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ABBAS GROTTO
Monthly Newsletter

ABBAS GROTTO 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 GROTTO

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MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

Dear Prophets, Ladies, and Friends of Abbas Grotto,

There have been a few things happening since my last message in March.

On March 11th, the benefit for Prophet CHRIS REED was held (this event was Put on by the Widows Sons). At this event, there was enough money raised to Get Chris and his family all caught up on their bills, and enough left over to Make sure everything is taken care for the next seven or eight months. Also, the bar took in over \$1000.00, and turned over \$500.00 to the trustees to help pay the bills. If you didn't attend this event, you missed out on a good party. I Have not seen the parking lot so full (all the way out to the gate). Hats off to the Widows Sons, they know how to throw a party.

On March 22nd, we held our Stated meeting. Along with the usually business taken up, we had a vote to sell the property. There was lots of discussion on this topic, both for and against the selling of the property. Both groups gave their reasons for why they were in favor or against. Also, how they felt the results of the vote would affect Abbas Grotto. After discussion on the subject, a vote was taken by paper ballot. The sale Of the property passed (9 for the sale and 8 against the sale). The contract will be signed with Maloof Reality, and the property will be put on the real estate market as a commerial property.

UP COMING EVENTS

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April the 1st has been CANCELLED.

On April 1st the Grotto will hold a cleanup day starting at 9:00 A.M.

April the 8th will be another cleanup day, as previously scheduled. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. For both of these dates, help will be needed and greatly appreciated.

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On April the 15th, The Illinois State Grotto Association will be held at Abbas Grotto. I believe we are going to meet at the club house on Friday the 14th to help setup for this event around 6:00 P.M. On Saturday we will meet at around 9:00 A.M. to get ready for the day. If you have any questions or are available to help with this event PLEASE contact Jim Bainter, as he is coordinating this event. He can use all the help he can get.

On April the 22nd, Abbas Grotto will be hosting a FAMILY FUN DAY. Kid's fun with Princesses and Magicians from 2 to 4. Live music with The River Valley Big Band from 5 to 7, and social dancing inside with YOUNG DANCE INC. FROM 7 to 9. Make sure to bring lawn chairs, as the first two events will be held outside under the pavilion (weather permitting). Don Bell is coordinating this event. You can call Don to find out if he needs any help.

On April the 29th, I was going to try a schedule the Long Ceremonial, but do to a conflict with people's schedules it has been CANCELLED . Some of the members in the cast are not available on that date, so The Ceremonial will be scheduled later in the fall.

Well that about covers it for this month. Remember to attend your Blue Lodge, as well as Grotto meetings, both need all the help they can get. Just being there is helpful.

PROPHETS AND LADIES HAVE A GREAT EASTER WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

**In Sympathy and Good Fellowship,
Bill Mehrhoff
Monarch, Abbas Grotto**



Abbas News from the Secretary

April 2023

2023 Dues Notice:

The Abbas Grotto 2023 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

New Prophet Initiation Fee:

Just for information since I seem to get this question often, a new prophet's initiation fee is **\$110.00**. 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 **\$85.00** must be paid before the new prophet is taken into the Grotto. The annual Abbas dues is \$59.00 if you have purchased an Enchanted Lantern or \$60.00 if you have not.

Petitions are available at the Grotto or can be printed off the Abbas Grotto website at 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 sma ll 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: March 2023

The gate and door combination locks were changes in March 2023. Use the combination number is on the back of your 2023 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 – **Jimmy Cloninger, PM– Present**

Bob Wheeler Jr., PM, Abbas Grotto Secretary

SATURDAY
April 22ND

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EAST PEORIA, IL

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BRING
A
LAWN
CHAIR

WITH THE RIVER VALLEY BIG BAND
AND YOUNG DANCE INC

2-4 PM KIDS FUN WITH
PRINCESSES & MAGICIANS
5-7 PM LIVE MUSIC WITH
THE RIVER VALLEY BIG BAND
7-9 SOCIAL DANCING INSIDE
WITH YOUNG DANCE INC



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Abbas Grotto April 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Cleanup Day Ault's Park 9am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Cleanup Day Ault's Park 9am
9 Happy Easter	10	11	12	13	14 Illinois State Grotto Association Meeting & Convention Ault's Park Setup 6pm	15 Illinois State Grotto Association Meeting & Convention Ault's Park 9am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Family Fun Day Events Start at 2pm Ault's Park
23	24	25	26 Trustee Meeting 6pm Stated Meeting 7pm	27	28	29
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