

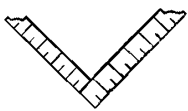
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Master's Message



Greetings Brethren:

Well, Nitram is pleased and disappointed to still have the Traveling Gavel. We've even had visitors over the last several weeks, but they have come in the form of some really wonderful brothers traveling through, and not a strategic raid on the Traveling Gavel.

Another addition likely coming to rest for a while in the Lodge is W:. Dan Barto's trap shooting trophy. W:. Barto won his division by shooting a per-

fect 25 and a very respectable 22. Congratulations to W:. Barto, and a hearty thanks to all of the brethren of Nitram for participating in the Masters & Wardens charity trap shoot.

April 23 marked the 84th birthday of Nitram Lodge. I would like to honor the birthday of the Lodge by congratulating and thanking the Craft. Our Lodge is comprised of some exceptional men who uphold the high standards of Freemasonry in our ritual as well as outside of our doors. Speaking of those visitors traveling through, it is a tremendous honor as Master of the Lodge to share a

few words to make a visiting brother feel welcome and he in turn tells me that Nitram is perhaps the nicest Lodge he has visited.

Finally, my deepest thanks to the continued dedication of our Chaplain. It is not an easy road that W:. Eden is traveling upon, but he does know that he has the full strength of the Craft's efforts and prayers supporting him. I look forward to seeing all of you at Lodge (and watching the Rays on our new TV). Come check it out.

From the East,

Upcoming Events

Master Mason Degrees

May 7th Bro. Garry Buzzell
May 21 Bro. Gary Coddington

Stated Meetings

May 14th & 28th

Grand Lodge Communication

May 25th thru 27th

Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

May 4th & 18th

Gulf Beach Chapter 241 OES

May 11th

Tahuti Court No 44 LOS

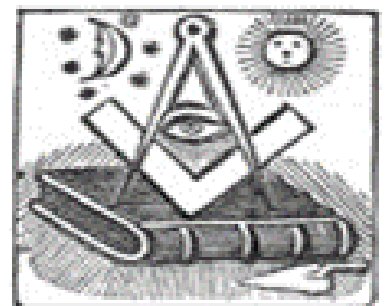
May 5th

NEWS OF NOTE

Nitram Lodge is now online! Catch up on the news; check the score of the game; watch History Channel think they've uncovered the real secrets of Freemasonry; or surf the web! We've got wireless broadband, cable and a great flat-panel to watch it on.

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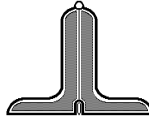
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Senior Wardens Writings

My Brothers,

We have our EA and Master Mason degrees on the calendar, and the coming month will be one to remind us of the Obligations we all once took. We hope to see the Craft on the First and Third Thursdays as we miss the one that have not been in Lodge lately.

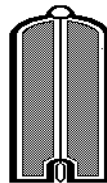
May is Grand Lodge Month, which means one of our meetings will be used for proposed changes to the Ma-

sonic Digest. Luckily, we have R. W. Hoover on the Jurisprudence Committee to tell us that a really good rule is already covered by a pre-existing rule. Last year there were some very thorny situations covered and this year we have the background checks to help keep those who have hidden their bad past, out of the Fraternity. When a new rule is proposed at Grand Lodge Brothers line up to tell why they are for or opposed, and then the delegates vote. The

elected Officers need you to be at the meeting to tell us how to vote, as we are your representatives.

I am saddened that this is the time of the year that our northern and Canadian Brothers are leaving for their homes. I have enjoyed each and every one of them and am looking forward to their return.

From the West,
C.J.

Junior Wardens Journal

Brothers,

We now have cable service in the Lodge along with a brand new, donated, flat screen television. Now members can watch their favorite sports games or anything else before or after lodge meetings. How often have I heard a member say that he had to hurry home to catch the rest of the game or see how the recent episode of "American Idol" turned out? Well, we will now have it on and tuned in before and after lodge meetings. Also, in the same vain, along with the basic cable

for the TV, we now have wireless Internet service. This means that any member who brings his wireless computer to the Lodge will be able to get on line to do work or to just get to the Internet. Of course the service is password protected but the secretary or I will be glad to give you the public password. We will have several Master Mason degrees this month. I am sure that you will want to see these degrees. As promised, there will be a meal before the meetings. I plan on serving these meals starting at 6:15pm. This should give you plenty of time to eat and still be ready for degree. Hope to see you there on

degree nights.

Your officers will also be going to Grand Lodge during the last full week of this month. We will be back in time for Thursday meeting. The resolutions that will be brought up during Grand Lodge will be discussed in a Lodge meeting so your officers will know how to vote on these various resolutions. Your input concerning these resolutions is critical so please come out to Lodge meetings and make your wishes known.

Ed. Villiaumé

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain's Corner:

The following Brothers and their families are in need of your thoughts and prayers: Bro. John Bailey has made a full recovery from pneumonia and is talking to his mother more...All of our Masonic Home Residents, except for Bro. Bill Wilshire, are doing well. He is in the nursing section,

slowly recovering...Bro. Fred Kenfield has improved and is now getting around his home with the aid of a cane and a walker...W. B. Lester Gehman is going to have an operation on August the 12th for his Parkinson's' Disease...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, I will be taking chemotherapy until

July of this year in hopes of a remission. I want to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. I would like to thank W. B. Bob Johnson for taking my place as Chaplain at Lodge when needed. I truly appreciate your help and support!

Fraternally,
Roy Eden, Chaplain P. M

Secretary's Scribe



My Brothers,

As we progress towards our annual Grand Lodge communication, it also remind us that our Masonic year is about reached it's half way point. We still have approximately 34 Brothers who have not yet paid their 2009 dues. Remember, you need a current dues card for 2009 to attend Lodge meetings. The 2nd notices will be mailed out by the end of June. Your Lodge needs your dues and continued support.

We have lost several Brothers this past month, a trend we pray does not continue the rest of this year. We mourn the loss of Brothers:

George Walters, Dominic Salomone, William Cease, Burnis Lewis, and George Falkenburg. We mourn their loss, and pray for their families.

Brothers, this is also the first month of sending our Trestleboard out via PDF for those members who have requested such. This should also generate savings in our postage costs. If you have not yet sent your email address to me, please consider doing so. This also gives us a chance to send this out to even more Brothers that we have email addresses for, but may not be members of our Lodge or visiting Brothers from up North.

Keep in mind our Lodge email address: niram188@tampabay.rr.com and our website that can be reached at www.nitram188.org

Brothers, let's keep our Chaplain in our thoughts and prayers as he fights the battle of his life.

Fraternally,
Rick

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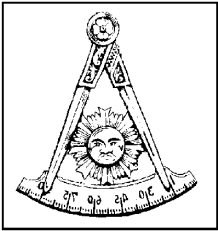
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William Bargdill	May 3rd	Edward Richards	May 11th
Wayne Blosser	May 24th	Dan Richardson	May 7th
Marc Bradley	May 25th	Donald Saroka	May 25th
Eugene Fogle	May 18th	David Schips	May 5th
Richard Hoover	May 31st	Roger Stanford	May 4th
Edwin Hotz	May 3rd	Kenneth Umlauf	May 17th
John Lowe	May 26th	Robert Wallace	May 21st
William Martin	May 8th	Matthew Winters	May 17th
John McKeage	May 15th	James Withers	May 19th
David Milchan	May 27th	Fred Woodward	May 5th
Malcolm Mitchell	May 9th	Mackinley Zewalk	May 25th
James Moore	May 16th	William Zimmerman	May 24th

Happy Birthday one and all

The Craft of Nitram Lodge No. 188 F&AM is proud to announce...

Nitram Lodge Scholarship

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



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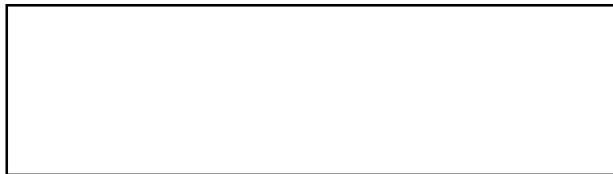
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