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Welcome St. Petersburg Chapter Order of DeMolay!!!

Nitram Lodge is proud to announce:



A Holiday Feast!

In September our lodge voted unanimously to Sponsor St. Petersburg Chapter Order of DeMolay. The Officers of Nitram take great pride to announce this to you. Also, we issue you a challenge! We would like to see all lodges participate in the Advisory Council. If your lodge has anyone (Man or Woman) who is interested in make a difference in a young mans life, please contact Bro. Matthew Winters or R.:W.: David Henderson for details. Any participation great or small is appreciated from all lodges. It takes an entire District to make this program a success. Not just one Lodge.

All Proceeds to Benefit The Masonic Home of Florida

First Ladies Project

The Board Room Renovation

If you know any young man whom you think would be a great candidate for DeMolay....let us know! It is open to young men ages 12 to 21. We will soon be having a Homecoming Party for current Brothers in DeMolay as well as for those who are interested. More information coming soon on this exciting evening!

We are having a Holiday Dinner to benefit the First Ladies Project. We will be donating the proceeds to renovate the Masonic Home Board Room. This will include the carpet, chairs and desks just to name a few items. Also, a state of the art theatre system will be added to this wonderful room. Not only do the residents use this area, but the entire community. School Board Meetings to Neighborhood Associations all meet at the Home. By renovating the Board Room, it shows that we are still and always will be a strong presence in the community. "Masons Always Rise To The Occasion" and this should be no different. We expect a heavy turnout and a fun evening will be had by all!!!

In closing, Nitram would like to thank the help of Dads Jody and Jerry Meguiar both members of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay, Dad Bill Cobb Personal Representative for the Executive Officer in District 4 and finally Dad Berry Executive Officer for the Jurisdiction of Florida for making this dream come true!

Our Feast will be on December 4th. Social at 6pm and 7pm will be dinner for a donation of \$8.00.

Upcoming Events & Schedules November

Stated Meetings

Nov. 11th & Nov. 25th

Called Communication

Nov. 4th & Nov. 18th

Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

Nov. 1st & Nov. 15th

Gulf Beach Chapter 241 OES

Nov. 8th & Nov. 22nd

Tahuti Court No 44 LOS

Nov. 2nd

St. Petersburg Order Of DeMolay

(Coming Soon)

LODGE BREAKFAST

November 27th 9am to 11am

Eggs, Toast, Grits, Potatoes, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, OJ, Coffee. All for a modest donation of \$5.00!



"Masons always rise to the occasion"

Master's Message

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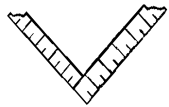
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Marshall

W.: Ney Delgado-Arias, PM

Historian

W.: Arthur Wasserman, PM



Dear Brothers,

Thanksgiving is the time of the year that we share time with family and friends. Nitram Lodge has scheduled Sunday 24 Oct. at 12:30 for having lunch with our residents of the Masonic Home in their dining room. We will have corsages for the widows and our Lodge commemorative coins. Anyone who would like to attend are invited.

On the Saturday, 4th of December we are having a Holiday Dinner at the Lodge Social Hall for families and Masons of Nitram Lodge. We would enjoy anyone from other Lodges and also any Brother who has not been to Lodge lately.

Nitram Lodge is progressing in passing to Fellow Craft four Brothers and initiating 2 Entered Apprentices. We hope to have

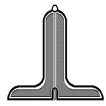
some raised to Master Mason before Christmas.

I hope everyone enjoys a great Thanksgiving holiday.

From the East,

C. J. Morris W.: M.

Senior Warden's Writings



Brothers,

Charity is one of the great virtues that we, as Masons, are expected to engage in. As we approach the holiday season, it becomes incumbent upon us to think about how we as individuals engage in this virtuous obligation. As I have written in the past, charity takes many forms. Even though monetary donations are the most common and greatly appreciated please consider the charity of your time.

As we move into this holiday season and engage in the festivities commonly associated with it consider also visiting our brothers who

haven't been seen in a while. Also, how about visiting our own brothers and sisters in the Masonic home. If you prefer, how about doing some volunteer work for your Lodge, your church or food pantry. This is the time when your help is most needed.

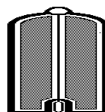
Your time could also be used to renew old friendships that have fallen by the wayside over the years. You might be surprised at how much enjoyment YOU will get out of it.

How about coming back to visit your Lodge. Can you remember when the last time you visited? Why not make plans now to visit.

We have our annual election of officers coming up in December. The open installation of officers will be on Jan. 15 2011 (time to be determined) with the Grand Master as the installing officer. Wouldn't it be great to attend an affair like that? I would expect that there will be a fair amount of our brothers attending this installation. Think about how great it would be to see them again. I know I would thoroughly enjoy meeting long time members of this Lodge for the first time. So, Brothers, think about how you can give of yourself this holiday season, and hopefully, I will see you in Lodge.

L. Ed Villiaume, Sr. Warden

Junior Warden's Journal



Brothers,

It has been a crazy October! 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 Brothers 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 Happy Thanksgiving my Brothers!

Fraternally,

Matthew Winters
 District 21 Committee
 Masonic Youth Chairman



Those who have gone to that Celestial Lodge Above.....

Rodney McIntosh Henry Collins



Secretary's Scribe



Brethren,
I am sure that you all have received your 2011 dues notices at this time. For those who have paid already, thank you on behalf of the Lodge and Grand Lodge on your contributions for LYPMGC. I will do my best to get your 2011 dues cards sent to you within several days of receiving your dues payment. Some of our members are perpetual and I hope you will make a contribution to the LYPMGC fund. Remember, the Masonic Home is our Obligation. Do you have internet access? Do you have an email address? If you have answered yes to both of these, you may want to check out the Grand Lodge of Florida website. There is much to be seen, learned and added to your Masonic resume. If you have an email address, please provide it to the Lodge. We have saved over \$200.00 in

postage this past year by emailing the Trestleboard via PDF format. Your Lodge thanks those who have participated in this effort. WE STILL NEED MORE. Our Lodge has just turned 85 years of service. Did you know that? We have a coin that was minted to commemorate this event this year. Want one? Come out to Lodge and see what is going on. Your Lodge is also planning a Holiday Dinner in early December. This will do three things. We will honor our widows of our deceased Brothers, we will celebrate our 85th anniversary, and we will help the First Lady, Nancy Martinez, fund her project at the Masonic Home. You will be getting more on this very soon. Your Lodge is busy with degrees and fund raisers. Come out and join your officers. Support YOUR Lodge.
Fraternally, Richard Hoover PM PDDGM

Lodge Committees 2010

<p>Finance Charles J. Morris WM Richard G. Hoover, PM, PDDGM David A Henderson, PM, PDDGM</p> <p>Vigilance Matthew B. Winters</p> <p>Charity David Henderson, PM, PDDGM William Zimmerman, PM</p> <p>Sick and Visitation Bill Zimmerman, PM All Officers</p> <p>Masonic Education Ed. Villiaume, PM</p> <p>Degree Instruction and Catechism Richard G. Hoover, PM, PDDGM Robert Johnson, PM</p> <p>Board of Relief All Officers</p> <p>Special Events Bryan Shuler, Organist Ed Villiaume, PM</p>	<p>Trestleboard Matthew Winters Richard G. Hoover, PM, PDDGM</p> <p>Temple Management Robert Johnson, PM Dan Barto, PM</p> <p>Charges Robert Johnson, PM</p> <p>Master-Wardens David Henderson, PM, DDGM</p> <p>Funeral Lectures All Officers</p> <p>Youth Activities Matthew B. Winters David A. Henderson, PM, DDGM Richard G. Hoover, PM PDDGM</p> <p>Perpetual Membership Ney Delgado-Aries, PM Robert Johnson, PM</p> <p>Scholarship Scott Drake, PM Dave Henderson, PM, PDDGM Richard Hoover, PM, PDDGM</p>
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Treasurer's Thoughts

Happy Thanksgiving, my Brothers. Since this is the season to reflect on our relationships, it is my desire to thank our wonderful volunteers for all the hard work & dedication they have for our Lodge. More especially I want to thank Laura Morris, Carole & Ashley Moffat for their efforts in helping out at the Rays game concession stand. We had 8 Brothers and these three very unselfish & hard working ladies. The total work force of 11 made this day a profitable one, but left a question mark with me. Why is it that we as a Lodge, who know that fund raising is a must to keep this lodge operating, relying on these ladies to stand on their feet for just over 6 hours to do what the Brothers should be doing? My suggestion for the upcoming year is to find another source of income, because don't have enough Brothers to assist in the hard work. There will be a time when monies will be even harder to raise, and I feel that just a handful of Brothers should have that responsibility. If there are any suggestions on how to raise money, then please bring them up at the next business meeting.

Fraternally, David A. Henderson PM PDDGM



Happy Birthday



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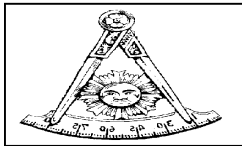
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