
SELAMAGRAM

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

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SENTINEL - This position open. Here is your chance to get in line. This is definitely the easiest position. Now is your chance, don't let it slip away.

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, 4th 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
Deadline is Third Tuesday each month.**

Immediate Past Monarch - John T. Devore 667-3641 / 381-3641

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From the Monarch:

The Dog Days of Summer are here but soon we will be entering the best weather in Florida, the autumn. I hope with the great changes in weather, we have great changes in Selama Grotto. Our plan for the fall is to have another shot at having a membership drive picnic. At this picnic, may we be blessed with great weather and a great turnout for us to show the good side of the Grotto. Sorry to report, we have some illness in our ranks. Ed Flowers is in the VA Rehab Center, Frank Westbury is at home doing kidney dialysis, Gordon Hill is in Hospice at Bayfront, soon to be sent to a nursing home. Fred K is still providing 24/7 care to his Lady Jane. Every time I get "down" I think of those among us having real problems. Although it is not time for me to leave yet (there are many who wish the time was close) I would like to thank all of you for great honor and support you have bestowed upon me. Do not forget the Friday night socials and the great support we have received from the Ladies of the Eastern Star, what a great bunch they are and what a privilege to have broken bread with them. Lets ask God to Bless all of us with health and great fortune for being born in this country. Pray for the troops as they protect us. God Bless each one of you and God Bless the United States of America. Your Monarch, Tom McVeigh

From the Chief Justice:

Well it is summer time here in Florida again and that means that a lot of the Blue Lodges in the area will be going dark. *BUT not your SELAMA GROTTTO!* We are here all year round to support our fellow brothers and sisters. If you have not been to the Grotto recently there are a lot of changes and improvements currently going on. If you have NEVER been to the SELAMA GROTTTO now is your chance. *We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month and on every Friday night there is a potluck open to everyone and their family just bring your favorite dish and join in it also is a game night.*

The big event of the summer will come on **August 13** Rib Eye Steak, Baked Potatoes, Fresh Corn on the Cob, and Garlic Bread. As you can see we eat good at the Grotto and our Friday night potluck/game nights are just as great! This is the new improved Grotto where everyone is welcome to come, enjoy, have great fun and fellowship. Come and visit with old friends or make new ones. Ask anyone there what it is like to ride on the GROTTTO parade float, the rewards of getting to work with the Cerebral Palsy group of folks that are at the GROTTTO 2 times a month 9 months out of the year, Thanksgiving, or our Christmas party that is geared just toward the young (and young at heart). Come and remember the fun of being a Mason again. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

David Vincent, CJ

Friday Night Social:

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

Card Party:

On the second Tuesday each month, the ladies of Eastern Star join us at the hall for a card party. All are welcome. \$2 covers the cost of party favors and drinks.

Units:

Cast is DARK for the summer. Hoping for a ceremonial in the fall.

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

Motor Patrol meets at Elmer O. Smith on the second Saturday each month for breakfast 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Past Monarchs have set the date for Ladies Night Out as September 9th at Perkins.

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

Earn an Enchanted Lantern:

Need volunteers for TOOTHBRUSH drives. Have one on August 30 and 31. At the Gateway Publix.

Contact Bill West **804-4463** stpete002@yahoo.com

Note:

Daylight Lodge #385 meets at Selama Grotto on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month.

Special Upcoming Dates (IMPORTANT) for stated meetings:

- 11/12/14 Nominations
- 12/10/14 Elections

This is not Blue Lodge. You can be nominated and elected even if not present.

This says it all.....

- Pythagoras' Theorem:24 words.
- Lord's Prayer:66 words.
- Archimedes' Principle:67 words.
- Ten Commandments:179 words.
- Gettysburg Address:286 words.
- US Declaration of Independence : ...1,300 words.
- US Constitution (27 Amendments) ...7,818 words.
- EU Regulations on Sale of CABBAGES .. 26,911 words

IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD

- 1) You can't count your hair.
 - 2) You can't wash your eyes with soap.
 - 3) You can't breathe when your tongue is out.
- Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."