

Presentation of the Sheik of Ubar

Monarch: The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm was established to promote sympathy and good fellowship amongst its members. As we gather as Prophets of the Realm, we naturally begin to recognize those among us who provide service and leadership, above and beyond the call of their station. As in all organizations, this service should be recognized. For that reason, we gather now to present the newest Sheik of Ubar.

In ancient times, Sheiks served as advisors and aides to the rulers of the land and provided spiritual guidance and assistance to the common man. While a kingdom may be governed by Monarch, it was the Sheik that the average man followed in times of trouble. Now, just as then, groups have spiritual leaders – but not in a religious sense. Rather, those persons who, while not installed in a position of authority, have taken up the mantle of leader and advisor to all. These men are the modern day Sheiks. They provide council and assistance to all persons, in no attempt to gain glory for themselves. Instead, they only seek to ensure stability and longevity for the masses.

Today, we create a Sheik of Ubar, recognizing one Prophet's dedication and zeal for our Grotto. The title of Sheik is only bestowed once each year, marking the recipient now and forever as one deserving of honor and respect.

Prophet Marshal, you will summon the one to be honored and present him to the rulers of this Realm.

(Marshal retrieves the designated Prophet, escorting him to the foot of the three principle offers.)

Marshal: Prophet Monarch, I am pleased to present Prophet _____ who has been designated as a Sheik of Ubar.

Master of Ceremonies: It is indeed a pleasure to greet you at this time. The rulers of this Realm have chosen you for this high honor. As the Master of Ceremonies, it is my duty to bestow upon you the title of Sheik and ensure that you are provided with a special place within our Grotto. You will be recognized in all formal communications as a "Sheik of Ubar," and have your name entered as such upon the roles of the Realm so that future generations may venerate your service and dedication.

Chief Justice: As the Chief of Courts in this land, it is my duty to present you with the official documentation of your elevated status. This award will serve as your commission and acts as an official warrant of your station. It reads (*reads plaque*). While you may feel your actions don't justify such an honor, our

judgment will stand the test of time, as your deeds reverberate through the histories of this kingdom.

Monarch: No honor is truly such without a distinctive and physical reminder of the elevated status bestowed. It is therefore my duty, as Monarch of this Grotto, to present to you the emblem of a Sheik of Ubar. It is composed of the traditional emblem of the Grotto, suspended from a black neck ribbon. The seal is rendered on a starburst, symbolizing the light you have brought to those you have advised. Resting upon the starburst is the Veiled Prophet Mokanna, shining brilliantly with stones of white and red (*or purple*), the traditional colors of a Prophet (*or Past Monarch.*) This is suspended from a black ribbon, symbolizing the darkness and ignorance that you have sought to destroy. You are entitled and encouraged to wear this decoration at all Grotto functions. If you are serving as an officer of this Grotto, you will wear this jewel in place of any other, except when ruling as Monarch.

Prophet _____, we thank you for your service and we are happy to honor you as Sheik of Ubar. Do you have any words?