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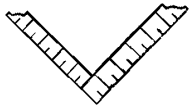
You will notice that there are some changes to Nitram's Trestleboard. We are working to better the lines of communication and show everyone what we are doing at Nitram. You will see several additions this month to include pictures of our lodge events, ceremonies, and other activities we are involved in. A calendar of the month's events has been included. The online version of the trestleboard will have several unique features. Links will allow you to click directly to websites, and email addresses. We are welcoming any and all suggestions, email them to the trestleboard editor. trestleboard@nitram188.org



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From the East

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busy month. We participated in the Suncoast Masters and Wardens Trap Shoot and pool tournament. The pool tournament we won. Congrats to us!

Our Easter Eggstravaganza was a big success. Many families came out and the community supported the Lodge. It was a wonderful day for all the kids. The bounce house and egg hunt were a big hit.

Coming on Fathers Day will be our annual "Sterwards BBQ Bash". Tickets are on sale for \$10.00. A king's

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feast will be available. T-Shirts have also been created and are available. Come to lodge for a meeting and pick up your tickets and shirt. We need to drive everyone possible to this event in order for it to be a success.

I wanted to take a moment and thank our snow birds for another great visit to our lodge this year. They have really become a very important part of the Lodge and I appreciate all their support. Safe travels home. You will be thought of often.

In closing, we have so far conferred 3 Entered Apprentice Degrees and one Master Mason Degree. Your officers

are very talented and should be commended for their efforts. The Master Mason Degree was a courtesy for Elmer O. Smith Lodge.

Thank you W.: Lipscomb and brothers of Elmer O. Smith Lodge for giving us the opportunity to raise a brother.

We truly appreciate it.

Have a great May!

Fraternally,
Matthew Winters – Worshipful Mater

W.: Ney Delgado-Arias and Bro.: Brian Moffat (Team Hiram's Travelers) rode in the National MS Societies charity bike tour benefiting Multiple Sclerosis. Here they are at the finish line of Day 1 located at the Caribe Royal Resort in Orlando.



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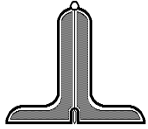
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On the Level



Brethren,
Where does the time go? It feels like it was just December and the first of the year. It is a testament to the fact that we lead very busy lives and before you know it time has passed, children have become adults and the circle of life continues to roll on. Even with the time fleeting away we managed to get the lodge pressure washed and preparations for painting the exterior are in motion. Did you happen to notice the new signage at the street and on the wall at the lodge? These are all small steps in maintaining our lodge. We are also working on staining

the exterior doors. We all have ideas for improving the lodge and we would like to hear your recommendations. The lodge has gotten a little bit of a facelift with our new parking lot and now some painting. More painting is to come on the inside as well. Let us know how we may continue to improve the physical plant. We have more new EA's and FC's working through the degrees. The mentoring program is going well and the coaches are all reporting good progress on the new brothers' catechisms. R.W.: Hoover appears to be recovering and Brother Coddington appears to be healthy again.

Come and enjoy some good Southern Barbeque on Father's day 11:00am – 4:00pm June 17th. You'll get a great meal and also help the lodge.

Nothing further from the West
Scott Pankonie, SW



W.: Ney Delgado-Arias and Bro.: Brian Moffat, together with Bro: Jack Keith (not pictured), Hiram's Travelers raised \$2207.00 to support the Mid Florida Chapter of the National MS Society. They also represented the craft with their Hiram's Traveler's cycling jerseys.

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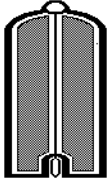
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By the Plumb



Brothers, May was another busy month at Nitram. We started the month with a Fellow Craft Degree, and then some great fellowship at the Monthly Breakfast. On the 17th we had a wonderful Flower Talk from our DeMolay chapter in honor of Mother's Day. Thanks to Maggie Pankonie and Bonnie Henderson for giving me a break in the kitchen and providing a great meal for that night. Finally, your elected officers closed the month by attending the Grand Lodge Communication in Orlando.

June's Breakfast will be on Saturday, the 2nd, from 9-

11AM. The brothers who participate in this event every month have a great time doing. If you haven't been to one yet, please come on out and join in.

We will be having a Fellow Craft Degree on June 7th, with another likely on the 21st. Also the incoming DDGM's official visit is planned for the 28th. Dinner will be served at 6:15 PM on each of those nights.

Last, but certainly not least this month is the 2nd Annual Steward's Barbeque, on Father's Day, June 17th from 1-4PM, and will feature the same great smoked ribs, pulled pork and chicken as last year. We will also have

hot dogs for the kids, along with potato salad and baked beans. Your officers have tickets for \$10, and t-shirts are available as well. What could be a better way to celebrate Father's Day than bringing dad to the Lodge for fellowship and great food?

From the South,
Bill Sundquist, JW



Two day and 150 miles later Hiram's Travelers pose for a photo at the finished line in at Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Whales Florida. The Mid-Florida Chapter of the National MS Society raised over \$700,000.00 that weekend to support MS research and to aid those suffering from MS.

The Treasurer Thoughts



One more month before we go dark, my Brothers.

Time to plan on work to be done in the Lodge. We can get a lot accomplished as long as we have many hands helping. Please volunteer your services so we can really dress up the Lodge, and make it the most presentable in the District.

Many thanks to all of those who have helped thus far, and it certainly goes without saying that the Lodge is very appreciative of your input.

As I have stated before, we are looking for alternative ways to raise funds for the Lodge. Please, if you have any ideas, let us

know. There may be a great

way to raise money without a lot of effort, and we need to do it immediately.

Looking forward to next "half" !

Fraternally,

David A. Henderson
PM PDDGM
Treasurer

Secretary's Scribe



Brethren,

Times are changing, and changes need to be done. There are a lot of changes going on outside and around your Lodge. There are also some changes that need to be made inside your Lodge. Our By-Laws are in need of a few changes also as our Worshipful Master has stated in his article. Brethren, these changes

need to have your input and ratification. You will be receiving notification of a meeting on this issue to be held on June 14th, 2012 at 7:30 pm at your Lodge.

Brethren, your dues and continual support of your Lodge in other aspects are vital. Your continued support is urgently solicited and supported.

We are approaching our summer break. The

Lodge may be dark from meetings, but your officers will continue their diligent watch over your Lodge, budget, and all the matters that they need to attend to. Come out and support YOUR LODGE.

Fraternally,
Rick

June 2012 Nitram Lodge No. 188 F.&A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Lodge Breakfast
3	4 Bethlehem OES	5 Tahuti Court LOS	6 Degree Practice	7 Called— Fellow Craft Degree	8	9
10	11 Flag Day Celebration at Scottish Rite	12 DeMolay	13 Stated	14 Stated	15	16
17 Stewards BBQ Bash Board Meeting @ Masonic Home Father's Day	18 Bethlehem OES	19	20 Degree Practice	21 Called— Fellow Craft Degree	22	23
24	25	26 DeMolay	27 Practice Officer Meeting 6:30	28 Stated	29	30

Happy Birthday!!!

Scott Crofoot 06/23
Ney Delgado-Arias 06/16
John Dockerty Jr. 06/01
Sean Gibbons 06/06
Manford Hartman 06/05
George Hoover Jr 06/22
Marshall King 06/06
Wesley Mitchell 06/01
William Moore II 06/29
Gregory Pankonie 06/29
Ray Petitpren 06/08
Herbert Smith 06/10

William Sundquist 06/30
Clyde Walters Sr 06/04
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Doane Wright 06/24



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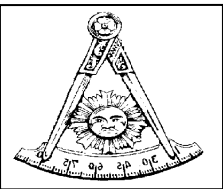
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