
SELAMAGRAM

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

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SESSIONS: 2ND WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH 7:30 PM

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES - OPEN

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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
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.
(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

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Audit Committee:
P.M. Richard D. Green
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Board of Directors:
Chairman - David Vincent
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3rd Vice Chairman, Open
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2015 - P.M. Barry Dupré
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Board of Trustees:
2015 - P.M. Richard Renshaw
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2017 - Robert "Bob" Kline

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 Monarch:

Well it is the middle of the winter here in Florida and we MASONS and PROPHETS alike have survived the most harrowing of times...installations. Now on to business. I want to thank everyone that was at my first meeting as the new monarch. I feel we had a good meeting, a lot of information and ideas were exchanged. I want to thank Ed specifically for speaking up with how we can share with Daylight Lodge in their projects. This is the exact type of cooperation I am asking from everyone. If you have an idea or thought **do not keep it to yourself bring it the executive board meeting and share**, while there will be things that come up before a board meeting, I like the idea of keeping the stated free, easy and fun. If you run into a funny saying or a joke feel free to share it during the stated meeting. The meeting does not have to be all business. You might have noticed me looking at the wall clock or my watch there is a reason for that also. I am doing my best to keep all stated meetings to under 1 hour so no one will become bored and think of the stated meeting as just a job.

OK on to the next plan on my agenda this year. I/WE need some clowns and people who want to learn how to **safely** drive the clown cars. My thought on this is if we can get people that want to drive the cars and are trained they could also dress as a clown. Did you know we actually still have clown costumes in the back room? I have no problem paying out of my own pocket to clean them if you will wear them. We had a clown unit before - we even still have clown patches as well as some vests in storage. See what I find when I dig a little in the black hole we call the CP room! Most of the cars are restored now (I kept one at my house after the last parade to work on it!) And there is nothing in our rules that say the drivers have to be men - your ladies are welcome also. As most of you know Ed has been keeping up to date with the mailings, you will also see something's coming from Bruce and even myself. I will do the best I can to get information to both Ed and Bruce as fast as I can so everyone will be up to date **BUT** here is what I need from all of you. If Ed, Bruce or I do not have a current e-mail address or contact for you we cannot disseminate information. Please contact one of us so we can update ALL your information including mailing addresses.

I am going to throw out a challenge to each and everyone of you and see how it works.

The current cost of joining the GROTO is \$100 and includes the FEZ. But for my year in office we will only charge \$75 dollars and I will make up the difference out of my own pocket! There is no limit to how many Master Masons take you up on the offer, the only catch is that they must fill out a pocket petition right there and right then and hand it back to you and have the \$75 paid before they are initiated. If they wait they will have to pay the entire amount. Also DON'T forget about the amnesty program if you know of someone that has dropped out or fallen behind on their dues they can still come back and be welcome, just contact me or Bruce and we will take care of it. The reason to contact us is that we do not want to cause embarrassment to anyone and I would prefer that others not know about a Prophet's business, it is no one's business but theirs. Finally if you or your lodge has an event LET US KNOW if there is time and room we can even work it into the Selamagram. Information is knowledge and knowledge as well as sharing will keep us alive and going strong.

Yours in Goodfellowship
David Vincent

From the Chief Justice:

For this Selamagram, I am going to let you know what is on the calendar for the month of **February**. We will be having our Friday night socials every Friday night. If you have forgotten about them, come on back and get reacquainted. The C.P. program is on the 12th and the 26th, the regular Grotto meeting is on the 11th, dinner at 6:30 meeting at 7:30, Tuesday the 10th is fun night, Scottish Rite is on the 9th, and the Grotto executive board meets on the 24th. Come on out to the Grotto and enjoy it. We need your participation in order for the Grotto to succeed. Thank you brethren and may God bless.
Joseph L Griffith

From the Secretary:

I had a letter sent to Earl Smith of Locust Street returned by the Post Office marked "Deceased" and "unable to forward". I have no other address, phone number, or contact information for him. Also, I can not find his obituary in the newspaper. If anyone has more information please let me know.

Thank you
Bruce L. Ward P.M.

Happy Valentines Day

