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# SELAMAGRAM

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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

## **From the Desk of the Past Monarch – current Chief Justice – and the returning Monarch in 2017**

Well everything has gone full circle this past year, and I am looking forward to the new upcoming year as your returning Monarch. More on that later in the article though. WE have had a VERY productive year again and I have been proud to serve as your Chief Justice again. I welcome the new line as they are a bunch of go-getters and represent a great future for all of us.

Some of our accomplishments have been the expanded parades we were able to attend as well as the return of several of our mini clown cars (even if they had to be towed because of problems beyond our control). They were a hit again, thank you to all the new and returning drivers who made it happen. We will be in even more parades in 2017 as well as having a more reliable fleet of cars and a planned revamp of our tired but trustworthy float.

Our Adult Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Party and the H. Lee Griffith C.P. Christmas Parties all went well and were enjoyed by all. In addition we made our annual \$300 donation to our adopted charity for young ladies that have gotten into some difficulties in their life.

And sadly we have lost one of our most underrated members, Richard Green was one of the hardest working prophets we had. He never took credit for anything and was there when things had to be done and saw to it they were done to perfection. Alas my brother you will be missed.

Some of the changes I have planned for the upcoming year are we will have a dedicated work day each month to keep up our building and make repairs to our equipment. I don't care what you do even if your limited to just picking up a dust rag and dusting every little bit really does help. We are one of the three Grotto's in the State of Florida that still own their own building. That is something to be proud of and we need to keep it up and well maintained.

Our stated meeting will be held on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>. Regular hours will prevail with supper at 6:30 followed by the stated meeting at 7:30 PM.

Our new officer's will be installed on Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 P.M. immediately followed by a casual formal dinner (ladies slacks or a dress and men a suite jacket). The meal that night will be

prepared by the ladies of OES and served by DeMolay and Jobies. Supper that evening will be a simple meal of roast chicken breasts, roasted mini potatoes, fresh vegetable and rolls. Desert will be a specially prepared fresh cake. There will be no cost for the meal, but please remember the donation bar will be open also don't forget we now have 2 types of beer on tap for all to enjoy.

Our monthly Board Meetings will resume starting January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. More information will be provided as we get closer to our lodge tour dates. In addition we will be having the widow's dinner and remembrance night later in February or early March.

*Elsa (the wonder dog) and I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year's Eve.*

### **Adult Christmas Party**



### **New Officers**

Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers.

See them in the listing on page 1.

## Kids Christmas Party



## Card Night

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. is “FUN NIGHT” we meet with ladies from Gulf Beach Eastern Star for a Social night of snacks, cards, board games, and everyone, friends, neighbors are invited to join.

Question and Answer section

Q: When is the Second Tuesday Fun Night with Eastern Star?

A: On the second Tuesday each month at 7 PM.

## From the Past Monarch’s Unit

**Attention Attention Attention**  
Unit members and want-to-be Unit members.  
Vacation is over; it’s time to get back to work. All of our Units have things to do to help Selama Grotto get out to show the general public and our Masonic Brothers what we are all about. Please put the important times and days on your calendar for each month.

Past Monarchs - First Tuesday at 7:00 PM  
Jokers Unit - Third Wednesday at 7:00 PM (We need to get in some parades)

Cast Unit - Fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM  
Yours in Good Fellowship

P.S. You may ask if any Prophet can join the Past Monarchs Unit. Of course he can. However, it takes 3 to 5 years to process the application while he is going through the Grotto Line of Officers. Alternatively he can establish a new unit, write bylaws and get a running start with the other Prophets not in one of the above.

Support your units; they are integral to the workings of the Grotto. And often our only contact with the public is through participating in parades.

## WANTED

**CANDIDATES!** The Cast Unit is looking for a few good (or bad) "actors" to help fill out our drama team. Current openings are for one each to handle the parts of His Majesty, Narrator, and Caldron Character. Narrator will only read from a prepared script behind the curtain assisted with a microphone. Caldron body only needs to groan and moan around other participants’ script. His Majesty performs through two of the four acts and has a running dialogue with the Neophyte. As of this initial printing (May 2016) cast has a parties interested, but not committed to, his Majesty and the Caldron person. Contact Barry Dupré (727-815-9675) if you’re interested in a unit full of PHUN and Fellowship here at Selama Grotto #147.

## **George Gobel on Johnny Carson**

I have been known to have a drink or two on occasion, like if the sun goes down.

I will say this, I have never had a drink during a total eclipse.

Dean Martin - George and I drink moderately, and I have a case of it in the back of my car.

George - I fought the war in Oklahoma. And remember there was not one Japanese aircraft got past Tulsa.