjusted far too rich and had been fouling the spark plug. I adjusted in within proper specs. Once the car's back together, it should run well.

The final car has not been run for several years. The throttle cable was rusted and frozen in place. The activation lever was also bent and jammed. I removed and soaked the cable in oil freeing it up nicely and trimmed the lever so it moved properly. The next step is to remove the engine cover and clean the carburetor. I'm anticipating that it will start and just need adjustments.

So that our current documentation won't get lost, I scanned the parts list, by-laws and some old left over stationery for future reference. I'm still looking for any leads on the Internet where these cars are still being used. I found two shrines in Missouri that still have an active parade group and emailed them inquiring about manuals or any other resource material on the cars. It looks like this will become a long-term project. The next step is a scheduled wash and polish gathering for this coming Saturday morning.

What we need the most now is drivers committed to doing three or four parades per year. As Masons, we have very little public exposure which will spark some man's interest into becoming a Mason or Grotto member. We need to maintain our public image to survive and too many events like what the Model T Patrol offers are dying out. Just like Blue Lodges, once gone, they don't come back. The Model T Patrol doesn't have to become another use-to-be. Brother Grotto member, the cars will be ready to go if you are.

Joe Laleman
Mohassan Grotto Prophet



PURCHASE AN ENCHANTED LANTERN

Help support dentistry needs for handicapped children and research to battle cerebral palsy.

MOHASSAN GROTTTO

511 Veterans Memorial Parkway
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JULY CALENDAR

Wednesday 4th - Bettendorf Parade

Wednesday 11th - Grotto Meeting

Monday 16th - Booster Deadline

Thursday 19th - Veterans Breakfast

Wednesday 25th - Caldron Meeting

Thursday 26th - Quilters

MIGHTY CHOSEN ONE Susanne Sobie

Hi Daughters,

I hope that you all survived the hot temperatures of the last couple weeks. This was only Spring as Summer doesn't start for a few more days. The heat really saps your strength. I am so sleepy! It is about to rain, sure hope it starts to feel better soon.

I do not have any news, but we need you to come for meeting. We dress casually, pants & blouses, but not blue jeans. Knee length shorts are okay also.

If you have any news that we daughters should know about, please call me at 563-386-3942.

Have a Good 4th of July. And a safe one!

Be Kind to Each Other,
Susanne Sobie, MCO
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QUILTERS

We are getting back to work in July. Need to fill teddy bears. we meet the last Thursday at 9:00 at Lincoln School.

See you then,
Karen



Supreme visits are over. If you are interested in going to session let me know and I will send you a registration form.

Information is slowly coming in for the 100th anniversary book. If you have information you would like to have put in the book let me know. Feel free to send me any me pictures you think the members would like to see again.

We had 23 Daughters in attendance at the Supreme Council session and 2 new members we initiated into D of M. Humanitarian Fund received a little over \$45.000 this year from Grotto and the Daughters.

Refreshments for the June meeting is Jody. Come join us, last Wednesday at 2 PM. Short meeting good conversations.

Take care, be safe.
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2018 BOOSTER BOOSTERS

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Nancy Rudnick
John T. Hedgepeth
Donna L. Abbott
Roger Heesch
Roy Porter
& Lady friend
Audrae Zoekler

Terry Riessen
Harry Schafnit
Arla Schafnit
Donald E. Courter PP
Patty A. Courter
Jim Decker
James A. Goetsch
Cherrie Goetsch

Dave Mason
Thomas Taylor
Diane Taylor
Donald Cartwright
Charlie & Charlene Roenfeldt
Philip T. Steffen
Mary R. Steffen
Don & Phyllis Shewry