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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

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OCTOBER 2013 SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Case, Laura
4 Madson, Bryan
6 Duncan, Tom
6 Rosine, Gene
7 Pool, Bob
9 Sams, Lavonna
9 Presley, Martha
10 Hammond, Ron
12 Collins, Maggie
12 Reliford, Becky
13 Gregory, Deborah

16 Wisenburg, Larry
18 Reliford, Sonny
18 Barnette, Clarence
20 Boone, Amy
25 Stanley, Lynnette
26 Neal, Greg
29 Herberger, Dale
30 Parker III, Les
30 Sams, Greg
31 Kerr, Mary

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Gene & Ruth Rosine
9 Bobbyjack & Teresa Seitz
26 Ed & JoAnne Tonjes
27 Bob & Karen Wheeler

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



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LETTER FROM THE MONARCH

Prophets, Ladies, and friends of Abbas Grotto,

Happy Fall everyone! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather, I know Joan and I are. Leaves turning, camp fires in the air, good friends and the pigskin being tossed around. It doesn't get any better than that!

When this newsletter comes out a large portion of us will be on our way to Indianapolis for the 66th Annual Midwest Grotto Association Convention. For those that are attending I know good times will be had! For those that are not I will post pictures and try to keep you updated on Facebook. Please think about attending future conventions! Fun, Fellowship, Charity, and sprinkle in an adult beverage or 2 and you have yourself one heck of a great time!

Our Fall ceremonial is set for October 26th at 1pm. This is a prophet's only function as we welcome new members into our organization. Please plan on attending, helping and welcoming new prophets to Abbas!

Vice President of the Fire Patrol "Beetle" is organizing a Fire Patrol Social on October 16th. I am told we will meet at the Grotto at 6 pm then ride the fire truck down to the Silver Bullet in East Peoria for fun and fellowship. This is something the Fire Patrol has done in the past but not for quite a few years. Any Fire Patrol member, possible future member, or supporter interested please come out and join in the fun!

The Boys with Toys are selling raffle tickets for a Bears vs Cowboys game on December 9th, 2013 @ 7:40 pm in Chicago. Tickets are \$5 each and give you 2 separate chances to win 2 tickets and \$200 spending money! Proceeds from the sale of the tickets are split between the Boys with Toys and an operating engineer scholarship. See one of the members of the Boys with Toys for tickets. (Hint! Hint! I'm a member and have tickets) Drawing will be November 1st.

As always please support our Grottos dinners. 1st Friday of the month is the Abbas back yard cookout. It's a great dinner for a great price so check it out! The very popular Abbas fish fry is the 3rd Friday and is a customer favorite. If you haven't made it to this dinner do yourself a favor and try it out. You won't be disappointed.

SEE YOU AT THE GROTTTO!!

Yours in Good Fellowship,

**Shannon Walden
Monarch, Abbas Grotto**



Hello Again Daughters, Prophets, and Friends,

Well Its nearly October so that means time to elect new officers for the caldron. The election will be at our stated meeting Oct. 23rd it would sure be nice to see everyone's smiling faces at the meeting.

September was a very buzzy around the realm. For those that do not know PSMCO Sandy Crawford, PMCO Martha Presley and I just attended Supreme Session in Akron, Ohio. We had a great time Jr. PSMCO Linda Chapman's caldron did a fine job putting on the session. Congratulations to them and Jr PSMCO Linda on a great job. I'd also like to congratulate our new SMCO Sandy Carreras. I'm sure she will do a great job representing the daughters this year. For anyone interested next years session will be 9/9/14-9/15/14 in Tampa, Fl. Room rates are \$89.00.

The Midwest Grotto convention should also be over by the time this is out. I hope everyone that attended had a great time. Congratulations to the new Midwest officers.

On October 13th the daughters are meeting at the grotto at 9:30am to do the Spoon River drive. This is also open to the wives, girlfriends, etc. of any grotto member that would like to join us. The more the merrier. We will be car pooling out. If it rains (haha) we will meet anyway and find something fun to do. Also if there are any suggestion for our next outing please lets hear them.

The daughter will be selling candy and nuts again this year. We will be doing this by taking order instead of buying them outright and selling them. Most of the daughters will have an order form with pictures and prices so please look one of us up for your holiday shopping.

Don't forget to come out for one of the grotto meals the price is right the food is great and the fellowship is the best anywhere.

*Yours in Friendship,
MCO Donna*



NEXT QUARTER AUCTION - TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST

**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**



**Bidding begins at 6:30 pm
Doors open at 6 pm for previewing of items**

Numbered auction paddles \$1 each at door.

Raffles & Door Prizes !!

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR CHARITY!

***** ATTENTION PROPHETS *****

It has been brought to my attention that Supreme council guidelines do not allow alcohol to be present during official meetings. For future stated meetings please leave all adult beverages downstairs. I will ask the Captain of the Guard to remind everyone as they come upstairs.

**Thank you for your cooperation
Shannon Walden Monarch**



Abbas T-shirts on sale for \$10.00

**Available sizes are:
Large, XLarge and 2x**

Contact Martha Presley to get yours today!

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Members of Ault's Park:

The trustees are a group of guys elected by the Grotto to make all the decisions of how to maintain the buildings and property in the Grotto's behalf. The Trustees are a separate corporation from the grotto. This allows them to obtain a liquor and raffle license and pay the bills separately from the grotto. The trustees receive no pay for the thankless job they do, as they spent their time and money to do what others don't. Unfortunately we have a need for a few good men as Mike Malott and Bert Cusac have resigned. Mike did a great job with the rentals but his work schedule conflicted with being rental chairman. Bert Cusac has been a tireless worker taking care of the grounds and many things in-between and has also been a great asset to the Trustees, but has health issues presently.

The trustees would like to thank these people for everything that they have done for us and the next time you see them you should too. The grotto gives us Approximately \$2800.00 a year to keep this club lit and we are currently spending \$32000.00 to keep the lights on. Your dues give the trustees less than \$1800.00 a year, the rest is made over the bar / rentals and a percentage of the dinners. Unfortunately the dinners are performing poorly and so is our percentages. We as trustees have done the best with what we have (thinking out of the box) not just raising dues.

Our steak fries at one time averaged 135 people but attendance dropped to averaging only 40 people.

Our Fish fries were averaging 250 at one time and are coming back but still around 100 people after we got our fish problem corrected.

Unfortunately over the last couple years poor attendance at the steak fry was the cause for its demise, and it has been replaced with a cookout with hotdogs and hamburgers'.

The Boys with Toys holds football raffle where we give 2 tickets & \$200.00 cash to two lucky winners that are available now, and a super bowl party in February.

We have an Abbas Grotto golf outing in June so mark your calendar.

Below are examples (Partial list) of what the trustees have done just recently:

Drainage problem was completed at no charge thanks to Nester Madson a member & Jim Trocker

A new gate was installed with new post (someone drove into it)

Sidewalks Completed

Grotto sign repainted

Floors stripped and waxed 10/2012

Power was ran to gate

Interior and Exterior lights were updated to energy efficient

Exhaust fire protection was updated

Garbage and Grease confine was repaired

Thermostats were updated

Compressor on ac unit closest to the pavilion was replaced

Power box to AC & Heat unit closest to equip shed was replaced

Walk in cooler compressor was rebuilt and power box rewired in compressor shed

Emergency lights were updated

Bar sink and faucet was updated

Hood fire protection was updated twice

Dining room chairs were repaired

New battery in snow plow 2012

Maintenance and improvement fund was set up with the funding coming from the tip Jars at the August 2012 meeting

8/28/2013 we put in a dual cooling unit for the walk in cooler / moved the compressors inside the old liquor room and had ventilation installed in that room. Breakers are switched to excite the other unit.

Before we got that job completed the compressor went out of the beer cooler so we had the box rebuilt with new floor and sliders and a new compressor installed.

The cost was \$8600 for both to be completed.

If you would like to donate your time and expertise, we would like to here from you.

If you have an idea other than raising dues and you would chair it and see it through the trustees would like to here it, otherwise we will be forced to raise dues to cover our shortfall. We were able to keep the dues at \$40.00 for years because events were supported, and due to some creative thinking. We need a few great people who can walk to walk not just talk about it.

**President of the Trustees
Tony Presley**

Abbas Grotto – October 2013

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Quarter Auction	2	3	4 Abbas Grotto Back Yard Cookout 6-8 pm	5 Past Monarch's Breakfast Cancelled
6	7	8	9 Bunco Club 6:30pm	10	11	12
13 Unit Sunday 1pm DOM Spoon River Drive Event Meet at Abbas Grotto 9:30am	14 Trustee Meeting 7 pm	15	16 Fire Patrol Social Meet at Abbas Grotto 6pm	17	18 Monarch's Fish Fry 5:30-7:30 pm	19
20	21	22	23 Stated Meeting 7 pm	24	25	26 Fall Ceremonial Ault's Park 1pm
27	28	29	30 :	31		