

OGA Communicator

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Presidents Message:

We are getting ready for the August OGA Convention but more on that later.

I hope everyone who attended the May Zone Conference in Covington, KY had a good time.

We tried to recapture some of the good old days of the conventions as well as adding in some of the new. We hope we lived up to the high standards that Amrou Grotto set with the February Zone Conference. (Thanks Grandpa for all your help).

We had a great attendance in May which included some new first time members from various Grottos and I want to thank all of you for being there and all the help you offered. You were all terrific.

A special thanks to my officers for always being there for me.

I especially want to thank the ladies for all the beautiful baskets/items and for all the support you give. You really are the back bone of the Grottos. I hope all of the members realize just how important you are.

NOW FOR THE AUGUST CONVENTION Since this will be Kishmee Grottos last go around (we are merging with Oola Khan Grotto) we decided to pull out all the stops. 'NEWS FLASH' EDICT FROM THE PRESIDENT: If you are planning to check in on Thursday PLEASE DO NOT EAT before you come. SUPER BUFFET (NO COST) Fruit salad, Potato skins, Shrimp cocktail, Meat balls, Crab cakes, Stuffed mushrooms, Chicken tenders, Ribs, Pork Roast, Veg, Tray, Cookies, Brownies. We can also make arrangements for transportation if you are interested in going to the Casino.

This is just the beginning. We have many activities planned for the entire weekend plus some outstanding food. Check the OGA web page for a complete list.

I hope this year we have helped make the OGA Conferences and Convention memorable and enjoyable and that we can continue in the future to do the same.

Presidents Message (continued):

My thanks to all of the people who have stood behind me, put up with my phone calls and helped me do all the things I wanted to accomplish to make this year special.

If anyone needs anything in the future, please feel free to call me and I will do all that I can to help you.

Last, I want to thank one special person for all she did to help me accomplish all the things I wanted to do it to make this year great.

My Sincere Thanks to All,

Bill (Gator) Fisher
President OGA

Deputy President Message:

Greetings to all of the Prophets and their Ladies throughout the OGA,

As the summer months kick off I sit here writing to you. Summer is a great time of the year, the good weather and shining sun do wonderful things for keeping my spirit up. I hope that the summer brings you just as much pleasure. One aspect of the summer that can never be overlooked is how much things grow during these months, the same goes for the Grotto and Masonry.

During the summer months Grottoes and Lodges tend to hold family and community events. These are excellent opportunities to help your Grotto grow. When there is an event open to either the public or to Master Masons and their families you have the opportunity to help sell your Grotto. Do not be afraid to talk about the Grotto at your Blue Lodge, nor should you limit discussion about it to non-Masons. Remember, there is always that chance that someone interested in the Grotto has never heard of Masonry.

Summer marches on, like all other seasons, and the same goes for the OGA. So I want to extend an invitation to all Prophets and their Ladies to attend the OGA Convention this August in Covington, Kentucky. William "Gator" Fisher is planning a great event, and I would be greatly honored to have you present as I am installed as President of the OGA. I have asked the Highland Installation Team from Nazir Grotto to install me as President, and I look forward to seeing many of you at this event.

For my year as President, I have already scheduled the two Zone Conferences (Feb. 2-4, and May 5-6, 2017) as well as the OGA Convention (Aug. 17-19, 2017). Khana Shahar Grotto in Springfield will be hosting the February Zone Conference. The May Zone Conference and the Convention will be hosted by O-Ton-Ta-La Grotto in Toledo.

Please make every effort to attend the various OGA functions over the coming year, as well as all of the functions at your Grotto and Blue Lodge. Together we can make the Grotto a homerun of good Masonic fun.

Finally, please contact me with any questions or concerns your Grotto may have. I am always willing to assist a Grotto when I am aware they need it. My phone number is (567)377-5652, or my email is apophistoledo@yahoo.com. I can also be reached via Facebook.

Thanks for the great fun so far and here to many more years of Grotto Good Times.

Josh Anderson, PM, SCDD
Deputy President of the OGA

Secretary's Message:

I want to congratulate William (Gator) Fisher and all at Kishmee Grotto for a wonderful time at the May Zone Conference. Tammy and I had a blast. If you missed it don't miss the May Zone because I am sure it will be a lot of "FUN" also.

Tammy and I cannot wait to head to New Orleans for the Supreme Council Convention to see our Past President Mark McCombs installed as Grand Monarch.

Tammy and I are looking forward to the August Convention in Covington Kentucky and seeing our friends and meeting new ones. We are looking forward to working with the officers for another year.

Safe Travels to All and see you around the Realm,

Mike Tomascini, GCoG, PPOGA, Secretary

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Schedule of Events

July 2016

17-24 - Supreme Council Convention - New Orleans

30 - Prophets Golf Outing

August 2016

18-20 - OGA Convention hosted by Kishmee Grotto

February 2017

2-4 - OGA Zone Conference hosted by Khana Shahar Grotto.

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OGA Grottoes:

Acacia

Achbar

Ali Baba

Al Sirat

Amrou

Aut Mori

Baku

Ben Bey

Caliph

El Karan

El Rey

Islam

Kam Ram

K1hana Shahar

Kishmee

Kismet

Nazir

Oola Khan

Ormus

O Ton Ta La

Singara

Teheran

Yusef Khan

Past Presidents of the OGA

1925	John Cox *	Al Sirat	1972	John F. Allen*	Ali Baba
1926	John Cox *	Al Sirat	1973	Marl T. Linville*	Oola Khan
1927	Harry Apple*	Achbar	1974	James R. Kalkman*	Nazir
1928	Dr. W. Sterling*	Al Sirat	1975	Richard Wentz*	Baku
1929	George Hoffman*	O Ton Ta La	1976	Rodney Chisholm*	Aut Mori
1930	Amos Englebeck*	Yusef Khan	1977	Lyle King*	El Kadir
1931	Scott Krauss*	Achbar	1978	Bernard Mitchell PGM	Amrou
1932	Carl Shaner*	Aut Mori	1979	Jay Moore	Singara
1933	Dwight Elder*	Nazir	1980	Don Mac Learie*	Yusef Khan
1934	Ralph Garvin*	Al Sirat	1981	O. C. Barnard*	Kismet
1935	Thomas Fox*	Oola Khan	1982	Carroll Wooster	Ali Baba
1936	Lou McFarland*	Yusef Khan	1983	Charles Weiser*	Teheran
1937	Arthur Hughes*	Baku	1984	Frank DeNayer*	Nazir
1938	Frank Jones PGM *	Aut Mori	1985	Harry Hanstine*	Kismet -
1939	Robert Vaughn*	Nazir			OGA / PGA
1940	Charles Johnson*	Al Sirat	1986	Noel E. Foor*	Teheran
1941	Edwin Gundlach*	Singara	1987	Harold Martin*	Kishmee
1942	Henry Stemm*	Amrou	1988	Ron L. Pross*	O Ton Ta La
1943	Lester Renner*	Yusef Khan	1989	Jared Murphy	Ali Baba
1944	Charles Sawtelle*	Tibris	1990	William Moerch	Achbar
1945	John Creamer*	El Kadir	1991	Phillip Engle*	El Karan
1946	George Hoffman PGM *	Al Sirat	1992	William Gordon*	Teheran
1947	Gomer Evans*	Aut Mori	1993	Robert McMasters PGM *	Kam Ram
1948	Paul Williams*	Nazir	1994	Donald Clark	Kismet
1949	LaVerne Cook*	Erepa	1995	Ron Malone*	El Tor
1950	William Souter*	Singara	1996	Ted Guinaugh*	Ali Baba
1951	Earl Nietert*	Khana Shahar	1997	Robert Gabbard*	Oola Khan
1952	Arthur Snyder*	Yusef Khan	1998	Clarence Shawver PGM	Aut Mori
1953	Jacob Chambers*	Oola Khan	1999	Richard Krabill	Nazir
1954	Henry Jones*	Aut Mori	2000	James Young*	Oola Khan
1955	John Birmingham*	O Ton Ta La	2001	LeRoy Hutchinson	El Kadir
1956	Thomas Martin*	Achbar	2002	William Sizemore	Yusef Khan
1957	Wilbur Jamison*	Baku	2003	Jerry Burns	Ben Bey
1958	Leslie Jones*	Nazir	2004	Mark McCombs	Singara
1959	Frank Combs*	Al Sirat	2005	Timothy Brooks	Khana Shahar
1960	Norman Clark*	Erepa	2006	Stephen Nelson	Caliph
1961	Frank Heusser*	El Rey	2007	David McIntyre	Yuseh Khan
1962	Frank Siple*	El Karan	2008	Thomas Richards	Caliph
1963	Emil Wermer*	Oola Khan	2009	Lynn Miller	Achbar
1964	Albert Burden*	Ormus	2010	Max Pokorski	Islam
1965	James Tarson*	Yusef Khan	2011	Woody Sibley	Ben Bey
1966	W. Jack Davies*	Aut Mori	2012	Michael Tomascin	Islam
1967	W. O. Moreland*	Erepa	2013	Larry Budd*	Islam -
1968	Max Graf*	Achbar			OGA / PGA
1969	Howard Bodeker PGM *	Al Sirat	2014	David Chambers	Achbar
1970	Don Hanson*	O Ton Ta La	2015	Bruce Seaburn	Baku
1971	Arthur Leutz*	El Rey			

* = Deceased