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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,**

There is not much to report this month, been kind of quiet. The committee that was appointed to look into selling our property got an appraisal value of \$630,000.00 for our property from Maloof Reality. At our March stated meeting we will be having a vote to accept this appraisal and move forward. If the motion passes, our property will be listed with Maloof and as soon as all the contracts are signed. A **FOR SALE SIGN** will be going up at the entrance to the property. It is hoped that once it sells, we will find a property that we will be able to maintain and afford. Please remember that none of us want to have to do this, but it is all we can do to keep a Grotto in Peoria. Please plan on attending our March stated if possible, and voice your opinion on this.

## **UP COMMING DATES**

As I am witting these comments, some of our officers and Abbas prophets are in Columbia MO. enjoying the Spring Mid-West Grotto Convention.

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have a benefit party for Prophet **CHRIS REED** (he is our current Captain of the Guard) to support his up coming surgery. **The WIDOWS SON ARE IN CHARGE OF THIS EVENT.** We will be at the club house on Friday evening helping the Widow's Son set up for this around 6pm. The event starts at about 5pm on Saturday. There will be food, games of chance, auctions, and all the things that go with a benefit event. Please try and attend and help out a fellow prophet.

On April 1st the Abbas Grotto Clowns will be hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11am. Prophets, please plain on attending, and bring your kids, grand kids, and great grand kids out for a fun day. We will be setting up on Friday night at 6pm.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, we are going to have a clean up day at the Grotto to clean out the upstairs rooms and other areas. Meet at the Grotto at 9am. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

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**On April 15<sup>th</sup>, The Illinois State Grotto Association will hold it's annual meeting at Abbas. We are going to meet at the Club house on Friday evening to start setting up at 6pm, and then again on Saturday morning around 9am to prepare for this event. Prophet Jim Bainter is coordinating this event. Jim can use all the help he can get, so if you can help or have any questions, contact Jim.**

**On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Abbas Grotto is hosting a FAMILY FUN DAY, with Princesses and Magicians from 2 to 4pm. Live Music with THE RIVER VALLEY BIG BAND from 5 to 7pm, and Social Dancing inside with YOUNG DANCE INC. from 7 TO 9pm. Bring lawn chairs, as the first two events will be outside under the pavilion (weather permitting). Don Bell is coordinating this event. I am not sure if we are going to be in charge of setting up for this event are if the people putting it on are going to do the set up. If you have questions please contact Don Bell. I will try and have more information about this event in the April message.**

**That about covers it for this month. Like I said, not much to talk about this month. REMEMBER TO ATTEND YOUR GROTTA, AND ALSO YOUR BLUE LODGES. Most of the local Blue Lodges are also having their own problems with attendance and finances.**

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





**Dear Daughters. Prophets, and friends,**

**Hi everyone,**

**It's almost spring and I'm loving the mild winter we have had so far. I'm sure we'll still get hit with more snow but we've almost made it.**

**The daughters will be meeting on the fourth Wednesday like always. Our May meeting will be combined with Mohassan for our Supreme Official visit. If anyone wants to go with us let me know.**

**It sounds like there are a few new activities lined up at the Grotto. Try to support the Monarch with these plans throughout the year.**

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



## Abbas News from the Secretary

### March 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](http://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](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: March 2023

The gate and door combination locks will change in March 2023. Use the combination number is on the back of your 2022 dues card and in March start using the combination number on 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.

November meeting name drawn – James "Beetle" Bailey – Not Present

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



SATURDAY  
April 22<sup>ND</sup>

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WITH THE RIVER VALLEY BIG BAND  
AND YOUNG DANCE INC

2-4 PM KIDS FUN WITH  
PRINCESSES & MAGICIANS  
5-7 PM LIVE MUSIC WITH  
THE RIVER VALLEY BIG BAND  
7-9 SOCIAL DANCING INSIDE  
WITH YOUNG DANCE INC



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# Abbas Grotto March 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11  Chris Reed Benefit Ault's Park 5pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22  Trustee Meeting 6pm  Stated Meeting 7pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	