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Monthly Newsletter



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The Fraternity that Friendship Built

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MARCH 2013 SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Anderson, Skip	16	Martin, Dick
1	Case, Jon	16	Risinger, Sandy
4	Therry, Emily	18	Davis, Ken
3	Snow, Janie	18	Shaw, Dale
8	Pawlow, Carl	24	Brenenstall, Randy
8	Pullium, Larry	24	Crebo, Allen
13	Rentsch, Elmer	29	Dorris, Billy
15	Rebmann, Liz		

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

17	Dawson, Fred & Pam
26	Bohannon, Richard & Brenda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL OF YOU THIS MONTH
From the Officers and your Friends at ABBAS GROTTTO

VISIT THE SICK

ATTEND YOUR BLUE LODGE

WEAR YOUR FEZ

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS



LETTER FROM THE MONARCH

Prophets, Ladies, and friends of Abbas Grotto,

It's almost time to say **GOOD BYE** to winter and **HELLO** to spring! We have a lot going on in the months to come and I hope with the warmer weather I get the opportunity to see some of you that I have not seen in awhile!

March 10th we will have the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner please come out and enjoy a great meal prepared by Prophets Harry Hodges and Joe Sickles! See informational bulletin further down in the newsletter.

On March 16th we have our spring ceremonial. The Grand Master of Illinois Terry Steward will be participating in the ceremonial along with several of our new prophets and prophets from other Grottos around the realm. This is a great opportunity to come out and welcome new prophets into our organization and enjoy fun and fellowship. Please see the informational bulletin further down in the newsletter. I hope to see all of you for this very important event!

I would like to encourage all of you to support our Grotto's dinners or events. Our Grotto like many organizations has been hit by rising costs and a stagnant economy. We need everyone to support our dinners and events to help us do what we do.

We will be looking at ways to cut costs and raise money in the future and we encourage any input you may have. This newsletter is one huge cost to the Grotto. We are in the process of transitioning to an all electronic newsletter with limited mailings. Switching to the e-mail only newsletter will save the grotto a substantial amount of money per year that will be diverted to other operational costs. See informational bulletin below for further details on how you can continue to receive our newsletter. As always you can get all the information you need about upcoming events and access the newsletter on the web site www.abbasgrotto.com.

In May, we have the "keep the lights on" party scheduled. This will be a combination outdoor/indoor event depending on the weather. This party is a fundraiser for the grotto to help offset rising costs and we really need attendance by everyone. We are looking for donations for door prizes or raffle items for the event. If you have anything or may be able to get one of these items for the event we would appreciate it!

I may sound like a broken record but I would like to again encourage all of you to attend our dinners. Steak dinner is the first Friday and the fish fry is the 3rd Friday. Please come out and support our organization!

SEE YOU AT THE GROTTTO!!

Yours in Good Fellowship,
Shannon Walden Monarch Abbas Grotto



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Dear Daughters, Prophets, and Friends,

Well another month is gone already. March has a lot of exciting things going on at the Grotto. Not only do we have our usual Steak dinner and Fish Fry, but the Grotto will be having their Ceremonial March 16 with dinner and dancing after and the clowns will be having their Easter party on the 23. (If you haven't made reservations for your kids or grandkids please contact Nancy Reed or Martha Presley to do so). And of course we can't forget the official visit for the Caldron is March 27.

Yes it is early this year, and like always we will be putting on our ceremonial skit. I know we have a lot of members that are not active during the year. This is a great time to come out and take part. We have tons of fun doing this and could use some extra help. If you are interested in taking a part in the skit please call Earlene Dawson as she is once again our directress. There is practice for our ceremonial Monday the 11th and the 18th at 6:30. Please, please, please attend these practices, they are very important as we do have several new members that need our help this years.

Girls don't forget the Clowns need 3 dozen cookies for the Easter party, they can be dropped off at the Grotto the night of the 22nd as we will be decorating that night, or at Martha's house. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.

Lets all get out for one or both of the Grotto meals. The Grotto relays on the support of it members, besides the meals are pretty great. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Friendship,
MCO Donna



QUARTER AUCTION - TUESDAY MARCH 5TH

Bring your **QUARTERS** and plan
to have **FUN!!! FUN!!! FUN!!!**



*At Aults Park, Home of Abbas Grotto
1839 1/2 Highview Rd, E. Peoria, IL 61611*

Doors open at 6 pm for previewing of items

Bidding begins at 6:30 pm

Multiple Vendors! \$1 Margaritas!

Numbered auction paddles \$1 each at door.



Come Hungry! Food & beverage available for purchase!

Raffles & Door Prizes !!

FLAT SCREEN HDTV THIS MONTH

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR CHARITY!

**Abbas Grotto 2013 Spring Ceremonial
GRAND MASTER'S CLASS
Saturday March 16, 2013**



Ceremonial (Prophets only): 2:00pm

**Dinner/Entertainment
(everyone welcome): starting at 6:00pm**

Please join us at Abbas for our spring ceremonial. This is a very special ceremonial because the Grand Master of Illinois, Terry Seward, is participating! Any Grotto around the realm with Prophets wishing to attend or participate in this ceremonial let us know.

**Abbas Grotto is located at:
1839 ½ Highview Rd. East Peoria, Il 61611**

**Any questions or to reserve a spot for attendance or participation call:
Past Monarch Bob Pool, (309) 339-9669, or email him at alpha1425@comcast.net.**

****ERIN GO BRAGH****

**Come join us at Abbas for our traditional Irish corned beef and
cabbage dinner!**

**Prophets Harry Hodges and Joe Sickles will be working hard to
make this dinner a success so please come out and enjoy good
food and fellowship.**

Time: 1pm till 4pm ?????

Cost: \$7.00

Hope to see you all there!!



Notice for Convention Meeting



We need your help!!!

Please plan on attending to support Grand Monarch Dave! There will be a convention meeting immediately following Unit Sunday on March 10th. Anyone already involved or interested in helping should plan on attending. We need lots of help, so please don't be shy. The Nashville convention is approaching quickly in July, and will be here before we know it, but with your help, we can prepare for a GREAT convention!

Dear Abbas Grotto Friends,

The grotto has a couple events coming up to raise money and we need everyone's help. The first is the "Keep the Lights on Party", and the second is the Annual Golf Outing.

The Keep the Lights on Party is exactly that; we need to raise funds to keep our doors open. A big party is planned with food, games for kids, a silent auction, and much more. This is where you can help. We are needing donations for the silent auction. Everyone can help some how by donating even just one item. Some suggestions are wine or alcohol, gift cards, make your own basket, anything will help. Perhaps you or a family member sell Tupperware, Avon, jewelry, home interior decorations. Maybe you are just crafty and can donate a quilt or other item. There are many ways to get items and not feel the pain hit your wallet. Menards has rebates all the time. If you buy something and get a rebate use the rebate check to pick something up for the Grotto. How about Kohl's cash, Walgreen reward points, Kmart or Sears reward points? Does your credit card earn reward points? How about that gift card you got for Christmas but haven't used it yet? There are many ways to help.

Secondly is our Annual Golf Outing. We are working on t-shirts for this event, but we need sponsors to help cover the expenses. Please ask your employer to be a sponsor for the Humanitarian Dentistry Program. We are asking for a gold sponsor to donate \$200.00 and a silver sponsor to donate \$100.00. The gold advantage is the sponsor name will be bigger and at the top of the t-shirt. Please see the attached sponsorship form and take it to your employer. We need this by April 7th 2013 so we can get the t-shirts made.

Please send any donations to Martha Presley, Jim Bainter or Shannon Walden. If you leave them at the Grotto just put to my attention on it.

Thanks everyone for everything you do to keep the Grotto a fun and enjoyable place.

**Fraternally Yours,
Martha Presley**

Abbas Grotto
1839 1/2 Highview Road
East Peoria, IL 61611



Dear Community Friends and Neighbors,

You may not have heard of us, but we are a local organization called Abbas Grotto. We are a branch of Masonry, and our objective is to raise money for special needs children for dentistry. WE support local children as well as national.

My name is Martha Presley, and I am the chairman for fundraising. WE are looking for some local businesses to be a sponsor in supporting our cause. Every year we have an Annual Golf Outing. This year's golf outing will be held on June 15, 2013. WE are in need of sponsors for our t-shirts. WE are asking for a gold sponsorship, which is \$200.00. Your name will be on the back of the t-shirt in large print.

If that is not feasible, please consider the silver sponsorship for \$100.00. Your name will still be on the back of the t-shirt but in smaller print. Please return the form by April 7th so we have time to get the shirts made. WE appreciate all the help that our community has presented in the past, and look forward to hearing from you soon. Please contact me at (309) 231-8053, martha.presley@ahom.com, or Jim Bainter (309) 208-5246, jlbainter@heart.net.

Thank you so much,
Martha

Please return this form with a check made payable to Abbas Grotto.

Gold Sponsor

Name of Business _____

Silver Sponsor

Name of Business _____



BACK SIDE



FRONT SIDE

URGENT!!

YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS NECESSARY!!!

Due to rising costs Abbas Grotto will be transitioning to a primarily electronic newsletter. It will be delivered in e-mail form to you if you want it and also will be available for access via the web site www.abbasgrotto.com. A copy of the newsletter will also be posted on the bulletin board at the grotto for your convenience. This transition was decided in the last monthly meeting and will save the grotto thousands of dollars over the years.

If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail please get your e-mail address to Fred Dawson ASAP at dawsofj@gmail.com

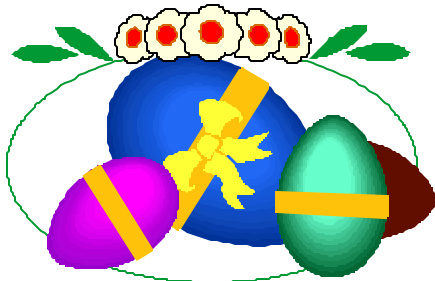
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If you wish to receive this abbreviated version call 309-657-1962 to provide a mailing address. Again, please do this only if you have no way to get the newsletter electronically.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this issue.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Grotto for one of our dinners or events!!!



Happy Easter

**The Abbas Grotto Clowns would like to
invite you and your children to their
Annual Easter Picnic**

**March 23, 2013 at Ault Park,
1839 1/2 Highview Road, East Peoria, Illinois
From 10:30AM - 12:30PM**

**There will be hot dogs & chips, an Easter Egg
Hunt, Cookie Walk, games, and a visit from
“The Easter Bunny”**



**R.S.V.P. to “Sassy”
Nancy Reed by March 9, 2013
nancyreed41@gmail.com
309-444-2770**



We Look Forward to Seeing You !

4th Annual

ABBAS Grotto / Humanitarian Foundation

Annual Golf Outing Registration Form

Saturday, June 15th 2013

Quail Meadows Golf Club

East Peoria, IL



Entry Fee - \$65.00 per person
Club rental available. Soft spikes only!!

Player 1 Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

*Dinner is included and will be served at Abbas Grotto (approximately 1 mile from the golf course) immediately following golf. The meal includes pork chop sandwich, hamburger, and sides. Awards will be presented during dinner.
(Meal Only Price - \$10.00)*

*This outing is open to anyone that would like to have fun and help special needs children.
This event will be a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Please be prompt.*

This will be a scramble format: In a scramble, each player tees off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and all players play their second shots from that spot. The better of the second shots is determined, and then all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.

Make checks payable to: Abbas Grotto/HF Golf Outing

Mail form to:

Abbas Grotto/HF Golf Outing
Jim Bainter
7704 West Mohawk Trail
Peoria, IL 61604
jbainter@heart.net
(309) 208-5246

Reservation Deadline: June 1st 2013



**4th Annual
Abbas Grotto/Humanitarian Foundation
Golf Outing**

Saturday, June 15th 2013

Quail Meadows Golf Course

2215 Centennial Drive
East Peoria, IL 61611

Hole Sponsor Form

For those new to our golf outing, we welcome you with open arms in our continued efforts to help raise money for our program. We hope you take a moment to learn more about what we do and we encourage you to help us help others in our efforts to provide dental work for special needs children. For our returning sponsors this year, we would like to sincerely thank you for all of your support in previous years with the Abbas Grotto/HF Golf outing. These Golf outings raise funds for special needs children that benefit from our **Humanitarian Foundation**.

Together over the years, we have helped many needy children. Unfortunately, their needs are getting larger and our funds are getting smaller. You have shown great generosity in the past with your donations and we hope you will join our efforts again this year as well

Again this year hole sponsorships are only **\$50.00** per hole. You can pick the hole/holes that you want to sponsor. We will put your name on a sign and place it on the hole/holes you designate.

After golfing, there will be a meal served at the Grotto with award presentations following the meal. Whether you golf or not, if you are a hole sponsor, you are welcome to attend the meal and awards presentations. Just let us know you're coming so we can be sure to have plenty of food and seating. .

Abbas Grotto and the kids **thank you for your support!!!!**

Name: _____

Name to Appear on Hole Sign(s): _____

Address: _____

Quantity of Holes to be Sponsored (\$50.00 each): _____

Hole Number Sign Preference (1-18 or Any): _____

Telephone #: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Email Address: _____

Make Checks Payable to: ABBAS Grotto/HF Golf Outing 2013

**Mail Form to: Tony Presley
414 Marietta
Peoria Heights, IL 61616**

Entry Deadline:

Sponsor (With Sign) - 5/24/13

Sponsor (Without Sign) - 6/15/13

Abbas Grotto – March 2013

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2
					Fire Patrol Steak Dinner 6-8 pm	Past Monarch's Breakfast 9am
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Grotto Finance Meeting 7pm	Charity Quarter Auction 6:30pm	Ceremonial Practice 7pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Unit Sunday 1 pm Corned Beef & Cabbage 1 pm Convention Meeting	Trustee Meeting 7 pm DOM Ceremonial Practice 6:30pm		Bunco Club 6:30pm		Monarch's Fish Fry 6-8 pm	Abbas Grotto Grand Master's Class Ceremonial 2pm Dinner 6pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	DOM Ceremonial Practice 6:30pm					Easter Picnic Ault's Park 10:30am- 12:30pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Stated Meeting 7pm DOM Official Visit			
31						