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NITRAM LODGE NO 188 F&AM
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Masonic Home Employee Christmas Party

It's not too late.....

Brothers,

Christmas gifts.

Consider yourselves officially invited to the 2010 Masonic Home Christmas party. This is a event that says thank you to those who take of our elders on a day to day basis! Please try to attend this very important event. The date is Saturday, Dec. 11th starting at 5pm. As always Santa Claus will be there for the kids of the employees handing out

This day has become a tradition at the home and many of the employees enjoy the opportunity to meet us and see our support in person for what they do every day. Make no mistake, these are the real heroes of the home who makes one the best Facilities in the State!

Come out and show your support!!!!!!

Please join Nitram Lodge at 6pm for a Holiday Feast. This dinner will benefit the First Ladies Project. The boardroom is a very busy place throughout the entire year. From Masonic Home Board Meetings to the Pinellas School Board, many groups meet there.

The renovation will be a great change for the residents and prove that Nitram never forgets our obligations! For a donation of \$10.00 you can dine like a Grand Master or First Lady on Turkey, Ham, Potatoes and finally Pies for desert. Join us!

Homecoming 2011—St. Petersburg Chapter DeMolay



The advisory council of St. Petersburg Chapter Order of DeMolay cordially invites everyone, I repeat, everyone to our

Homecoming for the Chapter. There will be Dad's on hand to answer any questions the public may have and a short

presentation about DeMolay. If you ever wondered what DeMolay was about, come join us on January 22nd from 4pm



Important Dates!

DO NOT MISS

Dec. 1, 7:30pm — Called Communication for Fellowcraft Proficiency

Dec. 2, 7:30pm — Master Mason Degree Chili Dinner at 6:15pm

Dec. 9, 7:30pm — Election of Officers

Dec. 16, 7:30pm —Lodge of Sorrow

Upcoming Events & Schedules November

Stated Meetings

Dec. 9th & Dec. 23rd (Tenative)

Called Communication

Dec. 2nd & Dec. 16th

Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

Dec. 6th & Dec. 20th

Gulf Beach Chapter 241 OES

Dec. 13th & Dec. 27th

Tahuti Court No 44 LOS

Dec. 7th

St. Petersburg Order Of DeMolay

Homecoming on January 29th 7pm.

2nd & 4th Tuesday @ 7:30pm 1st stated 2nd practice



“Masons always rise to the occasion”

Master's Message

2010 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master

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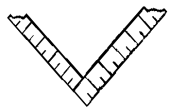
Bryan Shuler

Marshall

**W.: Ney Delgado-Arias,
PM**

Historian

**W.: Arthur Wasserman,
PM**



My Brothers,
 Every Worshipful
 Master goes
 through the feelings of relief
 and remorse when he writes
 the last Trestleboard article of
 his term. What started as an
 interminable year, is suddenly
 now, near finished. Where did
 the year go?

I would like to thank all of the
 officers and past masters that
 supported me, and they are
 responsible for this successful

year. I envisioned the activities
 we could have, then asked for
 an officer to run them. The
 officers and men took them
 and made it happen. They did
 the planning and execution of
 the goals I set forth. In addi-
 tion they brought up things on
 their agendas which added to
 this successful year.

We are putting on degrees for
 younger men who have the
 opportunity of continuing and
 improving Nitram's goals.

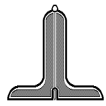
The addition of another ap-
 pendant body, the DeMolay
 Chapter means that Nitram
 Lodge supports all ages and
 both the sexes in providing a
 venue for their organizations.

Have a Merry Christmas,
 Happy Hanukkah, and Happy
 New Year!

From the East,

C.J. Morris W.: M.:

Senior Warden's Writings



I wish to extend to all
 Happy Holidays and
 happiness and prosper-
 ity to you and yours through out
 the coming year. The Holiday
 season as we know it is a time
 for peace and tranquility and the
 season of giving. And brotherly
 love extends from all to all dur-
 ing this glorious season. But did
 you know that a time in our
 history the celebration of
 Christmas was outlawed?

According to the "Yankee Maga-
 zine" in the 1971 edition that's
 exactly what happened. Protes-
 tant Reformist viewed the cele-

bration of Christmas as a pagan
 ritual and believed it dishonored
 God, and made a mockery of
 their religion. William Brad-
 ford, a governor of Plymouth
 Colony ordered all Christmas
 celebrations ended. And ap-
 pointed "mince sniffers" to pa-
 trol the town seeking out peo-
 ple who baked traditional mince
 meat pies.

Puritans had understandable
 reasons for their passionate dis-
 like of Christmas. In the 16th
 and 17th Centuries Puritans
 watched the Twelve Days of
 Christmas degenerate. Puritans

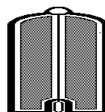
were heavily mocked for their
 belief in Christmas from acts of
 being dunked in ponds all the
 way to one person having his
 ears clipped because he did not
 give money to the King of Mis-
 rule.

I am thankful for living in a free
 Country where we can cele-
 brate in peace every religion.

Fraternally,

L. Ed Villiaume PM

Junior Warden's Journal



Brothers,
 It has been a crazy Octo-
 ber! We have been busy
 putting on degrees and getting back
 into the swing of things.

I would like to remind all of you
 that before every degree we cook a
 meal. A really good one too! For a
 donation you can bring yourself and

family to enjoy fun and fellowship
 with your friends and brothers.
 Meal time is always at 6:15pm.
 Please come and join us.

I would like to congratulate Broth-
 ers Pankonie and Sundquist for a
 incredible job putting on degrees
 this past month in the East. They
 were really good and put the
 elected officers degree work to

shame! It so nice to know that our
 line takes such pride in our ritual.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas
 my Brothers!

Fraternally,

Matthew Winters
 District 21 Committee
 Masonic Youth Chairman



*Those who have gone to that Celestial Lodge
 Above..... We will have our Lodge of Sor-
 row on December 16th for all our Brothers
 who have passed during the year 2010*



Secretary's Scribe



Brethren,
For those who have not yet paid your 2010 dues, there is still time. Your dues helps your Lodge in many ways, and keeps your Masonic privileges in force. Please consider this and mail your dues today.

2011 dues notices are mailed and in the process of being received, recorded, and dues card mailed out. I wish to thank those Brothers who have mailed them in so far. It is GREATLY appreciated by me as at this time of year, there seems to be so much going on. I would also like to thank those who have contributed to the LYPMGC program. As you

know, these funds go directly to keeping our Masonic Home in operation. This my Brothers is our obligation.

Your Lodge is still very busy and we look forward to your visits and support. Renew your Masonic ties and enjoy the Brotherly Love & Affection that is running rampart in our Fraternity today. Come out and support your Lodge officers as they are doing a fantastic job not only in degree work, but in keeping our Lodge at the top in all levels.

Fraternally,
Richard Hoover, PM PDDGM, PDI

Lodge Committees 2010

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Treasurer's Thoughts

Seasons Greetings to all my Brothers, and friends of Nitram Lodge. December 2010 is here, and I am very thankful for the prosperous ventures our Brothers performed this entire year. We had the largest amount of fund raising I can remember, and all the Brothers who participated need to have a big "Thank you" expressed to them.

Please remember those who do not have families to share the Holidays with, and make every effort to share your

love with them.
I am very excited about welcoming the St. Petersburg Chapter of DeMolay to their new home at Nitram Lodge. Our youth is our future, my Brothers. We need to make every effort to ensure that this becomes the best it can be, and will be the envy of others.

Fraternally,
David A. Henderson PM
PDDGM
Treasurer



Happy Birthday



- Matthew Barnard 12/04
- Joshua Bellian 12/09
- Dave Bench 12/28
- Casey Cook 12/08
- 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
- Kevin Kaiser 12/22
- Richard Macclinchy 12/24
- Herbert Smith Jr 12/06
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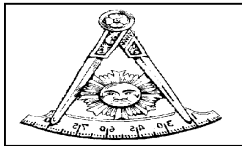
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