



# The TAGLine

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Chattanooga Grotto of the NSS

December 2007

## Grotto Christmas Party

Instead of having a regular meeting the Chattanooga Grotto will be having our annual Christmas party on December 14 (Saturday) at the home of Jim and Gail Wilbanks. The festivities are set to begin around 7:00. Please bring a covered dish for the table. Directions to the party are below.



## Directions to the Christmas Party:

From Chattanooga, take I-24W toward Nashville. After crossing the GA state line, turn south on I-59 toward Birmingham. Follow I-59 to the third exit which is Rising Fawn. Exit here and turn east across the interstate to the stop sign at US 11. Turn right or south on US 11 for a half mile to Newsome Gap Rd, which is just beyond the Depot Diner. Turn left on Newsome Gap Rd for one and a half miles. Look for a sign with 1367 & 1369 on the left. Turn into the half mile driveway. Follow the driveway to the top of the hill bearing left at each intersection.

## REMINDER, DUES ARE DUE

As a reminder to new and old members alike, the Grotto's annual dues for 2008 are due and payable as of January 1, 2008. Everyone should have received a copy of our application with the last newsletter (along with a great set of mailing labels for the grotto!-oops!) Please check your data on the list, update it if needed on the form, and send in your form and appropriate payment, or give them to the treasurer, within a respectable proximity to the January 1 deadline. (Right now, while you are thinking about it, would be a good time.) If there are no changes to your data, just put your name on the form and write "no changes" in the area for the data. Also, you may want to think about having your newsletter sent to you by email-it saves the grotto about \$10 per member! Please note that our dues schedule has not changed; it is shown on the back of the form, along with definitions and instructions. We usually have a 90 day grace period on getting in the dues and, after that, unpaid members are dropped. So thanks in advance for your promptness, and happy holidays!



## Officer Elections

Just a reminder, our annual Grotto elections will be during January's meeting! If you are interested in running for a position, please contact one of the current officers (Marty, Mike, Butch or Hollie)!

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