

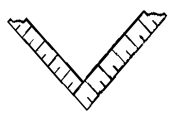
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Master's Message



My Brothers,

We have 4 petitioners for the three symbolic degrees of Masonry. With some hard work we can have them initiated before we go dark. They are all in their Twenties which makes them look young to me. However, they are potential 50 year Masons! We will desperately need our Past Masters as conductors for their Entered Apprentice Degree.

This is the month we attended Grand Lodge and represented Nitram. We had

previously reviewed proposed Legislation with the Craft and recorded their desires as to how to vote. Thank you for your crucial input. One of the more interesting changes coming this year, is the implementation of the Masonic Leadership Training program. This program, along with our continued Masonic Education efforts will aid all of us in our Masonic lives. I have seen some of the items that will be taught and I wish I had this information when I was going through the degrees. Our newly installed Grand Master, M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez, has appointed our own

R.:W.: Richard Hoover as State Co-Chairman of the MLT. He has been tasked with leading half of our state through this fantastic program! Congratulations on such a honor!

Our Monthly Saturday Breakfasts are in full swing. You get a large or small breakfast, your choices, all for \$5.00. Please come to the Lodge on 24 May and 26 June for them and support our fundraising efforts.

From the East,
Charles J. Morris W.: M.:

Important Dates!

June 24th

Official Visit of the DDGM of the 21st Masonic District

R.:W.: Alan S. Rosenthal

Dinner 6:15 pm.

Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

June 26th

Pancake Breakfast

8 am to 11 am

Bring your friends and family!
Pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast and more just for you!!

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Upcoming Events

Stated Meetings

June 10th & June 24th (DDGM Official Visit)

Called Communication

June 3rd & June 17th

Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

June 7th & June 21st

Gulf Beach Chapter 241 OES

June 14th & June 28th

Tahuti Court No 44 LOS

June 1st



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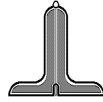
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W.: Ney Delgado-Arias, PM

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Senior Warden's Writings

Brothers,

In the Entered Apprentice degree lecture we were introduced to the symbolism of Jacobs ladder in which there were three principal rungs that were denoted Faith, Hope and Charity. Further explained that Charity was the greatest of these virtues because it extended beyond the grave and graced all those to whom this charity was given.

The first thing one thinks of when the word charity is mentioned is a monetary donation or the giving of something material to a cause. And this is usually true. However, there are other considerations that are not monetary that are considered charity.

Time, your time, freely given in the passing of your knowledge and expertise to others is one of the greatest charities that one could give. This knowledge you possess is unique to you. You have gained it through a lifetime of living. What you have learned and your experiences gained through out your life makes you uniquely knowledgeable. And this knowledge you possess will be lost if not shared with others.

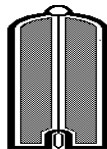
YOU as a member of the fraternity have a lot to offer to the craft in general. And giving this knowledge back in form of instruction or assistance to your lodge is one of the best charitable acts that you can

perform. We are blessed with younger and younger candidates seeking light in masonry and learning from as many of our members as possible could only heighten their experiences and knowledge in the craft.

Your charity could also extend to assisting your Lodge officers with the conferring of the degrees. It is not possible for a handful of members to give a complete instruction. We need your presence and input to help make you Lodge better. Please consider a donation of time to your Lodge as your charity that lives beyond the grave.

L. Ed Villiaumé

Sr. Warden

Junior Warden's Journal

Brothers,

On May 14, 2010 we participated in a fundraiser at Tropicana Field for the Rays. What makes this different is 6 of us sold \$7,800.00 worth of hot dogs, beer, and popcorn to hungry Rays fans! This accomplishment is thanks to R.:W.: Henderson, R.:W.: Hoover, Brothers

Bailey, Sundquist, Winters and finally W.: Zimmerman. We all left sore, tired, but proud of the level of teamwork we accomplished by working together for one common goal.....to raise money for our lodge. Brothers, we normally have 10 for this and will require it in the future. Please come and help raise money to keep our lodge alive and in the black!

We have just returned from Grand Lodge and represented your voice very well. It was a honor and privilege to vote on behalf of you. Much fun and fellowship was had. Remember, only you can make a difference in the lodge!

Fraternally,

Matthew Winters

Treasurer's Thoughts

The fund raising efforts are in high gear, and we are really doing well. We have our breakfast, Tampa Bay Rays concessions, and the baseball parking lot proceeds.

The downside to this, my Brothers, is the fact that I only see the same handful of your Brothers that are willing to sacrifice their time and

efforts to make this happen. The time has come for all of you who are not participating, to please step up and volunteer your services. The 10 to 12 Brothers who make up about 4% of the membership of Nitram Lodge are doing all the work to keep the monies coming in. Please thank the ones who are dedicating their efforts to help

Nitram, and consider joining in on the fund raising. We need your help!

Fraternally,

David A. Henderson PM PDDGM

Treasurer

Secretary's Scribe



Brothers,

As of this writing, we have received 4 petitions for membership in the past three weeks. June should be a pretty exciting month for all of us as we already have two EA's working on their catechisms. Come out and support your Lodge as we prepare for the summer break. Although we take a break from regular meetings over the summer, your Lodge officers continue to work on the operation and daily routine of your Lodge. Many things that need looking at or fixed will be done.

We still have approximately 36 Brethren who have yet to pay their 2010 dues. The six month notices will be sent out soon and I hope that you will send in your dues ASAP. I thank all the Brothers who have paid their dues so far this year.

May you all be safe over the summer in your travels, may your hopes and wishes be met. May the Great Architect watch over you and family.

Fraternally,

Richard Hoover, Secretary

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Petitions

Richard G. Hoover, PM, PDDGM
Scott Drake, PM

Scholarship

Scott Drake, PM
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Happy Birthday!!!



Randall Bryant	June 15 th	Sean Gibbons	June 6 th	Wesley Mitchell	June 1 st	William Sundquist	June 30 th
Donald Cheney	June 19 th	Manford Hartman	June 5 th	William Moore II	June 29	Clyde Walters Sr.	June 4 th
Scott Crofoot	June 23 rd	George Hoover	June 22 nd	G. Scott Pankonie	June 29 th	Robert Woods	June 11 th
Ney Delgado-Arias	June 16 th	William Kimsey	June 17 th	Ray Petitpren	June 8 th	Doane Wright	June 24 th
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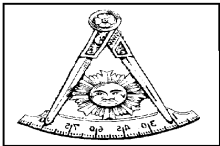
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