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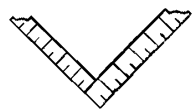


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Master's Message



Brethren-

It is with sadness and satisfaction

that I write this final message as your Worshipful Master. It has been a distinct pleasure and honor to serve the brethren and, while I fully intend to continue serving my Lodge, it is time for me to step aside as you elect new officers to lead you in continuing the valuable and exceptional work of Nitram. This year, as you have experienced alongside us or read in the Trestleboard, has been a great one laced with the checkering of sorrows as is the custom of life. We emerge at the end of this year as a stronger Lodge because of and in spite of it all. Nitram is a grand embodiment of what Freemasonry is all about.

Please check the calendar this month as there are many events and several exclusive to December in the Masonic year. The election of officers is a vitally important part of the life of the Lodge, and as your outgoing Master it is with great satisfaction that I report that the men and Masons who follow behind me in line are fully and richly qualified to lead the Craft. Their hearts are aligned with the mission of Freemasonry and the Lodge, and their hands are consumed with the work of the Craft. I am extremely grateful for the faithful service and support they have provided to me and our Lodge.

Also this month is one of the soberest and most reverent rituals we observe: the Lodge of Sorrow. Please join us in rendering one final tribute to

those brothers of ours who have preceded us to the Celestial Lodge above.

And, every end provides an opportunity for a new beginning. That is truly present in a very special event Nitram will be hosting in early January, the Flower Talk presented by the DeMolay. Please come out to this untitled event and bring your mothers and family along as they are not only welcome at this occasion, but it is for them.

With many thanks from the East,

Scott M. Drake

Worshipful Master

Important

Dates!

Elections Dec. 10th

Please come out and vote for the future of Nitram Lodge! 7:30pm

Lodge of Sorrow Dec. 17

Honor the Brothers who have passed on to the celestial lodge above by attending this tribute to them. 7:30pm

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Upcoming Events

Stated Meetings

Dec. 10th Lodge Elections

Called Communication

Dec 2nd EA Catechism Bro. Casey Cook

Fellow Craft Degree

Dec. 3rd Bro. Doug Donnell & Casey Cook

Lodge Of Sorrow

Dec. 17th

Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

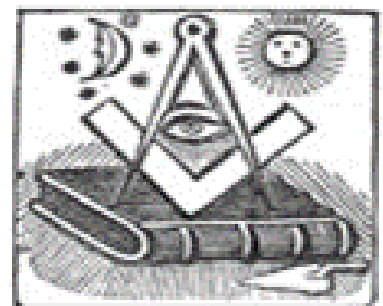
Dec. 7th & 21st

Gulf Beach Chapter 241 OES

Dec. 14th & 28th

Tahuti Court No 44 LOS

Dec. 1st



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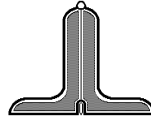
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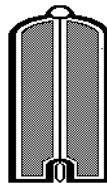
Historian

W.: Arthur Wasserman, PM

Senior Warden's Writings

This year of my December is the month for being the Senior our "Lodge of Sorrow" and Warden of Nitram even though we have had Lodge is fast winding down. fewer than normal passing's, C. J. Morris

The last two months go so there were some significant quickly. By the time this ones. If you knew any of our reaches our brothers it will brothers who passed this be Thanksgiving. My best year, please come to lodge wishes are that you are able and tell us something about to spend Thanksgiving with him. When most brothers your family. If you are driv- are memorialized, they are ing out of town to be with just names. Come and tell your family, please have a the Brethren things that safe trip. That goes for our made him a man and Mason. Christmas Holidays also. Congratulations to Jose Var-

Junior Warden's Journal

We are now deep into the holiday season. With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming and the preparations looming, it is usually a very busy time for all. During this time of the year your Lodge is also busy. We are having our election of Officers for 2010 and also our lodge of sorrow. Because Christmas eve falls on a Thursday, there will be NO meeting on the 24th of December. That means that all of our business for the month will have to be done at the stated meeting on the 10th. It is important that we have as many members as possible out for this meeting. The future of our Lodge depends on its members for its continued existence. Without YOU, we are nothing.

Won't you please take time from your busy schedule and attend YOUR Lodge meetings?

As many of you know, my cooking skills leave a lot to be desired. I have oft said that if I had to use a stove, you will know the meal was ready right after the fire department left. So, during the year I had to depend on the generosity of others to cook the meals for our Master Mason degrees. I would like to thank our Brother **Josh Bellian** and **Virginia West**, wife of Brother Elmer West, for coming to my aid and providing and preparing delicious meals for us. All the prepared meals were well received and enjoyed by our members.

I would like to thank you all for

allowing me to serve you this past year and I look forward to a continuance of service to you and our Lodge in the coming years. Masonry is a fluid entity. You get out of it what you put into it. I have been very enriched this past year by the members of our Lodge with their input and fellowship. I would like to thank all who have supported their Lodge and me this past year and together with them, help make our Lodge a beautiful, working, and enlightening process.

See you in Lodge.

Ed. Villiaume

Masonic Education

Starting on DECEMBER 2, 2009 and every Wednesday after at 6:00PM at the Lodge we will have our Masonic Education study. We will start with the Master Mason quizzes and then continue to the Lodge Officers modules (everyone welcome not just lodge officers) and then unto

some deeper meanings of our degrees. These instructions will not be just a fill in the answers type instruction but a slow and methodical study. Our District Masonic Education chairman will also be attending these sessions as his schedule permits. Want to know more about our system of government and esoteric meaning of our fraternity? Come on out.



Secretary's Scribe



As you are now aware, our 2010 dues notices are out. We have received many of your dues back already and I thank you for your quick response. Not only have you paid your Lodge dues, but most have also included the voluntary contribution to our Masonic Home which was increased this past Grand Lodge year. Your Grand Lodge thanks you for your considerations and contributions.

We still have 7 members who have not paid their 2009 dues. Brothers I can not express the importance of this membership, and the many reasons you should retain your Masonic affiliation. All of your Masonic affiliations rest upon your Blue Lodge membership.

We will be starting a new Masonic year very shortly. On December 10th, we will be electing officers for the 2010 Masonic year. Brothers if you are able, please make an effort to come out and vote for your Lodge officers. Not only do they need your support, but your Lodge does also. All of our cabledowns are tight, especially at this time of year. Try to make an extra effort to come to Lodge. On December 17th, our Lodge will be conducting the annual Lodge of Sorrow. Please come out to honor those who have gone to before us, whom the Great Architect has called home. Join us in honoring them.

Come see us in Lodge
Fraternally,
Richard Hoover, Secretary

Lodge Committees 2009

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| <p>Finance
Charles J. Morris SW
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William Zimmerman, PM</p> <p>Sick and Visitation
Bill Zimmerman, PM
All Officers</p> <p>Masonic Education
William Zimmerman, PM
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Ed. Villiaume, PM</p> <p>Degree Instruction and Catechism
Richard G. Hoover, PM, PDDGM
Scott Drake, WM
Robert Johnson, PM
Chris Egan
Ed. Villiaume, PM</p> <p>Board of Relief
All Officers</p> | <p>Special Events
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Ed Villiaume, PM, JW</p> <p>Trestleboard
Matthew Winters</p> <p>Temple Management
Robert Johnson, PM
Bill Adams, PM
C J Morris, SW
Dan Barto, PM</p> <p>Charges
Robert Johnson, PM</p> <p>Master-Wardens
David Henderson, PM, DDGM</p> <p>Funeral Lectures
All Officers</p> <p>Youth Activities
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Gabriel Kober, Jr., PM
Ney Delgado-Aries, PM
Robert Johnson, PM</p> <p>Petitions
Art Wasserman, PM
Scott Drake, WM
Chris Egan
All Officers</p> <p>Scholarship
Scott Drake, WM
Dave Henderson, PM, PDDGM</p> |
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Happy Birthday!!!



Matthew Barnard 12/04
Joshua Bellian 12/09
Dave Bench 12/28
James Dawson 12/30
Kenneth Fleetwood 12/11

Richard Getchell 12/01
Clint Herlein 12/03
Douglas Hood 12/05
Frank Italiano Jr 12/12
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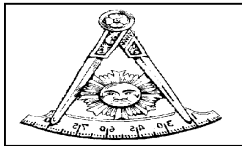
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