



# TRESTLEBOARD

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

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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.

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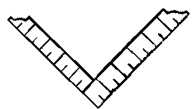


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## From the East



Greetings Brothers!  
April was an incredibly

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 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



The breakfast club!

Our child ID program was here to give families piece of mind.



SD.: Greg Williamson and SW.: Bill Sundquist serving up a fine meal. For our patrons

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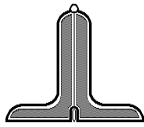
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## On the Level



Brethren, Masonic Communications refers to more than our exchanges of ritual, my Brothers. Our Trestleboard, Facebook Page and our Website are our public forums and a way of getting our message out. Listen for speech patterns that utilize certain phrases when people you do not know are speaking. It is amazing how many Masons I have met through the years and did not know it until I became a Master Mason. Sometimes it is very subtle and they do not make a big deal out of it. It just migrates into their way of speaking. It is always a pleasure speaking to someone about

their lodge and the things they are doing. With that said. The editor in chief of our newly formatted Trestleboard has said that he plans to show us more of what we are all doing in the coming months. Bring your cameras and take pictures of the events and things we are doing. Let's show what kind of great things that are happening around Nitram and welcome all the brothers who are able to attend. We have some wonderful things in the works. **SHAMELESS PLUG FOR THE JW – REMEMBER THE BBQ ON FATHER'S DAY.** Come join us. If you have any old pictures from years gone by of the lodge let me know.

We are trying to compile as much history as we can. You may be amazed with what is planned. Call a brother you don't know very well – communicate and most importantly have fun. Nothing further from the West  
Scott Pankonie, SW



Our newly initiated brother Mike Eaton and his family. It's always good to see family together.

Did someone say bounce house?



Just Back from Afghanistan Bro.: Collin Morris (CPT. USA) enjoys breakfast with his daughter.

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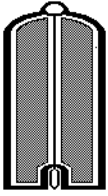
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## By the Plumb



My Brothers,  
We had some great fellowship in April, starting with our Past Masters EA degree. Then the Monthly Breakfast, followed by the Easter Eggstravaganza for the local kids. A great time was had by all who attended. The Breakfast in this month will be on Saturday, May 5, from 9-11AM. If you are interested in helping out, most of the crew starts at 8AM. On May 17, at the Called Communication we will be having the DeMolay Flower Talk in honor of Mother's Day. There will be a dinner served before the meeting.

We have started planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steward's Barbeque. This event will be taking place on Fathers Day, June 17<sup>th</sup> 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. This was an incredible event last year, and should be a great way to spend the day with dad, without him having to do the cooking on his day for once. The t-shirts are similar to those we had for the fish fry this year. Make sure you check them out when you pick up your tickets.

From the South,  
Bill Sundquist, JW



Leo Smith, Lodge Tyler, enjoys breakfast with his son. "Hey didn't I see you yesterday Leo"?



After a tough day hunting eggs, nothing beats a good nap.



Not a bad haul for our egg hunters, I think we have some pros. here!

## The Treasurer Thoughts



May greetings to all my Brothers. The Lodge is just full of activities, and we really want all the members to participate. If you can help out in the repairs, either monetarily or with labor, please let us know. If, for some reason, we aren't seeing any of you on a weekly basis, try to come in and see what has

transpired at Nitram. You will be pleasantly surprised ! Again, I am asking for ideas regarding fund raising activities. Surely, there is a Brother out there who has participated in various efforts, and if so, we would like to hear about them. Nitram No. 188 relies on income to the Lodge, and not pay-outs. We need to boost the "in",

and not the "outs". For the youngest Entered Apprentices, welcome to the world's largest Fraternity of upright men and Masons. Make the most of this opportunity !

Fraternally,

David A. Henderson PM  
PDDGM  
Treasurer

## Secretary's Scribe



Brethren,  
As we approach the coming New Grand Lodge year, we start looking at new challenges, new goals, and new legislation. YOUR Grand Lodge officers work tirelessly throughout the year for our benefit. They are there to serve us. If you get the chance, thank them for their service.  
DUES! What else can be said? Dues are what keep your lodge going. Dues are what keep you in graces for the Masonic Home. Dues are what keep you a Mason. Remember back when you first joined the Fraternity. You were proud and excited about joining the Masons. Rekindle that spark. Get your dues paid, come to

Lodge and see the exciting things YOUR lodge is doing. Come back and be a part of the Greatest Fraternity in the world. I will be sending out gentle reminders in the near future to those who have not paid their 2012 dues. Again I remind you that you can make two payments if need be. Contact me to discuss that further.

Fraternally,  
Rick



# Happy Birthday!!!

James Ainslie	5-21	John McKeage	5-15	Roger Stanford	5-04
William Bargdill	5-03	David Milchan	5-27	Kenneth Umlauf	5-17
Wayne Blosser	5-24	James Moore	5-16	Robert Wallace	5-21
Marc Bradley	5-25	Robert Novak	5-08	Matt Winters	5-17
Eugene Fogle	5-18	Ed Richards	5-11	James Withers	5-19
Richard Hoover	5-31	Dan Richardson	5-07	Fred Woodward	5-05
Edwin Hotz	5-03	Don Saroka	5-25	Mack Zewalk	5-25
William Martin	5-08	David Schips	5-05		



Our Worshipful Master , hopefully he doesn't over eat!

Are there any kids in that pile of stuffed animals?



The winners of our Easter egg-stravaganza

The participants comparing each others findings.



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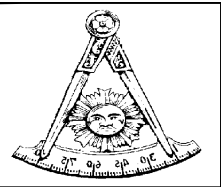
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