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**ABBAS GROTTTO**

Monthly Newsletter

**ABBAS GROTTTO M.O.V.P.E.R.**  
*The Fraternity that Friendship Built*

Meeting the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

**AULT'S PARK**  
Home of  
**ABBAS GROTTTO**

1839 1/2 Highview Road  
East Peoria IL 61611



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**PO BOX 2386**  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

**Dear Prophets, Ladies, and Friends of Abbas Grotto,**

**Greetings All!**

**I can't thank everyone who came to the Monarch party enough. What a wonderful time we all had. The band, Decade of Decadence, was outstanding! The word epic was used by many to describe the evening, and I couldn't agree more! Thank you all, again, for sharing the night with me.**

**MONARCH  
JIM CLONINGER**

**SECRETARY  
BOB WHEELER JR, PM  
241 Cracklewood Lane  
E Peoria, IL 61611  
Phone: (309) 369-7357**

**Vaccines are happening and more people are getting out, as was evident at our first fish fry of the year! We sold over 100 pounds of fish (130 meals) in just about an hour and a half! Wow!! Thanks so much to Robert Hunsicker and his crew for all their hard work in making this night a huge success. Well done Robert!**

**TREASURER  
JIM BAINTER, PM  
7704 W. Mohawk Trail  
Peoria IL 61604  
Phone: 697-4636**

**The Grotto clean up day is Saturday, March 27. Please bring your gloves, rakes, and chainsaws and help get our grounds looking good again. We will start at 9:00 a.m. Invite your ladies and families to join us at noon on that day as we celebrate National Grotto Day with food and fellowship.**

**Mark your calendars for our April events which include our Trustee's meeting on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. and our Midwest Grotto Association Spring Meeting on April 9 & 10. Becky and I are excited for all of the fun that Joan and Shannon have planned for us all. I hope this is something many of you are planning on attending! The fish fry is Friday, April 16. Please invite your friends and family and help us keep this popular event going strong.**

**To all of you spring cleaners...the 2nd Annual Grotto Garage Sale is August 26, 27, and 28! Please keep us in mind while cleaning out your garages, houses, attics, and basements. Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors as well. I would be happy to pick up any donations you may have. I can be reached at (309) 219-3005. Our first sale was a huge success. I'm hoping we can do even better this year!**

**Thank you all so much for your support in getting Abbas Grotto back up and running after such a long down time. Please remember that it is available for rentals and please keep attending and spreading the word on our events. Together we will come back stronger than ever!**

**In Sympathy and Good Fellowship,  
Jim Cloninger  
Monarch  
Abbas Grotto**





**Hi Grotto family,**

**It is so nice to be able to get outside and enjoy the weather. I hope everyone is well.**

**The Monarch had a great party a couple weeks ago. It was nice to see the Grotto packed and everyone having a good time. I'm looking forward to more fun times to come.**

**The Supreme Mighty Chosen One will not be doing official visits this year because of the virus. Convention is still scheduled for September in Davenport. She encourages all to have their vaccines by then as we will have close quarters at times. I am looking forward to going and seeing everyone again. Its been over a year since we've been able to get together.**

**Remember meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month. If there are any men whose wife's would be interested in joining our group please contact me. I would be happy to talk with them.**

**As always stay safe and healthy.**

**Sincerely,  
Martha, MCO**



# Abbas News from the Secretary

## April 2021

### 2021 Dues Notice:

The Abbas Grotto 2021 dues notices have been sent out. When returning your dues check, please include the bottom of the dues notice with your phone number and email address so we can update records. Your email address is very important since this is how the Abbas newsletter is sent out. The newsletter is also posted on the Abbas Grotto Website at [www.abbasgrotto.com](http://www.abbasgrotto.com)

2020 was not a good year for Abbas Grotto due to the Covid 19. We were only able to have 5 Fish Fry's and all our other summer fundraisers were canceled. We certainly do appreciate your continued support and are hopefully 2021 will be a much better year for all of us.

### New Prophet Initiation Fee:

Just for information since I seem to get this question often, a new prophet's initiation fee is **\$105.00**. When a petition is read at the stated meeting it must have **\$25.00** with it in order to be read at the meeting. The petition is then held over until the next month's Stated Meeting where it will be voted on. The remaining **\$80.00** must be paid before the new prophet is taken into the Grotto.

Petitions are available at the Grotto or can be printed off the Abbas Grotto website at [www.abbasgrotto.com](http://www.abbasgrotto.com).

### Grotto Rental Prices:

Rental Cost: Per 6 hour block of time **Non-Member - \$500.00 (Grotto Member - \$250.00)** Hourly rate after 6 hour block of time is used \$100.00 per hour...unless previous arrangement\* \*Any special arrangements other than ones listed on the contract must be made through the rental chairman & brought before the board of Trustees of Ault Park Inc. for approval\*. Special request: Cook outside on grill / Cash Bar / Outdoor Bartenders / Outdoor beer permit / etc. Set-up includes, DJs /caterers /decorating, etc., and will be done at a time previously agreed upon - 3 hr. max. (not part of 6 hour rental fee) Members for small groups of less than 50 people can use the Grotto at a discounted price.

### Abbas Grotto Humanitarian Efforts:

In the history of the Grottoes of North America's "Dentistry for Children with Special Needs" program, Abbas Grotto is ranked at #2 with the number of dental cases and over 1 million dollars spent on the cases locally.

### Gate and Door Combination Lock Change

The gate and door combination locks were changed in March of 2021. The combination number is on the back of your 2021 dues card.

### Post Office Box:

Please note the Abbas Grotto PO Box is: P.O. Box 2386, East Peoria, Il 61611

### Drawing at Stated Meeting For Dues Paid Next Year:

At the end of the Stated Meeting each month, a drawing is held and if the Abbas prophet whose name is drawn is in attendance his dues for the next year will be paid.

**March meeting name drawn – Paul Hudson – Not Present**

**Bob Wheeler Jr., PM, Abbas Grotto Secretary**



# SPRING MEETING LADIES OUTING

Please join us Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> for a fun filled afternoon of eating, drinking, sight-seeing, and singing.

**\*11 am meet in the hotel lobby**

**\* 11:15 leave the hotel carpool style**

**\* 11:30 Arrive at Thyme Kitchen and Craft Beer for a delightful, eclectic lunch/brunch**

**Reasonable prices- see [thymepeoria.com](http://thymepeoria.com) for info (736 SW Washington St., Peoria IL 61502)**

After lunch we will have a short drive to the Peoria riverfront where we will start boarding the Spirit of Peoria steamboat for a sight-seeing tour. Tickets can be purchased at the dock \$17 adults & \$15 seniors ([spiritofpeoria.com](http://spiritofpeoria.com) for more info)

**\* 1:30 pm board the Spirit of Peoria**

**\* 2:00 pm departure**

Once boarded we can sit back, relax, enjoy the sights and sounds of Ted Lemar "Piano Player Extraordinaire!!" Concessions available

**\*3:30 pm the boat will return to the dock and we will head back to the hotel to get ready for the evening dinner festivities starting with a social hour at 5:00 pm at Abbas Grotto.**



***IF ANY ABBAS GROTTTO LADIES WOULD LIKE  
TO JOIN THE FUN***

***PLEASE CONTACT JOAN WALDEN by 4/5/2021***

***PHONE: (309) 657-8052***

***EMAIL: [jmwhair1@yahoo.com](mailto:jmwhair1@yahoo.com)***



# Midwest Grotto Association

## Spring Meeting

### April 9 & 10, 2021



Abbas Grotto  
1839 1/2 Highview Road  
East Peoria, IL 61611

## Schedule

### Friday, April 9

- Hospitality at Abbas Grotto 5:00pm
- Pizza will be served at Abbas Grotto  
(donations will be accepted)

### Saturday, April 10

- Ladies Activities with Lunch
- Lunch available at Abbas (\$10.00) 11:30am - 12:30pm
- Business Meeting - 1:00pm
- Social Hour at Abbas - 5:00pm
- 12oz. Ribeye Dinner at Abbas (\$20.00) - 6:00pm
- Good Fellowship - 7:00—???

### Rooms are available at:

Stoney Creek Inn  
101 Mariners Way  
East Peoria, IL 61611  
(800) 659-2220  
(309) 694-1300

Group name is: **Midwest Grotto Association**  
Nightly rate is \$120.00 + tax

**Room Reservations must be made by: 3/31/21**

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## The 74th Annual Midwest Grotto Association Convention will be held

Wednesday, September 29 through Saturday, October 2, 2021 and you can make your hotel reservations now. Convention packets will be available at the spring meeting and will also be mailed to each Grotto. The theme for this years convention will be **"Grotto, where everybody knows your name"**.

!!We look forward to seeing all of you in the spring!!

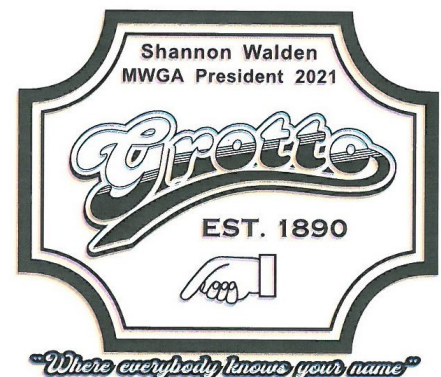
***If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:***

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# HOT WING FRIDAY

All you can eat fries included \$10 per lb



**April 30TH**  
**4:30pm-7:30pm**

**Miller 5 Can**  
**\$10 Buckets**

**ABBAS GROTTO**  
**1839 Highview**  
**East Peoria IL**



Serving till we run out





# Abbas Grotto Fish Fry

## All You Can Eat Fish Dinner

Every 3rd Friday of the month

**\$10.00**



Fish, Baked Beans,  
Coleslaw & French Fries.

Mar 19th  
April 16th  
May 21st  
June 18th  
July 16th  
Aug 20th  
Sept 17th  
Oct 15th  
Nov 19th  
Dec 17th  
Jan 15th

**Kids Meals - Hot Dog or Corndog & Unlimited Fries \$5 each**



OR

**\$5  
EACH**

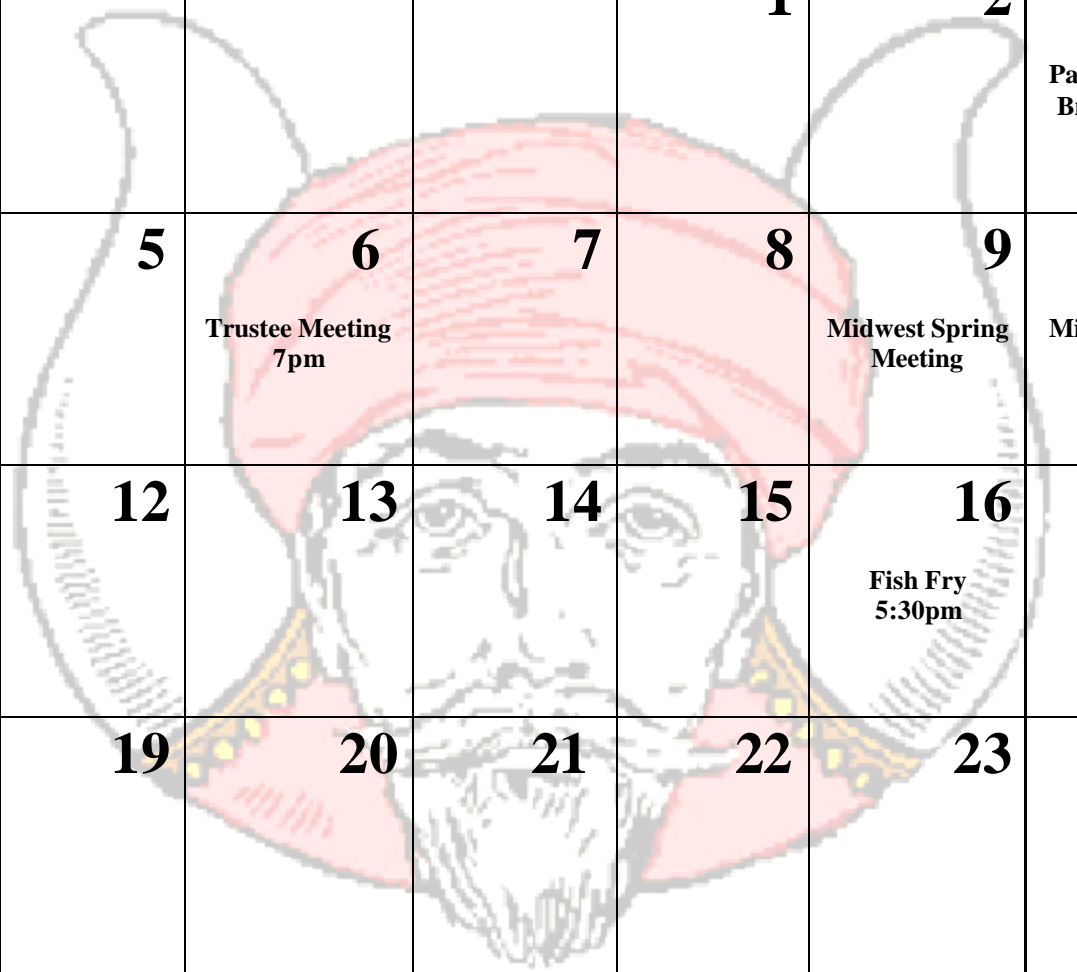


1839 Highview Rd,  
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5:30pm - 7:30pm



# Abbas Grotto April 2021



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Past Monarch's Breakfast 9am
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Trustee Meeting 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Midwest Spring Meeting	<b>10</b> Midwest Spring Meeting
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Fish Fry 5:30pm	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Stated Meeting 7pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hot Wing Friday 4:30pm	