

77th Annual Midwest Grotto Association Convention

September 25—September 28, 2024

Host: El Jaala Grotto

Chicago, Illinois

Guy Carbona

President

Midwest Grotto Association





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Dear Prophets and Ladies,

The Prophets and Ladies of El Jaala Grotto cordially invite you to attend the 77th Annual Midwest Grotto Association Convention, hosted by El Jaala Grotto.

Included in this Packet you will find:

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| 1. Schedule of Events | 5. Golf Outing Registration Form |
| 2. Pre-Registration Form | 6. Non-Golfers Day Information |
| 3. Housing & Hospitality Room Information | 7. Advertising Contract |
| 4. Menus | 8. Contest Forms |
| | 9. Signature Page |

Registration Form

(All of the information include in this packet is also available at: www.midwestgrotto.com)

The events and prices are listed on the registration form. **Please be advised that there will be no late registrations taken for the Golf Outing, Architecture Tour, BBQ Dinner, Men’s Luncheon, Ladies Luncheon, or the Presidents Banquet. You must be pre-registered for these events. All pre-registration forms must be received by September 11, 2024, except the Advertising Contract and Signature Page, which are due by August 31, 2024 (due to printing deadline).** We will have a copy of your registration form at the registration desk where you will receive tickets for all the events you registered for. You will be asked to verify the contents of your packet when you pick it up.

Housing Reservations

Headquarters hotel is the SpringHill Suites by Marriott Chicago O’Hare at 8101 W. Higgins Rd. Chicago, IL 60631. **When making reservations, mention that you are with the Midwest Grotto Association.**

You need to call the hotel direct at (773) 867-0000 to get the Midwest Convention rate of \$120.00 per night. **(See Housing Reservation Information form). Hot breakfast buffet is included daily.**

Mailings

Send all Registration forms and fees to:

El Jaala Grotto
Attn: Marty Kwilosz
15W457 91st St
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Important Deadlines & Information:

- Advertising and Signature Pages..... **August 31, 2024**
 - Registration **September 11, 2024**
 - Hospitality Room Theme **“Speakeasy”**
 - **Pre- Registration Only:**
1. Golf Outing..... **September 11, 2024**
 2. Ladies Luncheon..... **September 11, 2024**
 3. President’s Banquet.....**September 11, 2024**

Midwest President
 Guy Carbona, PM
 (312) 316-1947

Convention Co-Chairman
 Martin Kwilosz, PM
 (630) 640-5096

Convention Co-Chairman
 Bob Wheeler, Jr., PM, PP
 (309) 369-7357

Convention Co-Chairman
 Jim Bainter, PM, PP
 (309) 208-5246



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Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____ **Grotto:** _____
Grotto Office(s) Held: _____ **Lady's Name:** _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

DATE	ACTIVITY	PRE-REGISTRATION	DOOR PRICE	# ATTENDING	TOTAL
	Registration	Men - \$20.00 Ladies - \$10.00	Men - \$20.00 Ladies - \$10.00		\$
Weds. 9/25/24	Ice Breaker Party	Free	Free		Free
Thurs. 9/26/24	Golf Outing	\$60.00	Must Pre-Register		\$
Thurs. 9/26/24	Non-Golfer's Outing: Architecture Tour	\$60.00	Must Pre-Register		\$
Thurs. 9/26/24	BBQ Dinner	\$40.00	Must Pre-Register		\$
Fri. 9/27/24	Ladies Luncheon	Off-Site	Must Pre-Register		\$
Fri. 9/27/24	Men's Luncheon	\$40.00	Must Pre-Register		\$
Fri. 9/27/24	Presidents Banquet	\$60.00	Must Pre-Register		\$
Sat. 9/28/24	Red Tassel Party	\$20.00	\$30.00		\$

Make check payable to: "El Jaala Grotto"

Total \$ _____

Mail completed forms and check to:
 2024 Midwest Grotto Convention
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 15W457 91st St.
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Pre-Registration deadline date:
September 11, 2024



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Housing

Headquarters Hotel

SpringHill Suites by Marriot Chicago O'Hare

8101 W. Higgins Rd. Chicago, IL 60631

(773) 867-0000—Ask for Nicole Kowal

Standard Room Rates:

King—\$139.00 per night + taxes

Double—\$159.00 + taxes

**MAKE ALL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL & MENTION
THE MIDWEST GROTTA ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
TO GET THE CONVENTION RATE**

Breakfast is included with your hotel stay.

Please contact Marty Kwilosz at 630-640-5096 by August 31, 2024
to reserve a hospitality room

Ice will be provided by the SpringHill Suites Hotel

***Please be considerate when decorating, no push
pins of any type are allowed.***



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Menus

Golf Outing Lunch - Thursday, September 26, 2024

Provided on site by Howard Street Inn at Tam O'Shanter's, standard grill menu

Architecture Tour Lunch - Thursday, September 26, 2024

Will be provided off-site, details to come

Fellowship BBQ Dinner - Thursday, September 26, 2024

18-Hour Beef Brisket

Pulled Pork in Sweet Baby Rays BBQ Sauce

Tossed Garden Salad

Roasted Carrots

Classic Mashed Potatoes

Bread Basket

Ladies Lunch - Friday, September 27, 2024

Will be Off-Site, details to come

Men's Lunch - Friday, September 27, 2024

Indoor Picnic: Burgers, Jumbo Dogs, Brats & Traditional Sides

President's Banquet - Friday, September 27, 2024

A special menu is being designed by MWGA President Guy Carbona

And his lady Dee

Red Tassel Party - Saturday, September 28, 2024

Finger Foods, Snacks & Live Entertainment will be Provided

ATTENTION ALL NON-GOLFERS!

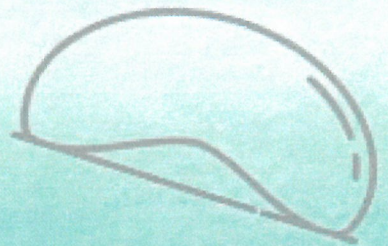
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON A DAY TRIP TO EXPERIENCE
THE CITY'S LEGENDARY ARCHITECTURE FROM THE RIVER.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
BUS DEPARTS PROMPTLY AT 10:00AM
TOUR LEAVES AT 12:15PM SHARP

WENDELLA'S EXPERIENCED TOUR GUIDES
WILL DETAIL THE LONG HISTORY BEHIND
THE CHICAGO SKYLINE, WHILE
BARTENDERS AND STAFF KEEP YOU
COMFORTABLE AND ENTERTAINED!

\$60.00 Per Person - *includes 90-minute tour
& transportation to and
from the experience*

- WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE
- FULL SERVICE BAR W/ DRINKS & SNACKS
- CLIMATE CONTROLLED LOUNGE
- BOARDING BEGINS 15-30 MINS. PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME



RSVPs Are Required by August 31, 2024

- contact Marty or Stephanie Kwilosz for questions or concerns: kwilosz13@gmail.com



Midwest Grotto Association

GOLF OUTING THU SEPT 26TH, 2024

PLEASE JOIN US FOR 9 HOLES OF GOLF ON
ONE OF THE AREA'S MOST LEGENDARY
COURSES.

\$60 TO PLAY | \$50 HOLE SPONSOR
CONTACT MARTY KWILOSZ FOR
SPONSORSHIP 630-640-5096

TAM O'SHANTER GOLF COURSE
700 W HOWARD ST, NILES, IL
CONTESTS, FELLOWSHIP AND MORE



LUNCH PROVIDED BY

The Howard Street Inn





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Advertising Contract

The undersigned hereby contracts for advertising in the 2024 Midwest Grotto Association convention booklet:

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Make checks payable to: “El Jaala Grotto”

_____ Outside Back Cover \$300

_____ Inside Back Cover \$200

_____ Inside Front Cover \$200

_____ Full Page \$150

_____ 1/2 Page \$90

_____ 1/4 Page \$60



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Signature Page

\$1.00 per name

Grotto Name: _____

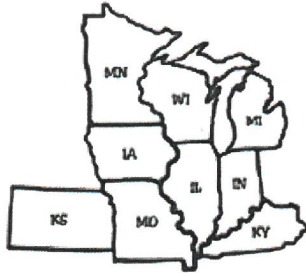
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Competition Entry Form

!!Must be registered for the convention to compete!!

Name: _____

Grotto: _____

Date: _____

Division "A" Competition

(Check One)

BAND:

- Band ()
- *Band Mixed _____ ()

CHORAL:

- Choral, Quartet ()
- Choral, Tenor Solo ()
- Choral, Baritone Solo _____ ()

CLOWN:

- Clown, White Face Individual ()
- Clown, Auguste Individual ()
- Clown, Tramp Individual ()
- Clown, Character Individual ()
- Clown Skit _____ ()

DRUMS:

- Drum Corps ()
- Lyre Corps ()
- Pipes and Drums _____ ()

DRILL TEAMS:

- Drill Team (with Rifles) ()
- Drill Team (without Rifles) ()
- *Drill Team (Mixed) _____ ()

MOTORCYCLES:

- Motorcycles (Over 20 hp / 350 cc) ()
- Motorcycles (Under 20 hp / 350 cc) _____ ()

OTHER:

- Go Carts ()
- Small Cars ()
- Floats ()
- Horse Patrol (Live Animals) ()
- Color Guard ()
- Revelers (Prophet Only) _____ ()

*MIXED – Composed of Prophets plus Sons and Grandsons of Prophets under the age of 21.



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 Competition Entry Form**

Ladies

!!Must be registered for the convention to compete!!

Name: _____

Grotto: _____

Date: _____

Division "A" Competition
(Check One)

BAND:

Band _____ ()

CHORAL:

Choral, Quartet _____ ()

Choral, Soprano Solo _____ ()

Choral, Alto Solo _____ ()

CLOWN:

Clown, White Face Individual _____ ()

Clown, Auguste Individual _____ ()

Clown, Tramp Individual _____ ()

Clown, Character Individual _____ ()

Clown Skit _____ ()

DRUMS:

Drum Corps _____ ()

Lyre Corps _____ ()

Pipes and Drums _____ ()

DRILL TEAMS:

Drill Team (with Rifles) _____ ()

Drill Team (without Rifles) _____ ()

Drill Team (Mixed) _____ ()

MOTORCYCLES:

Motorcycles (Over 20 hp / 350 cc) _____ ()

Motorcycles (Under 20 hp / 350 cc) _____ ()

OTHER:

Go Carts _____ ()

Small Cars _____ ()

Floats _____ ()

Horse Patrol (Live Animals) _____ ()

Color Guards _____ ()

To participate in the competition, ladies must be a mother, daughter, sister or wife of a Prophet.

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Competition Entry Form

Prophets & Ladies (Mixed Units)**

!!Must be registered for the convention to compete!!

Name: _____

Grotto: _____

Date: _____

Division "A" Competition
(Check One)

BAND:

Band (Mixed) _____ ()

CHORAL:

Choral, Quartet (Mixed) _____ ()

DRUMS:

Drum Corps (Mixed) _____ ()

Lyre Corps (Mixed) _____ ()

Pipes and Drums (Mixed) _____ ()

DRILL TEAMS:

Drill Team (with Rifles) (Mixed) _____ ()

Drill Team (without Rifles) (Mixed) _____ ()

Drill Team (Mixed) _____ ()

MOTORCYCLES:

Motorcycles (Over 20 hp / 350 cc) (Mixed) _____ ()

Motorcycles (Under 20 hp / 350 cc) (Mixed) _____ ()

OTHER:

Go Carts (Mixed) _____ ()

Small Cars (Mixed) _____ ()

Horse Patrol (Live Animals) (Mixed) _____ ()

Color Guards (Mixed) _____ ()

****Mixed = Wife, Mother, Sister, Son or Grandchild of a Prophet.**

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Hospitality Room Competition Entry Form

Grotto Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Possible 100 Points to be awarded in the following manner:

Theme: 10 Points

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2024 Theme is “Speakeasy”

Hospitality: 90 Points

Awarded as:

30 Points - Greetings

30 Points - Good Fellowship

30 Points - Departure

General Rules:

1. The Hospitality Room must be at the host hotel to be eligible for judging.
2. Hospitality Rooms will be judged from 7:00pm–11:00pm on Thursday and from 9:00pm–11:00pm on Friday. Rooms can be open any other time during the convention with the exception of the Association Business Meeting and President’s Banquet. **ALL HOSPITALITY ROOM MUST BE CLOSED DURING THE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING & PRESIDENT’S BANQUET.**
3. All judges will visit Hospitality Rooms a minimum of two (2) times during the specified times.
4. Judges will NOT fill out the judge’s sheets in the Hospitality Rooms.
5. Judges will NOT converse with other judges.
6. Judges will turn in the completed judging sheets to the host Grotto on Saturday evening

	Possible Points	Points Awarded	Judge's Comments (if any)
Theme	10		
Greeting	30		
Good Fellowship	30		
Departure	30		
Total Points	100		
Average Score of all Judges			



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Competition Entry Form Goodfellow
Prophets Only

Name: _____

Grotto Name: _____ Date: _____

There will be NO entry fee for this competition.

The Goodfellow competition will take place during the Midwest Grotto Association Fall business meeting on Friday, September 27, 2024

Deadline is September 11, 2024