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Pilgrimage day 2011

The Grand Master, M:W: J. Dick Martinez has decreed that Saturday, March 19, 2011 will be Pilgrimage Day 2011. We hope that you will all come out and enjoy this wonderful event put on by our beautiful Masonic Home. This event will be on Saturday, March 19, 2011 between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm. The day will be filled with a host of fun events for the whole family to enjoy.

They include an antique car show, staged in the back yard heading down the sidewalk, and hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone around noon, put on by the Masonic Home Dining Room Staff. A chili cook-off featuring the junior wardens from the area lodges, and tour of the facility, so check with the guild upon entering for times. Come on out Brothers, you'll be glad to see what a fine facility this is and that we are all a part of this stellar masonic organization.

Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

The Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa is holding their Spring Reunion the 2nd and 3rd Saturday in April. Mark your calendars for April 9th and 16. This is your chance to see some of the degrees exemplified that you may have missed. Our Spring Reunion will be in honor of Ill: Wencil (Casey) Stengle, 33°. Candidates are needed and we encourage all of you to attend all or part of this Reunion. The schedule can be found online at www.srtampa.org. See any Scottish Rite Brother if you are interested in joining the Scottish Rite. This is a truly worthy Masonic Organization and will further your Masonic educational journey.

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Breakfast 1st Saturdays

March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 OES	7 OES	8 DeMolay	9	10 Stated	11	12
13	14	15 Cub Scout Pack	16	17 <i>Called-St.</i> <i>Patrick's Meal</i>	18	19 Pilgrimage Day Chili Cookoff
20	21 OES 169	22 DeMolay	23	24 Stated	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

BREAKFAST

March 5th

9am to 11am

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

Come One Come All



Master's Message

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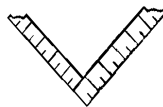
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W.: Arthur Wasserman, PM



Brothers

I want to thank all those who came out to support our annual George Washington

Birthday Fish Fry. It was a fun event and a good time was had by all. The Officers of the Lodge worked hard to provide this fun event for you and it was great to see so many people turn out for the event.

March is designated as Youth Activity month by the Grand Lodge. We have instituted a Chapter of DeMolay in the Lodge. Our first meeting was great with 3 new members initiated into the chapter. I want to give a big thank you to the members of Paul Revere Chapter for their assistance in this first meeting. The degrees were beautiful. Any Master

Mason can attend their meetings. Our Chapter meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month. I would like to encourage you to come out and help support this youth group.

The first Thursday of this month has been designated as a Masonic Education meeting. The topic will be Masonic Etiquette. This will come from the Grand Lodge System of Masonic Education booklets. So come on out and enjoy this session.

The Third Thursday we will have an EA degree. There will be multiple candidates and this should be a fun degree. As part of our education program, there will be a different officer presiding in the East for each degree.

Our stated meetings are on the 2nd and

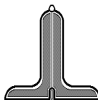
4th Thursdays. We are considering contracts for repaving our parking lots. These contracts will be presented to the craft at one of these meetings and a vote taken to spend the money. This is going to be an expensive project for us. Your participation in the progress is requested so please come out for these meetings.

L. Edward Villiaume III

Worshipful Master

Forget Not whence you Came

Senior Warden's Writings



Brothers,

Welcome to March! This is one of my favorite months of the year. You can feel spring in the air, and the summer will be upon us soon. Thus our lodge is very busy making plans to work the Tampa Bay Rays parking lot. This is one of many fund raisers in our lodge. February's breakfast was a large success.

Remember fund raisers and spending lodge money go hand in hand. You might be able to bring any charity worthy of a donation to the lodge floor, but you need to have a way to pay for it first. Just like your checkbook at home, we

have a budget too. Our Lodge must stay within the guidelines of our budget.

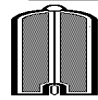
There are many new brothers joining our ranks every day. Please attend Lodge meetings and functions. Your support and wisdom at all of our events means everything. I have seen it happen time and time again. A Past Master shares wisdom with an Entered Apprentice and they have made friends for life. Brothers = Friends and vice versa.

I would like to thank everyone personally who put such tremendous effort into the cleaning

of the lodge as well as those who helped prep food for the Fish Fry. Every year this becomes more successful as the word gets out. Brothers Pankonie, Batchelder and Bailey pulled off a great kitchen crew among many other Brothers. Thanks for your dedication to the Fraternity ALL!

St. Patrick's Day is always fun and coming up soon! I will let you in on a little secret though. We have St. Patrick's Day every Wednesday and Thursday at the Annex! Be safe over the holiday! Fraternally, Matthew Winters Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Journal



Brethren,

One of the aspects of being an elected officer is that you are asked to write articles for the Trestleboard. One thing I did not want to do was to write any current events articles, but I just can't help myself.

Let me start by expressing my gratitude to all the brothers, family and friends who had come out to support out many fund raising events. Namely the Breakfasts and the Fish Fry. We have had a rousing response to these events.

We have added both new money and new Masons' to the lodge.

Brothers, we have been enjoying great food and great fellowship together. Harmony is growing and the lodge is prospering.

For me, the reward is bringing you all together and hearing your laughter and seeing you work together. I may be responsible for refreshments but you are all truly the refreshment, for me.

For me it is not about the income we derive from the breakfasts and

the meeting night meals. It is about bringing us all together, breaking bread and busting a few chops.

By the way, we have received new petitions as a result of a good showing at our February Breakfast. We kept running out of supplies as so many of you turned out. We received a nice donation above and beyond our requested donation for the meal.

Thanks Gabe Kohler and Jim Pouch. From The South

Scott Pankonie, Junior Warden

Join us on St. Patrick's Day for a Traditional Irish Feast

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Potatoes, Onions and Carrots

Irish Whiskey Cake for desert

Sorry—No Green Beer—That's at the pub. (annex)



Secretary's Scribe



My Brothers,

The enthusiasm in your Lodge so far this year is a fantastic ray of freshness and dedication. For those who have not been to Lodge recently, you are missing out on not only great food but the camaraderie that is felt amongst the Brethren.

There are a few changes that have been made so far this year. One is that the Lodge office is exactly that, **A Lodge Office**. The Worshipful Master and Treasure both have areas to work at in the open spaces of the office. Finishing touches are still to be done, but the openness is refreshing.

I am still looking for email addresses for Brothers who have them and are still receiving the Trestleboard via snail mail. If you change mailing addresses like so many do during

the summer, and winter months, you still receive your email. Not so with the regular mail. I receive no less than 8 Trestleboards back each month for Brothers who have moved and have not notified the Lodge, or who are temporarily away. Each one of these that are returned costs your Lodge money, emails do not. Please consider this. Email the Lodge at

nitram188@tampabay.rr.com and I can save your email to the Lodge's contact list. It will be greatly appreciated.

If you have not yet paid your 2011 dues, please consider doing this in the near future. Your Lodge depends on the membership to keep it going and growing.

Fraternally,
Richard Hoover, Secretary

There are so many to thank for the success of the Fish Fry I hope I have enough space. Ed Richards, Dave Bench, Kenny Bass, Roy Grimes, The LOS Chapter 44, Cliff Batchelder, Chuck Bailey, Dan Barto, Josh Bellian, R.W. Hoover, R.W. Henderson, Bill Sundquist, Brian Moffat, Bob and Geneva Hirsch And Especially Maggie Pankonie for all your hard work making salads and cooking and running everything. We got nothing but accolades for our hard work. This came together very smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

March Birthdays



Alan Bailey	Walter Gilson	Rodney Nash	
Thomas Blalock	Myles Harriman	Robert Neeley	Floyd Thackrey
Peter Boris	David Henderson	John Pecore	James Truax
Donald Coleman	Merton Knight	Eric Schaufele	Lambert Villiaume
James Cunningham	Gabriel Kober Jr	Alfred Schmidt Jr	Philip Ware
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Treasurer's Thoughts



I want to thank all the Brothers who have participated in our fund raising events. We could not have done it without you all.

We will be doing more this year, my Brothers, and we will need even more of you to step up and volunteer.

Our Lodge depends on all able bodied Brothers to make sure that we have enough income to make Nitram one of the best in the District, and I think one of the best in the state of Florida.

Our annual fish fry was a great event, so let's make every other one just as successful.

Fraternally,
David Henderson PM PDDGM
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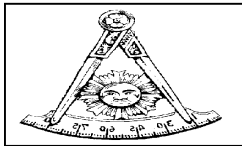
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