
SELAMAGRAM

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

CHARTERED JUNE 28, 1922
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APRIL 2015

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SESSIONS: 2ND WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH 7:30 PM

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES - OPEN

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MARSHALL - WILLIAM WEST - 804-4463
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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 and David 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
some Fridays 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. In April we will only meet on
the second and fourth Fridays, the 10th and
24th. Come out on March 27th to find out why.

Executive Board meeting, 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.
(except December). 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.
Secretary, P.M. Bruce L. Ward

Appointed Committee Chairmen:

Membership - Monarch David Vincent 289-3716
Enchanted Lantern - Chief Justice Joseph Griffith
743-0817

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Toothbrush Chairman - William West 804-4463
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3716

Audit Committee:

P.M. Richard D. Green
P.M. Tom McVeigh
P.M. Bruce Ward

Board of Directors:

Chairman - David Vincent
1st Vice Chairman, Joseph L. Griffith
2nd Vice Chairman, Open
3rd Vice Chairman, Open
Treasurer, P. M. Hardy Bryan
Secretary, P.M. Bruce L. Ward
2015 - P.M. Barry Dupré
2015 - William West
2016 - P.M. Bruce Ward
2016 - P.M. Chris Webb
2017 - Pete Bengston
2017 - Robert Kline

Board of Trustees:

2015 - P.M. Richard Renshaw
2015 - Phillip Barret
2016 - P.M. Richard Green
2016 - Ed Flowers
2017 - Pete Bengston
2017 - Robert "Bob" Kline

Memorial Service will be April 10, 2015
following our Friday Night Supper.d

Kentucky Derby party May 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

We are selling shirts, show your pride, only
\$30, see David Vincent or Bruce Ward

From the desk of the Monarch

Can you believe it April is here already! Let's look at where we have come already this year. Trees have been trimmed, dead tree removed and gutters cleaned. Rick Renshaw is working to make the front door look better (sanding and repainting) The driveway has been patched and most of the low spots are gone and holes filled in. The new awnings are here and should be up by the time you read this. And this is just a few of the wonderful things that have happened. *Thank You* all for your help and support we are getting back to the old Selama Grotto.....the fun times Grotto.

That being said I would like to bring up our Friday night suppers - WOW! The last couple years we have been lucky to have 6 to 10 people show up. But with everyone's help - and that does include OES - we are in the average range of 20 to 25 and have even hit 40 a couple times. Now that is fellowship at its best!

Well, we also had a very good showing in March at the Pilgrimage Day. Some highlights were our own Secretary Bruce competing in the chili cook off (no one died but thought Bruce might be over worrying if it was done right), Marshal Bill working the tooth brush table as only he can, and another surprise that was very well received....we had our own float in the show car division! A lot of interest was shown especially since we had not only the float, but a couple cars and several of the old clown costumes...bet none of you knew we still have them! We had a table set up under a tent with pocket petitions. A little birdie told me that Zenda is going to build a float of their own because of how popular ours is.

NONE of this would be possible without YOU the prophets and your families. I might be the Monarch and the one pushing some of these things -BUT- it is YOU that are making us come alive again, and for that I thank each and every member of our Grotto for your efforts.

So where do we go from here? We have FSGA on April 17 and 18. MARK YOUR CALENDAR for MAY 2nd *Kentucky Derby Party*. Party from 5:00 p.m. till the end of the derby. Post time is 6:24 p.m.. Special beverages will be there for all and of course our annual hat competition, this year not only are the ladies invited to compete, but, we also welcome the men to. Get as crazy as you wish, after all wild hats are as much of the derby as the horses themselves. And this is just the start of Spring, Summer and the year.

We are still alive and kicking, if you know a member that has not come in a while invite them back, if they have a concern have them call me, Joe Griffith or Bruce Ward so one of us can address their concern and find a way to bring them back. We have 66 members on the rolls right now, I want to make that number grow and we can do it. And as always ANY ideas or suggestions you or friends have are welcome. don't think it to stupid or dumb. there are no stupid or dumb ideas - only the ones that don't get asked.

Yours in Goodfellowship
David Vincent

From the Chief Justice:

Brethren, for the remainder of the month of March we still have the Board of Directors meeting on 3/24/15, the cast on 3/25/15, Friday night social every Friday, and CPs on the 4th Thursday. For April we have our regular meeting on 4/8/15, Board of Directors meeting on 4/28/15, FNS twice in April, and CPs 2nd and 4th Thursday. Come on out Brethren and support your Grotto. Also if you want to purchase an enchanted lantern contact me at (727) 743 0817, and I will assist you in any way I can. Thank you and God bless.

Joe Griffith

Dates for our Little League Team

March 28 Saturday at 10 am at Roselli
April 11 Saturday at noon at Baypoint
April 18 Saturday at noon at Egan Park
April 25 Saturday at noon at Egan Park
May 6 Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Baypoint
May 9 Saturday at 10 am at Egan Park

Roselli Park (Bill Lyons Field) Capri Isle Treasure Island, FL, From Central Ave & Pasadena Ave, West on Central Ave, Right on Gulf Blvd, Right on 116 Ave, Left on 2 St, field on left

Egan Park, 8900 Blindpass Road, St. Petersburg
Baypoint, 5850 - 12 St So, St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Questions and Answers:

Q: When are Friday Night Socials in April?
A: April 10th and the 24th

Q: When is the Kentucky Derby Party?
A: May 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Q: Were we well represented at Pilgrimage Day?
A: Oh yeah! The trailer was there and two of the antique mini cars. We showed some of the old banners and clown costumes We had a table and passed out membership information. And Mr. Toothbrush (Bill) collected over \$170 in donations.

Q: Will there be a Friday Night Social on Good Friday April 3rd?
A: No.

Q: Will there be a Friday Night Supper on Friday April 17th when so many Prophets will be away at the Florida State Grotto Association Convention?
A: No.

Q: When is the May 2nd Kentucky Derby Party?
A: At 5:00 with a contest for the best hat (male or female).

Q: Have you ever been wrong or made a mistake?
A: No

Q: What are the Lottery numbers for next week?