



The Communicator

Grottoes From Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia

We Will Communicate To You Everything That Is Communicated To Us

This is a Promise from the Ohio Grotto Association to your Grotto

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From the desk of the President of the O.G.A.

Thank you for the confidence you have entrusted in me to be the President of the OGA. I would like to thank all the officers that attended the recent Officer Meeting at Tehran Grotto we discussed the events coming up for the year. We missed Bill "Gator" Fisher due to hospitalization. We certainly hope that you are feeling better and will be back with us soon. I would like to thank Dave Chamber's for setting this meeting up with Tehran Grotto and thank them for their hospitality.

The February Zone Conference will be February 1st and 2nd in Springfield, Ohio hosted by Khana Shahar all information will be in the issue of the Communicator or can be found on our Website. I hope to see a lot of you attend as we have tried to keep the prices down to be affordable for everyone.

Thanks to Josh Anderson who has offered to keep the Ohio Grotto Association Website up to date. So current Monarch's, Incoming Monarch's and Grotto Secretary's please give your dates and time for events to Josh for the Website.

Mark your calendars for May Zone Conference on May 3rd and 4th in Newark, Ohio and the OGA Convention on August 14th thru 17th in Boardman, Ohio.

Lady Joanne and I have represented the O.G.A. at the Empire State Grotto Convention in September at the Niagara Casino and had a great time. We also attended the Pennsylvania Grotto Assn. convention in Harrisburg, PA. We along with several OGA officers and their wives were presented at Tehran Grotto's 200 Hundred Club fundraiser on November 3rd. We have attend the Islam Grotto Monarch's Ball and Aut Mori's Monarch's Ball,

Larry Budd



From the desk of the Deputy President of the O.G.A.

Prophets and Ladies,

Isn't it great now that we can sit and watch the television and not be inundated with political ads? Regardless of the outcome of the elections we are now thru with all the campaigning that was almost impossible to get away from.

Over the last few years you have probably heard me say Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance !!!!

So now I ask you. Are you Properly Prepared ?

Chief Justices... Are you properly prepared to be the next Monarch of your grotto?

Junior Officers ... are you properly prepared to assume to accept the next office in line should that be required of you?

Past Monarchs... have you properly prepared the next generation of GROTTO LEADERSHIP?

All Grotto Members... are you prepared to deal with the changes that are inevitably going to happen within your grotto? If you answer no to any of these questions then you had better be prepared to turn in your Charter because any grotto that does not prepare tomorrows leaders and are not prepared for inevitable change are going

to watch their grotto wither and eventually die.

The Grotto like all things must adapt and change in order to survive. Few people like change, including me. But change is a fact of life and is inevitable. The future of the grotto is not with us Past Monarchs and the over 50 crowd, but with the 20 and 30 year olds that will be here long after you and I are just memories. Since Leroy Fairchild and The Smith Brothers gathered in a tavern enjoyed a drink and some devilry, the grottoes have undergone many transformations. I venture to say that we would not recognize the Grottoes of our Founders and our Founders surely would not recognize the Grottoes of the 21st Century. Consider this in 1890 only the very affluent had electricity or telephones in their homes. In 1890 the automobile was a novelty, and heavier than air flight was still 13 years from being a reality.

My point is that we all need to be prepared. Monarch be prepared for your next meeting or event. Officers be prepared for your time as Monarch. All Prophets be prepared for change and embrace that change so that your grotto may continue to grow and be the organization that can be enjoyed by future generations just as it has been enjoyed by you.

In good fellowship

David Chambers, Achbar Grotto



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Greetings Prophets, from the desk of the Chaplain of the O.G.A.

As we come upon the Holiday Season just remember those in illness and adversity. We all at sometime or other get caught up in our lifestyle and forget, just what we as Prophets are and that is a Mason first. As we see our brethren in need not only during the holidays, but each and every day, don't be shy or neglectful on offering them aid or comfort even if it is just friendly conversation.. you will be surprised at how much better you will feel within yourself and let us not forget the children with special needs as that is our goal.. to help give them a better smile for the world to see... Well on with the sad part of this position as Chaplain, and that is the list of those that have passed on to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.... below is the list that I have received from the secretaries or Monarchs... Sorry if I did not get all the names....

- Ali Baba: Wm (Bill) Long - 5-Nov-12
 - Achbar: Joyce Rife-- wife of Prophet Ed Rife 23-Oct-12
 - Aut Mori: PM Harold Bailey - 14-Oct-12
 - Ben Bey: PM Kenny Winans - 18-Oct-12
 - Kam Ram: current Monarch James R. Leventry- 5-Oct-12
 - Khana Shahar: Barb Houck -- wife of PM Harold Houck
- May they all be resting in peace.
Amen

In Sympathy and Good Fellowship,
Chaplain OGA
Tim Brooks, PM

*Have you been
to your Lodge
lately?*

Help the O.G.A. Reach More Prophets

Now old grumpy is asking for help. If you know of anyone that belongs to your grotto or any other grotto that has not received this little newsletter please send it to them to see if they would like to receive it. For every name we can drop off the snail mail list will save the Ohio Grotto Association about 75 cents. Now this does not sound like a lot of money but we have over 500 Prophets and ladies on our snail mail list. This cost us \$280.00 each time we mail out the newsletter. This is over \$800.00 a year for three mailings.



From The New Kid On The Block—Sergeant at Arms of the

Well, since I'm one of the new guys on the OGA line I guess giving a little introduction about me would be in order. I am a member of Paragon Lodge #788 and a two time past Monarch of O-Ton-Ta-La Grotto. I work for the Washtenaw Intermediate School District in Ann Arbor, Michigan as a computer specialist. I live in Toledo with my wife, Shannon, and two sons, Josh Jr. and Harrison.

I have one message I want to pass along beyond just saying hello. That message is about connecting with Prophets from other Grottoes and how it can give everyone ideas or insights that maybe useful at their own Grotto. There are many ways that Prophets can connect to share fellowship. They range from attending meetings and events at another Grotto, to attending OGA functions, or even sending a message on the internet.

The warm welcome I receive any time I visit another Grotto is one of the things that truly makes being a Prophet a worthwhile experience. Fund raisers, ceremonials, Monarch's Balls, and even stated meetings can be great opportunities to have fun and get to know other Prophets and how other Grottoes operate. The hospitality is not limited to Monarchs and past Monarchs, but is always extended to every Prophet. Monarchs and past Monarchs are not the only ones who can and should experience all the Grotto has to offer, every Prophet should feel welcome to travel the realm.

The OGA zone conferences and annual convention are great opportunities to

hear about what is happening throughout the realm as well as to get a good taste of the fun the Grotto can offer. Many great conversations have come from OGA events, and a good number of ideas got their start from a conversation with a Prophet from a different Grotto. Just as with traveling to other Grottoes, the OGA is open to all Prophets not just past Monarchs and officers.

Finally, do not be afraid to use the internet to meet other Prophets and discuss the Grotto. A number of Grottoes have websites or a presence on Facebook, along with many Prophets. The internet can be a tool for learning what is going on or developing ideas for use at your Grotto. Communicating with other Prophets, even electronically can give you that spark of interest or idea that is just what the Grotto needs.

So, don't be afraid to try and connect with other Prophets or travel the realm. The more we get out and meet our fellow Prophets the more we come to truly enjoy the good fun that our organization has to offer. I look forward to getting to know ever more Prophets and here what you and your Grottoes are up to. Don't be afraid to email or Facebook me, I'm available at apophistoledo@yahoo.com

Josh Anderson—O-Ton-Ta-La Grotto



From the desk of your Secretary



There is not much going on right now in the Ohio Grotto Association. We are getting ready for a new year. Trying to get dates for installations and Monarch's Balls and anything else that you would like some of your O.G.A. officers to come to. So far the Web Site Calendar is empty. Nothing is going on at any Grotto. Maybe as 2013 approaches the calendar will start to fill up.

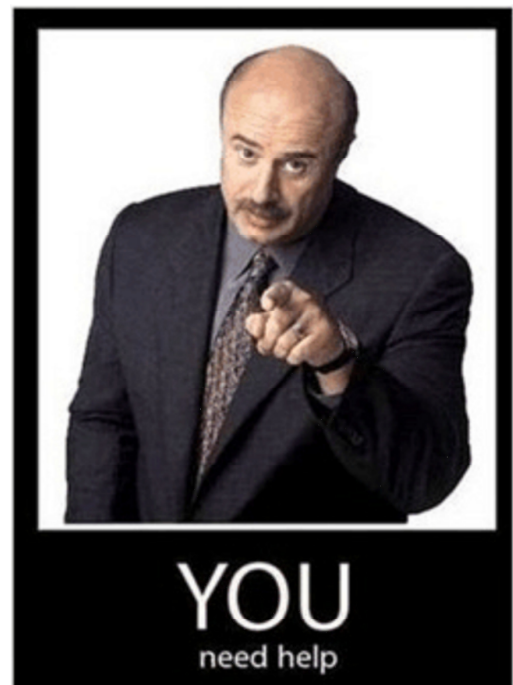
It was decided to put this newsletter out by email and also in a PDF program. The reason is most Prophets have use of a computer. Now do not get upset if you don't because this is how we will be able to get address of those who would like to have the newsletter mail to them. There will be a list at the February Zone Conference that you may be able to sign if you want it snail mailed to you. Right now we have more than 200 email address and I believe that we will be getting more as we go along. This will save us a lot of money.

When we sent out the newsletter by U.S. Mail it cost us over \$300 a mailing and then by using a return address needing it cost us more. Sometimes a Prophet would move or pass away and we were not informed and sometimes we found out the mail carrier would not find the address and send it back. Funny thing was we had sent the newsletter to that address for five years and it was always delivered.

I could not make the Officers meeting because I was being installed as an officer in Eastern Star but reading the Article from the President that Josh Anderson will be taking over the O.G.A. Web Site. I am sure the this officer is more qualified and more up to date on Web Design the old grumpy and I know that he will do a great job for the O.G.A.

Josh may be reached at
apophistoledo@yahoo.com

grumpygone



OHIO GROTTO ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY ZONE CONFERENCE 2013
FEBRUARY 1-2, 2013

Reservation Form – due no later than Jan 25, 2013

Men’s Luncheon at Eagles

___ Turkey Hotshot (\$10.00 ea) \$ _____

___ Beef Hotshot (\$10.00 ea) \$ _____

Ladies Lunch at Ohio Masonic Home (\$12.00 ea) \$ _____

Saturday Dinner and Fun Night at Hotel

Cash Bar & Entertainment By Jim Boedicker*

_____ Buffet (ham & chicken) (\$22.50 ea) \$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ Grotto: _____

Title: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to “Khana Shahar Grotto”. Submit completed form and check to the registration chairman, Marty Trent, 4267 S. Xenia Dr., Enon, OH 45323. If you have any questions, please contact Marty at standrews619@yahoo.com or (937) 864-5603.

OHIO GROTTA ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY ZONE CONFERENCE 2013

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2013

Hotel

Quality Inn Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn Springfield South)
383 E. Leffel Ln, Springfield (at I-70 and Rt. 72)
(937) 323-8631

Contact the hotel direct to make reservations. Make your reservations by January 18, 2013 to guarantee the special rate of \$73.00 per night plus tax.

ZONE CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, February 1, 2013

Hospitality Room Open (at hotel) 3:00pm to 11:00pm

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Registration (at hotel)	8:00am to 10:30am
Board of Governors Mtg (officers and Past Prez's only) (At hotel in hospitality room)	9:00am to 11:00am
Ladies Luncheon at Ohio Masonic Home Community Ctr	11:30am
Registration (at Eagles)	11:00am to 1:00pm
Men's Luncheon (at Eagles – 125 W. Main St.)	11:30am
OGA Business Meeting (at Eagles)	1:00pm to 3:30pm
Social Hour (at hotel)	5:30pm to 6:30pm
Dinner and Fun Night (at hotel)	6:30pm to ???

Cash bar and entertainment by JIM BOEDICKER. In this age of high tech music, it's sometimes nice to know that someone can still make music "the old fashioned way." Jim's unique "finger style" guitar playing appeals to a wide range of audiences. His repertoire includes many humorous songs, occasionally some trick guitar work, standards, and serious songs that can speak to and stay with you. He has performed all over the southwest Ohio area in many different venues and is always a crowd pleaser!

