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# SELAMAGRAM

## SELAMA GROTTO, M.O.V.P.E.R.

CHARTERED JUNE 28, 1922  
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ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33704

**MARCH 2014**

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**SESSIONS: 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH 7:30 PM**

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**C. P. Recreation Program 2nd and**  
**4th Thursday (DARK June, July, August)**  
Mornings starting at 9 am and ending after  
lunch. Jeannie will welcome anyone interested  
in volunteering, to feed, talk or help in any  
way. Volunteers are urgently needed; any  
questions call her at 366-5089.

**Friday Night Pot Luck Covered Dish Buffet**  
every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone,  
friends, Neighbors. A SOCIAL TIME. The  
main dish will be provided; it is up to you to  
bring the sides.

**Executive Board meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7 p.m.**  
All Selama Prophets are welcome and encouraged  
to attend and contribute. Find out ahead of time  
where YOUR Grotto is headed and what is going  
on.

Send articles and information to the editor of this  
Newsletter: [selamagram@gmail.com](mailto:selamagram@gmail.com)  
Deadline is Third Tuesday each month.

**Immediate Past Monarch - John T. Devore 667-**  
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**Appointed Committee Chairmen:**

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**P.M. Frederick Kinney**

**P.M. Bruce Ward**

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**2015 - P.M. Barry Dupré**

**2015 - William West**

**2016 - P.M. Bruce Ward**

**2016 - P.M. Chris Webb**

**Board of Trustees:**

**2014 - P.M. Roger Webb**

**2014 - Fred Kalkbrenner**

**2015 - P.M. Richard Renshaw**

**2015 - Phillip Barret**

**2016 - P.M. Richard Green**

**2016 - Ed Flowers**

**CHURCH PAGE**

**Shirley Baird Mem Bill, Ellen Griffith Mem PM**

**H. Lee Griffith, Gordon & Barbara Hill, PM**

**Richard D. Green Mem Beryl, PM Alfred**

**Rodgers Mem Anna, PGM David Morgan Mem**

**George and Leila Nicholson**

**Friday Night Social:**

Usually every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Main dish provided, you bring the sides and desert.

**Units:**

Cast is DARK for the spring.

Jokers have several parades coming up. Come to the meetings and events for details.

**From the Monarch:**

Prophets. This year seems to be moving right along. There is a lot we have to accomplish in growing our Grotto. It is everyone's job and I know everyone is up to the task. We had our inspection by the SCDD and we passed.

I want to thank all of you for your help. I would like to thank Richard Green, my wife, Bobbie and her sister, Brenda for making a wonderful **Valentines Day** for our Grotto. I wish you could read the emails that stated all the positive feedback.

We are planning a **St. Patricks Day** Cornbeef and Cabbage. There will be a minimum charge due to the amount of cornbeef and supplies that will need to be purchased. Date will be announced SOON!

**April 12**, will be a picnic, cookout and recruitment drive open to all Masonic organizations. **May** will be a **Kentucky Derby** event at the Grotto.

Ladies get your mint julep recipes together and oh yes, don't forget that famous hat you are going to make for competition.

To all our prophets who are sick, let us keep them in our prayers. I would like to ask the blessing of heaven on all of you, this great nation of ours and all of those who put their life on the line.

God Bless You: Tom McVeigh, Monarch

**From the Master of Ceremonies:**

Prophets, this is just a gentle reminder, that we are all brothers and as such we should treat each other in the way we swore to in our Masonic vows.

We can disagree, but in a way that shows respect for the other person. Also we need more M.M.s' to join the Grotto, and to that end we need to bring up the picnic, on **April 12th**, at every blue lodge function that we attend. This includes meetings, degrees, Masters and Wardens and etc.

This should help with our membership but can only be successful through your efforts. So get out there and let your lodge know what we are doing.

**Want Ads:**

The H. Lee Griffith Foundation, Inc., a 501(C)3 organization, wishes to solicit your assistance in securing a new Director - CP Programming. This position will be open in September 2014 and carry through May 2015. This is a steady part-time position for you, but a year round need for the Foundation. Our program takes place in the Selama Grotto Hall, 3000 16<sup>th</sup> St N, St Petersburg, FL, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday monthly, from 8:30am until approximately 1:00pm, during our annual year of September through May. This nine month schedule is flexible enough to accommodate changes to fit around holidays or other calendar conflicts.

A typical program day at the hall starts with coffee preparation about 8:30 am and activity hall setup, before Care Ride delivers our guests from the Jacaranda Nursing home, at approximately 9:00am. Our mission is to provide fun and fellowship amongst all personnel present, usually eight (8) guests with three to six (3 to 6) volunteers and the Director. Guests enjoy coffee and donuts upon arrival, followed by a group game (bowling or horse racing), and then a warm lunch before Care Rides transports them back to Jacaranda. Volunteers augment the handling and feeding of our guests during their visit. Before their departure, home/hand-made craft gifts are distributed to each client, along with the selected game results for the group's efforts. Materials for these small gifts are at the Foundation's expense, but the Director will be responsible for their preparation. Director prepares documentation for a day's activities and related costs of operation.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this opportunity, to support and help fill our Foundation's needs, please have them do the following:

1. Write a letter explaining why you would like to be our new Director.
2. Include your applicable talents that support the duties outlined above for helping afflicted people.

NOTE: All of our clients are of adult age.

3. Explain your willingness, or history, to work within this part-time schedule for what the Foundation needs as a dedicated person yearly.

4. Include any special skill sets you've acquired formally or informally, along with your address and phone number(s).

5. Forward your letter to Barry E. Dupré, Executive Secretary, H. Lee Griffith Foundation, Inc., 6900 Cranberry Dr, New Port Richey, FL. 34653-4588.

Sincerely yours,

Board of Directors, H. Lee Griffith Foundation, Inc.

**Note:** If and when you renew your license tags, Masonic Tags can be requested. Purchase benefits the Masonic Home of Florida.

**FSGA Mid-Year 2014 April 11 - 13, 2014 Hosted by Talwar Grotto**  
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites 2725 Graves Rd Tallahassee, FL 32303 850-536-2000

Ask fo FSGA Block \$109 / night + tax

[Registration form](#) (JPG format)

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[Official Flyer](#) (in Word docx format)

"The Old Masters Wages"

I met a dear old man today, who wore a Masonic pin, It was old and faded like the man, It's edges were worn quite thin. I approached the park bench where he sat, To give the old brother his due, I said, "I see you've traveled east," He said, "I have, have you." I said, "I have, and in my day before the all seeing sun, I played in the rubble, with Jubala, Jubalo and Jubalum." He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son, It's good and sweet and true, And if you've traveled as you said, You should give these things their due." The word, the sign, the token, The sweet Masonic prayer, The vow that all have taken, Who've climbed the inner stair. The wages of a Mason, are never paid in gold, but the gain comes from contentment, when you're weak and growing old. You see, I've carried my obligations, For almost fifty years, It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears. Now I'm losing my mind and body, Death is near but I don't despair, I've lived my life upon the level, And I'm dying upon the square. Sometimes the greatest lessons Are those that are learned anew, And the old man in the park today has changed my point of view. To all Masonic brothers, The only secret is to care, May you live your life upon the level, May you part upon the square.  
Source Unknown

#### **Events:**

##### **Saturday March 1, 2014 9 a.m.**

Masonic Child ID

At Gulfport Little League Opening Day Ceremonies

1820 55 Street South Gulfport

##### **Sunday March 2, 2014 2 p.m.**

Elmer O. Smith Chilli Cook Off

Open to all Elmer O Smith members, Jobs' Daughters, Demolay boys and their families. Bring your best chili and whatever goes with it ( onions, cheese, crackers etc. )

Judges to be appointed the day of the event.

Winner to represent Elmer O Smith at the Pilgrimage Day chili cook-off.

Trophy to be awarded to winner.

All proceeds to be equally divided among the lodge, Jobs' daughters, and the Demolay boys.

##### **Saturday March 29, 2014 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Las Vegas Night sponsored by Gulf Beach OES

March 29th, 2014 at Selama Grotto

Donation – \$10.00 includes tax Exchanged for play money

Auction to follow

Games:

Bingo

Black Jack

Card –O

Poker

Roulette

Snacks and Drinks Provided

##### **Saturday April 12, 2014 11:30 a.m.**

SG Master Mason Picnic

Monarch Tom McVeigh also announced that Selama Grotto will sponsor a Picnic on Saturday April 12 in **shelter 4** at Veterans Memorial Park, Bay Pines starting about 11:30. **EVERYONE IS INVITED, ALL MEMBERS OF ALL LODGES, ALL GROTTOS, ALL STAR MEMBERS, YES, ANYONE AND EVERONE, HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, DRINKS AND SALADS WILL BE FURNISHED, if what you want is not there, BRING IT.**