

# OGA Communicator

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### Presidents Message:

#### **HOW DO YOU TOP THE FEBRUARY ZONE CONFERENCE?**

*It is really going to be hard, but we in Kentucky are going to try or at least try to live up to their standards.*

*I don't know where to start so I will say THANK YOU to Bernie Mitchell and his wife and all of the men and women of Amrou Grotto who put forth such a wonderful effort to make the February Zone Conference a success.*

*The food was fantastic. The people affiliated with the Grotto and all of the rest who helped did everything possible to make everyone feel welcome and made sure that they enjoyed themselves. I could not have asked for anything better.*

*I also want to thank the ladies for the beautiful baskets and appreciate that they donated the profits to Amrou. Without all of our ladies the grottos would not be the same. They are the glue that hold us guys together. Thank you ladies for all you do for us.*

*We are gearing up for the May Zone Conference. It will be held at The Holiday Inn-Riverfront in Covington, KY. The rooms have already been blocked so you can make your reservations whenever you wish. All of the information will on the Ohio Grotto Association's web site.*

*We just received confirmation for the entertainment in May. All of this information should be on the Ohio Grotto Association's web page in approximately 2 weeks. Let's just say "ELVIS WILL BE IN THE HOUSE." Be sure and dress in your best 50's costumes. There will be a prize for the best costume (1-Male/1-Female).*

*Have a safe rest of the winter and we will see you all in May for "FUN" "FUN" "FUN"*

*Sincerely,*

*William (Gator) Fisher PM  
President OGA*

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**Deputy President Message:**

***Greetings and Happy Grottoing to All.***

***The past several years have been wonderfully experiences for me with the OGA, and I want to invite you to be a part of it. There is a strong desires in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky to see the Grottoes grow, and the OGA wants to be of assistance when possible with this growth.***

***Plans are in the work to announce the hotel and registration information for the 2017 OGA year by this coming August. I want to ensure that as much information is out there as far in advance as possible. As of this writing I can give the following information with certainty.***

***February 3-4, 2017, Feb. Zone Conference, to be hosted by Khana Shahar***

***May 5-6, 2017, May Zone Conference, hosted by O-Ton-Ta-La,***

***Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg***

***August 17-19, 2017, OGA Convention, hosted by O-Ton-Ta-La,***

***Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg***

***As a part of the OGA Convention, O-Ton-Ta-La will be hosting what is being called the first “Leprechaun Convention”. This will be an event based on the Leprechaun Degree that I created, but will be bigger and filled with more activities and toasts than ever before.***

***Finally, please reach out to me if you have a suggestion for a topic to be discussed at an OGA meeting. In the past I have given presentations on several subjects including: membership recruitment, planning for the Grotto future, and recognizing the roles people fill in your Grotto. But, if you have an idea for something that you would like to present or have be a topic of discussion let us know. The OGA meetings are meant to be a resource for learning and supporting our Grottoes.***

***And last but not least, check out the OGA website at [www.OhioGrotto.com](http://www.OhioGrotto.com) it has a calendar that all of our Grottoes may use, as well as copies of several of the programs and resources that the OGA has had presented at meetings over the past few years.***

***Josh Anderson PM  
Deputy President OGA***

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**Secretary’s Message:**

***I want to congratulate William (Gator) Fisher and all at Amrou Grotto especially Bernie Mitchell PGM and his Lady Kay Marie for a wonderful time at the February 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.***

***It was with great pleasure that we accepted Islam Grotto and Yusef Khan Grotto back into the OGA.***

***Important please read the by-law changes on page***

***Tammy and I are looking forward to the May Zone in Covington Kentucky and seeing our friends and meeting new ones. Safe Travels to All,***

***Mike Tomascin, GCoG, PPOGA, Secretary***

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By-Law changes which will be voted on at the May Zone Conference 2016:

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Old: The Zone Conference will be held on the first weekend in February and May.

New: There shall be two Zone Conferences. The first shall be at least 60 days but not more than 180 days after the closing of the prior Convention. The second conference shall be held in May. The dates and locations shall be announced one year in advance and approved by the Board of Governors.

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Old: Promote the two Zone Conferences, the first Saturday in February and May. Also the OGA Convention.

New: Promote the two Zone Conferences and the OGA Convention.

Endowment Fund Update from the February Zone Conference:

At the February Zone Conference Meeting two Endowment Fund drawings were pulled. The first winner was Mike Tomascini, GCOG and the second drawing did not produce a winner. It was decided to donate the money to the Endowment Fund. After getting home from the Zone Conference the Secretary got a call from Janice M. Cox and said she had the winning ticket. There was some confusion at the 2015 August Convention where Endowment tickets were sold at the banquet. Before being stopped there were already 21 tickets sold at \$1.00 each. This money was carried over to the February Zone Conference and added to the drawing of the Endowment Fund at the Men's Meeting. There will be a plaque made up with the name of Janice M. Cox and displayed on the Endowment Board.

We also had a donation from Teheran Grotto of \$100.00 for the Endowment Fund from the money they won getting back the Traveling Gavel. Thanks to all the members of Teheran Grotto for the donation.

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### Schedule of Events

#### May 2016

13-14 - OGA Zone Conference hosted by Kishmee Grotto

#### July 2016

17-24 - Supreme Council Convention - New Orleans

#### August 2016

18-20 - OGA Convention hosted by Kishmee Grotto

## 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