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From Refreshment to Labor

With our summer break winding down to a close, we are reminded that it is time to get back to work. We call it work but it is really the fellowship and seeing old friends once again. I often wondered why the lodge goes dark during the summer months and the easiest explanation is that the meetings would be small and there would be few in attendance due to vacations. Well, vacations are a time of refreshment and spending time with our families. A time to get things done around the house and keep the family engaged. Seems like we are called from refreshment to labor in September. Time to get back in the swing of things before the end of the year.

So come on back Brothers, we have a very busy fall planned. There will be many good times and a little work but the lodge is truly coming together. We have degrees coming up. The Parking Lot project was stalled by the wonderful officials at the county, but there is a plan going forward and it should be completed in the near future. We have some great meals coming up.

You need to let me know if you are coming for dinner.

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Breakfast 1st Saturdays

September 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----------|------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| | | | | 1 Open Dinner | 2 | 3 Breakfast Breakfast |
| 4 | Labor Day | 6 Tahuti | 7 | 8 Stated | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 DeMolay | 14 | 15 Called Dinner | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 OES | 20 Cub Scouts | 21 | 22 Stated | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 DeMolay | 28 | 29 Fifth | 30 | |

BREAKFAST

September 3rd

9am to 11am

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

Come try the New Eggs Benedict or a Quiche



Master's Message

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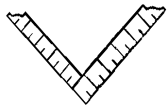
W.: Arthur Wasserman, PM

Dinner 9/1/11

Goulash / Noodles

Dinner 9/15/11

Chicken Parmesan



Brothers,

I would like to welcome our

sojourning Brothers back to the area. Our summer break is now over and it is time to reconvene our labors. While we were dark, our officers were still at work at the Lodge. The most ambitious work done over the break was in the Lodge room itself. W.: C.J. Morris took it upon himself, along with our Junior Steward Charles Bailey, to complete the "starry deck heavens" over the altar. This work took over six weeks to complete and it is just beautiful. I would like to thank W.: Morris, Bro. Bailey and all the other brothers who worked on this project.

The first meeting in September is Thursday the first. This meeting will be an open meeting to dedicate the new Lodge ceiling. We will have a guest speaker who will give a talk on the 32 constellations depicted on the

ceiling and W.: Morris will explain how the ceiling was accomplished. It should be an interesting evening and since this will be an open meeting, please bring your family, friends and anyone else you wish. Of course our Jr. Warden and the stewards will provide refreshments for this event. It should be quite an evening.

We will start off our degree work on the 15th of September with a Master Mason degree with three candidates. As usual, it should be an interesting evening and prior to the degree, we will have a dinner. Your Lodge has a reputation throughout the district of doing excellent degree work and this one should be no different. I invite you to come out and witness their proficiency in the conferring of these degrees. It's always a memorable evening. For those who live out of town and may not know, W.: Bill Zimmerman passed to the celestial high above on August 5, 2011. Bill was Master of Nitrant Lodge in 1996 and after his

term as master, continued to work for the Lodge until he became too sick to do so.

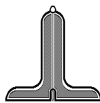
Our Lodge building is now over 30 years old and because of its age will start to need more costly repairs. The repairs are regularly discussed at our stated meetings and decisions are made. These decisions result in the spending of large amounts of monies. We need the input of as many members as we can get. Your attendance during these meetings is very important to the welfare of our Lodge building and to maintaining a strong member base. I invite you to come to the Lodge on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays to assist us in determining what is best for our Lodge.

So, welcome back all and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

L. Edward Villiaumé III

Worshipful Master

Senior Warden's Writings



Brothers,

Happy September! I trust all of you have had a very busy and productive summer visiting the sites and family! The officers of your Lodge did not have the summer off. W.: Morris and Bro. Bailey along with others finished W.: Barto's "Starry Sky". It is complete and fantastic. Please come visit us this month for our first Master Mason Degree complete with twinkling sky.

Fall is always a wonderful time

of year. The calm before the holiday's! Now is a great time to study the next chair up if you are in the line. If you are not in the line, then I would suggest looking or reading a piece of Masonic literature. This can be quite rewarding and you may learn something you never knew.

On a more somber note, we lost a great leader in our lodge recently. W.: Bill Zimmerman. He was a mentor for me both in and outside the Fraternity. My family's thoughts and prayers are

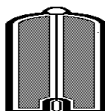
with his family during this time. Bill was truly a shining example of what a Master Mason should be!

In Closing, our breakfasts are going to start picking up again. First Saturday of every month is dedicated to cooking the best all you can eat breakfast in the district. Come on by and see us!

Fraternally,

Matthew Winters

Junior Warden's Journal



Welcome Back Brothers,

As you have already heard we have had a busy summer break. Unfortunately, I was not present for much of the festivities. It was really hard work but it sounds like all had fun making it happen.

W.: Brother Bill Zimmerman has passed and that brings great sadness

to many of us. His ready smile and his ever encouraging way will be missed by all who knew him. God must have loved him as he sure took him quickly.

I have included a Masonic Crossword Puzzle in the electronic version. I intended to get this into the July/August Trestleboard but it

never made it out the door. spankonie@tampabay.rr.com

Breakfast 1st Saturday

Many new items being tried and this is one not to miss. The stewards are doing Eggs Benedict & Quiches

Scott Pankonie, J.W.

Secretary's Scribe



Brethren,

Our summer break is now over and it is time to get back to our Lodge business. I will be sending out reminders for your 2011 dues within 30 days. Brethren, your dues are not only important to your Lodge, but also to you. It has many privileges attached to it. Among them are your appended order memberships. Your Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Grotto, OES, ect all depend your Blue Lodge membership. If you are having difficulties with get-

ting your 2011 dues paid, please do not hesitate to contact me either via phone call, or email. Both are listed below. Your Lodge would love to have 100% membership this year.

Your Lodge is going to have a very active fall schedule. We hope to see YOU in Lodge.

Fraternally,
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Until we meet again—Thanks Brother Bill

Obituary for Mr William "Bill" Zimmerman

81, of St. Petersburg, FL, August 5, 2011, at St. Petersburg General Hospital. Born in Buffalo, NY, he came here in 1985. He was a United States Army veteran. He attended St. Jude Catholic Church in St. Petersburg. He enjoyed wood carving, remodeling, bricklaying, sports, walks on the beach, hunting and fishing. He was a Past Master of Nitram Masonic Lodge 188, Past Commander of VFW Post 6827 and a member of the American Legion Post 400. He was preceded in death by his mother Margaret Zimmerman; father William Zimmerman; first wife Doris Mae Beimler; son Thomas Zimmerman; second wife Angeline DiFiore and brother Clayton Zimmerman. He is survived by daughter Nancy Castor (Henry) of St. Petersburg; son William Zimmerman (Renee') of Clearwater, FL, son Gary Zimmerman (Sharon) of Clearwater; loving companion Cissie Weihman and her children Harry and Patricia of St. Petersburg; brother Kenneth Zimmerman (Barbara) of Tacoma, WA; sister Laura Schmidt (late Edwin) of Kenmore, NY; sister Ruth Overturf (late James) of Kenmore; daughter in-law Gena (late Thomas) Zimmerman; brother-in-law George Beimler (Judy); stepchildren Gloria Ladner (Larry), Joseph DiFiore (Janice) and Kathy DiFiore; and nine grandchildren; also survived by cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends. There will be a visitation August 17 from 4:30-8:30 PM at the Funeral Home, with a Memorial Service at the Nitram Masonic Lodge 188, 4275 78th St. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709 August 18 at 11 AM. Visit the family's personalized online guest book at www.andersonMcQueen.com. Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home, Northeast St. Petersburg Chapel, 727-822-2059.

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Treasurer's Thoughts

Fall Greetings, my fellow Brothers.

We are descending on our final 4 months of the year, and we have a lot to accomplish. The "dark" period was anything but that, as all your officers were busy making sure the ship was on an even keel. I believe you are all in for a few surprises when you see the "new" Nitram Lodge.

All the funds are safe and secure, and the bills have been paid. Life is good! In August, we lost our beloved Past Master, W.: Bill Zimmerman. W.: Bill was a stalwart of this Lodge, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him well. W.: Bill was a "behind the scenes" type who always made sure that things got done, but would never take credit for anything. We all knew that W.: Bill was an integral part of this Lodge, but he would just say it was no big deal when he was thanked for his service. We will all miss you, W.: Bill., and my sincere condolences go out to your family. Enjoy your life in the Celestial Lodge above.

David A. Henderson, PM PDDGM Treasurer

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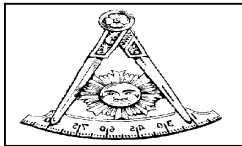
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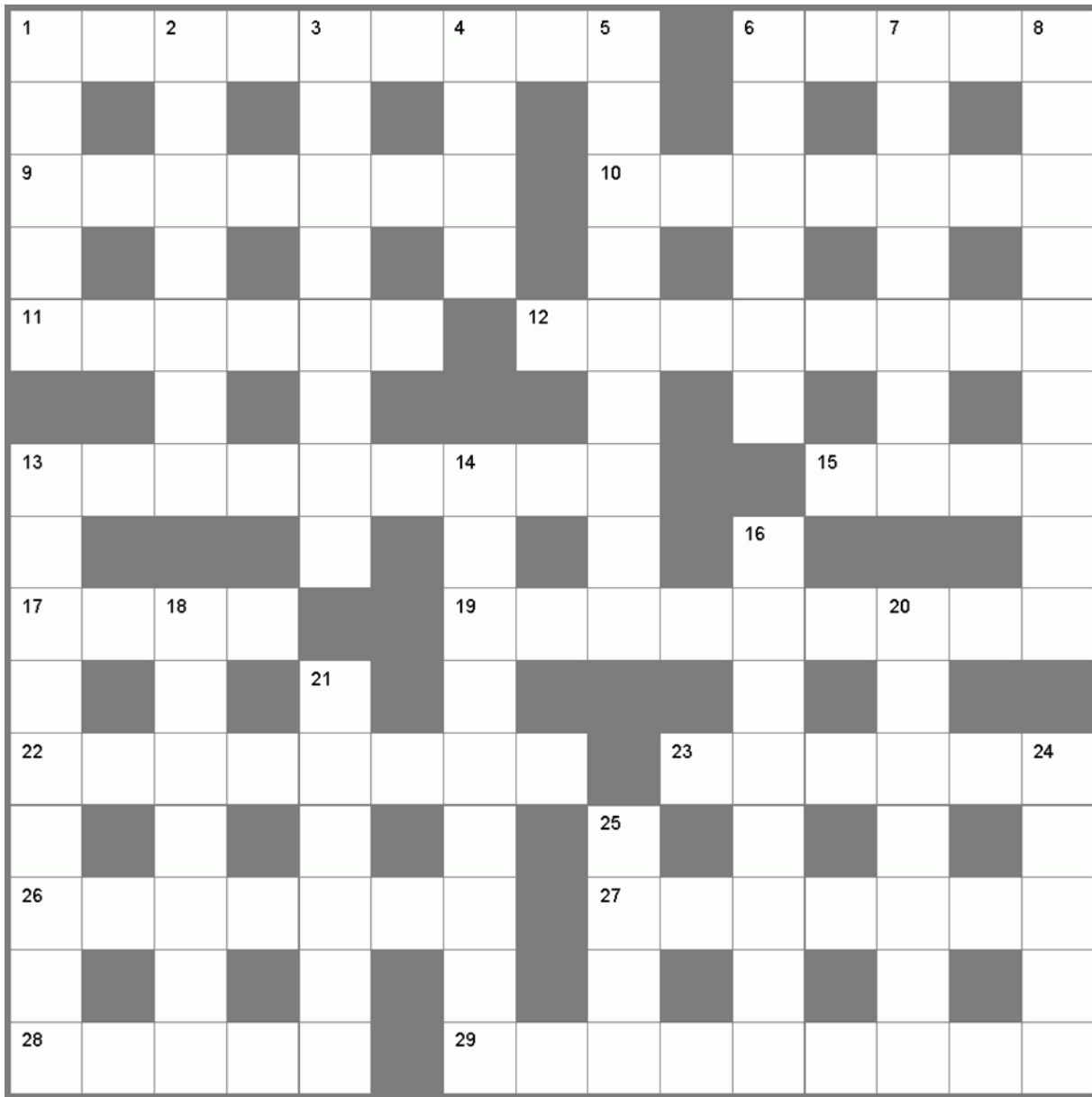
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Masonic Crossword Puzzle

An E-Trestleboard Exclusive



Comments:

6 down is an obscure word.

ACROSS

1. Spinning globe duel at entrance to Masonic experiences (4,5)
6. Above a backwards fool (5)
9. Counterfeiter hanging around a person searching for food (7)
10. Bubble gum weapon (7)
11. Master's tools found in avenue through grand lodges (6)
12. O.K., I retry deciphering advanced degrees (4,4)
13. Encased in "Upholster" edition (9)
15. Data found in brain food (4)
17. Pen points from assorted bins (4)
19. Young adult's first roads sound like a clock measuring Rod (9)
22. Mass friend is worldwide (8)
23. Academy for top-grade young leader is not C.O.D. (6)
26. Tooth sound in scissor? (7)
27. Puzzle causes sob softly, small spasm (7)
28. Entered Apprentice with Southeastern degree slid deftly (5)
29. Dads shirk muddled memories of computers (4,5)

DOWN

1. Cloud of beef Og called (5)
2. Fun rave left housing to disentangle (7)
3. Rule of limb for Muhammad and Cobb (8)
4. Odor made covering for students' home (4)
5. Ornament befuddled Rome bride (9)
6. Japanese bean advertisement, I followed last letter to Britain (6)
7. Oxford scholar bestows hug and kiss on Ian (7)
8. Scaffold for ram we backed into fork (9)
13. Unrestrained Dingle Hag to ride the wind (4,5)
14. Rogers, in the manner of cola, hot degree (5,4)
16. In test, Ray edified those who got off the subject (8)
18. Wild horses are what bronze costs without tails (7)
20. Talk show host has cat or dog for motivation (7)
21. Transferred pigskin and got a sheepskin (6)
24. Yuppie upper-crust kinds smile first of all, then produce laughs (5)
25. This cartouche frames a bitter memory (4)

See the Junior Warden for the answer key.