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**NITRAM LODGE NO 188 F&AM**  
**MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER SINCE 1925**

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



The Officers and Members of  
Nitram Lodge  
Congratulate  
Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

&

Tahuti Court 44 LOS

On the installation of their officers  
for your ensuing year

We wish you the best!

### Monthly Calendar of Events

March 1st & 15th Entered Apprentice Degree 7:30 pm

March 8th & 22nd Stated Meetings 7:30 pm

March 3rd Bethlehem Chapter OES 169 installation

March 11th Tahuti Court 44 LOS installation

March 14th & 28th DeMolay meeting 7:30 pm

March 29th 7:00 pm Suncoast Masters & Wardens

Pool Tournament: Crooked Cue

March 17th: Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Breakfast 1st Saturdays**

**BREAKFAST**

**March 3rd**

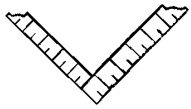
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## 2012 Lodge Officers



## Master's Message

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Michael Lucente

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Leo Smith

### Organist

Bryan Shuler

### Marshall

W.: Ney Delgado-Arias, PM

### Historian

W.: Arthur Wasserman, PM

Greetings Brothers!  
 Busy, Busy and more Busy. Our Junior Warden and Stewards are to be commended for the job they did in February. Lodge breakfast, sweethearts dinner and stated meeting dinners is quite a hectic month. They handled it very well. Also, our Senior Warden and the entire line pulled together and we had another FANTASTIC fish fry. Everyone is to be commended. More on the fish fry in the next issue.

March will be an incredible month too. We have 2 Candidates for the 3 symbolic de-

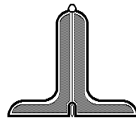
grees that we are investigating as I write this article and one will be ready for 3/1/12. The other will be ready for 3/15/12. This is good news. Your lodge is green and growing! Please come by and see these gentlemen initiated. Dinner will begin at 6:15pm on the above dates and families are encouraged to attend the dinners. Degrees will begin promptly at 7:30pm. All Entered Apprentices are welcome to attend.

Finally, I would like to recognize our DeMolay Chapter. Our boys had their installation in February. It was great to see

them installed. Master Councilor Nicholas Massanet will be a great leader. We are lucky to have so many honor roll students. They truly epitomize DeMolay virtues. Our Lodge is very proud to have the Chapter. If you know any young man between the ages of 12 and 21, please give us a call. We would love to talk to them about the opportunities that DeMolay provides.

From the East,  
 Matthew B. Winters,  
 Worshipful Master

## Senior Warden's Writings



Brethren,  
 Loss and renewal are a part of life and a part of any lodge.

Each year we lose Masons to the spiritual lodge above. Each year we lose Masons due to moving, disinterest, hurt feelings and non-payment of dues. This is something we must all take particular notice of. Our lodge has a very large membership but active Masons are far less in number. Many Masons continue to pay their dues as they must maintain their Blue Lodge status to partici-

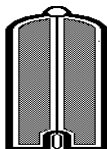
pate in other appended bodies and to retain eligibility for the Masonic Home. If it was not for their continued support we would be in trouble. We must thank them for their support and encourage them to return.

Brothers we must look around us and encourage good men around us to investigate Masonry and Nitram Lodge. It is amazing how many men I run into who are Masons in daily life. They introduce themselves and we talk of our lodges and things going on.

Wear your Masonic regalia when going out and about. Learn who the famous Masons are so you can let interested parties know. Volunteer to man the Child ID program events; volunteer for worthy causes and wear your Mason regalia. I guess there is a common theme – Be Seen and Be Ready. We need to get out in the community more as a group. Let's try to make this month a March for new Masons month.

From The West  
 Scott Pankonie, Senior Warden

## Junior Warden's Journal



My Brothers,  
 First of all, thanks to everyone who made February such a great month for us! The Monthly Breakfast was one of the busiest we've had. The Sweethearts Dinner was a fun night of fellowship, and the Fish Fry is always a great day at the Lodge.

With that said, I want to thank everyone who came out for the events, but I especially want to thank all of those who helped

put them on. We couldn't put these events on without the contributions of those Brothers and their family who give their time and effort to them.

As for March, we will be having EA degrees on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, with a dinner before each degree. I am planning on serving Chicken Divan with egg noodles on the 1<sup>st</sup>, but have not decided on the menu for the 15<sup>th</sup> yet. The Monthly Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 3. We will

be serving from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally, Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home will be on March 17. I will be participating in the Chili Cook-Off with the other Junior Wardens from our area. Come on out, try some chili, and check out our wonderful Masonic Home.

From the South,  
 Bill Sundquist



## Secretary's Scribe

Brethren,

We are now in our 3rd month of this current year. I could talk about dues again, but that is not the current issue. Our Lodge is 30 years old and all the aspects built into it are the same. The current air conditioning system in need of repair and probably a replacement system should be in our discussion in the near future. The cost of either repairs, nominal, or replacement, major, are cost that we all as members need to be aware of and should be a part of any decisions.

Our by-laws need to be updated, as well as most aspects of our Lodge. What would you consider nominal dues? What about degree fees? When was the last time you gave your input about Lodge functions? I am asking you to do this now. Get back involved with your

Lodge. Make your opinions known. We will be updating our by-laws this year and possible increase in Lodge dues is going to be a major discussion. Our dues has not increased in over 10 years, but Grand Lodge per capita has decreased what the Lodge receives. Grand Lodge per capita could be increasing again which would cut back the amount the lodge receives from what you now pay. Reality is now upon us as it has already been with many of our sister Lodges. I am asking you all now to give us your thoughts on all aspect of YOUR lodge. Email, Call or Write. We want to hear from you.

Fraternally,

Rick



## Treasurer's Thoughts

St. Patrick's Day greetings, my Brothers. Thank you all for making the Fish Fry a huge success. Without your help with ticket sales, and attendance, we couldn't have carried it off.

It should be on everyone's mind to recruit a Candidate for Freemasonry into our Lodge. If we all could just bring in one worthy friend or acquaintance, imagine what the Lodge would look like on Thursday nights ! Promote your Fraternity, my Brothers.

If any of you have an idea for a Fundraiser, please bring it forth to one of the officers. No matter how wild, or tame, we will look at the relevance to determine if it can be done by the Brethren.

Money is the key that keeps us running, so think about what we can do besides the Fish Fry.

Fraternally,

David Henderson PM  
PDDGM

Treasurer



# Happy Birthday!!!



Alan Bailey	3-29	David Henderson	3-30	Robert Neeley	3-17	James Truax	3-10
Thomas Blalock	3-13	Steven Kendjelic	3-7	John Pecore	3-27	Ed Villiaume	3-1
Peter Boris	3-25	Merton Knight	3-28	James Scheuring	3-13	Philip Ware	3-28
Don Coleman	3-19	Gabe Kober	3-9	Alfred Schmidt	3-3	Joseph Young	3-3
Scott Geisler	3-27	George Maganiaris	3-7	Fred Schuman	3-2		
Walter Gilson	3-31	Grover Mobberley	3-21	Jack Sellers	3-5		
Myles Harriman	3-3	Rodney Nash	3-8	Floyd Thackrey	3-25		

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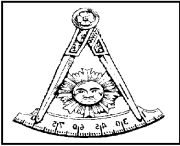
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1968 Alvin F. Baumgartner  
1969 Robert J. Schram\*  
1970 Carl Weisenberg  
1971 David J. Barr  
1972 J. Fred Bobbitt\*  
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1974 Willard A. Olson\*  
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2006 Ney Delgado-Arias  
2007 Stanley H. Szemer  
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2009 Scott M. Drake  
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