

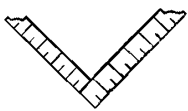
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Master's Message



Greetings Brethren:

While I am writing this a few days before our annual Washington's Birthday Fish Fry, I am going to say, without hesitation, that it was a great success yet again! No greater amount of thanks belongs to anyone other than W.: Bill Zimmerman. W.: Zimmerman is truly the master of the Nitram fish fry. The opportunity to do a little fundraising for your Lodge and reconnect with brothers new and old is always a pleasure.

Brothers, this year, young as it is, has already sent more than its share of difficulties our way. Our beloved and faithful chaplain, W.:

Roy Eden, has received a cancer diagnosis. We, the entire craft, are truly sorry about this; but, as we have told him numerous times and will continue to do so, he has the full support of all of the brethren. Roy has selflessly cared for the sick and distressed of Nitram for going on an entire decade. W.: Eden, your Lodge is forever grateful for your efforts and stands ready to do anything it can to help you or your family during this trying time.

Further sad news involves our Senior Deacon, Bro.: Doug King. His son Ryan died tragically on February 9. For a young man of only 20 years, his life was a full one and a blessing to his family. Nitram solemnly mourns with the King family, and the entire Officer

line, plus several other brothers, were present at Ryan's memorial service to honor his life and show Masonry's support of the family of our own.

Sadness is oft times unavoidable, but in the darkness of our sorrow it is nice to be able to look to the East and see the light of Freemasonry there for us and know that we have a band of brothers, here and abroad, ever ready to come to our aid. Brethren, let's continue to support each other and support Nitram. Our strength lies with us. May the Great Architect shower his blessings upon you and your families.

From the East,

Scott M.: Drake, W.:M.:

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our Senior Deacon's son Ryan. 20 years old and full of life is how he has been described. Survived by his parents and sister, please remember Ryan's family in your daily prayers. Let's hope the brotherhood of Freemasonry helps soothe the pain the King family now endures. When at the Lodge, please pass on your condolences to our brother Senior Deacon.

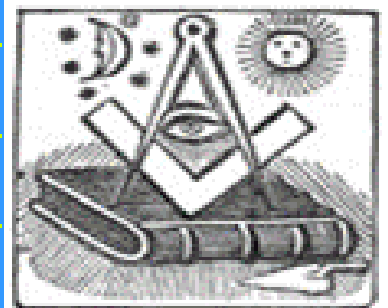
Upcoming Events

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 OES 169	3	4 officers practice	5 called communications	6	7 Installation OES 169
8 Installation Tahuti Ct. LOS No 44	9 OES 241	10 Tahuti Ct. 44 LOS	11 officers practice	12 Stated communication	13	14
15	16 OES 169	17	18 officers practice	19 called communication	20	21 Installation OES 241
22	23 OES 241	24	25 officers practice	26 stated communication	27	28
29	30	31				

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Senior Wardens Writings



My Brothers:

The entire Lodge is saddened by the loss of the son of our Sr. Deacon. I wish that there were something we could do to lessen the sorrow of Doug and Denise. Please keep the King family in your thoughts and prayers.

The annual Fish Fry was held on Sunday February 22nd! I was pleased to see some of our Brothers who support the Lodge yet have not been to a meeting for awhile. Someday the Lodge will be run by Men who I have not met, and who have joined after my time of service has passed. It is a

shame that when the brothers who you liked and worked with have gone, and you feel left out.

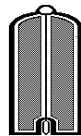
Our Lodge supports Cub Scout Pack 300. On Saturday February 14th they had their big event of the year, The Pine Wood Derby. The boys had received a kit with a block of wood, four wheels, and four nails to be used as axles. The rest is up to them. They and their fathers, fashion the wood into a model of some kind of racing, fashion or concept car. Hand paint them, clean up and trim the wheels and axles, add extra weights to bring the car to a maximum of 5 ounces. A 20 foot long track is set up in the Social Hall

with the starting gate 4 ½ feet high and the finishing line on the floor. Gravity propels the cars down the track. The finish is so close that an electronic scoring device is needed to determine which car got there first. It is a great Father-Son activity and the parents and grandparents are cheering them on. If you have a child or grandchild in first through fourth grade, encourage them to join Pack 300. The Pack has family camping trips, parties and other good wholesome family activities.

From the West,

C. J. Morris .!.

Junior Wardens Journal



I want to thank all the brothers, guests and friends who attended our annual Fish Fry. It is by your continued support that we can remain a viable organization of charity and brotherly love. Again the event was a success. I also want to thank all who assisted in the preparation, presentation and cleanup of the fish fry. Without the help of all, we couldn't host such a successful event. Also, thanks again to the Gulf Beach Chapter OES 241 for their participation in the production of the Fish Fry. Again, a job well done. A report on the success will be given at

one of our stated meetings in March. Won't you come on out to these meetings and further support our Lodge?

I have also started a Masonic Education mini lecture during the stated meetings. I have picked topics that are of general interest to the craft. The last two five minute orations were well received. If you have any questions or suggestions for topics of these educations, I would like to hear from you. You may contact me directly in person at any of the Wednesday night rehearsal, Thursday night meetings or by e-mail. My e-mail address is

EdVillia@Tampabay.rr.com.

Remember, at all meetings, including Wednesday night rehearsals, there are light refreshments served. On degree nights there will be a light supper and on Master Mason nights there will be a dinner. So, check the calendar of events and plan to attend your lodge. See you there.

Ed. Villiaumé
Junior Warden
Nitram Lodge 188
Ed. Villiaumé, Junior Warden

Chaplain's Corner



Chaplain's
Corner:

The following Brothers and their families are in need of your thoughts and prayers: Bro. John Bailey keeps up the good fight with his mother's loving care... All Nitram Lodge Masonic Home residents that I visited this week seem to be doing well and are happy living at the Home... I spoke to Bro. Art Fromen who is living in CT and he

tells me that he is feeling better now. He has a lung problem which seems to be healed.....

Please call me if you know of any Brothers and their families who are ill or in distress and need our help.

On a personal note, Moffett Cancer has confirmed that I have Multiple Myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow) and I should be starting treatments for it in the near fu-

ture. I want to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.

Please remember our Fish Fry on Feb. 22 and attend if you can – and also bring a friend as this is our major fundraiser of the year.

Fraternally,
Roy Eden, Chaplain P. M

Secretary's Scribe



My Brothers,

As we get reeling into this year, costs are increasing drastically in all aspects and postage will again increase May 1st. We are going to attempt to email the trestleboard to all the brothers who wish to receive it via email, pdf format. I have some of the brothers email addresses but would like to have more if you so desire, and do not have a problem with this type of communication. Please email me at nitram188@tampabay.rr.com with your wishes and email address. For those whom I already have, thank you for helping save your Lodge postage. Starting with the May mailing, I will be sending the trestleboard via pdf for those whom have indicated so. Until then, we will continue with both.

We have approximately 45 Brothers who have not paid their 2009 dues. If you are one of these, please consider mailing your payment now. Your prompt attention to this is greatly appreciated by your Lodge, and the Masonic Home with your LYPMGC contribution.

Congratulations to Brother William Wilshire, Nitram's long time Tyler and now resident of our Masonic Home, on receiving his 55 year service award on February 21st. This was presented to him by our Grand Master, M.:W.: Joe Fleites.

Fraternally,

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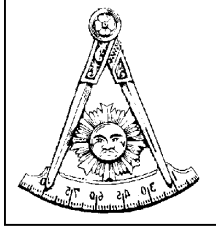
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