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THOUGHTS FROM A GUEST PAST MONARCH



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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 comelywoman, 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,
Bob Spradling
Bob Spradling, PM**

Dear Daughters, Prophets and Friends,

I would like to start by congratulating the new Monarch of Abbas Grotto Don Bell and his new officers. The daughters and I wish you all a great year.

Also I would like to say it was a great party after the installation, great food, games and band.

As some of you know the Daughters of Mokanna at Abbas are having quite a membership problem. With the passing of daughters Wanda Upoff and daughter Becky Reliford we are down to only 7 active members so at this time I would like to extend an invitation to any female interested in getting more information about DOM to please contact me or one of the other daughters to get any of your questions answered. There is now also a web site that can be used by the general public to get information. It sure would be nice to take in some new members.

As always please try to come out to the Grotto for their wonderful Fish dinner on the third Friday of every month This months is the 15. And our next stated meeting is the 27. Hope to see you there.

**Yours in Friendship,
Donna Harris
MCO**



Abbas News from the Secretary

February 2019

2019 Dues Notice:

The Abbas Grotto 2019 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

Spring Ceremonial - March 23, (National Grotto Day):

The Abbas Grotto Spring Ceremonial will be on Saturday, March 23. Anyone interested in take a part in the ceremonial please contact us. If you know anyone that would like to become a Grotto prophet, please get their petition to us soon. New prophet information is listed below.

New Prophet Initiation Fee:

Just for information since I seem to get this question often, a new prophet's initiation fee is **\$90.00**. When a petition is read at the stated meeting it has to 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 **\$65.00** 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.

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 will be changed in March of 2019. The combination number is on the back of your 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.

\$75/\$25 Drawing Winner: (Monthly winner of the \$75.00 and \$25.00 drawing at the Fish Fry).

December Winners \$75.00 – Chad Lockhart \$25.00 – Lori Hagey

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.

December meeting name drawn – Scott Harvey - Not Present

Bob Wheeler Jr., PM, PP
Abbas Grotto Secretary

Abbas Grotto February 2019

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