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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 PARK**  
Home of  
**ABBAS GROTTTO**

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## **APRIL 2013 SPECIAL EVENTS**

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Popejoy, Mary Helen	18
2	Wys, Earl	19
6	Rizzo, Ron	22
8	Cusac, Shirley	23
9	Steele, Pam	23
14	Sickles, Joe	26
16	Bishop, Mark	27
16	Hermann, Gary	27

Bishop, Deb	2
Mason, John	6
Hodgson, Kathleen	10
Mankle, Bonnie	17
Bohannon, Brenda	24
Peters, Jack	
Waters, John	
Hagey, Gil	

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2	Larry & Anne Wisenburg
6	Tom & Mary Duncan
10	W.W & Marsha Benson
17	Dick & Maggie Collins
24	Greg & Lavonna Sams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL OF YOU THIS MONTH  
From the Officers and your Friends at ABBAS GROTTTO

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**VISIT THE SICK**

**ATTEND YOUR BLUE LODGE**

**WEAR YOUR FEZ**

**PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS**



# LETTER FROM THE MONARCH

Prophets, Ladies, and friends of Abbas Grotto,

I would like to give a big welcome to our 10 new prophets who joined at our spring ceremonial this past March 16th! We had a great turnout from our Grotto and from other Grottos around the realm. Thank you to all the prophets who took part in the ceremony and to all that helped in the kitchen. It was a lot of work and it couldn't have happened without all of you! The ceremonial is very important and a great opportunity for us to explain what we do at Abbas to our new prophets and welcome them to our organization.

## MONARCH

**SHANNON WALDEN**

826 E. Fairview  
Peoria, IL 61615  
Phone: (309) 657-1962

## CHIEF JUSTICE

**JAMES CORNWELL**

120 Holland Ct.  
Creve Coeur, IL 61610

Congratulations to the Abbas Grotto clowns for a very successful Easter party! I was told the building was packed and the children had a great time. Thank you for all your hard work!

Remember we are in the process of transitioning to an all electronic news-letter with limited mailings. Switching to the e-mail only newsletter will save the grotto a substantial amount of money per year that will be di-verted to other operational costs. See informational bulletin below for further details on how you can continue to receive our newsletter. As always you can get all the information you need about upcoming events and access the newsletter on the web site [www.abbasgrotto.com](http://www.abbasgrotto.com).

On May 4th we have the "keep the lights on" party scheduled. This will be a combination outdoor/indoor event depending on the weather. This party is a fundraiser for the grotto to help offset rising costs and we really need attendance by everyone. We are looking for donations for door prizes or raffle items for the event. If you have anything or may be able to get one of these items for the event we would appreciate it! See informa-tional bulletin below for details about this party and the bags tournament. Hope to see you all there!

As always please come out and support our dinners! Steak dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and fish fry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. Stay tuned for a new raffle idea that will possibly be introduced at our meals. Sounds like a great chance to win big and support our organization!

**SEE YOU AT THE GROTTTO!!**

**Yours in Good Fellowship,**

**Shannon Walden Monarch Abbas Grotto**

## SECRETARY

**TONY LAMBDIN**

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## TREASURER

**JIM BAINTER, PM**

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Peoria IL 61604  
Phone: 697-4636

## PARK RENTALS

**MIKE MALOTT, PM**

6 Hillcrest Court  
Washington, IL 61571  
Phone: (309) 444-2634



Dear Daughters, Prophets, and Friends,

Spring is finally here. It's about time!

At our last stated meeting most of you know the Daughter had our official visit from Supreme Mighty Chosen One Linda Chapman. I want you all to know how very proud I am of all of the daughter, everyone did an excellent job. Thanks so much. Martha thanks for all your help getting the room ready and hauling everything down and back up the stairs. All the dessert and food were wonderful. And Earlene the cast was GREAT.

Earlier this month the Grotto put on their ceremonial, with a dinner and dance afterwards. If you missed it, you missed a great meal and party! It was a very good time! Welcome to the new prophets and their ladies. Ladies if you would like more information about the Daughter of Mokanna please fell free to give me a call (264-3638).

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and are ready to enjoy the up coming activities that the Grotto has to offer.

Hope to see you all soon.

Yours in Friendship,  
MCO Donna



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**QUARTER AUCTION - TUESDAY APRIL 2ND**  
**THIS MONTH ONLY! CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT!**  
To show our appreciation to our loyal customers, we are providing  
complimentary pork chop or hamburger sandwiches  
to everyone in attendance!



**Bring your QUARTERS and plan  
to have FUN!!! FUN!!! FUN!!!**

*At Aults Park, Home of Abbas Grotto  
1839 1/2 Highview Rd, E. Peoria, IL 61611*

**Doors open at 6 pm for previewing of items  
Bidding begins at 6:30 pm**

**Numbered auction paddles \$1 each at door.**

**Raffles & Door Prizes !!**  
**FLAT SCREEN HDTV THIS MONTH**



**PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR CHARITY!**



## **ABBAS GROTTTO "KEEP THE LIGHTS" ON PARTY**

**When: Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 3pm till 10pm**

**Where: Abbas Grotto 1839 ½ Highview Rd., East Peoria**

**What: Food, Bags tourney, Kids (of all ages) Games, Trivia Game, Raffles, Door prizes, lots of fun!!**

**Why: To have fun and fellowship and support Abbas Grotto operational costs**

**Abbas Grotto is a Masonic group based in East Peoria, IL founded on fellowship and sympathy. We support the Humanitarian Foundation of the Grottos of North America in providing dental care for special needs children who otherwise might go without. For more information about us and what we do check out [www.abbasgrotto.com](http://www.abbasgrotto.com)**



## ABBAS GROTTO "KEEP THE LIGHTS ON" BAGS TOURNAMENT

When: Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 3pm

Where: Aults Park (Home of Abbas Grotto) 1839 ½ Highview rd., East Peoria, IL

**\*\*Directions\*\* Go up Centennial drive towards the ICC campus. Right at the lights which is Highview road. Aults Park is ¼ mile down on the right across from Rosewood nursing home.**

Why: To support Abbas Grotto operational costs

Details: \$20 team entry fee.

\*Double elimination round robin style tournament.

\*Half of money brought in will be divided up for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize teams.

\* contact **Rick Gibson at 264-1404** or **Jim Cloninger at 219-3005** to reserve a spot  
you can also email your information to **rickgibson1165@yahoo.com**

Food and ice cold beverages will be available at an additional cost along with raffles and kids games.

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### HELP NEEDED!

**Please contact your employers or friends and see if they will be willing to be a sponsor on the golf outing t-shirt. I have extended the deadline until April 21st 2013. We have a few but need more to cover the expenses. Businesses are more likely to respond if it's from someone they know instead of a stranger calling them. Thanks everyone!**

**Fraternally Yours,  
Martha Presley**

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



Dear Community Friends and Neighbors,

You may not have heard of us, but we are a local organization called Abbas Grotto. We are a branch of Masonry, and our objective is to raise money for special needs children for dentistry. WE support local children as well as national.

My name is Martha Presley, and I am the chairman for fundraising. WE are looking for some local businesses to be a sponsor in supporting our cause. Every year we have an Annual Golf Outing. This year's golf outing will be held on June 15, 2013. WE are in need of sponsors for our t-shirts. WE are asking for a gold sponsorship, which is \$200.00. Your name will be on the back of the t-shirt in large print.

If that is not feasible, please consider the silver sponsorship for \$100.00. Your name will still be on the back of the t-shirt but in smaller print. Please return the form by April 7th so we have time to get the shirts made. WE appreciate all the help that our community has presented in the past, and look forward to hearing from you soon. Please contact me at (309) 231-8053, martha.presley@ahom.com, or Jim Bainter (309) 208-5246, jlbainter@heart.net.

Thank you so much,  
Martha

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Please return this form with a check made payable to Abbas Grotto.

**Gold Sponsor**

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

**Silver Sponsor**

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_



**BACK SIDE**



**FRONT SIDE**

# **URGENT!!**

## **YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS NECESSARY!!!**

Due to rising costs Abbas Grotto will be transitioning to a primarily electronic newsletter. It will be delivered in e-mail form to you if you want it and also will be available for access via the web site [www.abbasgrotto.com](http://www.abbasgrotto.com). A copy of the newsletter will also be posted on the bulletin board at the grotto for your convenience. This transition was decided in the last monthly meeting and will save the grotto thousands of dollars over the years.

If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail please get your e-mail address to Fred Dawson ASAP at [dawsofj@gmail.com](mailto:dawsofj@gmail.com)

If you already receive the newsletter in e-mail form you will continue to get it but we ask that you verify your e-mail address with us.

If you have no possible way to receive the newsletter via e-mail or the web site we will provide you with an abbreviated mailing of the newsletter. This will only have limited information and the monthly calendar. Because of the cost and time associated with providing this we ask that you only request this abbreviated newsletter if you have absolutely no other way of receiving/obtaining the newsletter electronically.

If you wish to receive this abbreviated version call 309-657-1962 to provide a mailing address. Again, please do this only if you have no way to get the newsletter electronically.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this issue.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Grotto for one of our dinners or events!!!

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## **CLOWN NEWS**



**Hello Everyone,**

**I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. The Grotto Easter Party was a big success. We had lots of new people and kids, which is great to see.**

**I would like to thank everyone that helped with the party. It was a lot of work and I heard many compliments from people.**

**I would especially like to thank everyone that jumped in and started cleaning up without being asked. It made cleanup so fast, it was done before I knew it. Also a big thank you to our resident photographer Sam Pool. She brought all the decorations and took all the pictures of the kids. It was a great back ground. Thanks again everyone.**

**The next meeting will be april 14<sup>th</sup> at the Grotto. We have a few things to discuss about upcoming events.**

**Thanks again  
Martha (Flutterby)**

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

## ABBAS Grotto / Humanitarian Foundation

Annual Golf Outing Registration Form

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2013

Quail Meadows Golf Club

East Peoria, IL



Entry Fee - \$65.00 per person  
*Club rental available. Soft spikes only!!*

Player 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dinner is included and will be served at Abbas Grotto (approximately 1 mile from the golf course) immediately following golf. The meal includes pork chop sandwich, hamburger, and sides. Awards will be presented during dinner.  
(Meal Only Price - \$10.00)*

*This outing is open to anyone that would like to have fun and help special needs children.  
This event will be a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Please be prompt.*

This will be a scramble format: In a scramble, each player tees off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and all players play their second shots from that spot. The better of the second shots is determined, and then all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.

**Make checks payable to:** Abbas Grotto/HF Golf Outing

**Mail form to:**

Abbas Grotto/HF Golf Outing  
Jim Bainter  
7704 West Mohawk Trail  
Peoria, IL 61604  
[jbainter@heart.net](mailto:jbainter@heart.net)  
(309) 208-5246

**Reservation Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**





**4th Annual  
Abbas Grotto/Humanitarian Foundation  
Golf Outing**

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Quail Meadows Golf Course**

2215 Centennial Drive  
East Peoria, IL 61611

***Hole Sponsor Form***

For those new to our golf outing, we welcome you with open arms in our continued efforts to help raise money for our program. We hope you take a moment to learn more about what we do and we encourage you to help us help others in our efforts to provide dental work for special needs children. For our returning sponsors this year, we would like to sincerely thank you for all of your support in previous years with the Abbas Grotto/HF Golf outing. These Golf outings raise funds for special needs children that benefit from our **Humanitarian Foundation**.

Together over the years, we have helped many needy children. Unfortunately, their needs are getting larger and our funds are getting smaller. You have shown great generosity in the past with your donations and we hope you will join our efforts again this year as well

Again this year hole sponsorships are only **\$50.00** per hole. You can pick the hole/holes that you want to sponsor. We will put your name on a sign and place it on the hole/holes you designate.

After golfing, there will be a meal served at the Grotto with award presentations following the meal. Whether you golf or not, if you are a hole sponsor, you are welcome to attend the meal and awards presentations. Just let us know you're coming so we can be sure to have plenty of food and seating. .

Abbas Grotto and the kids **thank you for your support!!!!**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to Appear on Hole Sign(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Holes to be Sponsored (\$50.00 each): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hole Number Sign Preference (1-18 or Any): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: ABBAS Grotto/HF Golf Outing 2013

**Mail Form to: Tony Presley  
414 Marietta  
Peoria Heights, IL 61616**

**Entry Deadline:**

**Sponsor (With Sign) - 5/24/13**

**Sponsor (Without Sign) - 6/15/13**

# Abbas Grotto – April 2013

<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> Charity Quarter Auction 6:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Fire Patrol Steak Dinner 6-8 pm	<b>6</b> Past Monarch's Breakfast 9am  MGA Spring Meeting Indianapolis
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Trustee Meeting 7 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bunco Club 6:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Unit Sunday 1 pm  Convention Meeting following Unit Sunday	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Monarch's Fish Fry 6-8 pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> McCombs Rental	<b>24</b> Stated Meeting 7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Central States Grotto Convention	<b>27</b> Central States Grotto Convention
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				