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If you see these two pictures
together, it must be that time again:



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The Annual

George Washington's

Birthday

Fish Fry Celebration

Sunday February 19th

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Monthly Calendar of Events

February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd: Officers practice at 7:30 pm

February 2nd, & 16th: Called Commutations at 7:30 PM

February 9th & 23rd: Stated Communications at 7:30 PM

February 22nd: Officers Meeting 6:30 PM

February 6th & 20th: Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

February 7th: Tahuti Court #44

February 14th & 28th: St. Petersburg Chapter Order of DeMolay

Annual Fish Fry February 19th

11:00am to 3:00 pm

Breakfast 1st Saturdays

BREAKFAST

February 4th

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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Master's Message

Greetings Brothers!

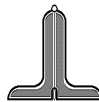
Oh what a night! The Installation was a huge success. We had over 100 guests, brothers and family members present to join our celebration! 5 Past DDGM.'s, 12 Past Masters and the list goes on for those in attendance. M.:W.: Robert P. Harry Jr. was the installing officer assisted by R.:W.: Hoover and R.:W.: Henderson. They did an incredible job and should be commended. Thanks to all who attended, we truly appreciate the attendance.

February will be very busy. Feb. 4th will be the Lodge Breakfast. Feb. 11th is

a new event. Please bring your ladies brothers. We will have a sweetheart's dinner starting at 6:00 pm. Our Junior Warden is finalizing the plans for the dinner right now as I type. More details to follow later. Feb. 18th will be the lodge clean up day. This will begin at 8:30am. Please come and be ready for some cleaning to keep the lodge sparkling. We even have a new vacuum for the. Feb. 19th will be our FISH FRY. I can't tell you how important this event is. Not only bring yourself, but at least 2 others to enjoy this event. Bro Pankonie will

continue to head up the FISH FRY this year and it will be an awesome event. Finally, Feb. 29th will be pool night at crooked Cue in Largo. Come out for fun and fellowship. In closing, I would like to see more attendance at stated and called communications. If we can get 100 plus for installation, I'm sure we can get 20 plus for every meeting. If you have any ideas on how to accomplish this goal, please let me know.

From the East,
W.: Matthew B. Winters

Senior Warden's Writings


Brethren,
I would like to discuss planning and communication this month. The lodge calendar has a very solid beginning this year. The main event dates are already penciled in and planning has begun. Specifically, the Fish Fry planning is ramping up. Planning for any great or important undertaking needs to begin well in advance to make all the men and materials hit in the right place at the right time a/k/a logistics.

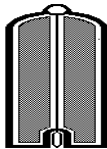
Brothers, the teamwork seen 2011 has been absolutely remarkable. Our craft is growing in such a positive direction that I

am very proud of our lodge. We have had some communication issues to overcome but with a little planning and a little work this will greatly improve. Let's make a resolution to become closer friends with our brothers at the lodge. Reach out and get to know someone better. Don't be afraid to talk to people – they may just surprise you.

I am having a limited edition T-Shirt made through Brother Dockerty – make sure to let me know your size. These are going to be really cool and will help us get the word out. Wear them proudly and be ready to sell tickets to as many people as

you can – they will ask. Plan to take or buy at least 10 tickets. Brother Bob Hirsch from Canada was our shining star last year – **he's planning to put you all to shame**, so let's get some healthy competition going for the Star Award.

From the West
Brother Pankonie, SW
"There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is a foundation element. Wisdom is knowing how to use that knowledge to get things done."GSP

Junior Warden's Journal


My Brothers,

We have a busy month planned for February.

The first up will be the Monthly Breakfast (the first Saturday every month) on the 4th. This is a great event for camaraderie and brotherhood, so if you would like to get involved, please come on out and lend a hand. Or, just come on out and enjoy a great breakfast with brothers, friends and family.

The next event this month is a new

one for the Lodge. In honor of Valentines Day, we will be having a Sweethearts Dinner on Saturday, the 11th at 6 PM.

Of course, the big event this month is the 32nd Annual George Washington's Birthday Fish Fry. This will be held on Sunday, the 19th from 11 AM to 3 PM. Last year's change to haddock and home-made sides went over very well, so we will be having them again. The biggest change for this year is that we will be dedicat-

ing the fish fry to the memory of W.: Bill Zimmerman, who was so instrumental to the success of this event for many years.

We will be having a cleanup and food prep day on the 18th. Please come out and help your Lodge to make this event a success. Tickets are in the Trestleboard, but we also need to sell more. If you need more, please see any of the officers.

From the South, Bill Sundquist



Secretary's Scribe

My Brethren,

What happens when we are no longer a member of the fraternity that we have loved and enjoyed for so many years? What do we do, where do we go, who will care? I am asking each and everyone of us to think about this. How can we assist our Lodge in keeping members who possible can not pay there dues due to various reasons; probably reasons they are too proud to say anything about. Also, how do you replace yourself? The last question can be answered in two parts. 1st, you can apply for perpetual membership so that your Lodge will always have your dues. 2nd, you can assist a brother in need who needs our assistance, and keep his membership current.

We need to get back to our Masonic roots and find out how

we can HELP, AID, and ASSIST. If you would like to help a brother who may need our assistance, please contact me. Your wishes will be held in the strictest confidence.

Another way you can help your Lodge is by recommending someone who you know to join our Lodge and be a Mason. In fact, why not two or more. Let's make this year a growth year for our Lodge. Replace yourself X 3. I am again offering any member who brings in two or more members this year, (top line signers only) who are raised to Master Mason by December 27th, to pay their 2013 dues. You better get started now. The clock is ticking.

Fraternally,

Rick



Treasurer's Thoughts

It's February and that can only mean one thing; our annual Fish Fry ! We need each and every Brother of this Lodge to sell as many tickets as possible. As your Treasurer, I can assure you that this is our main fund raiser for the year, and without it, we are not going to be able to do some of the things you have grown accustomed to around this Lodge. All it takes is a little effort on your part, and keep in mind that you can invite a good man to see what Freemasonry is all about. His family most likely would enjoy a good meal, as well. They would ap-

preciate your generosity, and it would go a long way in promoting their view of you, and Freemasonry. The cost for you is minimal, but the return on your investment could reap great rewards for the Fraternity. If any of you have thoughts about other types of fundraising, please contact any of the elected officers with the details. We are always looking for ways to raise money for Nitram Lodge. Remember; To be one, Ask one.

Fraternally,

David A. Henderson PM
DDGM



Happy Birthday!!!



William Adams Jr. 2-2	John Johannessen 2-19	Richard Riedel 2-01
Arnold Argintar 2-22	James Maciejewski 2-17	Alfred Stephenson 2-12
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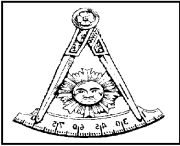
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