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Monthly Newsletter

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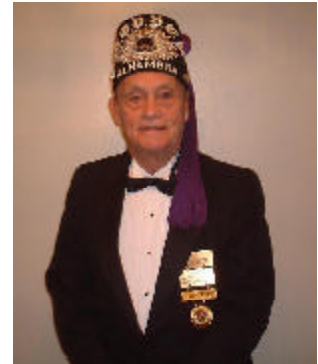


THOUGHTS FROM A GUEST PAST MONARCH

Dear Prophets, Daughters, and Ladies,

This is a true story.....

An old, bearded shepherd, with a crooked staff, walks up to a stone pulpit and says: . . . And lo it came to pass that the trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called Amazon Dot Com. And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far, from town to town, with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)". Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods they had, at the top price, without ever moving from his tent. But his success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches, and the deafening sound of drums, that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land.. And indeed did insist on making drums that would only work if you bought Brother Gates' drumsticks. And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others". And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known, "eBay", he said, "We need a name of a service that reflects what we are", and Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators".



"Whoopee!" said Abraham.

Yours In Good Fellowship,
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Hello Grotto Family,

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe till Christmas, and hopefully this pandemic will be over so we can all spend time with our families.

The December meeting will be on the 3rd Wednesday. The ladies will start at 6:30 with a Christmas meal. Then we will have our meeting, with an ornament exchange afterwards. Unfortunately, there will not be a fish fry in December. Hopefully things will be back to normal in January 2021 so we can get back out and support the Grotto.

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. Have a Merry Christmas everyone!

**Sincerely,
Martha, MCO**



Abbas News from the Secretary

December 2020

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

2020 has not been 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.

December Events Canceled:

Unfortunately, we are going to have to cancel the Children's Christmas Party and the December Fish Fry due to Covid 19 restrictions .

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.

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 2019 and were not changed for 2020. The combination number is on the back of your 2020 dues card.

Post Office Box Change:

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

Unit Meetings

The Fire Patrol", "The Boys Toys" and "The Clowns" units have decided to go back to monthly Unit Meetings on the 2nd Sunday every month at 1:30 p.m.

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.

October meeting name drawn – Don Bell - Present

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

Abbas Grotto December 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Trustee Meeting 7pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Unit Meetings Ault's Park 1:30pm	14	15	16 Stated Meeting 7pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27	28	29	30	31		