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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

**MAY 2015**

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**SESSIONS: 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH 7:30 PM**

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**MASTER OF CEREMONIES - OPEN**

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**MARSHALL - WILLIAM WEST - 804-4463**  
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**Junior Past Monarch - THOMAS W. MCVEIGH**  
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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**  
**some Fridays 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. In April we will only meet on**  
**the second and fourth Fridays, the 10th and**  
**24th. Come out on March 27th to find out why.**

**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.**  
**Secretary, P.M. Bruce L. Ward**

**Appointed Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership - Monarch David Vincent 289-3716**  
**Enchanted Lantern - Chief Justice Joseph Griffith**  
**743-0817**

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**Youth Coordinator - P.M. Bruce Ward, 327-7383**  
**Cerebral Palsy Recreational Program - Jeanni**  
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**3716**

**Audit Committee:**

**P.M. Richard D. Green**  
**P.M. Tom McVeigh**  
**P.M. Bruce Ward**

**Board of Directors:**

**Chairman - David Vincent**  
**1st Vice Chairman, Joseph L. Griffith**  
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**3rd Vice Chairman, Open**  
**Treasurer, P. M. Hardy Bryan**  
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**2015 - P.M. Barry Dupré**  
**2015 - William West**  
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**2016 - P.M. Chris Webb**  
**2017 - Pete Bengston**  
**2017 - Robert Kline**

**Board of Trustees:**

**2015 - P.M. Richard Renshaw**  
**2015 - Phillip Barret**  
**2016 - P.M. Richard Green**  
**2016 - Ed Flowers**  
**2017 - P.M. Roger Webb**  
**2017 - Fred Kalkenbrenner**

**We are selling shirts, show your pride, only**  
**\$30, see David Vincent or Bruce Ward**

**SELAMA GROTTO KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY!!!**



*May 2, 2015 - 5 p.m. until End of Race*

*All are welcome, bring your family, friends, neighbors. Finger foods will be provided by your Grotto, donation bar will be open with the old favorites like Mint Juleps, Beer and Wine as well and Soft drinks.*

***WE will be having prizes for the best lady hats and men's hats, also there will be a pool for the first, second and third place horses. Don't forget the tradition of wearing the brightest hat, let's see how you compare with all the folks that are at the Derby...See You There!***

**From the desk of the Monarch**

*As you might have noticed there are a lot of improvements going on around YOUR Grotto. the trees are trimmed, the new awnings are up and the contract to pave the parking lot has been signed and is expected to be done by early May. It will be paved, stripped, new disabled parking added as well as new signage. I did not make this happen YOU DID. My next project will be steam cleaning the building and repainting the green trim that has worn out over the years. You now have a location that you can and should be proud of. What we now need is more Prophets and missing Prophets to return, this has started. **DO NOT worry if your dues have lapsed contact PM Bruce or Monarch Dave these types of things can be fixed and you should not be afraid to join back in.***

*My thanks go out to Prophet Ed for his help with keeping people notified of events, Secretary PM Bruce for all the hours that he puts in. Let's not forget PM Richard who through his medical issues over the last couple years is always standing there at the front of the line to donate his time and efforts. A big Thank You to Prophet Joe for standing in for me last meeting. Let's not forget PM Chris who asked to become the Master of Ceremonies at our March meeting. These are only a few of the people that keep us going , the list goes on and on. The point I am making is that each and every one of you makes a difference in YOUR Grotto. Not just the Monarch, not just the ladies of OES who come and play games, supply food and clean, but each and every one of you from the Prophets in all the chairs at a meeting to the great people that keep our parades going to the loving members that support our C.P Program.*

*OK what is next? Well again this year we will be having our Kentucky Derby Party. **EVERYONE** is invited from all the grottos, to all the lodges to all of the affiliated Masonic groups. Come have fun, there will be something for everyone*

***Finally and most important** May 2nd is our Bi-annual ceremonial we will be having Prophets from not just Selama, but also Samoor and Zenda here. We are a Growing and Moving Grotto Thanks to you now is the time to really get fired up and keep us on the roll.*

*Yours in Goodfellowship  
David Vincent*

**From the Chief Justice:**

Prophets, we are making a lot of progress at Selama Grotto, but there is a lot still to be done. The trees have been trimmed, a new fridge donated for our use, and the parking lot should be resurfaced soon. This is all good, but the one thing missing is you. We are still having our Friday night socials with the same people showing up every week. We still need people to make the main course for the FNS but we also need side dishes and someone to eat them. If you are coming out on Friday, and you know someone who would like to be there, bring them with you, or if they just need a ride, let us know. We will find a way to get them there. Remember, this is about fellowship, so come on out, bring your friends, and have fun.

Thank you and God bless.  
Joe Griffith

**Dates for our Little League Team**

May 6 Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Baypoint

May 9 Saturday at 10 am at Egan Park

**Egan Park**, 8900 Blindpass Road, St. Petersburg  
**Baypoint**, 5850 - 12 St So, St. Petersburg, FL  
33705



What: Kentucky Derby Party

When: Saturday May 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Selama Grotto 3000 16 Street No.

Who: Grotto Prophets, family and friends

We will start partying about 5 p.m. and watch the pre-race show on TV.

The cash bar will be open.

Mint Juleps will be available.

Men wear your bowler (hat) and Ladies wear your best hat (the bigger the better).

Prizes for best in men's and women's.

There will be a contest to see who can best guess the winning time.