

DAMASCUS LODGE #290 F. & A. M.

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR 2006

Damascus Lodge installed its officers on Dec. 13th, 2005.

The installation went smoothly thanks to all the installing officers. We would like to thank, Installing Master Don Hensiak, District Deputy #12, Installing Marshall Tom Dahoney District Administrator #12 and Installing Senior Warden Don Jensen, PM Lake Lodge.

Now to introduce the Damascus Lodge Officers for 2006.



Worshipful Master - Dale A. Graeven P.M.

Senior Warden - Patrick J. Militzer

Junior Warden - Charles 'Mick' Olson

Senior Deacon - Dale R. Graeven, P.M.

Junior Deacon - Larry Chadderdon

Senior Steward - Arnold H. Luhm

Junior Steward - Tom Lang, Jr. P.M.

Secretary - John Chadderdon, P.M.

Treasurer - Louis Montgomery, P.M.

Chaplain - Curt Campagna, P.M.

Counselor - George Weber, P.M.

Tiler - Joseph Dalkner

Degree Director - Michael Meyer, P.M.

Congratulations to all elected and appointed officers, may your year be one of an enriching sprit and a joyful heart.

CELEBRATE LODGE HISTORY, SEE THE MUSIC MAN

Since Damascus Lodge is known as a 'Gypsy Lodge', how better to celebrate the lodge's history, except by going to a Broadway play called *The Music Man* at the Fireside. Damascus Lodge will be going on Sunday March 26th, 2006.

The cost is \$25 per person which includes, transportation to and from the show, dinner and the performance. Please make reservations with Secretary John Chadderdon. Reservation and fee's must be in by March 1, 2006. See recent flyer or website for more details.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Lodge Installation*
- *The Music Man*
- *Masonic Poetry*
- *The Master's Message*
- *Tripoli Fun*

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OUR WORSHIPFUL BROTHER, GEORGE WASHINGTON

Masonry has many claims
Including presidential names,
And, foremost, when all's said and done
Would have to be George Washington.

He led our troops in many fights
He helped compose our 'Bill of Rights,'
That all his people might be free
Enjoying life and liberty.

Americans still say today
"We're lucky that we live this way,"
For many, how surprised they'd be
To learn it sprang from Masonry.

For Washington, the Masons knew
Masonic principles were true,
And Masons know around this Earth
They came to be before his birth.

With other Masons, so conceived
He simply wrote what he believed,
Those thoughts and words that set us free
Are not unique in Masonry.

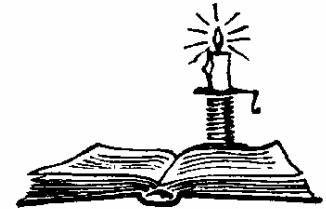
But not too many people know
The liberties they treasure so,
Were put into our Constitution
By Masons from the Revolution.

George Washington is praised by all
For answering his country's call,
For being president so wise,
For never telling any lies.

To each American, he's a part
Of what we treasure in our heart,
To love him not, would be like treason
Though each may have his own good reason.

But Masons o'er the years have cared
In knowing principles we've shared,
It's Washington we praise tonight
He truly shared Masonic Light.

Author Unknown



January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1/10 - Stated Meeting - EA Degree
- Dinner 6pm, Lodge opens 7pm
- 1/24 - Movie Night - 1941 - Doors
Open at 6pm, Pizza, popcorn. Movie
starts around 6:30pm.
- 2/5 - Ladies Brunch - Watch for an
upcoming flyer later this month.

LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2006



MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on the Anniversary of your having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Your love for Fraternity is made apparent by the cheerful continuation of your long-standing association with it.

Visit Lodge when degrees are being conferred — you just may be reminded of the way you felt when you were initiated, passed, and raised.

Raymond C. Mueller - 12/4/1946 - 60 years
 George J. Ladwig - 12/3/1947 - 59 years
 Alexander Mavros - 12/2/1949 - 57 years
 John Kuhn - 12/8/1950 - 56 years
 Charles L. Veit - 12/26/1952 - 54 years

George J. Korkos - 12/1/1961 - 45 years
 James E. Schneider - 12/19/1969 - 37 years
 Kelly S. Brown - 12/22/1987 - 19 years
 Paul W. Schmidt - 1/4/1952 - 54 years
 William J. Metzen - 1/15/1968 - 38 years

“Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and Morality enjoy this conduct; and can it be, that good policy does not equally enjoy it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and, at no distant period, a great Nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence”

George Washington
 President of the United States - Farewell Address

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We wish you a very Happy Birthday and many more to come. In our hearts we raise a glass and make a toast, “To your continued long life!”

Charles L. Veit - 12/9
 Walter L. Ackley - 12/16
 John V. Schroder - 12/16

Thomas Delakis - 1/10
 Louis W. Montgomery, P.M. - 1/10
 Fredrick J. Gerbert - 1/13
 John A. Kosidowski - 1/17
 Col. Robert H. Acton - 1/24
 James E. Schneider - 1/26

THE MASTERS MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Dale A. Graeven, P. M.

Brethren,

Well here we all are, at the beginning of year 101. Everybody has heard of the phrase "_____ 101", relating to a learning experience, such as "Driving 101" (driving with your teenager after the "lecture") or "Masonry 101" which pertains to a man looking into our craft before asking to begin his journey into Masonry.

What do you know about "Masonry 101"? Can you answer someone's question about our craft? Or will you refer him to a well informed member, or to a brochure? Now the big question, do you walk away or look and listen with him? I myself would look and listen, because I have always been of the opinion that you can never learn enough or even stop learning. Some have said that you're learning ends at the grave; I don't know that for sure, do you? I don't think anybody can answer that question till the time comes. Let's all learn together this year about our craft and have the ability to answer questions. I'd like to meet the brother that proclaims to have the ability to answer any related question, because I have one for him.

Now for other information, we are going to have an EA Degree on Tuesday January 10. Dinner is at 6 PM and plan on opening Lodge at 7, so we can take care of some business before the degree. January 24th will be a movie night. We will try and find the DVD, "1941" starring John Belushi. If we can't find that, it's time for another "James Bond" movie. Most all the elected and appointed officers had a planning meeting on December 18th and have a plan for the year. It's in pencil because things can and will change. Such as we planned a "Past Master" get together later this month, but 2 things have just come to revelation, one it comes a little too close to the Ladies Brunch on Feb. 5th, and I am now unable to make the date. I know, I know, why do we need the Master there? Hey, it's during my year, I should be there, lest I am dubbed the "Absent Master".

Another outing you will see a flyer for is the Lodge excursion to the Fireside Theater for dinner and show the end of March. The show we are going to see is "The Music Man".



Last year we started to include "bio's" of the officers and this year we will finish those in the Trestleboard. If the affected officers don't submit something, I am sure we can find some information about them. Nothing embarrassing of course. Hmmm who did we miss last year? Be prepared, you have been warned.

Let's remember what Hugh Downs once said, "A Happy person is not a person in a certain set of Circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of Attitudes".

Fraternally,

Dale A. Graeven
2006 Worshipful Master

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PURELY A LABOR OF
LOVE.

HE WHO SEEKS TO
DRAW MASONIC
WAGES IN GOLD
AND SILVER WILL BE
DISAPPOINTED.

THE WAGES OF A
MASON ARE EARNED
AND PAID IN THEIR
DEALINGS WITH ONE
ANOTHER;
SYMPATHY THAT
BEGETS SYMPATHY,
KINDNESS BEGETS
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HELPLESSNESS BEGETS
HELPLESSNESS, AND
THESE ARE THE
WAGES OF A
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**Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790)**



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- MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

LODGE TRUSTEES

Dale A. Graeven, P.M. (2006)

Dale R Graeven, P.M. (2007)

Curt A. Campagna, P.M. (2008)

SICK AND VISITATION CHAIRPERSON
Pat Militzer

Master's Board

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. We received another just a couple weeks ago. The Master's Board Chairman Curt Campagna, P.M. would like to remind all of us to keep an eye out for new candidates for the lodge.

Remember to carry your pocket petition with you in your travels because you never know who you will meet.

If you do not have a pocket petition or you need more, please contact any lodge officer and they will make sure you receive a couple.

The Master having Fun at Tripoli

