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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

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DECEMBER 2013 SPECIAL EVENTS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Hermann, Bonnie	23 Bohm, Rick
3 Ashburn, Ed	23 Cook, Bob
4 Bohannon, Richard	23 Martin, Bonnie
7 Tonjes, JoAnne	25 Fischer, Lowell
8 Dawson, Fred	25 Snowden, Kent
8 Davis, Mike	26 Barry, James
14 Duke, Jack	26 Grant, Marlys
15 Wys, Janet	26 Madson, Keith
16 Heubi, Edwin	26 Smith, Thomas
17 Dawson, Pam	27 Bohm, Carlos
20 Bishop, Greg	28 Fisher, Pete
22 Lambdin, Tony	31 Warren, Vickie

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

14 Rusly & Michelle Gunawan
18 Steve & Linda Axelrod
20 Ron & Lori Rizzo
26 John & Karen Walker
29 Jim & Linda Bainter

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

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,
Happy Holidays to each and every one of you!! As the year draws to a close I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful times we have shared and the friendships we have made. It was truly a privilege serving as Monarch this year and I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve. I would especially like to thank all the officers and advisers that helped me throughout the year. Without you all I couldn't have done it, THANK YOU!!

MONARCH

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JAMES CORNWELL

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Creve Coeur, IL 61610

Throughout this year there was one person who I consistently asked for help in planning, preparing, and running all of the events. That person was always there and made the process so very much easier. That person is of course my beautiful wife Joan. Thank you Joan for making this year so much fun!! Without you I certainly couldn't have done it.

I will be passing the gavel to Chief Justice Jim Cornwell in January and I look forward to his year. I ask that you support him and his officers just like you did me. Jim has already showed his dedication to this grotto and I know he will do a great job. Good luck Jim! Joan and I will be there to support you in any way we can.

Speaking of next year, there are still opportunities to be an officer, trustee, or fill one of the many other spots. If you're interested please talk to Dave Rebmann, Bob Pool, or Fred Dawson and get signed up. These positions are a great chance to learn more about the grotto and help to guide it in a positive direction. Several of the spots HAVE to be filled so if you can, PLEASE think about filling one of the spots.

The Abbas Grotto clowns will be hosting their annual Christmas party on Saturday December 14th from 10:30 to 12:30. It's a great time for kids of all ages and I'm told there will even be a visit from old St Nick himself! Make sure to reserve your spot and come out for the fun.

As I say in all my letters please support all Grotto functions! This grotto that I have grown to love is only as strong as its membership and without your support it cannot function. Dinners are on the first and third Friday of the month and I'm sure our new Monarch will have lots of other events scheduled throughout next year. Get involved and you will see how great the grotto experience is!!

SEE YOU AT THE GROTTTO!!

**Yours in Good Fellowship,
Shannon Walden - Monarch, Abbas Grotto**



Hello Again Daughters, Prophets, and Friends,

Surprise it's me again. As most of you already know due to circumstances beyond our control I'm still MCO of Abbas, so here goes my second last newsletter.

First lets all take a moment to count our blessings as none of us were hurt or suffered much damage in the Nov.17th storms. Our hearts and prayers are certainly with those that did.

Our closed installation of 2014 Officers will now be at our Dec. stated meeting Dec.18th. Officers don't forget this is a formal occasion. There will be a practice on Tuesday Dec 10th at 6 pm for all those taking part.

The annual clowns Christmas party it Dec 14th. Please if you are bringing 2 dozen cookies for this try to have them at the Grotto by Friday night. This will really make it easier for Saturday morning preparations.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and wish everyone the best for the rest of the holiday season.

Hope to see you all at one of the meals or at the Grotto installation of Officers in January.

Yours in Friendship,
MCO Donna



NEXT QUARTER AUCTION - TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD
Customer Appreciation night! Buy a paddle, get a sandwich!



**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**



Bidding begins at 6:30 pm
Doors open at 6 pm for previewing of items
Numbered auction paddles \$1 each at door.

Raffles & Door Prizes !!

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR CHARITY!

Christmas

The Abbas Grotto Clowns would like to invite you and your children to their Annual Christmas Party.

**The party will be held December 14, 2013 at Ault's Park,
1839 1/2 Highview Rd, East Peoria, Illinois
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**There will be hot dogs, chips,
A cookie walk,
And a visit from Santa Claus !!!**



**TO R.S.V.P., PLEASE CALL "SASSY"
NANCY REED ASAP
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1**

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- CLOWN NEWS -

Please bring 2-3 dozen cookies to the grotto on Friday night or Saturday morning before 9am so we can get the plates ready for the cookie walk. We are needing dressing clowns if anyone is available, also we are having a couple games and a craft so anyone that can help, you would be greatly appreciated. We will put the tree up and decorate on December 6th if anyone would like to help. Try to be at the party before 10:00. I wish for you to have a very Happy Holiday Season.

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Abbas Grotto – December 2013

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3 Quarter Auction	4	5	6 Abbas Grotto Back Yard Cookout 6-8 pm	7 Past Monarch's Breakfast
8 Unit Sunday 1pm	9 Trustee Meeting 7 pm	10	11 Bunco Club 6:30pm	12	13	14 Annual Christmas Party Ault's Park 10:30 am
15	16	17 DOM Installation Practice 6pm	18 Stated Meeting 7 pm	19	20 Monarch's Fish Fry 5:30-7:30 pm	21
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
29	30	31	Happy New Year!			