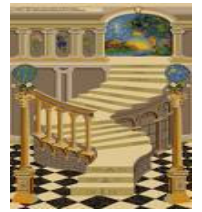


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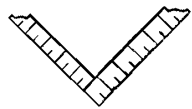


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Master's Message



Brethren:

Our thanks go to Jr.

Warden for two big things he accomplished. Though much effort he organized the "Flower Talk" given by a member of the Order of the DeMolay. Many good things were heard from the audience who had not been aware of what DeMolay is about. Our Brothers were able to take a flower home to their wives. The Lodge was able to present checks to the Demolay Chapter and to the Rainbow Girls Chapter to show our support to the Youth of our area.

The other thing that was organized by Bro. Winters was a trip to visit Mrs. West who has been ill. Mr. West, who was in a separate medical facility was still not able to be visited. Our prayers go out to them as they have had many health problems recently. Looking out for brothers and their wives is in the Highest tradition of our Fraternity. He has done all of this while also doing the "Trestleboard" and other duties of Jr. Warden.

.February is Fish Fry month. We got so many compliments last year. Invite your friends! They will not be

disappointed, unless you forget to tell us they are coming and we run out of food!

Watch for the "Trestleboard" next month where I hope to be able to report two raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, a new Brother, and four passed Master Mason catechisms. Also an announcement of a Masons, wives, and friends Fun Activity.

From the East:

C. J. Morris W.: M.:

Important

Dates!

Feb. 21st Fish Fry

11am to 3pm for the best fish in Pinellas County served by Nitram's Finest!

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Upcoming Events

Stated Meetings

Feb. 11th & Feb. 25th

Called Communication

Feb. 4th & Feb. 18th

Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

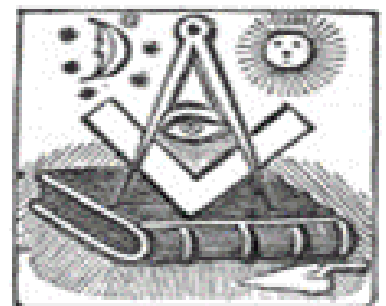
Feb. 1st & Feb. 15th

Gulf Beach Chapter 241 OES

Feb. 8th & Feb. 22nd

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Feb. 2nd



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Senior Warden's Writings

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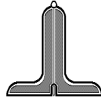
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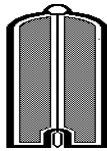
Masonic Education makeup classes will be scheduled during the month for those who wish to make up the past sections that were missed.

February is the month in which we celebrate both Abraham Lincoln and George Washington's birthday. Both men were presidents of the United States, and two of our greatest. One was a confirmed mason and the other one wasn't but both achieved greatness by following the principles of freemasonry. Both presidents believed in the greatness of the individual man

as well as the principle that all men should be free. Not just free to do what they want but free to think and act according to their own thoughts to achieve greatness without infringing on the rights of others. To that end, both brought our country out of control of forces that tried to limit men and bend men's will to their own. Freemasonry believes, and always has, that all men should have the freedom to think freely, to act according to their thoughts without infringing on the rights of others and to determine for themselves a form of government and a course of action. This is what made our fraternity great throughout the ages. And it still does. So, even though the presidents whose birthday we celebrate this month were in office 80 years apart, we can thank both of them for upholding our basic beliefs and propelling our great country forward to greatness.

"Many a President would have been more useful to society if he had been a cabinet maker instead of the maker of a cabinet." -Anon.

Junior Warden's Journal



Brothers,
What a busy January we have had!!!
From the Installation of Officers to the successful "Flower Talk" presentation and dinner held during the previous month it has been Crazy.

I would like to thank Dad Bill

Cobb for co-ordinating the "Flower Talk" event with Cory Hutson of Paul Revere and Seminole Order of DeMolay. Cory's presentation was moving and a shining example of what all youth can accomplish if they put their mind to it. Brother Bellian and crew cooked and served a fantastic meal for the evening.

You can have "The Wooden Spoon" anytime Brother! The Order Of Eastern Star provided the desserts and was nothing short of fantastic! Thanks as always ladies.

Fraternally,

Matthew B. Winters

Junior Warden

Treasurer Report

My Brothers. This is the month for our annual Fish Fry. It is very important that all of us put forth an extraordinary effort in promoting this event. Try your best to sell as many tickets as you possibly can. Nitram No. 188 relies on "fund raising" to offset our costs in keeping our building open and

running efficiently. It was indeed my pleasure to serve as the Installing Officer for our installation. We had a very good turnout. Congratulations to all of our newly installed and appointed officers. My sincere wish is that W.: M.: C. J. Morris has an excellent year, and is able to put forth all the

things he discussed during the installation. We need to help him in these endeavors. We must think of other means of fundraising. Let's make 2010 a great Masonic year.

Fraternally,

David A. Henderson, Treasurer

Secretary's Scribe



Brethren,
Our new Masonic year is now upon us, our newly installed officers have taken their first steps in their new positions, and our Worshipful Master has gotten his feet "soaked". Congratulations to W.: M.: Charles J. Morris on his first meeting in the East as Worshipful Master. As the singing duet the Carpenters once sang, "it's only just begun".

Come out and enjoy a meeting with YOUR officers and members.

All of our dues notices have been mailed out and we have had a pretty good response so far. There are quite a few though who have not paid their dues. Brothers, I urge you to get your dues paid early. If by chance you have not received a

dues notice, or if you have paid your dues and have not yet received your 2010 dues card, please contact me via email at

nitram188@tampabay.rr.com or call the Lodge number of 544 4400, or my cell phone 409-6665. If you have not been getting the trestle-board either via email, or regular mail, please do the same.

Lastly, I hope as many as possible will come out, and support the Fish Fry on February 21st.

Fraternally,

Richard Hoover, Secretary

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Happy Birthday!!!



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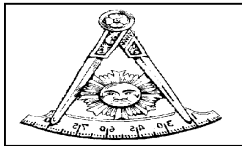
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