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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

UNIT MEETINGS

Past Monarchs - First Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Jokers Unit - Third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Cast Unit - Fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM

From the Desk of the Monarch

OK everyone we survived the holidays and now is the time to start moving forward. **FUN, FUN, FUN** is the word for 2017. Selama Grotto used to be the hot spot to go for fun and fellowship, NOW it is time to bring it all back. Two years ago we were strapped down because we had to replace the roof, parking lot and the awnings. Well that is done finally. (Hey we got away without doing any major repairs for over 10 years not too shabby). Well this year I (and Bruce) have already started on the next project that needs to be addressed...our kitchen...some of you might have noticed that the old stove is moved out of the way and in its place is a new stainless steel table and on it is a replacement 2 burner stove. What you don't know about is that there is a flat top griddle on its way. Why you might ask? Well because so many people complained about how the old glass top stove worked (or did not work as the case might be) I am replacing it with commercial equipment that should last for a great many years as well as improved appearance it will give us much more flexibility with anything we would want to do in the kitchen, but, more importantly what I am doing will NOT require that we spend thousands of dollars for a safety hood (or any of the improvements for that matter – I am using my resources at hand to make changes without cost to us).

With all that being said let me go on with the exciting news. First I would like to say thank you to the new incoming line. I will do everything in my power to make your year easy, fun and profitable.

Sadly we have no lodge visits this month because of Shrine beat us to one and the other one will be the DDGM visit.

OK here is the part where the fun starts. This Saturday (February 4) we will have our FIRST monthly cleanup day. This one will be short so that we can get ready to the ***BIG SUPERBOWL PARTY*** the following day (Sunday February 5th). Next FUN DATE will be Friday February 10th. This will be our kick off of the Friday night supper again. This date is especially important to all you guys out there it will be ***VALENTINE'S DAY***. There will be a special price for that night \$7 per person. *The menu will be Roast Beef, Baked Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Hot Rolls, and a cake for Desert.* As

usual our self-service donation bar will be open that night. Guys if you really want to treat your lady right might I suggest that you bring a bottle of champagne for her. I will ice it down and serve it to you at your table all with the candles burning and soft music in the back ground. SEE I told you things are going to change for the better!

So do not forget to attend the stated meeting on February 8th, we will have some important business regarding *Daylight Lodge* that your elected line members and I will have to decide on. If you were not at the past January board meeting we will bring you up to speed that night.

Just looking ahead to March (you will receive more information as the time grows near for the exciting events we have). Including 5 visits to lodges to introduce ourselves. One of my favorite parades the ***SEMINOLE POW WOW*** Parade, a Saint Patrick's' night supper and last but not least ***PILGRIMAGE DAY*** at the Masonic Home. So as you can see we will be ramping up things quickly and will keep the fun going. This is only a taste of what is going to be going on as we grow and get back into the swing of things. ***We are the Masons' Playground so let's PLAY!***

Finally, during the last Board meeting we were blessed to have a very special friend join us, RW: Richard Hover! He has shown his involvement with your Grotto is going to be increased. He has asked for the Board meeting schedule and Stated schedule so that he can attend when his other duties allow. Some of you may not know that (prophet) RW: Hover ***IS A MEMBER*** of Selama Grotto. And that we have re-worked his fez to indicate he will be the new Grand Master of Florida. I just wanted to say welcome back to Rick you are a valuable asset and good friend and I look forward to any input you wish to share with me. I am not perfect but I always try and do what is best for all our Prophets and their families.

Fraternally yours,

Dave Vincent, Monarch 2017

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.