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## **GRAND MONARCH'S MESSAGE**



Greetings Prophets and Friends,

It has been an exciting 6 months traveling the Realm and representing Grottoes International. First Lady Angelique and I are most thankful for the courtesies extended to us and never tire of seeing the familiar faces or tassels.

In addition to visiting individual Grottoes and Associations, I have had the pleasure of instituting multiple Grottoes since my installation as Grand Monarch. Shamaliu Grotto in New Jersey, Sin-A-Tra Grotto in Nevada, Ak-Sar-Ben Grotto in

Nebraska, and Tejas Grotto in Texas are all now part of this Mystic Order. Thankfully, and not by accident, Grottoes International is experiencing growth not seen since the 1940s with our total membership back above 10,000 members after decades of decline. This was achieved with the addition of 33 new Grottoes since May of 2019 and there are dates to institute 6 others before June with more on the way... Make no mistake, these are the good days.

In keeping with my theme and focus, "Membership & Fellowship," Angelique and I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans, LA at the  $134^{th}$  annual Supreme Council Session taking place from June 2-9, 2024. It's going to be a great time in the Big Easy.

In Good Fellowship,

Victor L. Mann Grand Monarch

## **GRAND MONARCH'S TRAVEL ITINERARY**

January 10-16, 2024	Cacibajagua Grotto	San Juan, Puerto Rico
January 27, 2024	Syria Grotto - Institution	Suffield, Connecticut
February 3, 2024	Al Shir Grotto - Institution	Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
February 3, 2024	Koz Grotto - Institution	Fenton, Missouri
February 17 - 21, 2024	Conference of Grand Masters of North America	Seattle, Washington
February 22 - 25, 2024	George Washington Masonic National Memorial	Washington, D.C.
March 2, 2024	La Bajia Grotto - Institution	Goliad, Texas
March 9, 2024	Davissa Cuatta Institution	Midwest Grotto Association
	Darius Grotto - Institution	Chicago, Illinois
March 21 - 23, 2024	Board of Governors, Spring	Columbus, Ohio
March 30, 2024	Da-Tum Grotto - Institution	Suffolk County, New York
April 13, 2024	Saba Grotto - Visitation	Tulsa, Oklahoma
April 19 - 21, 2024	Empire State Grotto Association - Spring	Kingston, New York
April 26 - 28, 2024	Grand Lodge Session of Louisiana	Alexandria, Louisiana
June 2 - 9, 2024	134th Annual Supreme Council Session	New Orleans, Louisiana

## FROM THE DESK OF FIRST LADY ANGELIQUE



Prophets, Daughters and Friends,

The Grand Monarch and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

I write to you today as not only your First Lady but also as a Supreme Line Officer of the Daughters of Mokanna. For those of you unfamiliar with the Daughters of Mokanna, it is a fraternal organization for ladies founded in 1919. The purpose of our Order is to support Grottoes International in their efforts, and to provide fun, fellowship, comfort and aid to one another. Many of us lovingly refer to the DoM as the Ladies' Grotto.

The Grand Monarch's message of "Membership and Fellowship" is not only for the Grotto, it also extends to this

beautiful organization that stands by your side. We are the wives, widows, sisters, mothers, grandmothers, daughters, aunts, nieces and cousins of our Grotto Prophets. Most recently, the DoM has opened up membership to ladies sponsored by a member of a Masonic affiliate recognized by Grottoes International.

Thanks to the vision and persistence of Grand Monarch Victor Mann, in June 2017 then Grand Monarch Mark McCombs and the entire Grotto Board of Governors agreed to offer an exciting opportunity to the Daughters of Mokanna to hold a special initiation ceremony at the Grotto's 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Council Session, as so many Daughters often attend with their significant other. Every Grand Monarch since has extended this offer to the DoM. As a result, membership in Daughters of Mokanna has significantly increased, with 5 new subordinate DoM locations.

Grand Monarch Victor Mann has once again, graciously offered this opportunity to the Daughters of Mokanna to hold a Special Initiation Ceremony at the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Council Session, which will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Please be sure to visit the Grottoes International or the Daughters of Mokanna website or Facebook page for additional information.

Sincerely,

Angelique R. Mann

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# GROTTOES INTERNATIONAL M.O.V.P.E.R.



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT RESERVATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE FOR THE 134TH ANNUAL SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION TAKING PLACE NEXT YEAR (JUNE 2 – 9) IN THE GREAT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LA.

THE ROOM RATE OF \$135.00 PER NIGHT IS AVAILABLE 3 DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER CONVENTION DATES FOR THOSE LOOKING TO SPEND MORE TIME IN THE BIG EASY.

ADDITIONALLY, THE FIRST 200 PEOPLE TO MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO WIN A 3 DAY / 2 NIGHT STAY VALID 06/15/24 — 06/14/25.

YOU MAY USE THE LINK BELOW TO MAKE ON-LINE RESERVATIONS OR CALL THE DESIGNATED RESERVATION LINE AT (877) 408-9661, IF YOU PREFER. IF CALLING, BE SURE TO MENTION THE GROUP BOOKING CODE "GROTTO."

HTTPS://BOOK.PASSKEY.COM/EVENT/50643135/OWNER/10756/HOME

ASTOR CROWNE PLAZA NEW ORLEANS, LA

PARKING: \$20.00 PER DAY / FREE WI-FI / SWIMMING POOL / FITNESS CENTER / BUSINESS CENTER
FLY INTO NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MSY)
(TAXI, UBER AND SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE ONSITE)

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER!

# 134th Annual Supreme Council Session

**JUNE 2 - 9, 2024** 

# ASTOR CROWNE PLAZA NEW ORLEANS, LA

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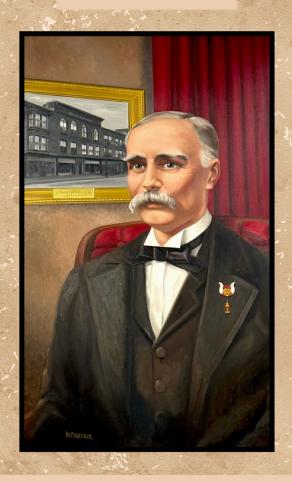








## PRO. LEROY FAIRCHILD 1847 - 1897



LADY ANGELIQUE AND I ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR CHARITABLE ENDEAVOR FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF OUR VERY OWN "LEROY'S BOYS." THIS IS A GIVING OPPORTUNITY CREATED AT THE 128TH SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION AND NAMED IN HONOR OF OUR FOUNDER, PRO. LEROY FAIRCHILD. IT BENEFITS THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL AND OUR HEADQUARTERS IN GAHANNA, OHIO.

## 2023 - 2024 GROTTO ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

#### **GROTTO SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION**

President: Ivan Lugo, P.M. (ilugo1@hotmail.com)
Secretary: Martin R. Trent, 33°, P.M.
(standrews619@yahoo.com)

#### **DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA**

Supreme Mighty Chosen One: Jennifer Arnold (jenarn3@yahoo.com) Supreme Rodeval: Kathy Wyatt (kathywsrodeval22@yahoo.com) Annual Meeting: Hosted by Nazir September 10-14, 2024

#### **EMPIRE STATE GROTTO ASSOCIATION**

President: William Nugent, P.M. (wsnugent4560@gmai.com)
Secretary: George Abraham, P.M. (zuleika93@gmail.com)
Spring Meeting: Hosted by Tri Po Bed Grotto
April 19 –21, 2024

#### FLORIDA STATE GROTTO ASSOCIATION

President: Dale Spear, P.M. (faster7802@gmail.com)

Secretary: Craig Frazier, P.M. (craig.frazier@outlook.com)

Annual Meeting: Hosted by Samoor Grotto

September 14-16, 2024

#### **ILLINOIS GROTTO ASSOCIATION**

President: Mark Victoria, P.M. (markvictoria15@gmail.com)
Secretary: Ivan Lugo, P.M. (ilugo1@hotmail.com)
Annual Meeting: Hosted by Abbas Grotto, April 12-13, 2024

#### MIDWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION

President: Guy Carbona, P.M. (ggguy58@msn.com)

Secertary: Bobby Wheeler, P.M. (b.wheeerjr@comcast.net)

Annual Meeting: Hosted by El Jaala Grotto,

September 25-29, 2024

#### **NEW ENGLAND GROTTO ASSOCIATION**

President: David Malone, P.M. (post85dave@gmail.com)
Secretary: Robert Lyle, P.M. (rlylepawt@msn.com)
Annual Meeting: Hosted by Moslem Grotto
October, Date To Be Announced

#### **OHIO GROTTO ASSOCIATION**

President: Phil Scott, P.M. (phil.scott1955@gmail.com)
Secretary: James E. White, P.M. (ed\_white35@yahoo.com)
Annual Meeting: Hosted by Baku Grotto, August 1-4, 2024

#### PENNSYLVANIA GROTTO ASSOCIATION

President: Don Moffett, P.M. (dmoffett48@gmail.com)
Secretary: Jay M. Laser, P.M. (jmabl@verizon.net)
Annual Meeting: To Be Announced

#### **SOUTHWEST GROTTO ASSOCIATION**

President: Jay Hicks, P.M. (hicks9482@gmail.com)

Secretary: Harrison L. Root, P.M. (harrisonroot56@gmail.com)

Annual Meeting: To Be Announced

Looking for other Association information? For Associations that have not announced their officers or annual sessions, please visit www.scgrotto.org

	<b>GROTTO ASSOCIATION CALENDA</b>	2
March 8-9, 2024	Midwest Grotto Association	Chicago, Illinois
April 5-7, 2024	Pennsylvania Grotto Association	Pennsylvania
April 12-13, 2024	Illinois Grotto Association	Peoria, Illinois
April 19-21, 2024	Empire State Grotto Association	Williamsport
May 2-5, 2024	Southeast Grotto Association	Orlando, Florida
August 1-4, 2024	Ohio Grotto Association	Mansfield, Ohio
September 14-19, 2024	Florida State Grotto Association	Sarasota, Florida
September 24-25, 2024	Western Grotto Association	Long Beach, California
September 25-29, 2024	Midwest Grotto Association	Chicago, Illinois
October 16-18, 2024	<b>Empire State Grotto Association</b>	Kingston, New York
October 18-20, 2024	Old Dominion Grotto Association	To Be Announced

# INTERNATIONAL GROTTO MONTH MARCH 2024







HOLD A CEREMONIAL ANY TIME IN MARCH!
INITIATION FEES WILL BE WAIVED!
HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS POSSIBLE!



REMEMBER TO SUBMIT GROUP AND FUN PICTURES TO GROTTOPIX@GMAIL.COM FOR INCLUSION ON THE GROTTOES INTERNATIONAL INSTAGRAM PAGE!

## **CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1. Penalty points will be assessed for late contest registrations. All registration forms must be received in the Supreme Council Office by the close of business May 13, 2024. Any individual contestant or unit whose registration form is received after the above date will have the penalty points deducted from their contest score at the convention.
- 2. The Web Page Contest will be the Best Web Page by a Grotto or Association. The rules for this contest are available from the Supreme Council Office and entries should be received by May 13, 2024, to give the Judges time to review and judge the web sites before they leave home for the Convention.
- 3. An award certificate will be presented to the winners at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening. After the

Grotto Name

- Supreme Council Office personnel return home, they will prepare the checks and send them to the winning contestants and units.
- 4. The Theme for the Hospitality Room Contest will be held on Wednesday night, <u>June 5, 2024</u> following the Grand Opening. This year's theme will be "80s Movies." The rules for this contest are available from the Supreme Council Office. It should be noted that the registration forms for this contest must also be in the Supreme Council Office by May 13, 2024.
- 5. As a reminder, during the clown judging on Saturday, the clowns will be required to do a 3-minute act showing their clowning skills. This will be in addition to the judging of their makeup and dress.

## **—2024 CONTEST AND UNIT REVIEW ENTRY FORM**

## Register your Motorized Units and Show-off your Stuff!

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We wish to enter the following Units and/or Individuals, in competition in New Orleans, Louisiana. at the 134th Annual Supreme Council Session.
INDIVIDUAL ENTRY
A. List Category Entering
B. Contestant (Fill in #1 and/or #2)
If Prophet 1. My Name is:
If Related 2. My Name is
Check One: I am the Wife Widow Daughter Sister Mother of Prophet
(Prophet's name)
UNIT ENTRY
A. List Category Entering
B. Approximate Number of Members in Unit Competing
INSTRUCTIONS:
Complete this 2024 Entry Form and forward to the Supreme Council Office at 430 Beecher Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230, prior to May 13, 2024. You will be sent Contest Rules covering the categories you have entered.
Individual or Unit entries received at the office or at the Supreme Council Session after the above date will be
assessed late points. All Contestants must be registered to participate to compete at Convention.
PLEASE MAIL THE RULES TO:
Name
Grotto_
City State Zip

# **CONTEST CATAGORIES Something NEW has been Added!**



## Do you like taking pictures?

Then we have a Contest for you!

### Three Categories:

#1 - Grotto Functions #2 - Association Functions #3 - Photo with the Grand Monarch

#### Rules:

One (1) photo per category You may enter all 3 categories Photo must be a 5x7 Photos will not be returned!

## **Prizes:**

1st Place: \$100.00 2nd Place: \$75.00 3rd Place: \$50.00

Note: Minimum number of three (3) contestants for each category for a cash prize to be awarded.

No professional photography.

# GROTTOES INTERNATIONAL Contest Prize Awards

Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	Ladies' 1st Place	Ladies' 2nd Place	Men's 1st Place	Men's 2nd Place
Concert/March Band	\$500	\$200						
Swing/Dance Band	\$500	\$200						
Pipe Band	\$500	\$200						
Choral	\$400	\$200						
Solo-Male							\$125	\$100
Solo-Female					\$125	\$100		
Chorus-Mens	\$400	,		×				
Chorus-Women	\$400							
Men's Quartet	\$200							
Women's Quartet	\$200							
Clown-Whiteface					\$125	\$100	\$125	\$100
Clown-Auguste			1 2		\$125	\$100	\$125	\$100
Clown-Tramp					\$125	\$100	\$125	\$100
Clown-Character					\$125	\$100	\$125	\$100
Clown unit-Mech	\$175	\$125						
Clown unit-Non Mech	\$175	\$125						
Motor Patrol - 350 Up	\$500	\$200						
Motor Patrol - 350 Down	\$500	\$200						
3 & 4 Wheeler	\$500	\$200						
Unique Unit	\$200							
Drum & Bugle	\$500	\$200						
Men Patrol Drill	\$225	\$125						
Lady Patrol Drill	\$225	\$125						
Color Guard	\$200	\$125						
Officers Open/Close	\$225	\$125						
Revelers	\$300	\$200						
Goodfellow	\$125	\$100						
Poster Display	\$150	\$125	\$100					
Publication	\$125	\$125	\$125					
Balloon Making	\$100	\$75						
Web Page	\$150	\$125						
Hospitality Room Contest	\$350	\$250	\$150	\$100				
Grottoes Got Talent	\$400	\$200	\$100					
Photography	\$100	\$75	\$50					

## **MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS**

#### **VIP PROGRAM**

Any prophet who sponsors a new member or reinstated member who has been out of the Grotto for at least 13 months between May 1st and April 30th will be awarded a VIP pin and card and is entitled to attend the Grand Monarch's VIP breakfast at the Supreme Council Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### SLEEP ON US.

The first ten (10) Prophets sponsoring 10 (10) new or qualified reinstated Prophets between May 1st and April 30th will receive one (1) FREE night stay in the convention host hotel during the Supreme Council Session. The first Prophet to sponsor twenty-five (25) new Prophets will receive four (4) free nights at the host hotel.

## **KEY PROPHETS**

Any Prophet sponsoring three (3) new or qualified reinstated Prophets between May 1st and April 30th will be awarded a distinctive GOLD key emblem. Any Prophet sponsoring five (5) new members will receive a RUBY key and seven (7) or more new members a DIAMOND Key. A Prophet will receive one (1) key of the Highest level he has earned. If in attendance at the Supreme Council Session, the key will be presented by the Grand Monarch.

#### **MASTER MASONS NIGHT**

The Supreme Council will reimburse a Grotto 50% of the cost, up to \$300.00 for a Master Mason night once a year. Contact the Supreme Council Office for details and a REGISTRATION FORM. Pre-approval of the event must be obtained.

#### **RECRUITER OF THE MONTH**

The Prophet sponsoring the greatest number of new members initiated in the entire Realm in any month, with a minimum of two (2), will receive a \$100.00 cash award. The initiation report must be turned in to the Supreme Council office by the close of the following month. Awards will be split if a tie occurs.

## "IT'S GREAT TO BE A GROTTO MEMBER"

Booklets are available at no charge from the Supreme Council office. A Grotto may have up to 100 per year. Sufficient quantities will be given to every candidate of a one-day class if allowed by the Grand Lodge of that Jurisdiction.

#### **LODGE VISITATIONS & REFRESHMENTS**

We will reimburse a Grotto up to \$75.00 for attending and providing refreshments at a Blue Lodge Meeting.

You must obtain preapproval and form from the Supreme Council Office.

### TRADE SHOW STYLE DISPLAY

An eight (8) foot tall display is available for MASONIC HOSPITALITY and other similar events where a large number of Masons will be present.



# "Membership & Fellowship"

2023-2024 Membership Program
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

ACHIEVE THE SET GOAL OF 7% AND
THE SUPREME COUNCIL WILL REWARD YOUR GROTTO

\$100.00

GRAND MONARCH VICTOR L. MANN
WILL PRESENT YOUR GROTTO A CHECK FOR \$100.00 AT THE
134TH ANNUAL SESSION IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
ACHIEVING THIS GOAL WILL ALSO EARN RECOGNITION OF YOUR
GROTTO IN THE FALL 2024 MAGAZINE.

YOUR GROTTO'S GOAL IS A 7% INCREASE IN MEMBERS.

7% WILL BE BASED ON YOUR TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS

AS OF MAY 1, 2024.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF NEW PROPHETS IS SEVEN (7).

## **RULES:**

INITIATE NEW MEMBERS BETWEEN MAY 1, 2023 AND APRIL 30, 2024

"NO LATER" THAN MAY 10, 2024

DUAL MEMBERS, DEATHS, DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS
WILL NOT COUNT

## **GRAND HISTORIAN'S ARTICLE**

# How to Deliver an Unforgettable Ceremonial (Mastering the Mindset)

by Pro. Frank J. Sforza, P.M.

If you're a Prophet and ritualist, you know that delivering your part in the ceremonial is a significant part of the experience. Whether you're performing a part in the ceremonial or giving a piece of a lecture, the way you deliver your part can make a significant impact on the audience.

The goal is to create an unforgettable experience that resonates with the candidates and Prophets long after the event is over. However, delivering a memorable ceremonial requires more than just memorizing the words. It requires a specific mindset that enables you to connect with the audience, convey the meaning behind the ceremonial, and make it a truly meaningful experience.

This mindset involves a combination of preparation, focus, and intention that allows you to deliver your part with confidence and authenticity.

In this article, we'll explore the mindset required to deliver an extraordinary ceremonial. We'll discuss the importance of preparation, the role of focus and intention, and practical tips for delivering a powerful ritual.

Whether you're a seasoned Grotto veteran or a newly initiated Prophet, this article will provide you with valuable insights and techniques that will help you take your ceremonial performance to the next level.

#### **Understanding the Importance of Mindset**

When it comes to delivering your part in the ceremonial, having the right mindset is crucial.

Your mindset is the set of beliefs and attitudes that shape how you approach challenges, interact with others, and perform your duties. It influences your thoughts, feelings, and actions and can have a significant impact on your ability to succeed.

Having a growth mindset is especially important for Prophets taking part in the ceremonial. A growth mindset is the belief that your abilities and talents can be developed through hard work, dedication, and perseverance. It means that you see challenges and setbacks as opportunities for learning and growth, rather than as evidence of your limitations. With a growth mindset, you are more likely to take on new challenges, seek out feedback, and persist in the face of obstacles. You are also more likely to be open to new ideas and

perspectives, and to collaborate effectively with others.

On the other hand, a fixed mindset is the belief that your abilities and talents are fixed and cannot be changed. This mindset can lead to a fear of failure, a reluctance to take on new challenges, and a tendency to avoid feedback and criticism.

Therefore, to deliver an amazing ceremonial, it is important to cultivate a growth mindset. This means embracing challenges, seeking out feedback, and persisting in the face of setbacks. It also means being open to new ideas and perspectives and working collaboratively with others to achieve your goals.

# Preparing for the Ceremonial Mental Preparation

Preparing for a ceremonial requires a strong and focused mindset.

It's important to take the time to mentally prepare yourself before the ceremonial. This means clearing your mind of any distractions or negative thoughts that may affect your performance. Take a few moments to meditate or practice deep breathing exercises to help calm your nerves and center your mind.

Visualizing your part beforehand can also be helpful in mentally preparing yourself. This can involve imagining yourself performing your part flawlessly, with confidence and precision. This mental rehearsal can help build your confidence and reduce any anxiety you may be feeling.

### **Physical Preparation**

In addition to mental preparation, physical preparation is also crucial for delivering an impressive ceremonial. This involves taking care of your body in the days leading up to the event. Make sure to get enough rest, eat a healthy diet, and stay hydrated.

It's also important to practice the physical movements and gestures required for your part. This can involve rehearsing the steps and movements in front of a mirror or with a fellow Prophet. Practicing these movements can help you feel more comfortable and confident during the actual ceremonial.

Finally, make sure to dress appropriately for the ceremonial. Wear clean and well-pressed attire, and make sure your regalia is in good condition, or your costume is in good shape. This will not only help you look your best but will also help you feel more confident and prepared for the ceremonial.

## GRAND HISTORIAN'S ARTI

## **Executing the Ceremonial**

In this section, we'll explore each of these elements in detail, so you can be sure to execute your part flawlessly.

#### Focus and Presence

When delivering your part in the ceremonial it's essential to be fully present and focused on the task at hand. This means letting go of any distractions or worries and being What did you learn about yourself during the fully in the moment. Take a few deep breaths before beginning your part to calm your nerves and clear your mind. Once you begin, stay focused on the words and movements, and let the energy guide you.

#### **Emotional Connection**

A powerful ceremonial requires an emotional connection with the audience.

This means delivering the words with conviction and feeling and making eye contact with the attendees. Take the time to connect with each member of the audience and let the emotion of the ritual flow through you. This will help create a powerful and memorable experience for everyone involved.

### Precision and Timing

Precision and timing are critical elements of a successful ceremonial.

Each movement and word must be executed with precision, and the timing must be perfect. This requires practice and preparation, so you're confident in your ability to deliver your part flawlessly.

Take the time to rehearse your part, so you know exactly when to move and speak and can do so with confidence.

By focusing on these elements – focus, emotional connection, precision, and timing – you can execute a powerful and memorable ceremonial. Remember to stay present and connected with the audience and let the energy in the room guide you. It's easier said than done, I know, but with practice and preparation, you will be able to deliver a part that will be remembered for years to come.

### Reflecting on the Experience

After you're done, it is important to take some time to reflect on the experience. Reflecting allows you to learn from your mistakes, celebrate your successes, and identify areas for improvement.

Here are a few sub-sections to help guide your reflection:

### **Personal Growth Opportunities**

Reflecting on your experience can help you identify personal growth opportunities.

### Consider the following questions:

ceremonial?

What skills did you use or develop during the ceremonial?

What skills or areas do you need to improve upon?

How can you apply what you learned during the ceremonial to other areas of your life?

### **Feedback and Improvement**

Another important aspect of reflecting on your experience is seeking feedback and identifying areas for improvement.

Again, I encourage you to ponder on some questions:

What feedback did you receive from others about your performance?

What feedback did you give yourself about your performance?

What areas do you need to improve upon?

How can you work on improving those areas?

Reflecting on your experience can be a valuable tool for personal growth and improvement.

Take the time to reflect on your experience and use what you learn to become a better performer.

And always remember... practice makes perfect so study, attend practice meetings and make sure you enjoy it.

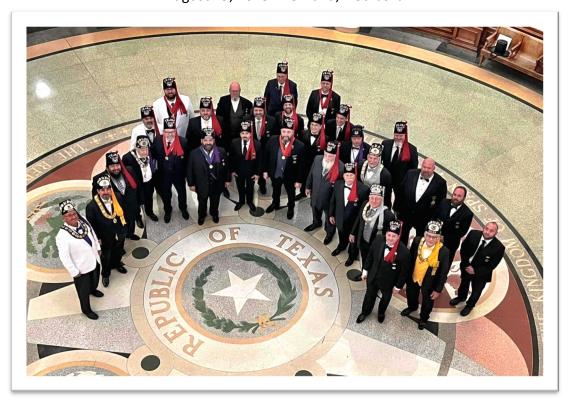
In sympathy and good fellowship,

Pro. Frank J. Sforza, P.M. Grand Historian 2023-24

## **GRAND MONARCH'S TRAVELS**



(Above) The Grand Monarch had the honor and privilege of instituting Ak-Sar-Ben Grotto on August 19, 2023 in Omaha, Nebraska.



(Above) The Grand Monarch was overjoyed to institute and welcome Tejas Grotto on December 2, 2023. They are the baby Grotto of the Realm... but not for very long!

## **GRAND MONARCH'S TRAVELS**

(Right and Below) It was a spooky time spent this Halloween in Niagara Falls, NY with the Empire State Grotto Association. Lady Angelique was unrecognizable, and a good time was had by all!









(Above and Left) The First Lady and I had a terrific time in Natick, MA attending the New England Grotto Association's fall meeting... and the American Heritage History Museum where I got to mount a tank!

## **AROUND THE REALM**



(left) Abaca Grotto spread Good Fellowship and smiles at a local community event.

(below) Chi-Ill Grotto participated in a plane pull, which was an event to raise funds to support Special Olympics Illinois.



(right) Amrita Grotto received their new Grottoes International banner, which is available from the Supreme Council office.



## **AROUND THE REALM**

(right and below) On September 10, 2023, members of Lier Grotto visited Point Lookout 9-11 Memorial in remembrance of those lost September 11, 2001. Each person in attendance spoke of their experiences that day and then were led in a devotional by the Chaplain.





(below) Shadukiam Grotto hosted a ceremonial at the Detroit Masonic Temple, which had a wonderful attendance.



We want your pictures! Want your pictures to be considered for the next Grottoes International Magazine? Submit pictures to makayla.speelman@scgrotto.org with subject line "Magazine Photo Submission" and a description of the event.

## **AROUND THE REALM**



(Left) Texas Grottoes participated in a parade, and of course the clowns were out!

(Below) Many Grottoes, including Zendah Grotto pictured below, participated in trunk-or-treat nights in October.



(Above) Sin-A-Tra Grotto held their first ceremonial.

(Right) Krazo Grotto participated in a Veterans Day Parade!







# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

To All Prophets, Ladies, Daughters of Mokanna, and Friends,

Hello again to all, as I write this message, we are still moving in a positive direction and moving into a new and exciting time for HF.

Our computer systems are being enhanced, our new Trustee P.M. Craig Frazier has implemented Zoom meetings with our Doctors of Smiles, and we are attending as many conventions as our schedules permit, such as Ohio Eastern Star, Daughters of Mokanna, and Association Conventions. All of the ones we went to, we spoke about our Charity and were very well received.

Due to the love you all have for this great program, I am truly impressed and thankful for all the donations we have received during our travels. Just a note, no matter how big or small the donation is it helps us make sure that **NO CHILD WILL BE LEFT BEHIND.** 

So in closing for now, keep up the good work, and hope to see you as we travel around the Realm.

George K. Abraham III, P.M.
Humanitarian Foundation Trustee Chairman



## Grottoes International Humanitarian Foundation

# **2023 Toothbrush Days**



Armi Grotto Prophets held a 2nd Toothbrush Day at Main Street Zephyrhills, FL Halloween Howl.



Armi Grotto Prophet Johnston, Monarch & Dr. of Smiles Mentro, and Prophet Lanham (left to right) held their 1st Toothbrush Day at the Dade City, FL Street Bash.



Oola Khan Grotto Prophets held their Toothbrush Day at Dillonvale IGA in Deer Park, Ohio of greater Cincinatti.



Armi Grotto Prophets at Main Street Zephyrhills, FL Halloween Howl.



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## **Humanitarian Foundation**

The Humanitarian Foundation is the official charity of Grottoes International, created in 1949 by the Supreme Council. A charity is an organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.

The money raised by the Humanitarian Foundation is used to provide help to children with special needs with their dental care cost.

Any child under the age of 21, regardless of race, creed, or color with qualifying condition is welcome to participate in the Dental Care for Children with Special Needs Program. The program uses a fee-based schedule to cover a portion of the child's dental care cost. Payment based on our fee schedule is sent to the dentist or anesthesiologist after the work has been done. There are 2 forms to complete for a child who may be eligible to participate in the program. All forms and information can be found on the Humanitarian Foundation website <a href="https://hfgrotto.org/">https://hfgrotto.org/</a>

The Humanitarian Foundation raises money through Enchanted Lantern Contributions and the Fairchild Society. Prophets can also hold a Toothbrush Day or raise general donations for the Foundation.

Annual Enchanted Lantern contributions from Grotto members have become the backbone of the Humanitarian Foundation's fundraising efforts for nearly 60 years. For just \$50, you can make an Enchanted Lantern contribution to help support the Dental Care for Children with Special Needs Program.

The Fairchild Society is a donor program established by Grotto members. Named for the Grottoes' chief founder LeRoy Fairchild. Prophets and friends who join the Fairchild Society support the Dental Care for Children with Special Needs Program. You may join at any level and continue to support our special kids by adding to your donation each year and moving up through the Society.

The Toothbrush Program has been a successful venture for the Grottoes International and the Humanitarian Foundation. Prophets, out in the community, passing out toothbrushes make the public aware of the Grotto and its official charity the Humanitarian Foundation.

Additional information about the Foundation can be found on their website <a href="https://hfgrotto.org/">https://hfgrotto.org/</a> or by contacting the Humanitarian Foundation Office Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM EST by phone at (614) 933-0711 or by email at hf@hfgrotto.org

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On behalf of the 6 PSMCO's of the
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Chambers (Yusef Khan) PSMCO Doris
Reynolds (Kerman) PSMCO Jeannette
Roberts (Kerman) PSMCO Jeanne Kay
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To: Matt Goldstein, P.M. 2023 From: Bob
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Grottoettes of Caliph Grotto Mentor, OH	of Being Our Treasurer From: Motor Corps	S. Neeley Sahara
	Unit of Samoor Grotto Sarasota, Florida .	To: Woody & Susan Congratulations From:
Kevin Chaplin Selama	Samoor	Sam BurnettMohassan
Winston Each Dinar	Dwight Richard Khana Shahar	To: Woody & Susie! Great Year and Great
Mark Walker Dinar	Carl Thorwart Ozz	Weekend From: Jim & Linda Bainter
Amos Glenn Welburn Dinar	Bernard J. Jacobs Zelica	Abbas
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Ryan Kilmartin Ormazd	George J. Grove, Jr Ubar	wonderful convention. Love you guys—
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Jose "Joey" Jose Alzamala	Brother" & Barb Zuleika	Mokanna Zendah
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Michael Monaghan Alzamala	on a Wonderful Year From: Sue & Shu	Pauline Spivey Zendah—Daughters of
Levi Quintana, Sr Alzamala	David Jones Dinar	Mokanna Zendah
Joseph Workman Alzamala	To: Kim & Ron Cramer Love you, Roomies	Sandra Dean Zendah—Daughters of
Antonio "Tony" Ruiz Alzamala	From: Dana Jessmer Zuleika	Mokanna Zendah
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Ted Wells Alzamala	Matthew T. Swartz Ubar	Andrew Allan Lalla Rook
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