



Mohassan Grotto Booster

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MONARCH Martin Swanson

Greetings Prophets,

Thank you again for attending the December stated meeting and Congratulations to the officers elected to be installed in January 2018. The Prophets and their ladies are invited to attend the January stated meeting when the installation will be performed.

I would like to thank the 2017 line officers for contributing to the Mohassan Grotto as well as all the Prophets who made it a special year.

Keep the Grand Line Officers in your plans when the 2018 Supreme Council Session offers an opportunity to network with the Grotto.

Happy Holidays this season and Happy New Year. Allow the spirit of the Holidays to lift you up and stay safe with the next set of officers which can provide leadership. A new beginning can provide a catalyst for more possibilities.

Even though not everyone offers the same leadership, we all are important because we are all unique. The Mohassan Grotto is in good hands and it will shine in the future when given the opportunity. The Grotto has stood by me and my group of line officers, likewise the Grotto can do it again in 2018.

Without further explanation the show must go on. Please keep the Mohassan Grotto in your prayers and ask for forgive-



ness for your deficiencies. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask me or another Past Monarch. 2017 was and will always mean something significant to the organization we call the Grotto.

Very Cordially and Fraternally Yours,
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CHIEF JUSTICE Don France

Greetings Prophets,

December meeting went well, an excellent dinner and good attendance. Election was held and new officers will be installed at stated meeting in January. I have been elected Monarch and have several tasks to perform between now and January stated meeting. I hope I won't be a disappointment in my new role. I'll need plenty of help. Everyone have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope for good weather.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Don Courter

Greetings Prophets & Ladies,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is looking forward to a happy and productive 2018. From the looks of my checkbook it is not too early to start saving for next Christmas.

Let's get the New Year started by having a large turnout for Grotto Installation of officers on Jan 10th. I am sure that Don France, Monarch Elect, has many changes in mind for the good of Mohassan Grotto and has earned the support of all Prophets.

Let's all welcome our two new officers to the Grotto line. Monte Harris is a retired U S Navy Commander, a Past Grand Tyler for the Grand Lodge of Iowa, is working his way through the line of Brubaker Lodge #675 and Snow Lodge # 44 . He is very active in the Scottish Rite and the York Rite. He also earned his Masonic Instructor certificate.

Jim Goetsch is a Past Master of Davenport Lodge # 37 and Davenport Lodge # 221 and the current secretary of Fraternal Lodge # 221. Jim has also earned his District Lecturer Certificate and is very active in the Scottish Rite.

Jim is our new Venerable Prophet Elect and Monte is our new Master of Ceremonies Elect. Both of these new Prophets are in high demand for degree ritual work for all the lodges. A big Welcome to both of them.

It was a real treat to have 12 Past Monarchs at our December meeting. Included in that group was a District Deputy and the President of the Midwest Grotto Association.

Let us not forget the year of service that Brice Chapman gave to the Grotto. Due to his new job he is unable to continue in the line. Thank you Brice.

My cell phone always accepts calls with question, new ideas and or constructive criticism.

Yours In Goodfellowship,

Don Courter, M of C

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Tom Taylor is presented his 6th Enchanted Lantern.



Martin Swanson is presented his Past Monarch certificate from Supreme Council.



LADIES NIGHT PRESENTATION

Those in attendance at the November Ladies Night enjoyed a presentation by representatives from the Davenport Parks and Recreation Department on the proposed Miracle Field of the Quad Cities. This field will provide inclusive play, ensuring that children and adults of all abilities have the chance to play together in a healthy and fun environment where they can make new friends while building self-esteem in the process. Space for the field has been allocated at the current Prairie Heights Sports Complex which is located North of 53rd Street off from Eastern Avenue. Davenport Parks and Recreation Department is leading the fund raising and over seeing the project. Thanks to Patty Courter for arranging this program for the Lady's.

Thanks to Mohassan Grotto for their donation to the project



PURCHASE AN ENCHANTED LANTERN

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

Please join Mohassan Grotto for

OPEN INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS

Wednesday, January 10th @ 511 Veterans Memorial Pkwy | Davenport

5:30 Installation | 6:30 Dinner | 7:30 Stated Meeting

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15 YEARS AGO . . . 2003

The kids come home over the holidays, and we make many trips to Whitey's... Wayne Borck gets "stopped" at the airplane place; for some reason he had a large nail in his pocket... Something goin' on in the kitchen between Mike Frymoyer, Diane Taylor, and a genyewine mink coat... Bob DuBois and his Constipated Music Makers play for the New Year's Party... The celebrants celebrate at 11, 12 and 1AM... Tom Taylor keeps askin' the 'old folks' if they want more champagne... It has been decided that Mohassan needs more activities; on top of all the unit parties, yet to come are; Cast Party, Super Bowl Party, Chili Cook-off, and the Get Away Week End... Why is it that Alan Thede always wears t-shirts advertising something... John Pheiffer is the new Master Of Brubaker Lodge... Somebody swipes Orville Reeves hat... Steak to replace oyster stew at the next meeting (it's cheaper)... Bob McClean to retire as the head honcho of his International Motorcycle Group... The Al Arps' have a car collision with a deer... Ron Loetz installed as Monarch...

20 YEARS AGO . . . 1998

Bud Ashcraft and Wayne Borck install Tom Taylor as Mohassan's new Monarch... Tom's first order of business was to establish a trust fund (something long over-due)... First Chili Cookoff planned... Dr. Jerry West and wife seen 'cutting' a rug at the New Year's Party... The Men Of Notes do a 'gig' at the Fairgrounds... Ye Ed 'gripes' about the new risers in the Lodge Room... Mike Wahl tells us there will be a Publication Contest at the Supreme Council Convention... Ray Hanson joins the Grotto... Alan Thede has pneumonia... The Club gets new carpet (hope that's the last time)... Wayne Borck takes over as Club Secretary-Treasurer. Mini Bikers thinking of having fish fries... Billy Cook "Boosters" from Arizonie... D & B to 'weekend' at Dubuque... Firebugs to repaint the 'truck'... Chuck Cahill new Prez of Club Moka...

25 YEARS AGO . . . 1993

The D & B and the Noblemen help install Roy Harper... M of C Ed Moravek travels to Humble, Texas to be with his kids for Christmas... D & B to do the same thing (escort) for the Kaaba Shrine Potentate's Ball... When Ye Ed 'dreamed up' the "24" never dreamed it would work so great, but as of this date the budling is ours, the "24" have been paid, and we have money in the bank!!! Dixie Band has a super Christmas Party in the Village featuring karaoke... Wayne Borck receives his P.M. Fez from his brother David... Ray Perlick is proclaimed the 'Best Dressed' at the Mini Biker Party... Dickie Dunsworth tends bar for the same party... Ye Ed spends a day or two in the hospital...

30 YEARS AGO . . . 1988

Mohassan and Zal to have a joint ceremonial at the Moline Scottish Rite Cathedral... D & B to have their Lost Week-end at

the little Amanas where P.M. Les Dengler will be installed as President of the Iowa Grotto Association. Fritzie Homman wins 'The Most Splits Award, with 9 goose eggs'... Bingo to resume in the very near future; Our license has been renewed!!! Rog Heesch pays a short visit to the hospital and while waiting in the waiting room (where else do you wait?) A nurse rushed Rog elsewhere with the words, "You, of all people we don't need in our waiting room!" We run into Big Dan Behrens while attending the Chicago Boat Show... Stan Buesing rolls a 642, and Mike Gerisher a 610. Nice goin' guys...

35 YEARS AGO . . . 1983

Les Dengler is Mohassan's new Monarch... Harry Schafnit new Master of Wilton Lodge... Then there's the story about Sue Buesing eating olives right off the tree while traveling in Spain!!! Then Ye Ed pulled a classic while operating a Spanish elevator, Gosh, what nice memories!!! Charley Beck returns Chuck Sothmann's snow shovel after serving as Chuck's Monarch's Aide... The Noblemen's sax section plays for Harry's Installation... D & B schedule a Las Vegas Night for Club Moka, Circus coming, Red Tassel Dance, and a Pancake Supper...

40 YEARS AGO . . . 1978

Special 'Gold Anniversary Issue' of the Booster which included a reprint of the January 1928 issue... Past Monarchs have a swell time at Christmas Party. There's a P.M.'s wife that didn't know what Triple Sex (Sec) was, and when told, said "Oh I've got that at home, and call it Bud!!!" How about the P.M. that said, "Well I'm goin' home and get some beauty sleep," and another one hollars, "You sure as H--I need it." Jan Sanders won a neat fireplace broom, and then our illustrious Monarch come up with the gem "Well, at least you've got a ride home"... Our Officers do a fine piece of work on the 'short' form, but Rog Heesch 'blew' it when he said, "All present have the proper 'alarm'"... A big announcement!!! Our Patrol will soon become motorized. The order has been placed for miniature Model T Fords... Course many remarks followed: from the Mini Bikers, "they're too big to ride a two wheeler", and from the D & B "it would appear that we're the only group young and tough enough to walk a parade" and on into the night... According to the Nov-Dec. Issue of "The Grotto" Mohassan ranks 4th in the Realm for new members from January 1st to September 28th, 1977.

50 YEARS AGO . . . 1968

Don Shewry soon to retire as Monarch... 250 children attend Grotto Christmas Party... D & B to hold a Reno Nite at Moka... Dance at Moka to follow Grotto vs K of C Bowling Tournament... Mississippi T.V. leads the Grotto League, with Automotive Armature in last place... Grand Master of Ceremonies (then) Ralph Shepherd, and this writer institute Bahar Grotto at Springfield, Illinois... 15 P.M.'s in attendance at the regular meeting... D & B serves Bowlers Christmas Party...

55 YEARS AGO . . . 1963

Bowlers hold Christmas Party at the Viking Club in Moline... Something about Bob and Ruth Rensberger reciting poetry to each other at the Bowlers Christmas Party...

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday 10th - Grotto Meeting
Monday 15th - Booster Deadline
Thursday 18th - Veterans Breakfast
& Quilters

MIGHTY CHOSEN ONE
Susanne Sobie

Dear Daughters,

I am your new MCO, Susanne Sobie. I will try to do the best I can.

Our first real meeting will be February 28th at 2:00pm at Lincoln School We are vacationing in December and January. At our meetings we dress very casual - meaning you can wear slacks, skirts and blouses or sweatshirts.

Tammy Kludy is our Good Cheer person. If you know of some daughter who is sick please call her at 563-322-4917.

Sad to say that Marion Nielsen has passed away. She was our Treasurer for many years. We shall miss her a lot. According to her wishes there was no funderal service.

We wish you all a Happy New Year.

Be knind to one another,
Susanne Sobie, MCO
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MOHASSAN QUILTERS

Our project for Christmas this years was our veterans. We made survival bags- containing toiletry items, hats, gloves, socks and snack items. The quilters made scarves for the bags. The bags were nylon back bags so the items would stay dry.

A big thank to the Grotto for their monetary support. The bags were taken to the Outreach Center on 35th st. If you have



usable items to donate some where, keep them in mind.

December 21st we had our annual Christmas party, this year at Sanchos. Happy holidays to everyone. Thank you Marion for every thing.

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Daughters of Mokanna

This months article is hard article for me to write. It is with sadness that I must tell the membership that Marion Nielsen has passed to the Caldron on High on December 15th. She has been a member since May of 1958. She was Supreme Zulaika from 1995 to 2000. She was MCO twice, the first time in 1970. She was a hard worker, willing to do whatever was necessary to keep Mohassan

an active Caldron. Thank you for your hard work, you will be missed my friend.

Fraternally,
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Nancy Rudnick
John T. Hedgepeth
Donna L. Abbott
Roger Heesch

Roy Porter
& Lady friend
Audrae Zoeckler
Dave Mason
Terry Riessen

Harry Schafnit
Arla Schafnit
Jim Decker
Donald E. Courter PP
Patty A. Courter

James A. Goetsch
Cherrie Goetsch
Thomas Taylor
Diane Taylor
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