

THE DAYTON UNDERGROUND GROTTO of the National Speleological Society

GROTTO ACT 18-01

GROTTO MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

This act is in accordance with paragraph III K of the Dayton Underground Grotto Bylaws.

1. The Dayton Underground Grotto shall have the following membership categories:

- a. **REGULAR** – Individuals are National Speleological Society (NSS) members, and have paid current Dayton Underground Grotto (DUG) dues. These members are full members with full privileges.
- b. **ASSOCIATE** – Individuals who are not members of the NSS, but have paid current DUG dues. These members may not vote or hold an elected grotto office.
- c. **FAMILY** – Family members of at least three or more residing in the same household, with one family member being age 18 or older who is a regular or associate member.
- d. **HONORARY** – These members are full regular members and are exempt from dues. This honor shall be given out not more than once in a calendar year (see Act 05-01).
- e. **DISTINGUISHED** – The members are full regular members exempt from dues for a three-year period (see Act 05-01).

2. Grotto dues will be administered as follows:

- a. The amount of grotto dues will be determined by the Executive Committee and will apply to the grotto membership categories as stated in paragraph 1, above.
 - (1) Annual dues will be \$5 per person, per year, for those over age 18. Family dues are \$10 for those who meet the requirements stated in paragraph 1. c., above. There are no dues for family members under the age of 18 who reside in the same household of at least one regular or associate member. However, family members age 18 or older who reside in the same household will pay the annual \$5 dues.
- b. The fiscal year of the grotto will be from January 1st to December 31st, annually, and annual dues for the current year will be due by January 1st of that year. Members who join after July 1st will pay half-dues for the remainder of the year.
- c. DUG members will have a 60-day period to renew membership. Members who do not renew by the end of the 6-day period will be dropped from the membership rolls. Dropped members may renew at any time after that by paying current dues. However, continuous years and tenure will start over if there is a break in membership.
- d. The Membership Committee Chairman will be responsible for maintaining membership records and will coordinate with the grotto treasurer to ensure collected dues are recorded and deposited.

This Act was ratified by the DUG Executive Committee on December 9, 2018 and replaces Grotto Acts 16-01 and 16-02.