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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**

1839 1/2 Highview Road  
East Peoria IL 61611



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# MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

**Dear Prophets, Ladies, and Friends of Abbas Grotto,**

**Greetings All!**

**I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying your summer! Covid is thankfully fading, and life is back to normal for the most part. June's fish fry was well done. We served around 106 meals and a good time was had by all.**

**Our up coming events include the River City Street Rods - June 27th, Trustees Meeting - July 6th, Fish Fry - July 16th, and our Chief Justice's wedding on Saturday, July 24th.**

**I remind all Brothers that we are dark for the month of July so we will not have a Stated Meeting in July.**

**I am making a plea to anyone who reads this letter!!! PLEASE help pass the word about our GARAGE SALE for the Grotto. The sale will be August 26, 27, and 28. If you have anything to donate to this event, PLEASE call me, 309-219-3005. I will come get it, or meet you to receive it. If you know of anyone who would like to donate, please give them my number.**

**In closing, I want to remind everyone we host the Midwest Grotto Association Convention this year. September 29th thru October 3rd. Please make arrangements to attend, and give Shannon and Lady Joan our support. Midwest Is The Best!!!!**

**Everyone have a safe and fun 4th of July. God Bless.....**

**In Sympathy and Good Fellowship,  
Jim Cloninger  
Monarch  
Abbas Grotto**



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*Daughters of Mokanna*



**Hello Grotto family,**

**I hope you are all enjoying your summer. I'm sure everyone is having fun vacations, camping, swimming, or just being outside.**

**Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Grotto fish fry, and any other fun activities the Monarch has planned.**

**Thanks to the trustees for all the work they have been doing at the Grotto. The floors are looking nice and the grounds are looking very good. It's a large area to take care of so if anyone can help out it would be appreciated.**

**The car show is Sunday, June 27th, and don't forget to get your donations ready for the garage sale in August.**

**Past Supreme Mighty Chosen One Dorothy Chambers past away June 24th. We will drape the alter in August. Don't forget we are dark in July so the next meeting will be the fourth Wednesday in August.**

**Sincerely,  
Martha, MCO**



# Abbas News from the Secretary

## July 2021

### 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](http://www.abbasgrotto.com)

2020 was not 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.

### 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](http://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 2021. The combination number is on the back of your 2021 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.

**June meeting name drawn – James Warren – Not Present**

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



# Abbas Grotto Fish Fry

## All You Can Eat Fish Dinner

### Every 3rd Friday of the month

**\$10.00**



Fish, Baked Beans,  
Coleslaw & French Fries.

Mar 19th  
April 16th  
May 21st  
June 18th  
July 16th  
Aug 20th  
Sept 17th  
Oct 15th  
Nov 19th  
Dec 17th  
Jan 15th

### Kids Meals - Hot Dog or Corndog & Unlimited Fries \$5 each



OR

**\$5  
EACH**



1839 Highview Rd,  
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5:30pm - 7:30pm

# Abbas Grotto July 2021



<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>	<b>3</b> Past Monarch's Breakfast 9am
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Trustee Meeting 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Fish Fry 5:30pm	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> No Stated Meeting in July	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>