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# SELAMAGRAM

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

CHARTERED JUNE 28, 1922  
3000 16<sup>TH</sup> ST. NORTH,  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33704

**MARCH 2015**

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**SESSIONS: 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:selamagram@gmail.com)**  
**Deadline is Third Tuesday each month.**  
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## **From the desk of the Monarch**

### **Ok everyone I have a new challenge for you this month, one I think is hard to turn down.**

For the rest of the 2015 year I will treat you to dinner on stated meeting night on your birthday month! AND if you have not been to SELAMA GROTTTO during the last year or more I will also cover your dinner donation on stated meeting night as a way of welcoming you back. What does that mean not only will we cover your past dues but you will receive 2 free dinners during the year in hard money that is \$31 for dues (or more) and \$10 in dinner donations for a total savings of \$41 or more just to get you to come back and have fun again.

**Also do not forget that if you sign up a new PROPHET** I personally will cover \$25 of the \$100 it costs to join SELAMA GROTTTO which brings the price of joining down to only \$75, There is no way that these 2 challenges can be turned down, they are just too good to turn down.

**Effective immediately** whomever is the first person to enter the Grotto building will be the responsible person to see that it is secure and locked when everyone leaves. I hate to be the one to put this out there like this, but in the last 3 months there have been numerous reports made to me of the building being left unlocked or only 1 lock being applied. WE ALL have thousands of dollars of equipment and memories in the Grotto building and this is not just the Grotto members it is also the members of Daylight Lodge, the CP program, and even the Friday night supper crew. It is all our responsibility to take responsibility for everything we own. Even if you only go across the street for a soda the locks must be set, it is also a safety matter for you the members so that no one can sneak in and cause harm to come to you.

**Some updates for everyone.** The awnings are in the process of being repaired in the next 30 days. We have the bid and it has been accepted by the prophets. I have received 1 bid and there is another one in the works to do all the tree work around the building. We have 1 tree on 16th that is dead and needs to be removed. and ALL the trees need a good trimming back off the building and street. I currently have a bid of \$600 to do all the work completely. It was going to be \$900 but I turned on the Irish charm and they came down \$300. I am working with Joe Griffith he has another person to bid this job also.

**MARCH 11 we will have our annual visit from SCDD during the stated meeting.** Let's all be sharp and know all our parts so we look as good as I know we are. SCDD Jim Mason is a great guy and wants us to succeed along with his guidance we will only get better. Dinner will be meat loaf, baked potatoes, fresh steamed veggie, dinner rolls, and desert will be a cake. Please try to make a donation even though we have never had to make it mandatory that anyone that eats a meal donate

\$5 we have been coming up very short during all the recent dinners. If you don't have the \$5 do the best you can please. Volunteers do all the work and prep taking the money out of their own pockets, plus a portion of the donations go back to Prophet Richard for supplies like paper towels, toilet paper, soap, trash bags, plates, knives, forks well you get the idea things that it would be difficult to go without - especially the paper products if you know what I mean.

**Finally do not forget we have the pilgrimage day** coming up and it will be a big time for us all to show off who we are. I would like to take the parade float over, have a couple cars to display and it would be fun to have some of our clowns to return and visit with everyone during the event. And as always my door and ears are open to everyone, anytime, anyplace who has something to say or suggest. THIS IS YOUR GROTTTO so why not make it the best Grotto in Florida?

Yours in Goodfellowship  
David Vincent

### **From the Chief Justice:**

As you all know, it is the job of the chief justice to be chairman of the enchanted lantern drive. Therefore, at this time I am asking all prophets to dig deep and purchase an enchanted lantern. You can either purchase a lantern for yourself or for someone else. If you choose to purchase for someone else please indicate this on your check. The cost of the lantern is \$50.00, with all of the monies going to the humanitarian foundation. If you choose to pay by check, make it payable to the Humanitarian Foundation and send them to Joseph L Griffith Selama Grotto 3000 16th St. N. St. Petersburg Fl. 33704. Remember, brothers, all this money goes to the foundation, but Selama Grotto gets credit for every lantern that we purchase. All you need to do is send the check to me and I will do the rest. When your lantern arrives I will let you know. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness.

Fraternally yours,  
Joseph L Griffith: Chief Justice

**The Seminole Pow Wow parade** will be March 14, 2015. Come out and ride the float or drive one of our little cars

**Memorial Service** will be March 27, 2015 following our Friday Night Supper.

### **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.