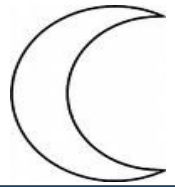




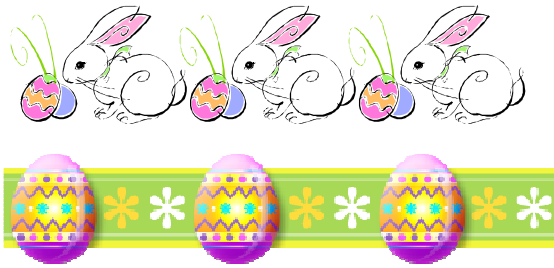
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April 7th, 11am till 2pm

Monthly Calendar of Events

April 7th, Breakfast & Eggstravaganza

April 5th: EA Degree (PM to sit in chairs)

April 12 & 26th Stated Meetings 7:30 pm

April 19th: Degree or Masonic Education

April 10th & 24th DeMolay

April 3rd Tahuti Court 7:30 PM

April 2nd & 16th Bethlehem Chapter OES 169

April 18th, Dining to Donate at Applebee's 4pm to 9 pm (see flyer enclosed) 10 % of your bill will be donated to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory

Breakfast 1st Saturdays

BREAKFAST

April 7th

9am to 11am

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

Come join us for an exciting start to your Day!



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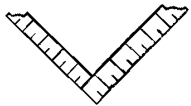
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Master's Message

Brothers, Greetings! I can't believe it is already April. The first quarter of the year has been very busy. We have 2 new Entered Apprentices and have raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason a Fellowcraft from Elmer O. Smith Lodge. Thanks W.: Lipscomb for giving us the opportunity to raise this Brother. Thank you to Brother Brian Moffat and Brother Bailey for sitting in the East for the 2 EA Degrees. You did a fine job and made the Lodge proud as always.

On April 5th we will have a Past Master Entered Apprentice degree. W.: Villiaume III, our junior Past Master, will be sitting

in the East. Many familiar faces will join him for an all-star cast of Past Masters. Please mark the date on your calendars and attend if possible. Dinner will be at 6:15 and the Junior Warden will be cooking up a family friendly meal. Bring the wife and kids for the dinner and stay for the degree.

Plans for Grand Lodge have begun. If you would like to attend, please inform R.:W.: Hoover of your intentions. Rooms fill up fast. Secondly, we hope you can attend our Lodge Breakfast on April 7th from 9am to 11am and then stay for the Easter Eggstravaganza! This will be a FREE event from 11am to 2pm complete with a bounce

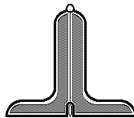
house, hot dogs and finally a Easter Egg Hunt with all different types of prizes. Did I mention FREE????? Come one and all to this day of fellowship and fun!

Finally, remember our Lodge Birthday is on April 23rd. We will be 88 years old. Quite an accomplishment. On the night of April 26th at our stated meeting we will have a cake to celebrate. Please come and join in on the fun.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of sitting in the East this year!

Matthew B. Winters -
Worshipful Master

Senior Warden's Writings



Brethren,
How wonderful it is to see the brothers working together in peace and harmony.

Wikipedia shows the etymology of the term harmony derives from the [Greek](#) ἁρμονία (*harmonía*), meaning "joint, agreement, concord"^[4] from the verb ἁρμόζω (*harmozo*), "to fit together, to join". In Ancient Greece, the term defined the combination of contrasted elements. Anyone can tell you that a lodge is very diverse with many contrasted elements, opinions and personalities. The goal is to find a way to work

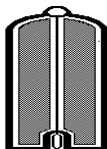
together for the betterment of the whole craft. There will naturally be discord from time to time but most Masons are cut from a very tough and durable cloth. We get over our differences and move on. With our busy schedule and all of our projects for renewal, of the physical lodge, in the offing we must plan or work and work our plan. Not all will see things in the same light but with hard work, kindness and brotherly love we will accomplish our goals. This year's Fish Fry was a prime example. Everyone worked and we should all be congratulated for the success of this project. The Junior Warden was thinking

ahead and asked the Brothers of Gulf Beach Lodge to join us for the BBQ in June, and if they might lend us the magnificent smoker once again. Gulf Beach in their imminent style said sure, but you have to use the same Rub as last year. The Brothers of Gulf Beach come to Nitram to help support us. We should follow this lead. I hope all the area lodges would get better about letting the other lodges know what big events are going on so we can join them.

Nothing further from the West

Scott Pankonie, SW

Junior Warden's Journal



March was another busy month of fun and fellowship for Nitram Lodge. We had our Monthly Breakfast, 2 Entered Apprentice degrees, a courtesy Master Mason degree for Elmer O. Smith, and participated in several events at Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home. I want to thank the Stewards for all of their help so far this year (and all of the other Brothers who have chipped in also), as well as Maggie Pankonie for providing desserts for the EA degrees. I especially want to thank my mother for her help in making an

Irish Beef Stew for the second of the EA degrees, just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

We are planning on keeping busy in April as well. We will be having our third Entered Apprentice Degree in a row on the 5th - this one will be a Past Master's degree, so I guess I will have to come up with something special for the dinner. On Saturday, April 7, we will be having our Monthly Breakfast from 9-11AM. After we clean up from that, we will be having an Easter Eggstravaganza for the kids in our community, including 74th Street Elementary School.

Finally, I know it is a few months out, but I want to start promoting the 2nd Annual Steward's Barbeque now. This event will be taking place on Fathers Day, June 17th, and will feature the same great smoked ribs and pulled pork as last year. Mark the date on your calendar now, as this is one event you will not want to miss.

From the South,

Bill Sundquist, JW



Secretary's Scribe

Brethren,

In lieu of the usual, I will inform all, that your Lodge is in the process of updating the by-laws. It has been over 10 years since the last revision, and it is time to look at various aspects that are outdated according to changes at Grand Lodge over the past few years. Among the changes being looked at are of course first and foremost, the Lodge dues. This has always been the main point of discussion. Your Lodge needs your input, thoughts, ect. Degree fees are also being looked at. To what extent do we increase each degree and by how much? Life memberships, is there a need, or can we dismiss this aspect? Perpetual membership fees will of course increase if the Lodge dues increases. If you are not a perpetual membership now,

you may want to look into this very soon.

There are many issues and thoughts that go into this process. There will be several meetings to go over all of the issues. Please try to attend if possible.

April 10th, our DeMolay Chapter will be at St. Petersburg Lodge No 139 for recruitment night. If you have or know of any boys from 12 to 18 who may wish to join, Please have them attend this event from 7:00 pm to 8:30 PM.

April 14th, Suncoast Masters & Wardens Trap Shoot at Skyway Trap & Skeet. Contact the secretary for further details or to sign up for this event.



Treasurer's Thoughts

It becomes my duty to inform you, my Brothers, that we are not yet in possession of all the monies needed to run our Lodge. While our big fund raiser was a huge success, we still need to offset the expenses associated with the on-going business conducted by Nitram No. 188. While we enjoy all the amenities, there is a clear and obvious need to maintain everything moveable and immoveable. This includes lighting, painting, repairs, etc. Obviously, we also need volunteers to step up and offer their services. The "list" of things needed at this point is in the capable hands of Bro. Charles Bailey. Please check with him, and/or any other officer, to see what you can volunteer to do for your Lodge.

I want to congratulate all the newly initiated, passed, and raised Brothers ! Welcome to Nitram Lodge No. 188, and Freemasonry. Your journey into this Fraternity is a milestone in life, and will offer many rewards for your heart and consciousness. You can take it to any level, and reap the benefits along the way. There is an opportunity awaiting you, and all you have to do is seek it.

Congratulations to all the Brothers who are learning the various "chairs", and contributing to the excellent ritual work of which Nitram No. 188 is noted for performing. Keep up the good work, my Brothers.

Fraternally,
David A. Henderson PM
PDDGM
Treasurer



Happy Birthday!!!



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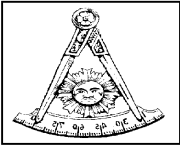
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