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Monthly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

Dear Prophets, Ladies, and Friends of Abbas Grotto,

In April we had a lot of things scheduled to take place at the Grotto, but Mother Nature was not too cooperative with our scheduling, and had her own ideas, so some of the events we had scheduled had to be cancelled.

The Abbas Clown's Annual Easter Egg Hunt which was going to be on April 1st was cancelled because we didn't have enough people sign up to bring their children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren for the event.

On April 8th we had scheduled a cleanup day to clean the upstairs rooms of the club house. We had a light turn out for this event, and they got done what they could with the prophets present to help.

On April 15th, the Illinois State Grotto Association held their Annual Meeting at Abbas Grotto. This event was planned by PM Jim Bainter. It was very successful with a lot of GOOD HELP from our Prophets and Ladies who pitched in and helped. Revenues from this event was just under \$2000.00. Also, the Illinois State Grotto Association was so impressed with how Abbas hosted this event that they have asked us to host it again next year.

On April 22nd we were going to be hosting a Family Fun Day, with magicians, dance performance, ballroom dancing, and Big Band Music. This event was for the most part to be held outside, but Mother Nature had other ideas, so this event had to be cancelled.

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Now that spring is upon us, it is time to start grass cutting and other thing that need to be taken care of outside. While Jim Bainter was mowing earlier in April, he mowed back as far as he could, and ran into many downed trees and big limbs that need to be cleaned up before the property can be mowed. He reported that we need about ten members to show up on a given date with chain saws if you have one, to help clear the property. He also reported that is probably going to take most of a day to do this. If you can help, please let Jim know when you are available. He can be reached at jbainter@heart.net or (309) 369-5579 so that we can get this done.

Also at our stated meeting for April, Don Bell reported that he had sold our Fire Truck to the Sunnyland Fire Department, and they picked it up that same night. Also at the same meeting we took in one new prophet, Michael McDorman, who brought along a friend, PM John Robbin from another Grotto.

As for the sale of the property, as of the 1st of May, we have had no offers.

Well that is about all I have for this month's message. I don't think I have left anything out, but if I did, I will put it in next month's message.

To all our ladies out there, **HAVE A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**, and to everyone, enjoy your Memorial Day Holiday weekend. If traveling, have a safe trip, and return home safe.

Until Next Month.

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





Dear Daughters. Prophets, and friends,

Hello everyone,

Spring has sprung and everything is in bloom despite our recent snow-falls. It's nice to see all the colors of green. We have had a lot of hail this year. I hope that doesn't mean a stormy summer.

The ladies meeting for May will be on May 31 at Mohassan lodge in Moline Illinois. We are combining with their group for our official Supreme Mighty Chosen One visit. We will not meet at our grotto that month. Please contact me if you would like to go and I can give you details for car pooling.

The Daughters convention is September 12-16 in Skokie Illinois. Save the date. It'll be a fun time.

Remember the Grotto still needs support from all of us. Help out when you can.

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



Abbas News from the Secretary

May 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 is 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.

April meeting name drawn – **Greg Bishop– Not Present**

Bob Wheeler Jr., PM Abbas Grotto Secretary

Abbas Grotto May 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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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Happy Mothers Day | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Trustee Meeting 6pm Stated Meeting 7pm : | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 DOM Meeting at Mohassan Lodge, Moline, IL | | | |