
SELAMAGRAM

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

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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**

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Monarch's Minutes

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all the Prophets of SELAMA GROTTTO for your support this year. All the things that happen during the Monarch's term get praised and or blamed on that years Monarch. *This year there has been a lot done at SELAMA. New parking lot, new awnings, new roof, trees trimmed, new sidewalks (thanks to a complaint to the city about the dangerous cracks), even a new trash can that does not leak and has a real bottom in it! All of that sounds great, but it was not the Monarch that did all that, it was you the Prophets and members of SELAMA Grotto that made it happen, and on top of all that we actually had an increase in the membership – small but an increase all the same.* Each and every one of you needs to be proud of YOUR GROTTTO. Why is it that all this makes a difference to anyone? Because we are 1 of 4 Grottos in the entire state that out right own our building and there are 14 Grottos in the state, which makes us members of a very select group. While they, the other Grottos, are paying rent and storage fees for their space we are actually bringing in money and we can do whatever, whenever we want and with all the improvement can do it more often now and be proud. *Thank You for all your support this last year we are truly a team.*

House keeping things that we need to attend to now.

- 1) **November 11** will be the final day for our Holiday Food Drive. Please have all donations there in the box by then, we are looking for a needy elementary school family in the area to assist. I think we already have enough to help 2 families. Anything extra will be a blessing.
- 2) **Elections of officers will be on November 11, 2015.** Also on that meeting Joe will be stepping up to the podium for his practice night as new Monarch. I will be stepping down to fill Chief Justice position until we can find another qualified member to take the job, unless someone steps up for the next year.

- 3) **Currently your new incoming Monarch Joe Griffith** is planning his installation for the December meeting, but there will be more information on that very soon.
- 4) **Incoming Monarch Joe needs your help!!!** It is time for our annual Christmas party again. We need the names and ages of the children **NO LATER than November 24** (Executive Board meeting night) so gifts can be purchased in time.
- 5) **Monarch Joe and his lovely lady** will need help for the Installation in December, anything you can do will be great, if you can bake they can always use that, salads, snacks you name it call Joe and let him know what to plan for.
- 6) **I do not have all the scores yet,** but I know that Bruce did very well on his inspection during the S.C.D.D. Jim Mason's visit and I was exceptionally proud of how everyone handled their positions, even those of you that were tapped at the last minute to do a part – very well done by all -

It is not to late to bring in new members for the year. I am aware of 3 that want to join us but have to wait until December because of the cost and timing for them. Supreme has waived again this year all the fees to return to SELAMA GROTTTO and I am still offering a special price for new members, but, I cannot guarantee the discount past December 9th when the installation takes place. We can also offer a special payment plan to them if they are having problems talk to Bruce or me.

The contract for the roof has been awarded and with any luck you will see that it has been finished by the November meeting. As well as most of the roof tiles inside will be replaced or repainted for the smaller spots that can be covered easily. There is still the standing offer for Elmer O Smith to join us when they sell the building as well as for the JOBIES and Demolay to come over as well as ZENDAH GROTTTO. Any special holiday parties or events can be held at the Grotto for a very small cleaning (refundable) and rental fee so please keep that in mind for your personal use also.

Currently Chief Justice Joe is working with the Friday night supper to make it run more efficient and he will announce those plans soon. It currently looks like the Eastern Star ladies want to take 1 Friday night a month to put on the dinner, but like I said there is more to come on that very soon.

Again as your outgoing Monarch I want to thank each and every one of you for all YOU have done for our GROTTO and that includes all of you that work in the background and never expect any thanks because you know the job has to get done and someone has to step up and do it.

Yours in Goodfellowship
David Vincent

From the Chief Justice:

Brethren, this month I am going to remind you about the Friday night social event at the Grotto. A lot of you must have forgotten about it because the attendance has been very low for the last few months. Brethren, I know that we are all busy, but we still need to do all that we can to support the Grotto. The Friday night social is a way to support the Grotto and get a meal at the same time. So come on out on Friday night, have a good time and have some good food. See you there and may God bless.

Joseph L Griffith Chief Justice

A word from the Secretary:

A lot of work goes on in the background and several people don't get the recognition they deserve, but they don't do it for the recognition. But a lot of what the Monarch gives to other people does go to the Monarch. You can not push a chain, it takes a leader to pull it to get the work done.

Friday Night Pot Luck Covered Dish Buffet most 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

This space for rent. Contact the editor if you would like to have your business card or banner here.

From the Grand Master's Official Visit to the Masonic Home July 18, 2015



**KP duty in my English apron
(Courtesy of Neil Goby)**

