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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**  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

**Dear Prophets, Ladies, and Friends of Abbas Grotto,**

**Greetings All!**

**April was a great month of fellowship at the Grotto. It was nice to see so many people attend the Spring Meeting. Shannon and Joan did a wonderful job with this event. The trivia was a nice bonus. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Also, we had a successful fish fry! It's so encouraging to see that people are coming outside again and enjoying themselves.**

**May events include the Trustee's meeting on May 4, the Fish Fry on the 21st, and an open invitation to all to my retirement dinner/open house at the Grotto on Saturday, May 22, from 3-6:30. I will be retiring with 32 years of Federal service. Also, the Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, May 26th.**

**The weather is looking good and I encourage you all to remind your friends and family that the Grotto is available for rental. The grounds and pavilion are perfect for outdoor events!**

**To all golfers, the Grotto Golf Outing is Saturday, June 12. Please mark your calendars for this event. Contact Dustin Brecklin, (309) 370-3301, with questions and to sign up.**

**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 well and enjoying the beautiful weather we are having. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Grotto events!**

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



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**Hello Grotto family,**

**I hope you are all staying safe and healthy, and are getting out and enjoying the spring weather.**

**The daughters went to dinner at Logan's this past week. It was very good and nice to get out and enjoy everyone's company.**

**There should be some fun activities this summer at the Grotto so be sure to mark your calendars. We all want to enjoy the nice weather but we can do so and still support the Grotto.**

**The fish fry is back. It is the 3rd Friday of the month. Come out and enjoy a good meal and visit with friends.**

**Sincerely,  
Martha, MCO**



# Abbas News from the Secretary

## May 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 – Paul Hudson – Not Present**

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

# 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 May 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> Past Monarch's Breakfast 9am
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Trustee Meeting 7pm	<b>5</b>	<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>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Fish Fry 5:30pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Stated Meeting 7pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					