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Congratulations to the newly elected & appointed officers for 2013

G. Scott Pankonie, Worshipful Master

Bill Sundquist, Sr Warden

Brian Moffat, Jr Warden

RW David Henderson, PM, Treasurer

RW Richard Hoover, PM, Secretary

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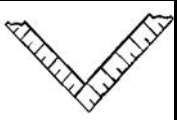
C.J. Morris, PM, Tyler

Michael Lucente, Sr. Steward

Michael Eaton, Jr. Steward

Bryan Schuler, Organist





Upon the Square

My Brothers,

This year is starting out on a very positive note. We have petitions coming in and the brothers are rallying to accomplish all the tasks that are before us. Brian Moffat is now fully in charge of the kitchen and produced a nice meal last week. I ask that you come out and support Brian and have a great meal with us before the meeting. Keep an eye on the website calendar for updates when there will be degrees and also food. Brian likes to be challenged and has a way of getting it done.

I met with the properties committee to get an idea of what they needed to maintain the Lodge building and to discuss our renovation project for the Social Hall and the bathrooms. I am trying to finalize the budget and prepare for the Lodges necessities.

Please come join us for the Annual Washington's Birthday Fish Fry on February 17th. This is our big fund raiser every year. We have had great success with the Fish Fry. Let's make this the biggest one in memory. Tickets are available from any of the active members or through the secretary's office.

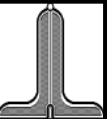
The T-shirts this year will be Navy-Blue.

It is great to see the brothers working together in unison of late. There is a lot of enthusiasm and excellent planning going on. We have petitions and degrees planned pretty regular. If you know a man who would make a good Mason – Now is the time to plant that seed. We can help it to grow.

“With the proper foundation you can built a skyscraper – Be a Mason and help build the future.”

From the East,

W.: G. Scott Pankonie



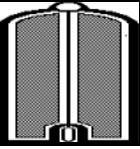
On the Level

Brothers,

With our Annual George Washington's Birthday Fish Fry coming up on the 17th of this month, it got me thinking about Presidents' Day. Bro. Washington's birthday, Feb 22, became a holiday for all federal offices in 1855. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which took effect in 1971, moved the observance holiday to the 3rd Monday in February (also moving the observance of Memorial Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day to set Mondays). Though many states and common usage have renamed it to Presidents' Day, to honor all of our past Presidents, the official federal name is still Washington's Birthday.

Researching this also got me thinking about the other US Presidents who were Masons. There were 14 others who we know joined Masonry, some more active than others. They were James Monroe, our 5th President, Andrew Jackson (7th), James Polk (11th), James Buchanan (15th), Andrew Johnson (17th), James Garfield (20th), William McKinley (25th), Theodore Roosevelt (26th), William Taft (27th), Warren Harding (29th), Franklin Roosevelt (32nd), Harry Truman (33rd), Lyndon Johnson (36th), and Gerald Ford (38th). Brothers Washington, Buchanan, and Truman served as Masters of their Blue Lodges, while Brothers Jackson and Truman served as Grand Masters in their states. Brothers Taft and Lyndon Johnson did not receive the 3 degrees, as Brother Taft was made a “Mason at Sight”, and Brother Johnson only received the EA degree. Thomas Jefferson is widely thought to have been a Mason, but no evidence currently exists to show that he received the degrees or attended a Lodge meeting.

We should all try to keep these Brothers in our thoughts as we celebrate the day dedicated to them.
From the West,
Bill Sundquist
Senior Warden



By the Plumb

T:.A:.F.:

This year has started off with some flavor, my brothers. Our first stated meeting this year started off with a great meal. I decided to keep in simple but spicy with some Spaghetti and meatballs. The food, fun, and fellowship was enjoyed by all and I hope that you can join us soon. I'll be serving several more meals this month — come by and enjoy some great food and catch up with your fellow brothers. Come and meet your lodge officers; we are here to support you and want to get to know you better. I hope to make dinner a norm here at Nitram lodge, so come by and enjoy a good meal. Bring the family, friends, or another brother. I (as well as all the officers) look forward to seeing you soon. The annual ***George Washington's Birthday Fish Fry*** will be the 17th of February, so mark your calendars now and bring your friends and family. This is sure to be a great event at Nitram Lodge. Come and celebrate with all of us.

Fraternally,
Brian D. Moffat
Junior Warden



Secretary's Scribe

Happy New Year Brethren,

I hope that the New Year is treating you well so far and you are staying clear of this cold & flu. It is going to be a very tuff season.

Aside from your 2013 dues being due, if not already paid, it is also time to update any changes there may be in your records (i.e.: phone numbers, summer addresses and, if you've moved, current addresses). Brothers, we especially need updated phone numbers. Your officers are working on an updated list so they maybe able to contact those Brethren who may be ill, or that we just haven't seen or heard from in a while. If anything has changed, please notify us either via email at nitram188@tampabay.rr.com or by calling the Lodge number (727) 544-4400 and leaving a message. You can also contact me via my cell at (727) 409-6665. You can also send a note to the Lodge via USPS if you wish. Your help is appreciated.

Finally my Brothers, we hope to see many of you at this year's annual fish fry on February 17th. This is the only major fundraiser we do for the Lodge during the year. Your active support is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally, Rick

Brother Leo Smith, Tyler Emeritus

Just before the installation of officers on Jan 5th, the outgoing Worshipful Master had Brother Leo Smith presented West of the altar for the purpose on presenting him a most prestigious Award.



Worshipful Winters explained that Brother Leo had decided to retire from active service to the Lodge after a long and distinguished tenure. In recognition of Brother Leo's long and dedicated service to the Lodge, the Lodge, by unanimous vote, voted to bestow the title of TYLER EMERITUS on Brother Leo. Worshipful Winters then presented Leo with a Tyler's apron and apron case, with the inscription under the flap proclaiming Brother Leo as Tyler Emeritus of Nitram Lodge No. 188.

Brother Leo began his masonic career long ago and was ascending through the line of Officers. But due to sickness in his immediate family he had to take a small leave of absence. When Brother Leo returned to the Lodge to resume his duties as Senior Deacon he decided not to retake that office but allowed the Brother filling his chair to continue up the line.

Brother Leo asked that he be appointed as the Assistant Tyler so he could still help the Lodge. His request was granted and Brother Leo settled into that position. After a very short time, the sitting tyler was called to the Celestial Lodge on high. Brother Leo immediately became the Tyler of Lodge and stayed in that position until his retirement this year.

Brother Leo's service to the Lodge over the years has earned him the high respect of all member of the Lodge and his friendliness to visitors has enhanced the reputation of our Lodge. Because of this and other services, this award was well deserved. We wish Brother Leo happiness in his retirement and look forward to seeing him in Lodge when he can attend.



Nitram Lodge 188, F&AM Calendar FEBRUARY 2013



SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1	2
						6:30 pm LOS Practice 6:00 pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting	9-11 am Breakfast
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
			6:30 pm Officer Mtg 7:30 pm Officer Practice				
	7:00 pm Bethlehem Chapter, OES	7:00 pm Tahuti Court, LOS			7:30 pm Called Communication	6:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
				Lincoln's Birthday	Ash Wednesday	Valentine's Day	
					6:15 pm Lodge Dinner		9 am Lodge Work Day & Fish Fry Preps
		6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	7:30 pm Officer Practice		7:30 pm Stated Communication (S)	6:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
						Washington's Birthday	
11 am - 3 pm Annual George Washington's Day Fish Fry	7:00 pm Bethlehem Chapter, OES		7:30 pm Officer Practice		7:30 pm Called Communication		
24	25	26	27	28			
			7:30 pm Officer Practice		7:30 pm Stated Communication (S)		
LEGEND							
Officer Attire:							
(Shown in parenthesis after Calendar event)							
					Formal	Suit	Casual

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Tyler

W.: C.J. Morris, PM

Organist

Bryan Shuler

Marshall

W.: Matthew B. Winters, PM

Historian

W.: Arthur Wasserman, PM



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

William Adams, Jr	02/02	Arnold Argintar	02/22
Tommy Brown	02/03	Scott Drake	02/24
Frank Ellinwood	02/09	Lester Gehman, Jr	02/20
Ned Harbert	02/12	John Johannessen	02/19
James Maciejewski	02/17	Ken Owen	02/18
Lauro Padron	02/15	Leon Reckinger	02/23
Richard Riedel	02/01	Alfred Stephenson	02/12
Robert Turner	02/22	Gregory Williamson	02/07

Your lodge wishes you health, prosperity and wisdom as you celebrate your birthday.

“First Saturday” BREAKFAST

February 2nd, 9am to 11am

Serving: Eggs, Toast, Grits, Potatoes,
Pancakes, Biscuits & Sausage,
Gravy, OJ, Coffee & Hot Tea

And a whole bunch of fellowship around the table!

All for a modest donation of \$5.00!

Come join us for an exciting start to your Day!

Future Dates to consider:

March 2nd

Breakfast at the Lodge

March 16th

Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home



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Bill Sundquist, Webmaster

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Nitram's Masonic Pipe Line

As Masons, let us welcome our new brothers to become active participants in our lodge

Petitions: (None received)
 Entered Apprentice: Kirk Bailey, Edmund Quirke, Alan Stephens, Craig England
 Fellowcraft: Kevin Minto, Ed Jennings, Thomas Neveitt
 Master Mason Proficiency: (None Pending)



**The members of Bethlehem #169, OES
 invite you to our installation of officers!**
When: Saturday, March 2nd, 2013
Time: 2pm with light refreshments afterward.
Location: Nitram Masonic Lodge

Nitram Lodge supports Masonic Youth and its Cub Scout Pack #188



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1961 David A. Young
1962 James T. Cate*
1963 Robert C. Foskett*

1964 Paul Weber
1965 Ludwig C. Seufert*
1966 Richard J. Skiles*
1967 Robert D. Arthur*
1968 Alvin F. Baumgartner
1969 Robert J. Schram*
1970 Carl Weisenberg
1971 David J. Barr
1972 J. Fred Bobbitt*
1973 Paul G. Phillips
1974 Willard A. Olson*
1975 Jack VanBreedveld*
1976 Leland O'Quinn*
1977 Donovan B. Hansen
1978 James C. Pauch, Jr.

1979 Lester K. Gehman, Jr.
1980 William R. McKee*
1981 William D. Hoffman*
1982 J. Russell Davenport*
1983 Manton Giles*
1984 George W. McGee
1985 William McCullough*
1986 Don Coleman
1987 Gabriel Kober, Jr.*
1988 Anthony J. Tudi
1989 Jack S. Hill*
1990 William D. Hoffman*
1991 John M. Cook*
1992 Arthur H. Wasserman
1993 William Adams, Jr.
1994 Ronald McMillan PDI PDDGM
1995 James E. Elam*
1996 William J. Zimmerman*

1997 Kenneth A. McKenzie*
1998 Richard G. Hoover PDDGM PDI
1999 Russell I. Gilson*
2000 Stanley H. Szemer
2001 Robert L. Johnson DI
2002 David A. Henderson PDDGM
2003 Jeffrey J. Morris
2004 Anthony L. Griffon
2004 Royal K. Eden_Δ*
2005 Scott M. Geisler
2006 Ney Delgado-Arias
2007 Stanley H. Szemer
2008 Daniel Barto
2009 Scott M. Drake
2010 Charles J. Morris
2011 L. Edward Villiaume III
2012 Matthew B. Winters
(* Deceased) Δ Honorary Past Master)

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Please mark your calendar now!

Nitram's Annual George Washington Day Fish Fry

Tickets are available from any Lodge Officer or available at the Door

\$10 per person