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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:

Prophets; As the we near the end of another year in Selama Grotto, we need to look back and determine if we have done all that we could have done to make Selama Grotto successful. If not, what could we have done, and what can we do in the time left this year to improve upon our action or lack there of? This is a question that can only be answered internally. Ask yourself, what have I done to improve the Grotto and could I have done more? For the remainder of the year I am going to keep trying to visit more Blue Lodges and I ask all Prophets that can, to attend these visits and show the Blue Lodges what the Grotto is all about and why they need to be a member of Selama Grotto. I am also requesting that all who can, to attend our monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. In addition, we are hosting a Las Vegas Night on November 19th. .To everyone who has tickets to sell, we need to get them sold. If you where not given tickets and you have the opportunity to sell some, please contact me and I will get the tickets for you. This can be a good source of funds for the Grotto and the Order of Eastern Star. Keep this date open and for more information come out to our Friday night social. You can also call me. Ph. No. 743 0817. Thank you Prophets and I will see you in Grotto.
Joseph L Griffith Monarch

From the Chief Justice:

Well it is time to welcome back all our old friends that have fled the summer heat here in Florida for cooler locations, it is also time to welcome all our new prophets to the Enchanted Realm that is Selama Grotto. It is also time to dig in our heals and work at growing our membership. For those of you that are new to the “system” let me give you a heads up of what is to come for the rest of the year. **PARADES** coming up in November and December, 1 of which is always a night parade with all the lights and fun of the holidays. **ELECTIONS** of our new officers to the line (there are some great people out there that I will be tasking to take positions). **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY. ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY** guys bring a gift for a guy and gals bring a gift for the gals. **INSTALLATION** of new officers. **FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPERS** will

continue and with the holidays ahead I can promise you they will only get better and better! Our annual **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING PARTY**. Monarch Joe’s and **OES** ladies new **CASINO NIGHT** – Get your tickets in advance price is only \$20 and for that you will receive \$1500 in play money to use at the tables. Your Chief Justice (aka Chef Dave) has been requested to provide all the finger food and snacks. (I have ordered fresh fingers just for the occasion since the night will be so close to Halloween). Are you all starting to get the idea we are heading for the fun/silly season of the holidays? Come by and see where **YOUR** Grotto is heading for the future.

I plan on doing a LOT of traveling with all of you to share how other Grottos in the State of Florida how we are doing things, it is time to share with others and to grow our friendships and our fraternity. You are probably asking about what has happened to our lodge visits? Well they have not gone by the way side – in fact we will be visiting each and every lodge in Districts 20 and 21 most of which have already been added to my calendar and will be shared with you at the October stated meeting. (I will be printing out a full flyer of everything going on to hand out).

Next item on our **MUST DO LIST** is in October and November, we/I will be scheduling a work day(s). **IF YOU CHOOSE** to not attend these 2 days of work and training you will not be allowed to drive the cars. We are also combining with DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow girls for our parades this year. I have been approached and asked if they can walk along with us behind the float. I said of course they are welcome. (I will also be offering the same chance to the future MASONS and OES ladies from Tampa to join us in the fun.

At this point you are likely asking – what is this guy up to; he is going to run us to death. Well here is the plan, I started moving us forward 19 months ago, Monarch Joe is moving us forward some more AND since we have finished all the major construction projects that needed to be done, added new Prophets it is now time to have fun and show off to the world who we are. That we are not like some of your home lodges that sit there and argue all during stated meetings and then go home grumbling that it was not like this when they joined up. Remember WE are the MASONS PLAYGROUND here for fun, fellowship and

FAMILIES and to be one big *FAMILY*. I am currently negotiating with a couple of companies for charter fishing boats and charter dinner cruises either as a group or as fund raisers. I am looking forward to sharing as much of this information with you as I firmly have in place at our October Stated Meeting so I would recommend you all be there for additional input for me in case I have left out something that will be of interest to all Prophets. **REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR GROTTO AND PLAY GROUND SO ENJOY IT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN AND BE AS BIG OF A PART OF IT AS YOU CAN.**
Sincerely, C.J. David Vincent PM

From the Secretary:

Congratulations to Ken Mueller of Ormazd Grotto in his election as Second Vice President of Florida State Grotto Association. And Bruce Ward of Selama Grotto as Trustee for the Centurian Fund.

A LITTLE COMMON SENSE FROM AN OLD COWBOY ..

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
You cannot unsay a cruel word.
Every path has a few puddles.
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
The best sermons are lived, not preached.
Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
Don't judge folks by their relatives.
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
Always drink upstream from the herd.
Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..
Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2016

7 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

AT

SELAMA GROTTO

3000 16TH Street, Saint Petersburg FL 33704

Sponsored By Gulf Beach OES and SELAMA GROTTO

***Tickets are available from the ladies of Gulf Beach OES and
Selama Grotto***

***Free Food, FUN, FRIENDS, Donation Bar available,
and Mystery Grab Bags***

***\$20 per ticket gets you \$1500 in Play
Money!***

***At the end of the night use the play money you won to bid
in the auction.***

Limit 2 auction wins per person.

Some prizes could be worth over 1,000 (pennies not dollars)

for more information or tickets call

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