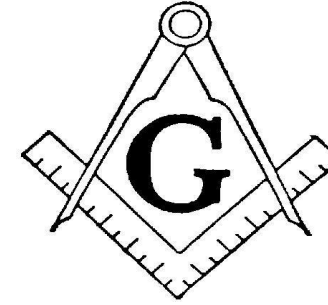


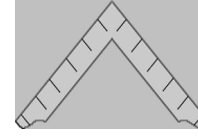
# TRESTLEBOARD



**NITRAM LODGE NO 188 F&AM**  
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### Master's Message



Brethren,  
 I hope this finds every brother healthy, warm & reasonably well! As we near Thanksgiving there is a cold chill in the air and our thoughts begin to look towards the holidays. This year our lodge has seen many exciting and invigorating moments. The sitting Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master both visited our lodge. The Deputy Grand Master's official visit was just last week, mid November. The ladies from Gulf Beach Order of the Eastern Star 241 assisted us throughout the year by cooking many of the meals! Throughout the year various brothers has assisted in cooking the "meat" for our steak dinners, most recently our Junior Warden C.J. Morris and Senior Steward (and web master) Matt Winters cooked the steaks for the District Deputy Grand

Master's visit and did a wonderful job. But our lodge and our lodge family have faced challenges as well. Several of our members have been ill, our Senior Deacon Ed Villumae has been through a second hospital stay and is currently recovering. Marc Bradley, our Trestle board editor recently had eye surgery and his good friend Kathleen has been ill for quite a while. We wish them all well. But our lodge has unfortunately seen more than its share of loss this year. Most recently our Tyler Doc Wurster passed away. On behalf of the lodge I want to extend Nitram's condolences to Doc's widow Sharon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So as the year winds down I want to urge every brother to take one small moment in time and call someone, anyone who has experienced a loss this year. While I know personally, the charitable aspects of our fraternity,

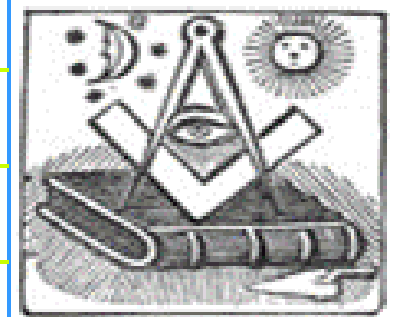
our order believes we should extend this belief and practice to every person. What better time to show our fraternity's compassion towards all mankind than the upcoming holidays! In closing, I want to thank the brothers for giving me this opportunity to sit in the east. I have had a very enjoyable experience as Worshipful Master and look with mixed emotions to being a "has-been" sitting in the south! I hope the lodge and its brothers are better than when I was selected and believe Nitram's next Worshipful Master will be well situated for an eventful year. I personally want to wish each and every one reading this Trestle board a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you all and God Bless.  
 From the East,  
 Worshipful Master Dan Barto:.

## DECEMBER, 2008

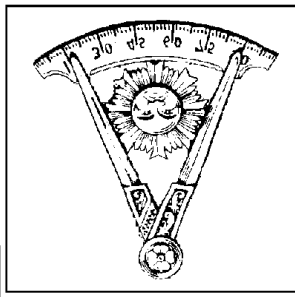
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Tyler, "Doc" Wurster. A great and honorable man, friend, Mason and student of the Craft, who endured and overcame so much in his own life with grace and dignity, that we are inspired to invoke his strength in all our interactions with mankind.

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- 1970 Carl Weisenberg
- 1969 Robert J. Schram\*
- 1968 Alvin F. Baumgartner
- 1967 Robert D. Arthur\*
- 1966 Richard J. Skiles\*
- 1965 Ludwig C. Seufert\*
- 1964 Paul Weber
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- 1996 William J. Zimmerman
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- 1998 Richard G. Hoover PDDGM PDI
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- 2000 Stanley H. Szemer
- 2001 Robert L. Johnson
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- 2004 Anthony L. Griffon
- 2004 Royal K. Edens
- 2005 Scott M. Geisler
- 2006 Ney Delgado-Arias
- 2007 Stanley H. Szemer
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### Upcoming Events

#### December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OES 169	2 Tahuti Ct	3 Practice	4 EA Degree	5	6
7	8 OES 241	9	10 Practice	11 Stated Elections	12	13
14	15 OES 169	16	17 Practice	18 Lodge of Sorrow	19	20
21	22 OES 241	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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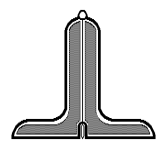
Organist

Bryan Shuler

Marshall

Ney Delgado-Arias PM

Senior Wardens Writings



Brothers-

It hardly seems possible that Thanksgiving is right around the corner and fall is over half-way gone. The fall has been a busy and rewarding one for Nitram Lodge. The officers have been working diligently to make certain they are all ready to assume whatever leadership roles it pleases the Craft to bestow upon them.

At the time of writing this,

Nitram is preparing for a past masters degree of Fellow Craft. It's always a pleasure to watch the P.M.s exemplify a degree and Nitram is definitely blessed with some of the most active and talented past masters of any lodge.

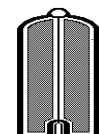
As the Masonic year draws to a close, allow your thoughts once again to turn toward your families. This is an especially good time to once again give thanks for the many things we have been blessed with and to look

for even more opportunities to help others who are in need. In so doing, Nitram has accepted a generous invitation from Gulf Beach Lodge to join them in volunteering time for the Angel Tree program at Tyrone Square mall. We are pleased to work with them for this great cause and for the chance to promote the values of Masonry to the community.

From the West,

S. W. Scott Drake

Junior Wardens Journal



Brothers, our Traveling Gavel has come and gone! After Herculean efforts, our brothers went to Gulf Beach Lodge and wrested the gavel from their grasp. Triumphant we brought it home only to have Star Lodge show up with their members the very next week!

We had a very nice visit from our District Deputy Grand Master on the 13th of November. The South provided a steak dinner of which there were several compliments given. Bro. Matt Winters did most

of the grilling, and I found it easier to put my steaks on the grill and take them off when he did. He is much better at grilling than I. My thanks to him. Also my hearty thanks to the Members of Gulf Beach Chapter O. E. S. who did the shopping, cooking, and the set up for the dinner. They even put out place mats!

November is Thanksgiving month. I hope that each and every one of us has things to be thankful for. My son has returned safely from his third tour in Iraq with the U S

Marines, and I am thankful that he will not have to go again. I hope each is able to spend the holiday with their family, friends or church.

Soon we will be doing The Lodge of Sorrow. Please take a moment of thought for our brothers who have demitted to the "Lodge Eternal" as one day we will be joining and getting acquainted with them.

From the South

C.J. Morris

Chaplain's Corner



The following Brothers and their families are in need of your thoughts and prayers: All Nitram Lodge Masonic Home residents appear to be doing well at this time; except for Bro. Jack Pew, who fell recently and he is very sore. He also has a

bad cold...Bro. John Bailey keeps up the good fight with his mother's assistance...W. B. Ed Villumae has returned home from another surgery, and is slowly getting better each day...Bro. Roy Grimes' wife Judy returned to Moffett Cancer Center where she passed away on Nov. 14. A memorial service is tentatively scheduled to be held

at Nitram Lodge on Friday, Nov. 21 at 6:00 PM... Please call me if you know of any Brothers and their families who are ill or in distress and need our help.

Fraternally,  
Roy Eden, Chaplain P. M

Secretary's Scribe



My Brothers,  
The Holiday Season is upon us and it is now time to

reflect on our families, and this past year. I hope that all of you will have fond memories, and a joyous Holiday Season.

This is also the time to look back at our Lodge for the past year. Our new members and some that will be lost as NPD's. A list of those will be read at our December 11<sup>th</sup> stated meeting. This meeting will also be our elections, and the only stated meeting in December since Christmas is on a Thursday this year. I hope you will join us for this meeting.

Our 2009 dues notices are out and quite a few have already returned their dues along with the voluntary donation to

LYPMGC. Your Lodge met and exceeded the quota for this 2008 year, and I hope that with your continued contributions, we can do so again.

I would like to recognize two of our Brothers who have furthered their quest for Masonic Light. W.: Ney Delgado-Arias has just completed the Master Craftsman course from Scottish Rite, and received his certificate and pin at the monthly meeting in Tampa. Also, Brother Matthew Winters has joined the Scottish Rite and went through the Fall Ceremonial. Congratulations to both.

May the joy of the Holiday Season be with each and every one of you and your families.

Fraternally,

R. W. Richard G. Hoover

Secretary

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