



DAMASCUS LODGE No. 290 F. & A.M.

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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INSTALLATION OF LODGE OFFICERS

The installation of officers for Damascus Lodge occurred on December 10th, 2006.

The officers who were installed are as follows:

- Worshipful Master: Pat Militzer
- Senior Warden: Charles 'Mick' Olson
- Junior Warden: Tom Lang, Jr., P.M.
- Treasurer: Lou Montgomery, P.M.
- Secretary: Michael Meyer, P.M.
- Chaplain: Dale A. Graeven, P.M.
- Senior Deacon: Larry Chadderton
- Junior Deacon: Lloyd Wilson
- Senior Steward: Donald O'Kray
- Junior Steward: Dale R. Graeven, P.M.
- Counselor: Curt A. Campagna, P.M.
- Tiler: Joseph Dalkner
- Trustee: Lloyd Wilson

We'd like to thank all the Opening and Installing Officers for their help with the installation, along with all the Officers' and members' wives that help in getting everything setup for



the installation.

We would like to thank all the visitors and family members for their attendance and support.

We are looking forward to the upcoming year with all its planned events. The officers are going to be hitting the ground running.

LODGE BOWLING WITH THE FAMILY



The first friends and family event of the year is upon us. Damascus Lodge will be going bowling, and family and friends are invited.

We will be bowling on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at the AMF Lanes at 10901 W Lapham in West Allis, at 1:30pm. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, adult or child for 3 games and shoes (if needed)

Please contact Brother Secretary Michael Meyer, P.M. at 262-853-5631, for reservations.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Installation of Officers*
-  *Family Bowling Day*
-  *Counselor's Column*
-  *Master's Message*
-  *Sweetheart's Brunch*

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COUNSELOR'S COLUMN

Well here we go again -- another new assignment from the Lodge. We all serve in our own way. Many of us have been active members who have been adding to the ideas of the Lodge and to the sociability of our family.

Many have, or have in the past, been tutors for our newest members acting as role models or educating them in becoming better men using Masonic Principles.

We also have always had strong leadership among the officers that have served this Lodge. I have been asked to serve as your Lodge Counselor.

The Counselor is responsible for working with all new candidates helping them through all of their Masonic Education. I will try to serve all to the best of

my abilities; I also have been asked to make this article a part of your Trestleboard for the year. My plan is to write about topics that pertain to Lodge history, Masonic education, and some ideas directed to perspective members. I hope that you find the articles interesting and hopefully helpful in your Masonic journeys.

If any Brother has a new prospect or candidate feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or help that you may need. If I do not know the answer, I will do my best to find a suitable answer for you.

Curt Angelo Campagna P.M.
Lodge Counselor



“The Form of the Lodge is oblong. In length from east to west, in breadth between north and south, as high as heaven and as deep as from the surface to the centre. A Lodge is said to be thus extensive to denote the universality of Freemasonry, and teaches that a Mason’s Charity should be equally extensive” -- Masonic Lecture, in Standard Masonic Monitor - 1899

JANUARY 2007

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

- 1/9 - Stated Meeting & EA Degree - Dinner at 6pm and Meeting at 7pm
- 1/13 - Family Bowling at AMF Lanes - 1:30pm
- 1/14 - Scottish Rite Art Tour - 4pm
- 1/17 - Scottish Rite Stated Meeting and 4th Degree Presentation 5:30pm
- 1/23 - Social Meeting - Degree Practice (2nd Section of MM Degree)

SWEETHEART'S BRUNCH

Damascus Lodge No. 290 is proud to announce the date for the Sweetheart's Brunch. After such a wonderful time at the lake front last year we are going to go again to the Pieces of Eight restaurant at 550 N. Harbor Drive, Milwaukee.

The cost will be \$20 member. The wives, sweethearts and widows will be guests of the Lodge. All others pay \$29.50.

Please make your reservation early. We have only one hundred seats, but we are sharing them with 3 other lodges. So contact Secretary Mike Meyer, P.M. at 262-853-5631. Reservations are needed by January 20th, 2007.

As noted, we are hosting this event with a couple other lodges. This will be the first of many events we will be in conjunction with other lodges. Other events planned include a Table Lodge and a Ladies at the Table. We look forward to working with these other lodges and sharing in the fellowship.



MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on the Anniversary of your having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Your love for our 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.

Paul W. Schmidt - 1/4/1952 - 55 years

Brian J. Alsobrook - 1/22/2005 - 2 years

William J. Metzen - 1/15/1968 - 39 years

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!"

Louis W. Montgomery, P.M. - 1/10

Col. Robert Acton - 1/24

John A. Kosidowski - 1/17

James E. Schneider - 1/26

"It is most reverently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

George Washington

"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



THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Pat Militzer

Greetings Brothers,

Becoming Worshipful Master is a humbling experience, no matter the planning and help you have been given along the way. You do not realize until you sit in the east, what it's like. I have had the pleasure to follow in the footsteps of some really good Worshipful Masters, who made it look easy to sit in the east, even though it might not have been. I'm looking forward to the challenges, fellowship and fun in the upcoming year. My officers and I have planned many events for the upcoming year.

I have set a challenge with a goal for the Lodge to attain this year. During the installation, I challenged the Lodge to raise nine new Master Masons by the end my term for the year 2007. That is right, nine new Master Masons. While growing our fraternity should be reason enough to find new members, I am willing to give you an extra incentive to find new qualified members. If you can find nine new Master Masons, I will shave my head. If you raise eleven new Master Masons, I will shave my beard and mustache off.



We have already started along the way to nine new members. On January, 9th we will be having an Entered Apprentice degree for a new member. This is open to any Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Masons. We love to have you attend and welcome our newest member. Dinner will be at 6pm and at 7 pm lodge will start, with the degree to start around 7:30pm.

We are having a friends and family event on January 13th, at the AMF Bowling Lanes in West Allis. Bring your family and potential new members, and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

On our second meeting this month there will be dinner and degree practice for the second section of the Master Mason degree, which in March we will be having our school of instruction on.

Lastly, remember to get your reservation in for the Sweetheart's brunch as early as possible, we are making this a joint event with some other lodges, so it should be a great time to share fellowship with these other lodges.

If you have not been to lodge in a while, I'd like to personally invite you to come to lodge and share in our fellowship. If you have problems getting to and from lodge, we will arrange for a Brother to pick you up and drop you back off at home after lodge, although, if you are far from Milwaukee or out of state we might not be able to arrange that, but the next time you're in town please stop by.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of you for all your support and for placing your trust in me to be your Worship Master for 2007. I look forward to the upcoming year and hope you do too. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Fraternally,

Pat Militzer
Worshipful Master

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"Masonic labor is 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 kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a mason. "

Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790)



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MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. The Master's Board Chairman Dale A. Graeven, 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.

LODGE LAUGHTER AND FELLOWSHIP

