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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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PO BOX 2386
EAST PEORIA IL 61611

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MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

Dear Prophets, Ladies, and Friends of Abbas Grotto,

I want to thank everyone who attended the installation of officers on February 6. It was much different from what we are accustomed to, however a nice evening. I also want to congratulate all of the newly installed officers. I am looking forward to a fun, memorable year with all of you!

Finally!!! It seems that things are starting to settle down and we are able to think about getting back to normal. That means that we will be able to get our monthly fish fry going again, starting on Friday, March 19! I know there are people anxiously awaiting the return of our fish fry so please spread the word.

Joan and Shannon have a great time planned for us at the Spring meeting on April 9 & 10. Please plan on joining in on the fun and showing everyone that Abbas Grotto is the place to be!

I hope you all have your calendars marked for Saturday, March 13, for our 80's party with the band Decade of Decadence! Becky and I are hoping to see you all in your best 80's attire. Let's make this a great party to celebrate the start of my year as Monarch as well as the start of the new year for all of the officers. The party starts at 6 p.m. with appetizers and snack foods and the band will play from 7-11.

Remember that Abbas Grotto is available for rentals!!

Saturday, March 27 will be a clean up day at Abbas Grotto. Bring your chain saws, rakes, work gloves and boots and help get our grounds looking good again. We will start at 9 a.m. That is also National Grotto Day so we will have food, fun, and fellowship starting at noon. Ask your wives to join us as well for the celebration.

With your help and support we can get our Grotto back up and running! I am looking forward to the events listed here as well as many others that we will be doing this year. I hope you will plan on joining in on the fun!!

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



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Abbas News from the Secretary

March 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

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.

Fish Fry To Resume in March

The Abbas Fish Fry will resume on Friday, March 19.

Hilton Lodge Ham & Bean Dinner: March 27

Hilton Lodge Ham & Bean and corn bread supper. It will be on March 27th, serving from 4 P.M. until 7 P.M., but if there are still people coming in after 7:00 they will still have food we will serve them. Price is \$8.00 for all you can eat, children under 12 eat for free.

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.

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 will be changed in March of 2021. The combination number is on the back of your 2021 dues card.

Post Office Box Change:

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.

February meeting name drawn – Jim Bainter, PM – Present

Bob Wheeler Jr., PM, Abbas Grotto Secretary



Midwest Grotto Association

Spring Meeting

April 9 & 10, 2021



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

Schedule

Friday, April 9

- Hospitality at Abbas Grotto 5:00pm
- Pizza will be served at Abbas Grotto
(donations will be accepted)

Saturday, April 10

- Ladies Activities with Lunch
- Lunch available at Abbas (\$10.00) 11:30am - 12:30pm
- Business Meeting - 1:00pm
- Social Hour at Abbas - 5:00pm
- 12oz. Ribeye Dinner at Abbas (\$20.00) - 6:00pm
- Good Fellowship - 7:00—???

Rooms are available at:

Stoney Creek Inn
101 Mariners Way
East Peoria, IL 61611
(800) 659-2220
(309) 694-1300

Group name is: **Midwest Grotto Association**
Nightly rate is \$120.00 + tax

Room Reservations must be made by: 3/31/21

The 74th Annual Midwest Grotto Association Convention will be held

Wednesday, September 29 through Saturday, October 2, 2021 and you can make your hotel reservations now. Convention packets will be available at the spring meeting and will also be mailed to each Grotto. The theme for this years convention will be **"Grotto, where everybody knows your name"**.

!!We look forward to seeing all of you in the spring!!

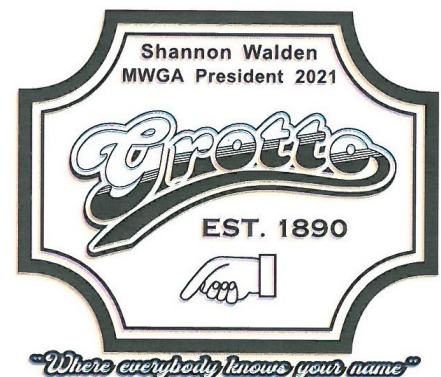
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SPRING MEETING LADIES OUTING

Please join us Saturday April 10th for a fun filled afternoon of eating, drinking, sight-seeing, and singing.

***11 am meet in the hotel lobby**

*** 11:15 leave the hotel carpool style**

*** 11:30 Arrive at Thyme Kitchen and Craft Beer for a delightful, eclectic lunch/brunch**

Reasonable prices- see thymepeoria.com for info (736 SW Washington St., Peoria Il 61502)

After lunch we will have a short drive to the Peoria riverfront where we will start boarding the Spirit of Peoria steamboat for a sight-seeing tour. Tickets can be purchased at the dock \$17 adults & \$15 seniors (spiritofpeoria.com for more info)

*** 1:30 pm board the Spirit of Peoria**

*** 2:00 pm departure**

Once boarded we can sit back, relax, enjoy the sights and sounds of Ted Lemar "Piano Player Extraordinaire!!" Concessions available

***3:30 pm the boat will return to the dock and we will head back to the hotel to get ready for the evening dinner festivities starting with a social hour at 5:00 pm at Abbas Grotto.**



***IF ANY ABBAS GROTTA LADIES WOULD LIKE
TO JOIN THE FUN***

PLEASE CONTACT JOAN WALDEN by 4/5/2021

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HOT WING FRIDAY

All you can eat fries included \$10 per lb



April 30TH
4:30pm-7:30pm

Miller 5 Can
\$10 Buckets

ABBAS GROTTO
1839 Highview
East Peoria IL



Serving till we run out



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,
East Peoria, IL 61611

5:30pm - 7:30pm

March 27th—Abbas Grotto Cleanup & Cookout



Location: 1839 Highview Road, East Peoria, IL

Cleanup from 9 AM—12 PM

Lunch at 12 PM

Come out for 1 or both activities.

Find out more about the Grotto, the history, with ~8 acres of rental opportunities.



Abbas Grotto March 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 Trustee Meeting 7pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Installation Party 6pm
14	15	16	17	18	19 Fish Fry 5:30pm	20
21	22	23	24 Stated Meeting 7pm	25	26	27 Work Party Ault's Park 9am National Grotto Day Celebration 12pm
28	29	26	27	28	29	30
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