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Newsletter of the *River City  
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL  
An [NSS](#) Affiliated Grotto

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –  
NEXT MEETING: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Intuition Ale Works

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Warren's Cave:** We will take a trip to Warren's Cave on 1/28/23. Details will be provided as we get closer to the trip.

**Cave Cavort:** The 2023 Cave Cavort will be hosted by TBAG at Tillis Hill Campground and will take place March 24th-March 26th, 2023.

## EVENT/TRIP REPORTS

**Karstmas Party:** Mike and Connie hosted another great Karstmas Party in December. We had a good time discussing trips and eating some great food.

**Climbing Practice:** In November, some of our members practiced climbing and changeovers at Seminole Park.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Financial State:** We are solid financially.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Board Elections for President and Secretary:** Terms for RCG President and RCG Secretary have to an end, so it is time to elect some new RCG members for these positions. If you are interested in either of these positions, please email your nomination to [board@rivercitygrotto.com](mailto:board@rivercitygrotto.com); in the nomination include your name, NSS number, the position you're interested in, biography, and the reason you're interested in the position. If you have any questions about the president position, contact Mike Thomas and if you have questions about the secretary position, contact Carrie Brown.

## CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Amateur Archaeology Sleuth Deciphers Messages Hidden in Stone Age Cave Art for 25,000 Years:** Ben Bacon, an amateur archaeologist and a furniture restorer, has decoded what experts describe as "the first known writing in the history of Homo sapiens." The code inscriptions that Bacon decoded appear in at least 400 caves across Europe. ([article](#))