

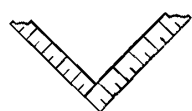
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## Master's Message



Greetings Brethren,

March 12<sup>th</sup> was the second official visit of our D.D.G.M. R.:W.: Mark Fowler. It was wonderful to have him and his committeemen in Lodge with us that evening. It was also a pleasure to have R.:W.: Fowler back again as he served as the installing officer for Nitram Lodge's line for 2009.

That evening was a busy one for another reason, the Rainbow Girls stopped by to speak to the Craft about who they are and what they do. Their presentation was informative and also showed us what a fine job the Rainbow Girls is doing with character development of these fine young ladies. Brothers, one of their fundraising efforts is collecting aluminum cans. You may have noticed the receptacle next to our soda machine. Please feel free to bring your cans from home also to help them out.

On Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 10 brothers from Nitram paid a visit to Pinellas Daylight Lodge. Pinellas Daylight is perhaps one of the most hospitable lodges that we visit and is composed of a great bunch of guys. Coincidentally they also were the keepers of the Travelling Gavel. East Gate was present with 8 brothers, but Nitram returned victorious and you can stop by to see the Gavel proudly displayed in Nitram's East.

Please don't forget the Suncoast Masters & Wardens scholarship trap shoot on April 11<sup>th</sup>! For more information contact our S.:W.: C.J. Morris. It's always a great time and we're hoping to put in our best performance yet –and win.

In the long list of what's been going on at Lodge, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March Nitram is playing host to a Florida concealed weapons permit class. Freemasonry is a highly patriotic organization and supporting and defending our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment that was provided to us by our Masonic

and statesmen forefathers is an excellent idea. Please contact the Secretary for details.

Finally brothers, our S.:D.: Doug King has thanked us all for our thoughts, cards and prayers on behalf of his family as they still mourn their loss of Ryan. The Craft has and continues to support the Kings in any way we can. Also, adding to his record as Freemasonry's most dedicated Chaplain, W.: Roy Eden, has been receiving his cancer treatments at Moffitt and so far responding well –and he has not missed a meeting yet! Roy is a tremendous inspiration to us all. W.: Eden, your Lodge and the whole Craft are here for you.

From the East,

Scott M. Drake, W.:M.:

Call to arms!

Masons, grab your shotguns and charge out the Suncoast Masters and Wardens scholarship trap shoot on April 11th. Our esteemed Senior Warden, C.J. Morris and our irreplaceable Secretary, Rick Hoover have all the details. Call the lodge at 544-4400 to find out how you can give those pesky pigeons some "Masonic Education" and the first place trophy a new place to reside, Nitram's lobby!

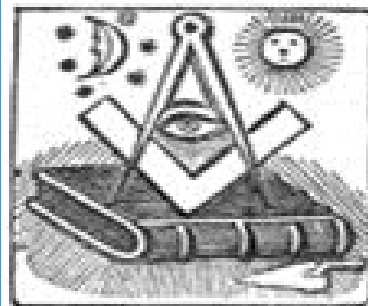
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## Upcoming Events

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 officers practice	2	3	4
5	6 OES 169	7 Tahuti Court 44	8 officers practice	9 Stated Meeting	10	11
12	13 OES 241	14	15 officers practice	16 EA Degree	17	18
19	20 OES 169	21	22 officers practice	23 Stated Meeting	24 Zone 6 legislation	25
26	27 OES 241	28	29 officers practice	30 Lodge Dark		



**2009 Lodge Officers**

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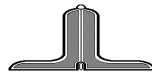
**Organist**

Bryan Shuler

**Marshall**

Ney Delgado-Arias PM

**Senior Wardens Writings**



Brothers:

The elected Officers have attended the installations of the three attendant bodies that use our lodge. The new Worthy Matron of Bethlehem Chapter O.E.S. is Eileen Cramer, wife of our own Craig Cramer. High Priestess of Tahuti Court, L.O.S. is Bobby McVeigh. Worthy Matron of Gulf Beach O.E.S. is Pat Milnes, who has been instrumental in our Dinners for MM degree and the District Deputy Grand Masters visit. At the installation of the L. O. S. we

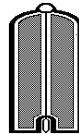
were entertained by the "Egyptian Unit, who performed two Oriental dances. One of which they were dressed in shiny gold outfits. It was very good.

Thanks to the brothers who helped capture the traveling Gavel from Pinellas Daylight Lodge. We were challenged by East Gate Lodge who had only two less members than us.

Our Worshipful Master had the officers attend the Masters and Wardens meeting to learn what they do and what events the Lodges are doing in the next two

months. The meeting was hosted by St. Pete Lodge who provided the dinner. It is a rotating meeting and a different lodge hosts each time. Our Junior Officers were able to see how nicely the St. Petersburg Lodge is decorated. One special thanks to the L. O. S. ladies who, as I have been recently informed, always helps us by providing the abundance of cakes for our Fish Fry. Would it be against the rules if they brought a cake once a month and raffled it off to the craft, and kept the proceeds for their organization?  
From the West: C.J. Morris

**Junior Wardens Journal**



Brothers,

Last month was a very busy month for you officers. We attended the installations of the two Order of Eastern Star and the installation of the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. All three bodies meet at our Lodge building. Also, we attended the Suncoast Masters and Wardens association meeting at St. Pete. Lodge. And, finally we had a concealed weapons class where a breakfast was provided for the participants. Of the 21st of March we attended the pilgrimage day at the Masonic Home. The day was filled with work but mostly fun. I want to thank all the members who

attended the meeting of Daylight Lodge on Sat March 14. Because of your participation, Nitram now has the "traveling gavel". For how long? Well, that depends. We are expecting a large number of brothers from other lodges visiting our lodge to retrieve the gavel for their Lodge. This affords an excellent opportunity for our brothers to come attend our meetings and meet other brothers from around the districts. It is usually a fun meeting to see all the bothers from the different lodges filling our sideline chairs, all trying to have the most members present. The night is filled with good brotherly fun. When they will be attending is unknown so come on out

to the meetings and see what happens.

This month also promises to be busy too. In addition to our regular meetings we still have our Wednesday night rehearsal meetings. And I expect we will be traveling to other Lodges around the district, as well as other functions at other Masonic bodies. If you want to be a part of the fun and fellowship, come to Lodge where last minute announcements are made for the information of the craft.

From the South,

Ed Villiaume

**Chaplain's Corner**



The following Brothers and their families are in need of your thoughts and prayers: Bro. John Bailey has had pneumonia recently and is making a very slow recovery. His mother has been very ill as well and has had to see a doctor... All of our Masonic Home Residents, except for Bro. George Walters, are doing well. Bro. Walters passed away on March 17th. He was in the hospital with

pneumonia and then went back in the nursing section of the home, and just seemed to give up. Services will be announced later. Bro. Fred Kenfield is out of a rehab center after a fall and is now at home and doing better. He is taking physical therapy at home... W. B. Lester Gehman is going to have an operation sometime this summer for his Parkinson's' Disease. We wish him well when that time comes.

On a personal note, I have started

my chemo therapy and have done well so far. I want to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers... Since I am not allowed to visit nursing homes while taking chemo, I want to thank W. B. Bill Zimmerman for visiting some of our ill brothers in my place. It is very much appreciated!

Fraternally,  
W.:Roy Eden, PM

## Secretary's Scribe



Brothers, We are a month away from starting our emailing of the Trestleboard via PDF format over the internet. We have compiled approximately 30 email address and will proceed with our venue starting with the May issue our Trestleboard "Nitram News". Your Lodge thanks you in advance for accepting this format. If you do not receive the May issue, please contact me via email at

[Nitram188@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Nitram188@tampabay.rr.com). We will correct the problem

I would like to thank the members who helped procure the Traveling Gavel from Pinellas Day Light Lodge on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We had competition from East Gate Lodge, who fell just 2 short. Your members' persistence paid off, but we don't expect to keep it too long, hence the purpose of the Traveling Gavel.

We still have approximately 35 to 40 Brothers who have not yet paid their 2009 dues. May I take a minute to expound on this? In the past, if you were suspended for NPD, you were required to pay the years dues in which

you were suspended and the current years dues to get re-instated. You still had to go through the petition process, and ball ballot. As of June 2008, your Grand Lodge passed a background check for all petitioners, and members who were suspended for NPD, and dual memberships. This background check is a cost of \$15.00 at the present time and must accompany all petitions, and petitions for re-instatement. Brothers, don't let your dues laps. Get it paid ASAP. Keep one of the best investments and choices you have made in your life current.

Keep me informed of any changes in your addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, ect.

Fraternally,

Richard Hoover, Secretary

Alas my Brothers:

George Walters passed 3-17-09

Dominic Salamone passed 3-12-09

Service announcements pending on both.

## Lodge Committees 2009

- Finance**  
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- Degree Instruction and Catechism**  
Richard G. Hoover, PM PDDGM  
Stanley H. Szemer, PM  
Scott Drake, WM  
Robert Johnson PM  
Chris Egan
- Board of Relief**  
Roy K. Eden, Jr. PM Chaplain
- Special Events**  
Bryan Shuler, Organist  
Ed Villiaume PM, JW
- Trestleboard**  
Marc Bradley
- Temple Management**  
Robert Johnson, PM
- Bill Adams, PM  
C J Morris SW  
Marc Bradley  
Dan Barto PM
- Lecture**  
Stanley H. Szemer, PM
- Charges**  
Roy K. Eden, Jr. PM  
Stanley H. Szemer, PM  
Robert Johnson, PM
- Master-Wardens**  
David Henderson, PM DDGM
- Funeral Lectures**  
Roy K. Eden, Jr. PM
- Youth Activities**  
David A. Henderson, DDGM PM  
Richard G. Hoover, PM PDDGM
- Perpetual Membership**  
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Ney Delgado-Aries PM  
Robert Johnson PM
- Petitions**  
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Scott Drake, WM  
Chris Egan  
All Officers
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Freemasonry serves as a beacon for each of us brothers as we travel through life. In order to extend our reach, and provide positive influence for our youth, Nitram Lodge has begun a scholarship fund. Log online to donate via PayPal or contact the Secretary. Log on to Nitram188.org

### April's Birthdays

- Charles Dearmin 04-02
- Royal Eden 04-24
- George Falkenburg 04-12
- Joseph Fuller 04-14
- Roy Grimes 04-8
- David Gross 04-16

### Earnest Hutcheson

- 04-25
- Alexander Lucciola 04-15
- Mike Martin 04-19
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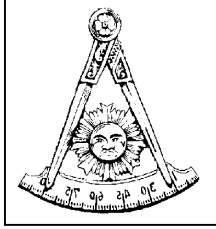
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 1963 Robert C. Foskett\*  
 1964 Paul Weber  
 1965 Ludwig C. Seufert\*  
 1966 Richard J. Skiles\*  
 1967 Robert D. Arthur\*  
 1968 Alvin F. Baumgartner  
 1969 Robert J. Schram\*  
 1970 Carl Weisenberg  
 1971 David J. Barr  
 1972 J. Fred Bobbitt\*  
 1973 Paul G. Phillips  
 1974 Willard A. Olson\*  
 1975 Jack VanBreedveld\*

1976 Leland O'Quinn\*  
 1977 Donovan B. Hansen  
 1978 James C. Pauch, Jr.  
 1979 Lester K. Gehman, Jr.  
 1980 William R. McKee\*  
 1981 William D. Hoffman\*  
 1982 J. Russell Davenport\*  
 1983 Manton Giles\*  
 1984 George W. McGee  
 1985 William McCullough\*  
 1986 Don Coleman  
 1987 Gabriel Kober, Jr.  
 1988 Anthony J. Tudi  
 1989 Jack S. Hill\*  
 1990 William D. Hoffman\*  
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 1992 Arthur H. Wasserman  
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1999 Russell I. Gilson\*  
 2000 Stanley H. Szemer  
 2001 Robert L. Johnson  
 2002 David A. Henderson PDDGM  
 2003 Jeffrey J. Morris  
 2004 Anthony L. Griffon  
 2004 Royal K. Edens  
 2005 Scott M. Geisler  
 2006 Ney Delgado-Arias  
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