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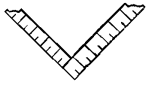
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Upon the Square

Honorable Brothers,

Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday that 2012 began and now as it draws to a close, I finally have time to pause and reflect.

This year we have been very busy. We have donated much needed supplies to 2 classrooms this year, one class at Anona Elementary and one class at 74th street elementary. The classes have been very grateful and appreciative of our generosity. We also hosted two community events. The Family Fall Fling and Easter Eggstravagnza were a huge success.

December important dates to re-

member will be the following. December 13th at 7:30pm will be lodge elections. Make your voice and vote heard. Come out for this fun evening. December 20th at 7:30pm will be the lodge of sorrow. We will honor our dearly departed brothers who have passed to the celestial lodge above this evening.

In closing, I would like to thank the craft for allowing me the honor of sitting in the East this year. It has been a privilege to work with so many young and talented brothers and assist them in their goals and aspirations to become better men and masons. I have made life-

long friends in this wonderful fraternity and would like to thank all my mentors as well. Their advice and help have been paramount in making this year a success. Nitrans's past masters are the very best. Your continued dedication to the fraternity is amazing. While I may be joining your ranks soon, the memories of this year will last a lifetime. I look forward to seeing all of you on January 5th for our installation of officers. It will be a great time!

From the East,
W.: M.: Matthew B. Winters



Secretary's Scribe

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Joyous New Year

As we bring this 2012 year to a close, we must reflect back on the year that is about to end. It has been a calm year for your Lodge. Nothing out of the ordinary has taken place. Your Lodge officers have done what has been required of them, and a little more. Your Lodge has stayed stable in all aspects, membership, finances, and leadership. Can we grow and do better? Yes we can. We have lost some Lodge icons this past year due to them passing to the celestial Lodge above. We miss them, as their families do also. We have initiated, passed, and raised some very energetic Masons. They have your Lodge at heart. We still need your help. Come and join us at a Lodge meeting. Recom-

mend and sponsor a friend whom you feel worthy of becoming a Mason. See them through their degrees and support their efforts. Most of all, SUPPORT YOUR LODGE. You can do this by sending in your Lodge dues early. If you can not send all of the dues at once, send it in several payments. Your Lodge appreciates anything you can do. If you are in financial straights, please let a member of your Lodge know. WE CAN HELP. You need to first reflect on your own lives and then to your Lodge. Your Lodge knows and appreciates this.

May God Bless you and yours throughout this Holiday Season.

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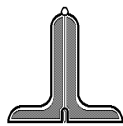
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On the Level

My Brothers,

Be observant as you travel upon the level. Notice the Masonic references and signs all around us. W. CJ Morris was reading a book on the civil war and came across a reference to a fallen Masonic Brother where both sides showed honor and dignity to a good man. A Masonic Funeral song was sung for the brother after the battle ended and the Brother's possessions were passed over for delivery to the widow. Many know of the Dudley pocket watch. I was reading a woodworking magazine and noticed a Masonic symbol in a master's tool chest. I later learned it was on display at the Smithsonian Museum. This was a remarkable tool box for a master piano maker which contained everything he car-

ried with him. Search on the Studley Tool Chest for more. We all notice buildings with nameplates and/or Cornerstones. Some of those buildings are still Masonic Lodges and some have transitioned to other uses. This is all evidence of how great and enduring the fraternity has been and still continues to be.

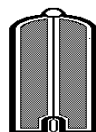
The principle officers recently attended Masonic Leadership training and we all came away enthused and educated in more than just the subjects taught. It is good to visit other lodges and try to learn from what they are doing well. It provides a different perspective on what is working in other lodges. Can we adapt those ideas for Nitram Lodge? As we approach transition, it is my hope that our Broth-

ers will return to the Lodge and work together to renew and rebuild our friendships, families and faith. By working together, laughing together, break bread together and even just hanging out together we make each other stronger. The operant word there was together. Brother I urge you to come together this New Year as we have a lot of great things planned. We need the guidance of the older Brothers and the vitality and tenacity of the younger Brothers. Come see us, you'll be glad you did.

May each of you find peace, family fun and most of all Happy Holidays this season.

Nothing further from the West.

Scott Pankonie, SW



By the Plumb

Brothers,

December is upon us, and it is hard to believe the year is almost over. The Lodge has been very busy throughout the year with degrees, the Monthly Breakfast, Fish Fry, Steward's BBQ Bash, and several other events. I want to thank everyone who helped make this year such a success.

The Monthly Breakfast for December will be on Saturday, the 1st from 9 to 11 AM. We added French

Toast and Blueberry Pancakes to the regular menu as they have been very popular. Hope to see you there!

The Holiday Feast is just about here as well. All of our widows are invited, we will be honoring them that night, and their meal will be free. If you need a ride, please let me know and we will arrange to have someone bring you. The date will be Saturday, December 15 from 6 to 9 PM, with a social hour from 6 to 7 PM with cider and hors

d'oeuvres, and dinner served at 7. Once again, we will be having roast turkey and baked ham and all the usual holiday fixings. The suggested donation is \$15. Please RSVP to me at juniorwarden@nitram188.org or 727-542-3805, or see any of the Lodge Officers for tickets. You won't want to miss it!

From the South,

Bill Sundquist, JW

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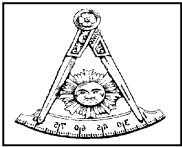
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