
SELAMAGRAM

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

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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

From the Monarch:

Brethren, as we look forward to the New Year, let's not forget to look back on the past year and remember what was accomplished in 2015. The parking lot looks great, we have a new roof, the awnings were renovated and we brought in several new members as well as bringing back some of our members who have been less active. This was accomplished under the leadership of Junior Past Monarch David Vincent. We all need to thank him for all of his work during the past year. Looking forward, we all need to pledge to do more to make Selama Grotto more successful. I will be scheduling visits to as many lodges in our districts as I can. I hope to visit all the lodges in the 21st district before summer. I will be sending out the dates as I get them. However, the best way to get new members into the Grotto is for every Selama Grotto member to go back to their Blue Lodge and become active there. I believe the best way to get new members is to talk to newly raised masons and invite them to join the Grotto. We cannot expect to grow the Grotto if we are not active in our Blue Lodges. I will be sending out a schedule of events for 2016 and if we all work together, we can be successful.

Thank you Brethren.

God bless and Happy New Year.

Joseph L Griffith

From the Chief Justice:

Just a couple of things this month for everyone. Again let me say thank you to everyone that pitched in this past year during my term as your Monarch, we survived and I also think we thrived with the new members we brought on board we showed the rest of the state that we are alive and GROWING with ENTHUSIASM!!!

With that being said, I along with your New Monarch Joe Griffith have a busy year ahead. My intent is to bring the old clown/jokers unit back to life. I am combining the two units into one under the heading of Selama Clown Unit. The reason for this is that over the years the units fell into disrepair, not only in being maintained, but in also in guidance and direction. Not a lot of you are aware of my life history other than being an Executive Chef. In short I worked in T.V. and

have done several movies so I do know what it takes to "put on the show" additionally I owned a holiday Santa Clause company and we did both Santa and St Nick, so suffice it to say I have a lot of make-up knowledge that I can teach you.

Starting the Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 10 am sharp and lasting for about 2 hours (or as long as you wish to go on) we will begin by teaching the basic requirements of being a clown. Start thinking of your character now. If you are not sure call me and I will send you a list of the 4 basic clown faces and the web sites on You Tube so you can watch then yourself. Yes there are really are only 4, but, they can be changed to meet your desires. Don't worry about makeup it will be supplied to get you started. Also we have a very large amount of things to get you on your way for costumes.

Clown car drivers will be taught by Monarch Joe and Past Monarch Bruce throughout the year BUT before the first parade. (Date to be announced) and will be required before you can operate vehicles. For those of you that don't know we currently have 3 Model A's, a racing stock car and "the bathtub" and yes it is a real bathtub that used to be used for real racing! Dave Rosenthal has also expressed a desire to bring over his new racecar...it is a Formula 1 and a beauty.

I promised you, as your Monarch, we were going to change and grow. As your Chief Justice elect I am going to continue just that. We are going to have a great year, the very BEST, most FUN, and GREATEST Grotto in the State of Florida filled with ENTHUSIASM !!!(And if I might be so bold to say – the country). Surprises await, remember Grottos are not a Blue Lodge, instead they are the Masons playground.

David Vincent P.M.

Sickness and Distress:

The wife of Fred Kalkbrenner (Prophet of Selama and member of Daylight Lodge) passed away Monday December 21, 2015 for reasons unknown at this time. She had a stroke about 2 years ago and Fred has been tasked at taking care of her 24/7 since then.