
SELAMAGRAM

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

CHARTERED JUNE 28, 1922
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DECEMBER 2014

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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 /
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**Enchanted Lantern-Chief Justice David Vincent
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Audit Committee:

P.M. Richard D. Green

P.M. Frederick Kinney

P.M. Bruce Ward

Board of Directors:

Chairman - Thomas McVeigh

1st Vice Chairman, David Vincent

2nd Vice Chairman, Joseph L. Griffith

3rd Vice Chairman, Open

Treasurer, P. M. Hardy Bryan

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2014 - P.M. Frederick P. Kinney

2014 - Frank Westberry

2015 - P.M. Barry Dupré

2015 - William West

2016 - P.M. Bruce Ward

2016 - P.M. Chris Webb

Board of Trustees:

2014 - P.M. Roger Webb

2014 - Fred Kalkbrenner

2015 - P.M. Richard Renshaw

2015 - Phillip Barret

2016 - P.M. Richard Green

2016 - Ed Flowers

CHURCH PAGE

Shirley Baird Mem Bill, Ellen Griffith Mem PM

H. Lee Griffith, Gordon & Barbara Hill, PM

Richard D. Green Mem Beryl, PM Alfred

Rodgers Mem. Anna, PGM David Morgan

Mem George and Leila Nicholson

From the Chief Justice:

As my final days of your Chief Justice draw to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that worked with me during my term, I would also like to thank everyone for their unanimous support in my nomination as your new Monarch for Selama Grotto.

I would like to say that things went smoother under Monarch Tom during the past year with new events offered and more people attending each and every one. But now is not the time to let down our guard, rather it is time to increase our membership. Monarch Tom got the ball rolling and I can promise you that I will keep it going with more and even better events during this upcoming year ahead of us. We will grow and continue to expand with the help of my new Chief Justice Joe Griffith. Joe and I have worked together for a while and I think we are a great leadership team with greater ideas for the future. A few months ago I sent out a message that if we don't grow we will go the way of the dodo bird, while I still have the same feelings I have seen growth lately and that has lifted my spirits. Take our last picnic we had a fantastic turn out and though we failed to gain any new members the folks that did come out for the most part were old members that we had not seen in quite a while. They had the opportunity to meet with old friends and see that we are still alive and operating. We have even had members that we have not seen in years attend Friday night supper and they paid up past dues, we are looking forward to seeing them return. All in all we are on a good roll so let's keep it going. Monarch Tom is not the Grotto, I am not the Grotto, Prophet Joe is not the Grotto **WE ALL ARE THE GROTTTO**. Just as the old saying goes - it takes a community to raise a child - well it takes all of us to share in the growth of the Grotto, to make it stronger, to grow and to prosper.

Now with all that said I do have a few things regarding the upcoming installation. The Installation will be on December 13th starting between 3 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. and that part of the evening will run until around 4 p.m., with happy hour it begin following installation, dinner to follow at 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. all are welcome because at 6 p.m. the dancing will begin! I have brought in a DJ for the evening at no cost to the Grotto. Again this is part of our new growth that I spoke of earlier, let's bring OUR Grotto back to life for all to see and be proud of.

During the installation we are going to go back in time a bit, all line officers will be required to wear a white dinner jacket (at least for the installation) I have already had the 5 white jackets in the back room taken to the dry cleaners and they are ready to go, so if you do not have a white jacket, fear not, we do have extras ready. I will also do my best to make sure we have enough red ties (red is not

required but is an option that we have used over time) in case you don't already have one so we all look great that night and as one group. Last and not least let's not forget the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 14th starting at 2 p.m., yes and as always we will have both leaded and unleaded egg nog! Keep your eyes open and I bet Santa or one WE WILL have the adult gift exchange on Friday December 19th at 6:30 p.m. with finger food offered for all. PLEASE bring a gift to exchange, wrapped and labeled male if you are a male and female if you are female. This evening is meant to be fun and inexpensive, so in keeping with that thought the gift you bring should not be over \$10 maximum - time to hit the dollar store or big lots. So as your incoming officers we would like to offer each and every one of you an invitation to attend and in addition if you are not able to attend we would like to extend our warmest and best wishes to you and yours for the holidays and look forward to seeing you all this year at our meetings and events.

David Vincent, CJ

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

December 9, 2014 will be Selama and Gulf Beach Eastern Star "FUN NIGHT" starting at 7 p.m. This night is devoted to fun and games. Whichever you choose will be available.

December 5, 2014 - Installation of Officers for Zendah Grotto - no Friday Night Social.

December 10, 2014 is Selama's stated session and election of officers for 2015.

December 13, 2014 - Installation of Officers for Selama Grotto.

December 14, 2014 - Kids Christmas Party 2 p.m.

December 19, 2014 - Adult gift exchange.

There will NOT be a Board of Directors meeting in December.

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

Merry Christmas