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Monthly Newsletter

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Meeting the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

AULT'S PARK
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ABBAS GROTTO

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MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

Dear Prophets, Ladies, and Friends of Abbas Grotto,

First of all, I would like to welcome Prophet Jack Brecklin and his Lady back from Florida for the summer. Looking forward to seeing Jack around the Grotto and at stated meeting when you can attend.

Well summer is in full swing now, and there are things that need attention, such as mowing, and other things to keep the club house in good order. When a Grotto member rents the Grotto, please be sure to clean up the facility after your event. Garbage emptied, trash to dumpster, new liners place in garbage cans, light and fans off, air or heat turned back to setting it was on when the rental started, tables and bar wiped off, chairs and bar stools back where they were.

About the lawn mowing, we're asking members to volunteer to take care of the mowing and trimming for a week, if it needs done. There will be a list available for members to sign up on or call Shannon Walden, Jim Cloninger, Don Bell, Rick Gibson, Robert Hunsicker, or Jack Brecklin when you can be available and volunteer for a week. THANKS to all who can help. Also while I am on the topic of the grounds, I would like to personally thank Prophets Ken Snowden and Dave Crew for all they have done to help with the grounds. On Easter Sunday Dave came out to the Grotto with his grader and leveled the parking lots out by pushing the white rock around and filling the holes in the parking lot with the white rock as he graded it. Ken Snowden saw the newsletter last month asking for ten volunteers to come out, and pick up fallen trees, limbs and branches. He also called Jim Bainter and offered to bring his bobcat tractor out to remove all the downed trees, limbs and branches. Prophets, it is very important that we keep the grounds and club house looking good, especially with the property on the market, as we never know when a realtor will get a call to show the property. As of now, the property has only been shown once. No report back on that showing to date.

Not a lot of business to deal with at stated meeting. We talked about the upcoming Supreme Council Meeting to be held on June 26th- July 1st in Pittsburgh, PA. Abbas Grotto will be represented by PGM Bob Pool, PGM Dave Rebmann, and P.M. Jim Bainter along with their Ladies. They will be hosting a hospitality room at the Convention.

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Also at this meeting it was announced that Prophet Robert Mutters had passed to the Grand Lodge above. Also announced that Bob Wheeler Jr had a medical procedure the week of the stated meeting. He was at the meeting, and said that he was doing fine. Also, Dave Redmann was having some medical difficulties, but they were under control. On May 25th , Shannon Walden had a hip replacement procedure, and I was told that he is recovering well.

This past month we had two rentals. May 20th for the celebration of a relative of an Abbas member graduating from Nurse's Training. The May 27th rental was a celebration for a relative of an Abbas member graduating from High School. The next scheduled rental is the annual Car Show held at Ault Park every year.

Our next stated meeting will be on June 28th , with the trustees meeting at 6pm and the Grotto meeting at 7pm. Hope to see a lot of Prophets there. We will have no meetings in July (trustee or Grotto), as we are always dark in July.

Would like to wish everyone a GREAT MEMORIAL DAY weekend. If traveling, take your time be safe. Also, to all the Prophets who are Fathers, A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. I will be gone starting on June 1st thru around June 4th. I am going to the Grand Lodge Meeting in Wisconsin. I will have my phone and laptop with me if anyone needs to get in touch with me. Until Next Month.

**In Sympathy and Good Fellowship,
Bill Mehrhoff
Monarch, Abbas Grotto**





Dear Daughters. Prophets, and friends,

Hi Everyone,

How is everything going with everyone? We have had a beautiful spring and I have been really enjoying it.

The May meeting was held in Davenport along with Mohassan Daughters for our Official Supreme Visit. Unfortunately we had to come up a day early to attend the funeral of Bill Kranz, the husband of PSMCO Karen Kranz. It was a lovely service with a motorcycle patrol and veteran service and Masonic rights were given. It was a different style than I have seen done in Peoria.

We will be back on schedule in June for our regular 4th Wednesday meeting.

I hope everyone is doing well and hope to see you soon.

**Yours In Friendship,
Martha Presley, MCO**



Abbas News from the Secretary

June 2023

2023 Dues Notice:

The Abbas Grotto 2023 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

New Prophet Initiation Fee:

Just for information since I seem to get this question often, a new prophet's initiation fee is **\$110.00**. 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 **\$85.00** must be paid before the new prophet is taken into the Grotto. The annual Abbas dues is \$59.00 if you have purchased an Enchanted Lantern or \$60.00 if you have not.

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: March 2023

The gate and door combination locks have been changed. Use the combination number on the back of your 2023 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 – **Jason Wood – Not Present**

Bob Wheeler Jr., PM, Abbas Grotto Secretary

Abbas Grotto June 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Happy Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Trustee Meeting 6pm Stated Meeting 7pm	29	30	

