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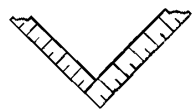


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Master's Message



It is hard to write this month's

Trestleboard article due to the passing of two of our active brothers. They both will be sorely missed. Brother Steve George had just joined us as a dual member and was only with us for one month. He had been attending meetings regularly before his illness. The passing of Elmer West also was a blow to us as he was always in meetings and well liked and respected. He was not only a

Brother but also a member of the VFW with other members of our Lodge. Our hearts and prayers go out to their widows and children.

Much business is taking place this month. R.W. Hoover has reminded us that Nitram Lodge is over due in updating the By-Laws. The committee has been formed and their recommendations have to be passed by the Craft.

Also Nitram Lodge needs an additional fundraiser to help balance the budget. Three ideas will be dis-

cussed along with other ideas from the Craft. All ideas will take work by the brothers instead of just asking for donations.

Congratulations to Casey Cook and Doug Donell for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Thank you from the East to all of the brothers who worked so hard on our annual Fish Fry.

From the East:

C. J. Morris W.: M.:

Important

Dates!

Installation of Officers

6th—Bethlehem Chapter OES 169 7pm

13th—Tahuti Court #44 7pm

20th—Gulf Beach Chapter OES 241 7pm

Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day 11am—3pm

Dedication of First Ladies Project

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Upcoming Events

Stated Meetings

Mar. 11th & Mar. 25th

Called Communication

Mar. 4th & Mar. 18th

Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

Mar. 1st & Mar. 15th

Gulf Beach Chapter 241 OES

Mar. 8th & Mar. 22nd

Tahuti Court No 44 LOS

Mar. 2nd



2009 Lodge Officers

Senior Warden's Writings

Worshipful Master

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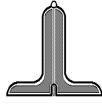
Bryan Shuler

Marshall

W.: Ney Delgado-Arias, PM

Historian

W.: Arthur Wasserman, PM



In his latest book, "The Lost Symbol" Dan Brown has placed our fraternity squarely in front of the public. His descriptions of our practices and symbols have sparked many questions and inquiries from those who knew nothing of the fraternity prior to reading the book. In fact, we have gained several members in the fraternity because of this "newly" discovered information presented before the public. When asked why he was attracted to Masonic fraternity so strongly he answered "In a world where men do battle over whose definition of God is most accurate, I cannot ade-

quately express the deep respect and admiration I feel toward an organization in which men of differing faiths are able to 'break bread together' in a body of brotherhood, friendship, and camaraderie." By the way, Dan Brown is NOT a mason.

Because of this book, the House of the Temple (the Scottish Rite S.J. headquarters in Washington DC) has had to increase their docents to handle the visitors wanting to visit the building. This should be an indication to us that there are many who, when asked, are willing to increase their knowledge of our fraternity and

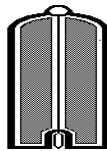
even become members thereof.

So be prepared to answer questions from those who are curious about us. Explain to them what masonry is and what we stand for; ask if they would like to become a part of our organization. Remember, by your actions and deeds, you are a representation of the whole of freemasonry and it is encumbered on all of us to bring qualified men into our 300 year old organization to ensure its continued growth and truths of freedom.

L. Edward Villiaumé III

Sr. Warden

Junior Warden's Journal



Welcome to March 2010 Brothers! We as usual have a very busy month planned and many activities to raise money in the works. The suggestions include Working A Buccaneers game in the Concession stands, parking cars for the Rays and finally starting our

old tradition of Monthly Breakfasts again. ALL OF THIS WILL TAKE YOUR HELP! We need brothers who are involved in other Masonic Organizations to get involved with their Blue Lodge again. You will find these activities fun and enjoy fellowship at the same time. I encourage you to call me

for the details on all these ideas and GET INVOLVED. All the members can make a difference, not just a few! Thanks to Bro. Pankonie, W.: Zimmerman and R.:W.: Hoover for another successful fish fry.

Matthew B. Winters

Junior Warden

Treasurer's Thoughts

Thank you for making our Annual Fish Fry a success, but dare I say that we need to do more? Our success as a Masonic Lodge depends on our Brothers. It is that simple, but not that easy. We need suggestions from everyone on how to raise money and

then we need participation from all to carry it out to a profitable end. Deficit spending only works for the government, not for a non-profit organization such as ourselves. Any brother who has a suggestion will be lis-

tened to with a sincere interest by the craft.

Fraternally,

David A. Henderson, PM PDDGM

Treasurer

Secretary's Scribe



Brethren, I hope this message finds you all well and "WARM". As spring is hopefully upon us, and the flowers should start blooming, we should also be looking at blooming our Masonic roots with new members. I will again reiterate my previous statement, that any member who is the top line signer for TWO new petitioners in Nitram Lodge who are raised this year, I will pay their 2011 dues. Brothers, your Lodge has committed to bring in no less than 10 new members this year. We are depending on you for the success of this endeavor. We all should know at least one person who we would recommend to become a Mason. Help your Lodge reach this

very attainable goal. I would like to take just a moment to congratulate our Junior Warden, Brother Matthew Winters, in his quest for further light. Bro. Winters has just completed and was awarded the Master Craftsman from the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. This is an award that he will cherish for years to come. Way to go Matt. Again Brothers, I remind you that your 2010 dues are due. Please get them paid now. Remember, unless you have a current dues card, you are not able to attend any of the appended bodies meetings. I would like to thank all those who have helped, donated, or were present at our annual Fish Fry. Richard Hoover, Secretary

Lodge Committees 2010

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Matthew B. Winters
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Chris Egan
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Richard Hoover, PM, PDDGM



Happy Birthday!!!



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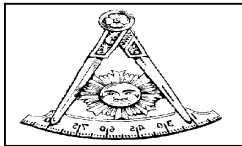
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| | 1991 John M. Cook* | 2009 Scott M. Drake |
| | 1992 Arthur H. Wasserman | (* Deceased) |
| | 1993 William Adams, Jr. | (Δ Honorary Past Master) |



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