



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

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## LODGE ELECTIONS

Damascus Lodge held its election of officers on November 13th, 2007 and the results are in.

For the 2008 Masonic Year, your elected officers are:

Worshipful Master: Mick Olson  
Senior Warden: Curt Campagna, P.M.  
Junior Warden: Larry Chadderdon  
Treasurer: Lou Montgomery, P.M.  
Secretary: Michael Meyer, P.M.  
Trustee: Dale A. Graeven, P.M.

The installation of officers will be on Jan. 12th at the Lake Lodge Masonic Center at 2pm with reception to follow the installation.

The appointed officers for the 2008 Masonic Year are:

Chaplain: Dale A. Graeven, P.M.  
Senior Deacon: Lloyd Wilson  
Junior Deacon: Don O'Kray  
Senior Steward: Chris Favero  
Junior Steward: Tom Lang, P.M.  
Tiler: Joe Dalkner  
Counselor: Pat Militzer, P.M.

Come and support your officers at the Lodge Installation and at other events throughout the year.

## UPCOMING DEGREE WORK

Damascus Lodge will be busy in the upcoming year with degree work. Many new members are joining and other Brothers are gaining more light in Masonry.

In the month of January, at the Stated Meeting on the 8th we will be having an Entered Apprentice Degree.

Later in the month the Lodge will have a Special Communication on January 22nd, to confer the Master Mason Degree.

Lastly, there will be a Special Communication on January 29th, to confer the Fellowcraft Degree.

With all this degree work we look forward to welcoming new members and seeing the growth in other members, as they expand their understanding of Masonry.

Degree Director, Michael Meyer, P.M. has stated that all Master Masons are encouraged to attend degree practices whether seeking a part in the degree or not. Simply show-up at the appointed time for practice and we'll go from there.

Practices are scheduled as follows:

Sun. Jan. 6th - 6pm - EA & MM 2nd Sec.  
Sun. Jan. 13th - 6pm - MM  
Sun. Jan. 27th - FC

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## ECHO'S IN THE WEST

A NEW COLUMN COMING IN FEBRUARY

## JANUARY 2008

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

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1/6 - Degree Practice - 6pm, EA & MM 2nd Sec.
- 1/8 - Stated Meeting - Dinner 6pm, 7pm Lodge, EA Degree
- 1/12 - Lodge Installation - 2pm
- 1/13 - Degree Practice, 6pm MM
- 1/22 - Special Communication - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Master Mason Degree.
- 1/27 - Degree Practice, 6pm, FC, Pizza too!
- 1/29 - Special Communication - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Fellowcraft Degree
- 2/10 - Sweetheart's Brunch - Watch for details.

## 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.

### November

Warren Krueger - 11/16/1949 - 58 years  
 Chris T Mihas - 11/3/1950 - 58 years  
 Arnold Luhm - 11/12/1954 - 53 years  
 David V. Riehl - 11/13/1963 - 44 years  
 Robert A. Schneider - 11/16/1969 - 38 years  
 Chris J. Mihas - 11/29/1973 - 34 years  
 Dale R. Graeven - 11/11/1980 - 27 years  
 Roger L. Bloomfield - 11/20/1986 - 21 years

George K. Ladwig - 12/3/1947 - 60 years  
 Alexander Mavros - 12/2/1949 - 58 years  
 John Kuhn - 12/8/1950 - 57 years  
 Charles L. Veit - 12/26/1952 - 55 years  
 George J. Korkos - 12/1/1961 - 46 years  
 James E. Schneider - 12/19/1969 - 38 years  
 Kelly S. Brown - 12/22/1987 - 20 years

### January

### December

Raymond C. Mueller - 12/4/1946 - 61 years

Paul W. Schmidt - 1/4/1952 - 55 years  
 William J. Metzen - 1/15/1968 - 39 years  
 Brian J. Alsobrook - 1/22/2005 - 2 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!"

### November

Daniel R. Lopez - 11/4  
 Bernard A. Stachota - 11/5  
 Stephen L. Montgomery, P.M. - 11/6  
 Alexander Mavros - 11/24  
 Dale R. Graeven - 11/25

Walter L. Ackley - 12/16  
 John V. Schroder - 12/16  
 Kelly S. Brown - 12/27

### January

### December

Charles L. Veit - 12/9  
 Warren J. Krueger - 12/15

Louis W. Montgomery, P.M. - 1/10  
 John A. Kosidowski - 1/17  
 Col. Robert Acton - 1/24  
 James E. Schneider - 1/26

"Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and Morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be, that good policy does not equally enjoin 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



## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR LODGE CHAPLAIN

A NEW COLUMN COMING IN FEBRUARY

## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master  
Pat Militzer

Greetings Brothers,

In my last Master's Message, I would like to thank all my officers for their support through out, this last year. We achieved a lot, enjoyed many wonderful events and welcomed many new Brothers into our Fraternity.

As we closeout the year, we continued to welcome new Brothers. At the Stated Communication on December 11th, three Brothers were initiated Entered Apprentices. That night our Lodge welcomed Bros. Erick Cobb, Michael Fairbanks and Elliott Hill into our ranks. You are encouraged to congratulate them when you see them next. At the Stated Communication on January 8th, Mr. Sean Schult will be initiated an Entered Apprentice. We hope you can be there to support our Lodge, whether on the floor or on the sidelines.

Later in the month we will be having two Special Communications, one on the 22nd of January for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason degree and on January 29th for conferring the Fellow-craft degree.

But before we get to the Special Communications, we have the Lodge Open Installation of Officers on January 12th at 2pm. Come and show your support for the new officers of Damascus Lodge. They are looking forward to a another exciting year.

Just to give you a sample of what is to come, make sure you mark your calendar for February 10th, 2008. Damascus Lodge will be having its Sweetheart's Brunch, where we will be join by another Lodge. Shortly you will be receiving more details, but since the event has been so well received in the past, I want to give you a heads up to watch for details in the mail.

Lastly, I would like to say it has been a wonderful experience, to lead this Lodge for a year. I have grown as a person and strengthen my Masonic foundation, and gained much by guiding the Lodge over the last year. I look forward to continuing to contribute to the wonderful history of Damascus Lodge as we move forward for the next 100 years.

Thanks for the opportunity and for all your help and understanding.

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)

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST YEAR



A NEW MASONIC MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION,  
WITH MEMBERS FROM OUR LODGE





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*MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER*

## LODGE TRUSTEES

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| Curt A. Campagna, P.M. (2008) | 414-545-9235 |
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## SICK AND VISITATION CHAIRPERSON

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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.

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## DAMASCUS LODGE'S NEWEST ENTERED APPRENTICES

