
SELAMAGRAM

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

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SESSIONS: 2ND 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 Jeannie 366-5089 or David Vincent 289-3716

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

Appointed Committee Chairmen:

Membership-Monarch Tom McVeigh 323-9192 / 492-1122

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CHURCH PAGE

Shirley Baird Mem Bill, Ellen Griffith Mem PM

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Rodgers Mem. Anna, PGM David Morgan

Mem George and Leila Nicholson

to find out they already have plans...darn in the dog house again!

From the Monarch:

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! A lot of people would say I look better dressed up on Halloween than I normally look. I enjoy the young children dressed in their costumes. It brings me back to my own youth. Although I am sorry for some of the tricks we played. My time as Monarch is coming to an end. I hope I have done some good while serving you as your Monarch. I'm sure that those that will follow will continue to serve you the Grotto. On November 8, starting at 11 am, we will once again attempt to have a picnic saluting both the Grotto, Masonic Order and all veterans who have served this nation so well. I would like to thank all who have supported me and the Grotto's of North America. I have enjoyed my years in the Grotto and those who I have befriended. I wish that all of you the best in your life to come. As you know, I love this country and all the benefits God has provided to me. May God Bless all of you and those who serve us and defend us, may God keep this country as a God fearing and loving nation.
Monarch Tom McVeigh

From the Chief Justice:

From the desk of the Chief Justice David Vincent to all SELAMA GROTTTO members and to every brother MASON in Florida. We have seemed to forget what we are about in the GROTTOS OF NORTH AMERICA. Yes we are Masons, brothers, fathers, spouses, sons, daughters. Yes we are Masons first and foremost. But what is this thing we call the GROTTTO? Let me explain.... We are not just another meeting to have to go to. We are not the poor man's Shrine. We are not a formal location where there is all pomp and circumstance and no fun.

What we are about is fun. We are clowns. We are parades. We are family with the emphasis on FAMILY. And we are about children that need us, the children that have cerebral palsy, children that need special dental treatments that normally are not available to them, children in our neighborhoods that need mentors or sponsors for a sports team. But most of all we are all about having FUN.

Fun is something that Selama Grotto used to be known for, though a lot of us have passed on, grown older or just given up, that does not mean that the fun is gone forever. Your Monarch has dedicated his year in 2014 to having more fun things in the Grotto and when it is my turn there will be even more things to do as a family. But what are some of the things that are in the works for the spouses and the family. Other Grottos have changed their official meeting night from one long guys meeting to 2 short meetings. First one with the spouses for their ideas and input and the second short meeting in lodge to review those suggestions and either adopt them or reject them. But think about it wouldn't it be great if your better half was not shocked that you forgot to discuss with them your plans for a weekend only

How about 1 day road trips as a group? A day at spring training as a group? A Bucks game? A Thrashers game? A Rays game? Or how about just a day at the beach or park as a group having fun? A afternoon of bowling or of night bowling under the black lights? Anyone up for Lazier Tag? Ever wondered what it is like to drive a clown car in a parade or to just ride on the float in front of your friends? These and many more things are in the works for 2015.

BUT none of these things can happen without YOU, your FAMILY and even FRIENDS joining in with us again. We need you our prophets current, past, and future to support us or before you know it we will go the way of the dodo bird. That does not have to happen. Come out and see for yourselves the new Grotto and the new things we are doing.

Oh you don't have the money and are embarrassed your dues have fallen behind. Well there is good news there ALL BACK DUES WILL BE WAIVED if you just pay for the current year. So dust off your fez, get up off your behind and come out to have the time of your life again. See you there soon!

David Vincent, CJ

From the Master Of Ceremonies:

Brethren; Just to remind you, the monthly meeting of the Grotto is the 2nd Wednesday of the month, the board of directors meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month, c p s' are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, and the social gathering is every Friday. As of now, our parade schedule is the St Pete parade on the 6th of Dec. and the Seminole parade the next day, the 7th of Dec. At this time we do not anticipate being in the Pinellas Park parade. Thank you.

Joseph L Griffith M.O.C.

Earn an Enchanted Lantern:

Need volunteers for TOOTHBRUSH drives. With just a couple of volunteers we collected over \$600 for the Humanitarian Foundation. Think what we could do with a few more volunteers. 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

11/12/14 Stated meeting = Nominations
12/10/14 Elections

Daylight Lodge will sponsor a Yard Sale on Saturday November 15, 2014. Donations will be received at the Grotto beginning Monday November 10, 2014.

There will be Child ID workers at the Selama Grotto Picnic on November 8, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

November 8, 2014 will be Daylight Lodge stated session and also Selama Grotto's Picnic for EVERYONE. And when Selama says everyone they mean everyone. The picnic starts AT 11 AM WITH NO ENDING TIME AT BAY PINES MEMORAIL PARK (we will have pavilion #4) and everything will be provided as Selama's way of saying THANK YOU to our Fraternal Brothers and Sisters. That night at Gulf Beach Lodge, the Eastern Star will have a "Tour of Italy Dinner" cost is \$10.00.

November 11, 2014 (Veteran's Day) will be Selama and Gulf Beach Eastern Star "FUN NUGHT" starting at 7 p.m. This night is devoted to fun and games. Whichever you choose will be available.

November 12, 2014 is Selama's stated session and nomination of officers, as a REMINDER TO THE Prophet's OF Selama YOU CAN BE NOMINATED even if you are not in attendance.



Happy Thanksgiving

There will not be a Friday Night Social on the day after Thanksgiving November 28, 2014



There will not be a Friday Night Social on the day after Christmas December 26, 2014

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Children's Christmas Party

It's that time again for our annual Children's Christmas party. David, Chris or Bruce MUST HAVE your child's name, age, and gender NO LATER than November 24th because our wonderful Past Monarch Chris Webb and his Lady will be shopping on **BLACK FRIDAY** which is on November 28 this year. Without the information they will not be able to shop for the children.

David 289-3716

Bruce 327-7383

Chris 398-6007

Party is December 14, 2014 at 2 p.m.



**The Adult Christmas party will be
December 15, 2014 at 6 p.m.**



TEN (10) THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.
- 10) You are probably going to send this to see who else falls for it.

You have received this e-mail because I didn't want to be alone in the idiot category.

Have a great day. Laugh, and then laugh and sing 'It's a Beautiful Morning' even when it's not.