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Monthly Newsletter

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The Fraternity that Friendship Built

Meeting the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCH

Dear Prophets, Ladies, and Friends of Abbas Grotto,

Greetings All!

It's hard to believe that it is September already! This year has flown by. I hope you have all had a chance to get out and enjoy doing whatever it is you like to do before the cold weather sets in.

The 2nd annual Grotto Garage Sale just wrapped up and I am proud to say that it was a success. I was amazed again at the generosity of our members and the public who donated items for this sale. It's not too early to start planning for next year, so please keep our sale in mind when you are cleaning closets!

I hope you have all gotten your information sent in for the Midwest Grotto Convention. As they always do, Shannon and Joan have gone above and beyond to create a fun weekend for us all. You will not want to miss it!

Lastly, I would like to put a huge THANK YOU out there to all those who showed up to help make the garage sale a success and who are attending meetings and taking on projects to help make the convention a success. I would also like to ask those of you who haven't been involved to please join us and get involved. There are so many events that we do and so many more we could do if we had the full support of our members. I'd love to see some new faces helping out!

**In Sympathy and Good Fellowship,
Jim Cloninger
Monarch
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Hello Grotto Family,

I hope you are all staying cool. August sure has been a hot one!

The Grotto men sure worked hard on the garage sale. A big thank you to Jim Cloniger . He made several trips picking up stuff, storing it, and then taking it over to the Grotto. Garage sales are a lot of work, and the few people that worked it did a fabulous job.

The Daughters convention is September 15-19. We are looking forward to lots of fun with our friends across the realm.

Any female that is interested in becoming an Abbas daughter, please contact me. We really need some new smiley faces to join our group. We help the men's group with raising money for dentistry for children with special needs. It has been hard the past 2 years to get together and meet new members and their families. I hope to get to know you all better soon.

October is the Midwest convention. It will be in East Peoria this year. Shannon Walden has done a fantastic job as president this year. I'm sure he could use your help at the convention. It is fast approaching and there is still lots to do. Abbas is known as the "fun" grotto and I'm sure we won't disappoint this year either.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

**Sincerely,
Martha, MCO**



Abbas News from the Secretary

September 2021

2nd 2021 Dues Notice:

The Abbas Grotto 2021 2nd 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 **\$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 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

75/25 Drawing Winners:

July: \$75 Tali Atala PGM / \$25 Robert Cook

August: \$75 John Henshilwood / \$25 Tom Jackson

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.

August meeting name drawn – Ed Hubie – 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.

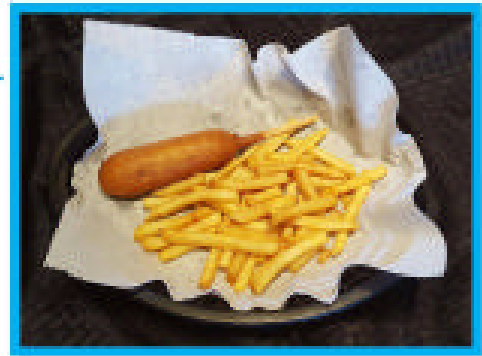
Mar 19th
April 16th
May 21st
June 18th
July 16th
Aug 20th
Sept 17th
Oct 15th
Nov 19th
Dec 17th
Jan 15th

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 September 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 Past Monarch's Breakfast 9am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Convention Meeting 6pm	13	14	15	16	17 Fish Fry 5:30pm	18
19	20	21	22 Stated Meeting 7pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 MGA Convention	30 MGA Convention		