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Nitram Gets Curb Appeal

The Craft voted on April 14th to resurface the parking lot of Nitram Masonic Temple No. 188 F&AM. This is a much needed project which will significantly improve the exterior appearance, functionality and safety of our parking area. It will also beautify the grounds and make the lodge more appealing to prospective Masons. The Lodge interior is getting a bit of renovation as well. The Lodge office is a work in progress and has shaped up very nicely. The carpeting in the Tyler's Outer Door area has been removed and tile is planned for installation. There has been some talk about planting in the front area next to the building. So come see what we have been up to and share your thoughts. The brothers are working together and Harmony is growing.

The Proposed Legislation was discussed at the Grand Master's

Grand Lodge May 29-June 1

annual legislative update held on April 20, 2011 at St. Petersburg Lodge in downtown St. Petersburg. The Lodge officer's will be going over the proposed legislative changes proposed for changes to the Florida Masonic Digest to be voted on at Grand Lodge in May. Brother come make your voice heard so that we may vote on your behalf and at your direction.

This is a special time as there is a change in the Calendar being proposed which will affect the Lodge's Masonic year. If this is adopted we may have 6 month or an 18 month master for the adjustment term. Come to Lodge and join us for a meal and a degree. Come tell us your thoughts on the changes. If you don't vote you can't complain—so come and be heard.

Breakfast 1st Saturdays

May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2OES	3Tahuti	4	5Called	6	7Breakfast
8	9	10DeMolay	11	12Stated	13	14
15	16OES	17Scouts	18	19Called	20	21
22	23	24DeMolay	25	26Stated	27	28
29	30	31				

BREAKFAST

May 7

9am to 11am

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

Come One Come All



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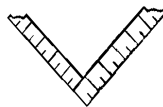
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Master's Message



Brothers,

What a great year we are having so far. I am really pleased with the participation of our Brothers at the Lodge as well as the hard work being put in by all officers and members. Our Lodge building is now thirty one years old. It is still a beautiful and functional building, but time has taken its toll. It now becomes necessary to do some major repair work to keep the building and grounds in serviceable condition.

To that end, the craft has voted to repave our parking lot. Included in that project will be the removal of the pine trees whose roots have grown through the surface of the lot tearing up the pavement. The cost of this project is extensive. To help with the cost of this project, I am asking for DONATIONS to this project. Donations can be mailed in care of the secretary of the Lodge or, if you wish, presented at a meeting. This is YOUR

Lodge, won't you help us maintain it for you? Any amount donated will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Grand Lodge will be from May 29th through June 1st. Your three principal officers along with the secretary and some other brothers will be attending it. There are several resolutions that will be decided at this meeting. Your Officers will vote on these resolutions according to the instructions given them by you, the Brothers.

These resolutions will be presented to the Lodge members during the TWO stated meetings in May. The dates of these meetings are May 12th and 26th. Come on out and see what is changing in the fraternity.

Our monthly breakfasts are going well. May 7th, Saturday, is the date of the next one. Serving time is from 9am till noon and we still have a varied menu that should please everyone attending.

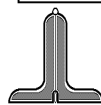
Want to volunteer to do something for the Lodge? Here's your opportunity. This year, like last year, we are manning a concession stand in Tropicana field during some of the Rays games. We need at least 10 volunteers to help us at each of the games we service. It is a lot of hard work but the rewards are worth it. Please contact the Lodge secretary for details on this project. Also, we are going to work a parking lot for some of the Rays games. We park cars at a designated lot for a fee that goes to our charities. We usually need around 5 members for each event. Please contact me for more information.

Hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather we are having and I hope to see you in Lodge soon.

W.: L. Edward Villiaume III

Forget Not Whence you Came.

Senior Warden's Writings



Happy May Brothers!

May is always a fun time of year for the lodge. The Fish fry has been completed, the Master is halfway through his term and all the up and coming Brothers are studying with their coaches. I say all of this, because this is a critical time for all Masons in the year. The Summer months are almost upon us. This serves as an excellent time for those going through the line to study for different parts in the degrees. The more parts you know, the better of an asset you will be to the lodge.

In April we had a critical vote for the lodge. The new parking lot bid was approved! This will not only benefit the Masons of our lodge, but also Eastern Star and The Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. The entire lot is going to be resurfaced. New Curb Stops will be put in. Finally, the trees that are ripping up areas of our current lot will be taken out and replaced.

Finally, The breakfasts are really beginning to take off. Rays games parking is coming up as well. We need

more than the same 7 people helping with these events. They require minimal labor on anyones part. Working these events is as easy as going to the grocery store. Please find the time and join us. If you come to work on Saturday for the Breakfast, we always find time for you to eat as well. All these events are really fun and the fellowship is worth the minimal work!

Fraternally,

Matthew Winters
Senior Warden



Father's Day BBQ
Sunday—June 19, 2011
\$10.00 Tickets See the
Jr. Warden or stewards



Secretary's Scribe



My Brothers,

As your Lodge officers get ready for the upcoming Grand Lodge session, we will need your input as to how the officers need represent YOU at Grand Lodge. We will be going over all the upcoming proposed legislation at our upcoming stated meetings in May. This is your chance to let your officers know how you feel about these proposals, and how you would like them to vote as your representative. Join us for these important and well informative meetings. You are important to YOUR Lodge. Come out and be counted. We have a great start on our membership dues for this year.

We have approximately 35 members who still need to pay their 2011 dues. I will be sending out reminders very shortly, and hope you will send in your dues along with the voluntary contribution to our Masonic Home. Grand Lodge and our Masonic Home are starting a new Masonic year. Help get them started. I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

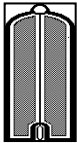
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Junior Warden's Journal



My Brothers,

It is truly rewarding to see those of your enjoying the fare before our degree meetings. The fellowship as we break bread together is always so rewarding to me. Thank you for recognizing and making wonderful comments to my wife, Maggie as she has truly made a huge impact on the menu. I have been blessed with a great lady.

You will begin to here a lot about our Father's Day BBQ on June 19, get your tickets from the Stewards

or myself as this is the best way we can make this a success. I hope it is so successful that it becomes a tradition like the Fish Fry. I am planning on ribs, pulled Pork and chicken, Some great southern sides and maybe even some music and group games. Let's all plan to have fun and enjoy some good times together.

From the South

Scott Pankonie

Junior Warden

Treasurers Thoughts

Brothers, we are coming up on the big fund raising events and we really need volunteers to step up and help the "cause". We absolutely cannot raise the funds we need without YOU ! We will be doing parking, and of course the concessions, at the Rays games. It is hard work, but well worth the funds we collect for the Lodge. Please ask any of your officers how to volunteer. They will be happy to assist !

Fraternally,
David A. Henderson PM, PDDGM
Treasurer

May Birthdays

Joseph Fuller	4/14	Roy Grimes	4/18
David Gross	4/16	Ernest Hutchinson	4/25
Alexander Lucciola,	4/15	Michael Martin	4/19
Robert Mecker	4/2	Henry Mowry	4/6
E. Purdy	4/24	John Wilmont	4/10

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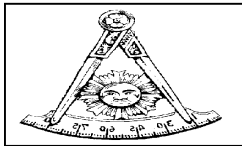
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