

# Mohassan Grotto BOOSTER

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**Second Wednesday of each month Social 5:30 pm - Dinner 6 pm - Meeting 7 pm**



**MONARCH  
Sam Burnett**

Dear Prophets and Ladies,

Hope everyone is enjoying the Spring Season that has finally arrived. Flowers are starting to bloom, trees are getting their leaves, and the birds are singing. When you talk about Spring you cannot forget about baseball and other outdoor activities starting.



Since the last publication of the Mohassan Booster your Monarch and Past Monarch Tom Hodges attended the Midwest Grotto Association Spring Meeting in Indianapolis, IN hosted by Sahara Grotto. On the first night (Friday, March 28th) during hospitality we were able to rekindle friendship and create new ones through the fellowship.

It was followed by a nice, delicious spaghetti and stuffed shells dinner by the members of Sahara Grotto. On Saturday was the business meeting where we discussed on changing the Midwest Grotto Association By-Laws to remove the 3rd Vice President from line and move the responsibility of the 3rd Vice President to the 2nd Vice President. This change will be voted on during the 78th Annual Midwest Grotto Association Convention (September 24-28). There was also discussion of changing the Convention from four days down to three days, this will be voted on during the September convention. During the business meeting it was mentioned that the following Grottos will be celebrating their 100th anniversary; Gao Grotto (Danville, IL), Merou Grotto (Lafayette, IN), and No-Ruz Grotto (Evansville, IN). Business session finished that night after a Ribeye, Chicken Dinner served at the Sahara Grotto with a night

of more fellowship in the hospitality room.

For our April meeting, we just had enough Prophets in attendance to have a meeting. During the meeting we held a special election to fill the Chief Justice vacancy. The Prophets elected our Master of Ceremony Chris Soebbing to move up to the Chief Justice position and elected Prophet Mike Botts as the Master of Ceremony.

With warm weather around the corner, we are looking at setting a possible date to attend a River Bandits game, more information forth coming. With the short meeting we still had a good night of fellowship.

Our next meeting will be May 14th, the social gathering will begin at 5:30pm, dinner will be served at 6:00pm, and the meeting to follow at 7:00pm. We hope to see you at our next meeting, showing your support for

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your Grotto and having more Good Fellowship. Without you we cannot continue to contribute to our charity efforts through the Enchanted Lantern of helping Kids with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Developmental Challenges, Organ Transplant Children, and Dental Care. If there is something you would like to see changed that is preventing you from attending, please let one of the Officers know.

I am at your service; anyone can contact me at any time. My contact information is listed below.

Fraternally,  
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**CHIEF JUSTICE**  
Chris Soebbing



**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**  
Mike Botts

Greetings Prophets and Ladies,  
At our April stated meeting, a special election was held. I was elected to the office of Chief Justice, while Prophet Mike Botts was elected to Master of Ceremonies. We look forward to serving the Grotto in our new offices.

A reminder that the annual Masonic Family Picnic will be taking place on June 1st, with all Grotto members and their families invited to attend. Please be on the lookout for more details regarding the picnic as we get closer to the event. Also be on the lookout for more information regarding our annual night at the ballpark later this summer.

Wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Ladies in the Grotto family!

Fraternally,  
Chris Soebbing  
Chief Justice  
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I'll have an article for you next month.



At the April 9 Grotto meeting, a special election was held for the offices of Chief Justice and Master of Ceremonies. After the election, Monarch Sam Burnett installed Mike Botts as MC and Chris Soebbing as CJ.



## 2025 BOOSTERS

Sherman Rudnick  
Nancy Rudnick

Bob Smith  
Barb Smith

Roger  
Heesch, PM

Charlie Roenfeldt  
Charlene Roenfeldt

Otto Thiergart  
Lois Thiergart

Monarch Sam  
Burnett

Thomas Hodges  
Mary Hodges



Dear Grotto Ladies,  
Hello!

The Mohassan Grotto meeting was held April 9, 2025 with a meal of pizzas from Little Caesars, ordered and picked up by Chris Soebbing before the Stated Meeting of the Prophets. Thank you, Chris, for taking care of the ordering/delivery. Total attendance was under 15 including 2 ladies.

I hope to see you at the May 14, 2025 Mohassan Grotto meeting.

Monarch Sam Burnett, Past Monarch Thomas Hodges, and I attended the Spring Midwest Grotto Association Business Meeting held at Sahara Grotto, Indianapolis, IN. March 28 – March 30, 2025. We had a lot of fun. The Ladies' activity during the Prophets' Meeting was decorating a heart shaped ring/jewelry dish with little flowers, beads, butterflies, and initials, etc. Mine was not that good but we gals had a great time with a cute, usable keepsake!!! Abbey Neeley, First Lady of Midwest Grotto President Mike Neeley, did a wonderful job of getting

items to put in the resin.

Please note that the Spring Illinois Grotto Association Meeting will be held April 25 and 26, 2025 in Joliet, IL.

Mohassan Grotto Past Monarch Brice Chapman is on that Officer Line. Tom and I are unable to attend this Meeting.

Upcoming dates:

- May 14, 2025:  
Mohassan Stated Meeting
- April 25 – April 26, 2025: Spring Illinois Grotto Association Meeting, Joliet, IL.
- June 8 - June 15, 2025: 135th Annual Supreme Council Session, Columbus, North Worthington, Ohio

As always, contact me with any questions or comments about our Mohassan Grotto, the Illinois State Grotto Association, the Midwest Grotto Association, and/or the Supreme Council. I will try to find answers to your inquiry.

Please come and enjoy the meal and fellowship on May 14, 2025.

Best regards,  
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## MAY CALENDAR

14<sup>TH</sup> - Grotto Meeting

19<sup>TH</sup> - Booster Deadline

Prophets and Ladies,

Did you know that Norm Peters compiled a history of the first 100 years of Mohassan Grotto? It covers the start of the first Grotto west of the Mississippi on November 25, 1907, when a meeting was held to obligate seven local men as Prophets. At this same meeting, the name "Mohassan" was adopted. Mohassan was an aged guardian of the Rightful Prince of Ormus, and he raised the Prince from infancy on the banks of the River Amoo in Persia. These new Prophets then petitioned the Supreme Council to operate under dispensation.

On February 26, 1908, a class of 65 candidates was obligated, and Mohassan received its charter on July 8, 1908. We received the 24th charter in the Realm. However, two earlier Grottoes had relinquished their charters, so we became the 22nd active Grotto. Louis Gates served as Monarch while under dispensation, and he was succeeded by Louis Block.

The first home of Mohassan Grotto was in the Masonic Temple at the north-east corner of Third and Main Streets. At the Supreme Council Convention on October 20, 1903, the Black Fez was adopted as the official headgear of the Realm. The

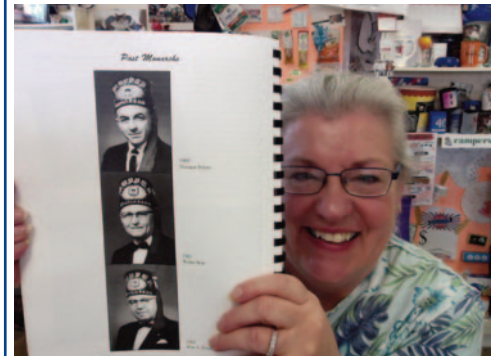
Purple Fez is reserved for Grand Line Officers of the Supreme Council.

There are four different colors of tassels: Red tassels for Grotto members and officers, except for the Monarch and Past Monarchs who wear purple tassels; silver tassels for elected and appointed Grand Line Officers, except for the Grand Monarch and Past Grand Monarchs who wear gold tassels.

The first issue of the Mohassan Grotto Booster was January 1928. And now you know!

Fraternally,  
Dennis Soebbing, Chaplain

P.S. It must be noted that Sue Grant at Minuteman Press was indispensable to the publication of the 100 Year Anniversary Book, and remains so with our monthly Boosters!



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