

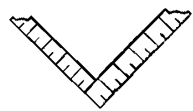
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Master's Message



This is my last article for the 2008 Trestle

board. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Nitram lodge has had an exciting and active year as well. It was a year that included a visit from the sitting Grand Master of Florida, the Deputy Grand Master as well as the District Deputy. Nitram Lodge officers have personified the Entered Apprentice degree as part of the District Instructor's training. Our lodge has held numerous fund raising activities including a first ever Labor Day cook out and fish fry, several all you can eat breakfasts, degree night steak dinners and the like. The furniture out in the reception hall has been replaced with new tables and chairs, and the entryway

and sitting area have been refurbished as part of the Master's project. As you can see it has been an extremely busy year.

But our lodge has also experienced its share of loss and tribulations. Nitram's loss included our sitting Tyler, Doc Wurster who went to see the Grand Architect of the Universe; our new Tyler Leo Smith lost his loving wife of many years early this past year as well. Our lodge lost several members whose names were read at our Lodge of Sorrow. As tribulations our Junior Warden-elect Ed Villiaume has had several trips to the emergency room and has had a long time recovering.

In closing, I want to thank my officers for all their help and support throughout the year.

S.W. - elect C. J. Morris, J.W. - elect Ed Villiaume, S.S. - Matt Winters and Brother Marc Bradley all helped make this year a success. But also deserving of recognition are RW Richard Hoover for his tireless efforts of supporting the lodge, W.M.'s Bill Zimmerman and Bob Johnson were a major help for me. As always Nitram Lodge has been supported by the best Chaplin in the state of Florida W.:Roy Eden. Thank you to all. I want to wish the new officers of Nitram Lodge well in all they do. Best Wishes and God speed to all!

From the East,
 W.M. Dan Barto

INSTALLATION DETAILS AND NOTIFICATION

Officer Installation for Nitram Lodge's 2009 elected and appointed officers will be held at the Masonic Temple on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Please join us at 4:30pm for a meal before the Installation Ceremony begins immediately thereafter at 6:00 pm. This will be an open installation so family and friends are warmly welcomed to attend.

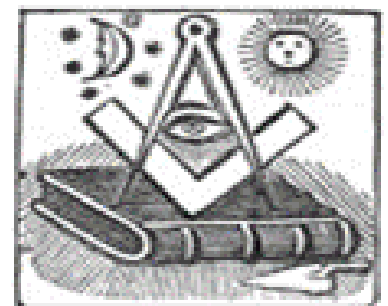
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Upcoming Events

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 DARK	2	3
4	5 OES 169	6 Tahuti Ct	7 Officers Practice	8 Stated Meeting	9	10 Lodge Installation
11	12 OES 241	13	14 Officers Practice	15 Fellow-craft Degree	16	17
18	19 OES 169	20 Cub Scouts	21 Officers Practice	22 Stated Meeting	23	24
25	26 OES 241	27	28 Officers Practice	29 DARK	30	31



2008 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master

W.: Daniel Barto

392-7127

Senior Warden

Scott Drake

727-488-4449

Junior Warden

C. J. Morris

343-6749

Treasurer

R.:W.:David A. Henderson
PM

Secretary

R.:W.:Richard G. Hoover,
PM

727-409-6665

Chaplain

Royal K. Eden, PM

727-345-1388

Senior Deacon

Ed Villiaume PM

Junior Deacon

M. Doug King

Senior Steward

Matt Winters

Junior Steward

Ken Henschel

Tyler

Leo Smith

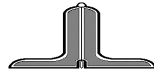
Organist

Bryan Shuler

Marshall

Ney Delgado-Arias PM

Senior Wardens Writings



Brethren,

The holidays are upon us and passing us by, bringing to a close a very busy year for Nitram Lodge. At times it doesn't seem like twelve months have passed, while at others I can completely believe it as Nitram has been a whirlwind of activity even during times of supposed darkness.

I am writing this article to you as the Worshipful Master-elect of Nitram Lodge. It is with the greatest personal pleasure and fullest intent to honor the Fraternity that I say thank you to

the craft for placing your confidence in me to lead your lodge for this new year. I look forward to this challenge but also fully intend to enjoy the journey. I feel prepared for this challenge for two primary reasons: first, because Worshipful Barto has kept me in his confidence longer than I can recall and therefore the workings of the Lodge are very familiar to me; second, I have assembled the very best line of brothers possible to help execute the business and mission of Nitram.

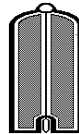
Before I close, allow me to say that I am writing this only a few

days before our Lodge of Sorrow, in which we remember all of our brethren who have passed before us to the Celestial Lodge above. Honor their memories and remember their families. They forever remain part of our Masonic family and our duties remain with an even greater sense of importance.

From the West,

Scott Drake, Sr. Deacon, W.M.
Elect

Junior Wardens Journal



My brothers: Nitram Lodge participated in "The Angel" tree where disadvantaged kids fill out a list of what they want, and people come along and buy what's on the list for the Salvation Army to give to the child. I have participated in Toys for Tots and two other drives, and was smug in the thought that I had done my share. Then came a gentleman who had bought for two kids to include a bicycle, skateboard, 10 clothing items, 2 books and

two pair of shoes and things to go on the bike. I was greatly reminded of the Grand Masonic Lesson of Charity and will be first in line next year to participate and definitely not smug.

My congratulations to Scott Drake and L. Edward Villiaume for being elected to Worshipful Master and Jr. Warden. Also to Dave Henderson and Rick Hoover for continuing to do jobs that no one else wants to do. I think we will have a good upcoming year!

Worshipful Lester Gehman attended Lodge and it was good to see him up and around. It is a pleasure to see the Men who have worked so hard to help Nitram Lodge become what it is today.

I hope that all have a Merry Christmas or Hanukkah. And all have a prosperous 2009!

From the South,

C. J. Morris

Chaplain's Corner



The following Brothers and their families are in need of your thoughts and prayers: Our Bro. Jack Pew, who was seriously ill recently, passed away last month. The Lodge and I performed a chapel service and graveside service for him. Bro. Jack was a long-time member of our Lodge for 62 years and will be missed

by the Craft...Bro. John Bailey keeps up the good fight with his mother's assistance...All Nitram Lodge Masonic Home residents appear to be doing well and enjoyed the Holiday festivities... Please call me if you know of any Brothers and their families who are ill or in distress and need our help.

I wish to congratulate the newly elected officers, and as

usual, I look forward to working with them...This is my tenth year as Chaplain, and as such, it gives me great pleasure to work with the new officers...Please come to Lodge and show your support in the New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season.

Fraternally,
Roy Eden, Chaplain P. M

Secretary's Scribe



My Brothers,

As we start our New Year, we continue to

update and upgrade our Lodge records. I need updated phone numbers, email addresses, addresses, birthdays, anniversary's, ect. Your help and co-operation is greatly appreciated. If you have email access, please do so at niram188@tampabay.rr.com. If not, please send a short snail mail to the Lodge address.

2009 Dues notices have been sent out and many have been received back. If you have not paid you dues yet, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience.

We lost 11 Brothers for the year 2008, and all will be sorely missed. Brothers, help us continue our membership by recommending a friend who you feel worthy of be-

coming a Master Mason. Make this one of your New Years resolution.

As a reminder, no Brother will be able to be admitted to the Lodge after January 1st, who does not have a 2009 dues card. As a reminder to all newly appointed officers, please be sure that your dues are current also. All perpetual members and dues exempt members 2009 dues cards have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours, please let me know.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Fraternally,

R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover PM
PDDGM, Secretary

Lodge Committees 2009

Finance

Charles J. Morris SW
Richard G. Hoover PM PDDGM
David A Henderson PM PDDGM

Investigations

Roy K. Eden Jr. PM
Ney Delgado-Aries PM
Richard G. Hoover PM PDDGM

Vigilance

Ed. Villiaume PM

Charity

David Henderson DDGM, PM
William Zimmerman, PM

Sick and Visitation

Roy K. Eden, Jr. PM
All Officers

Masonic Education

William Zimmerman PM
Richard G. Hoover PM, PDDGM

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

Gabriel Kober, Jr. PM

Ney Delgado-Aries PM

Robert Johnson PM

Petitions

Art Wasserman, PM

Scott Drake, WM

Chris Egan

All Officers

Scholarship

Scott Drake WM

Dave Henderson PM PDDGM

Richard Hoover PM PDDGM

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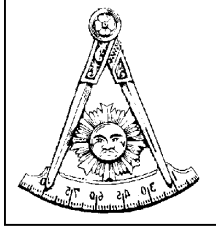
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 1961 David A. Young
 1962 James T. Cate*
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 1964 Paul Weber
 1965 Ludwig C. Seufert*
 1966 Richard J. Skiles*
 1967 Robert D. Arthur*
 1968 Alvin F. Baumgartner
 1969 Robert J. Schram*
 1970 Carl 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*
 1991 John M. Cook*
 1992 Arthur H. Wasserman
 1993 William Adams, Jr.
 1994 Ronald McMillan PDI PDDGM
 1995 James E. Elam*
 1996 William J. Zimmerman
 1997 Kenneth A. McKenzie*
 1998 Richard G. Hoover PDDGM PDI

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
 2007 Stanley H. Szemer
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