

“Master Masons Night” Support Manual



*Membership Committee
Grottoes of North America*

What is a Master Masons Night?

An event or meeting held by a local grotto where non-prophets are invited and told about the grotto and the benefits of joining.

Supreme Council Support

- *When you submit a pre-event form, the membership committee will review your plan and offer suggestions.*
- *We'll supply materials like "Its Great to be a Grotto Prophet" booklets and Dentistry Brochures.*
- *The membership budget will reimburse 50% of the cost, up to \$100.*
- *We'll be glad to go over your event following completion with you so its even better next year.*

Top 10 reasons to hold a master masons night

- Reason #10 – More people at Supreme Council sessions*
- Reason #9 - More Enchanted Lanterns*
- Reason #8 - Less need of a per-capita increase*
- Reason #7 - More people at Association functions*
- Reason #6 - More volunteers at Special Olympics, CP events, and toothbrush days*
- Reason #5 - Larger units & bigger parades*
- Reason #4 - More prophets at meetings*
- Reason #3 - More potential line officers*
- Reason #2 - Bigger parties*

And the top reason...

Reason #1 = More Prophets = more fun!

Some things a Master Mason Night is NOT (necessarily)

- A night – They can just as easily be a daytime event such as a picnic, boating trip, or other event.*
- Costly – While several Grottoes host a dinner, it need not be expensive.*
- “Guys Only” – Ladies and in some cases children can certainly be included.*

Brainstorming ideas to consider

- *Put date in your yearly calendar from the start*
- *Get all of your members involved*
- *Have some incentive or prize for members who bring a guest*
- *Have greeters at the door to welcome guests*
- *If ladies are invited, have something for them (Flowers, pin etc...)*
- *Have unit heads in uniform if any and describe what their unit does*
- *Keep the “meeting short and to the point*
- *If they are not the guest of a specific prophet, assign one to follow up after the event*
- *Invite your Supreme Council District Deputy to assist in the presentation.*
- *Invite your Grand Lodge Area or District Deputy to attend.*
- *Plan area Blue Lodge visits to coincide with arrival of invitation to those lodges.*
- *Take an ad out in your Grand Lodge publication or area blue lodge newsletter.*

MM Night Timetable

<i>Over 30 days prior</i>	<i>Decide on date, location, and type of event Submit pre-event form to Supreme Council Mail information to area Blue Lodges Mail invitations to all prophets to distribute</i>
<i>30 – 1 day prior</i>	<i>Visit area Blue Lodges Arrange agenda and confirm presenters</i>
<i>3 days prior</i>	<i>Phone reminder calls to those who've RSVP'd</i>
<i>Day of event</i>	<i>HAVE A GREAT TIME!</i>
<i>Within 14 days</i>	<i>Follow up call from an officer or assigned Prophet</i>
<i>Within 30 days</i>	<i>Offer initiation opportunity Top line sponsor call to remind of initiation Submit event final report and copiers of receipts.</i>
<i>Later</i>	<i>Top line signer remind new prophets of first few meetings Greet them when they come out If initiation was short form, get them to a ceremonial Find their interests and steer them to unit/committee Visit those Blue Lodges again</i>

***Grottoes of North America
Master Masons Night
Pre-Event Registration***

Grotto _____ ***City & State*** _____

Date & time of event _____ **@** _____

Location of event _____

Type of event _____

Chairman _____ ***Phone*** _____

Number of masons to be invited _____ ***Number of lodges***

and other bodies promoted to _____

Are ladies to be invited also _____ ***If so, what will there be for***
them to do? _____

Are "Its Great to be a Grotto Prophet" booklets needed? # _____ ***?***

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Final Report***

Grotto _____ City/State _____

Date of event _____ Total Cost (include receipts) \$ _____

Number of prophets attending _____

of Prospects attending ____ # of their ladies _____

Summary of event _____

Were "Its Great to be a Grotto Member" booklets used? _____

of petitions rec'd? ____ Were mentors assigned to follow up? _

Expected initiation date _____ Full or Short Form? _____

Do you consider the event successful? _____ Why/Why Not?

Dear Brother:

As a Master Mason here is a benefit that you may not be aware of:

Everyone is familiar with the blue lodge, this is where you took your three degrees in Masonry, but are you aware that the Grotto is the Master Masons playground? Never heard of it? Well that is because it is the best kept secret in Masonry. Let me tell you a little about the Grotto. The Grottos were created because long ago Master Masons were forbidden to be caught in a Tavern or nightclub where they could let their hair down, so they created Grottos so they could enjoy the finer things in life among friends and Brethren at their own club or (grotto) without restrictions placed on them from the Grand Lodge. The Grotto is therefore not a Masonic organization but an organization made up of Master Masons and their families.

The Grotto is a little different from the blue lodge. We are a family oriented organization where the wife and kids are always welcome. We have our own seven and a half acre park called Ault Park by I.C.C. in East Peoria that every member can use for free. We have a playground for the kids to enjoy. We have monthly Steak fries the first Friday of every month serving from 6-8pm, Hamburger cookouts on the third Friday of every month serving from 6-8pm and Fish fries on the Fourth Friday of every month serving from 6-8pm, and about a Party a month where we have entertainment for you and your wife. We have a Grotto picnic for you and yours to attend every year for free.

We also participate in parades all around the area as we have a 1934 Mack fire truck to ride on in the parades. This fire truck also carries the Grotto clowns who are always a big hit at the parades. We are soon to include a marching drum unit that will join us in the parades.

The Grotto hosts a car show that brings in cars from all around.

The Grotto has a Luau every year that has become a very large event on **August 14th 2004 at 6pm**

The Grotto has a Halloween Party every year where we have hotdogs and more.

The Grotto and Caldron Ladies have a Turkey dinner and a chicken dinner every year that is just like mom makes.

The Grotto also has a Corned beef and Cabbage dinner every year and people say it is the best they ever had!

We have a Christmas parties for the kids every year where Santa Claus always makes an appearance.

We have a Valentines Party with entertainment that you and your significant other can attend.

We also have conventions for the adults to attend and relax, as these events are really fun.

We also host a Past Grand Masters outdoor Third degree that promises to be a big event and you are invited. It will be on **September 11th 2004**

We have Easter parties for the kids every year.

Abbas Grotto also has a club house that can seat 200 people with a beautiful bar that is always open to members and Members can use the facility if they have a family gathering that is too big for their home for free.

The Grotto also does something really great. We support a dentistry program that takes care of children with special needs. Some of these kids couldn't even eat without our help. We do more work for these kids than almost any Grotto in North America and have fun doing it.

Now that I have told you a little about the Grotto maybe you can see why we kept this a secret. The lid is off; we are not going to keep this a secret. We want to see how big we can get!

If this sounds like something that would interest you come out and see us. To find our park you go up Centennial Drive toward ICC. And at the stop light on top of the hill you turn right. Before you get to a right turn in the road you will see a sign that says blind entrance and as you start around the right turn you will see the Ault Park sign. Turn right to a lane that will take you to clubhouse.

Our address is 1839 Highview Rd

East Peoria IL. 61611

On line at: <http://expage.com/abbasonline>

As a Master Mason this is your official invitation to come and see what the Grotto is all about.

Tony Presley, Monarch of Abbas Grotto

e-mail ddgm2e@sbcglobal.net

July 23, 2004

FIELD(field1)

FIELD(field2)

FIELD(field3)

Dear Brother Secretary,

September 24 is Master Masons Night at Baku Grotto. That means that any Master Mason that is not a member of the Grotto and his lady are invited to enjoy our famous 2" Pork Chop dinner with all the trimmings plus some Grotto milk for absolutely nothing. All they have to do is call me for reservations by September 20.

Master Masons that belong to the Grotto can also enjoy this delightful meal for only \$8.00 for himself and \$8.00 for his lady. Bring a non-Grotto Master Mason and both couples dinners are **FREE**. They also need to make reservations by September.

The hospitality begins at 6:00 P.M. with dinner to be served at 7:00 P.M.

We would appreciate it Brother Secretary if you would read this letter at your September stated meeting.

Fraternally,

Ben Peterson, P.M.
BAKU Grotto Secretary
419/756-2510

El Jaala Grotto, MOVPER

presents its annual

Master Masons' Night

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

CLUB CASA

***353 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL
(just north of Golf Road)***

Join us for dinner at 6:30 PM as our guest

Hear about:

- The Master Masons' Playground**
- Golf before meetings**
- The World Famous Black Horse Troop**
- Being television stars**
- The Int'l Champion Masonic Motor Patrol**
- Volunteering at Special Olympics**
- The El Jaala Clowns**
- Our 2nd degree team to help Blue Lodges**
- "Cooks' Night Out"**
- Dentistry for Children with Special Needs**
- Sno-Kones**
- Illinois & Midwest Associations**
- Supreme Council Convention in Memphis**

Program will end by 9:00

Open to the 1st 25 non-prophet Master Masons that RSVP. No obligation to join. However, there will be an opportunity to do so for those that wish to. Petition fee of \$59.95 and \$24.95 dues for the remainder of 2004 must be paid at time of joining.

Visit us at www.mastermason.com/eljaala

RSVP (630) 279-0664

Dear Worshipful Master

The Sem-I-No Grotto invites you, your officers, and all members of your lodge, to our no cost picnic, on Saturday, March 13th. The picnic is at Haverhill Park, 5470 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, beginning at noon. This is 3/10ths of a mile west of Haverhill Road, on the south side of Belvedere Road.

This is our way of introducing you to the fun side of Masonry ala Grotto. Grotto membership consists only of Master Masons. What we offer is good family fellowship, with involvement of our ladies in many of our activities. Our reasonable initiation fees barely covers the cost of a "fez", and the first years dues ."

We do have a "Clown Unit" if you care to participate in that activity. We allow our ladies to join with us in parades and similar type activities when ever we participate. Our main purpose is to promote good famiyy fellowship within the Grotto. One way we do this, is by having informal get together's, picnics and joint socials with adjoining Grottoes.

Come on down and enjoy yourself and be sure to bring your lady too.

If it is not too much trouble I would like a reply of those planning to attend by March 10th so we know how many to prepare for.

Yours Fraternally,

Lenn Tashman,
Monarch, Sem-I-No Grotto
RSVP (561) 964-5686 or e.mail: harlen@bellsouth.net

BAKU GROTTO'S
Famous 2" PORK CHOP DINNER
For Prospective Members

FRIDAY, April 30, 2004

Bring a Master Mason Non-Grotto Member
And both Couples dinners are FREE!

Grotto Members please come out and enjoy yourselves
Cost is \$8.00 per person

Social Hour 6:00 - Dinner 7:00

For reservations call: Ben Peterson 419-756-2510