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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**

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!**

**Well, I did it!! As of Friday, May 21, I am officially retired! I don't think it has really settled into my mind yet, but I can tell you I am going to enjoy it!**

**As the summer heats up and things are somewhat normal again, please remember to spread the word on our events at the Grotto, and also pass the word that the Grotto makes a great place to hold special events!**

**Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, we have had to cancel our annual golf outing. I hope that this is an event that we will be able to get back on track next year, as it is always such an enjoyable day.**

**When doing your spring cleaning, please remember that we are now accepting donations for the Grotto yard sale. This event is taking place on August 26, 27, and 28, 2021. Please contact me, (309) 219-3005, and I will arrange a pick up time if you need me to store the items for you. Otherwise, items can be dropped at the Grotto the Monday and Tuesday prior to the sale.**

**I hope you are all doing well and adjusting back to the way things were before COVID took over. Now that things are returning to normal, I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events!**

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



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**Hello Grotto family,**

**I hope you are all well and enjoying the spring weather. You know the month of May means it May be hot it may be cold. It May be raining it May be snowing.**

**Memorial weekend is here and I hope everyone gets to enjoy it whatever you may be doing. Please remember the reason for the holiday. I'm sure we all know someone that served for our freedom.**

**The daughters are needing help! It's very hard to support our Grotto men with just a few people. Let's try to help each other out. Guys, talk to your wife's and see if they would be interested in joining us. Please contact Martha at (309) 231-8053.**

**Congratulations to monarch Jim on his retirement. I'm looking forward to this years activities.**

**Sincerely,  
Martha, MCO**



# Abbas News from the Secretary

## June 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.

**March meeting name drawn – Keith Madson – Not Present**

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

**A huge thank you to Brother Dave Crew for his donation of this bench in memory of his brother and friend Lloyd Johnson.**



**Donated by Brother David Crew M.S.A.  
OTTO'S MONUMENTS**

# 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 June 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> Trustee Meeting 7pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Past Monarch's Breakfast 9am
<b>6</b>	<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>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Fish Fry 5:30pm	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Stated Meeting 7pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> :			