



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

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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YOU'RE INVITED!!

Please mark your calendar for 3:00 pm, January 10, 2010. We hope you can join us for the installation of the 2010 Damascus Lodge Officers Corps. This is your chance to show your support and get the year started off right. Good fellowship and good food can always be found at Damascus Lodge! Come and start your year with us!

HAVE GAVEL WILL TRAVEL

On December 14th Brothers Lloyd, Mike F., Sean, Matt, Erick, Stach and Steve visited Wauwatosha Lodge for a Master Mason Degree and while they were there, 'took possession' of the District 12 Traveling Gavel. Stealing is such a harsh word!

But the Traveling Men of Damascus weren't done yet! On December 18th Brothers Mick, Mike F., Sean, Jon, Lou, Pat, Matt, Stach and Steve visited West Allis Lodge and dropped off the gavel. What an awesome display of Brotherhood! Two visits in five days with no less than seven Brothers making the journey. Well Done, Brethren!

RING MY BELL

On December 19th members of Damascus Lodge picked up the little red bells and rang their hearts out for the Salvation Army. It is great to see the Brethren turning out to support this very worthwhile cause. It's a very busy time of year and the Lodge extends our thanks to all the Brethren who gave their time to help; Eric, Jon, Stach, Lloyd, Nate, Curt, Mick and our coordinator, Mike Meyer. A special thanks to Alice who always comes out to help. It was wonderful seeing you all there! Thank you for supporting the Lodge and our community.

SANTA'S MARINES

At the Lodge Christmas meeting the members did Santa proud! We collected 23 toys and \$80.00 in cash for the Marine Corps' Toys-for-Tots program. What a great response! We are proud to support such a great cause and even more proud of the young men and women who protect our country. Please remember them in your prayers and thank them for all they do whenever you have the opportunity.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Lodge Installation*
-  *Lodge Calendar*
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1/10 - Damascus Lodge Installation - 3pm
- 1/12 - Stated Meeting - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge Opens
- 1/26 - Social Meeting - 6pm Degree Practice
- 2/9 - Stated Meeting - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge Opens
- 2/14 - Sweetheart's Brunch - See Flyer on page 5.

SWEETHEART ALERT!!

Ladies of Damascus, mark your calendars for February 14th, 2010 . We would be honored to have your company at the annual Damascus Lodge Sweethearts' Brunch. Please join us for a wonderful meal nearly as sweet as you are! As always, the ladies of the Lodge will be the guests of the Lodge. If you want to bring 'the old man', he'll have to pay. See the flyer in this issue for details.

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THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

First I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. I hope your Holidays were joyous.

Next, I would like to invite you all to attend Installation on Sunday the 10th at 3:00 pm with a buffet afterwards.

It looks as if we are going to start this year where we left off, busy doing degree work. We have two, and possibly three petitions to be voted on at our first meeting on January 12th.

Worshipful Master
Larry Chadderdon



I have quite a few events planned for the year and hope to see you at as many as possible. First is the annual Sweethearts' Brunch in February. See the flier in this issue. Some of your favorite events will be returning along with a couple of new ideas.

I look forward to serving as your Master over the course of this year and wish to thank you for your belief in me. I will do my best not to let you down.

Sincerely,
Larry Chadderdon, WME

EVENTS FOR 2010

January 10th: Installation of Officers, 3:00pm, Lake Masonic Center

February 14th: Sweetheart's Brunch

March: Cabin Fever event. This will be a potluck, family event.

April: Master's Board Dinner

May: Degree Competition

June: Grand Lodge. Possibly Jobie Softball as well.

July: The Third Annual Damascus Open mini-golf outing. (Family Event)

August: Bristol Renaissance Faire (Family Event)

September: Damascus 500 slot car championship.

October: Past Master's Dinner

December: Christmas Outing. Details to be determined.

A WORD FROM A BROTHER

He's Ba-ack

Yes, it has been awhile since I have written an article for the Trestleboard. Now I have never been known for being shy, or quiet for that matter. Just ask me. Since I was Worshipful Master I have been trying to serve the Lodge by assisting the current officers as best as I can. Looking back through the years I have seen many changes in this Lodge. We have found the true meaning of Masonry. I see a true Brotherhood of men who have energy to both learn and practice the precepts of Masonry. I have sat back like a proud father looking on as new members take the reigns and enkindle a new fire for the craft.

When our family recently visited Disney World, some friends that were with us observed that through our young kids, they were able to rediscover the magic that is Disney. Like our friends on that trip, seeing through the eyes of new Brethren who are first discovering the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry brings the magic of our fraternity back to us. We are seeing a new group of officers bringing new ideas and dreams for our Lodge. Look at your Lodge through renewed eyes! Feel the energy! See the growth! Feel proud that you are part of what Masonry should be.

Behold, how great and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!!

Bro. Curt A Campagna, P.M., A.A.

“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)

A BUNCH OF DING-A-LINGS





You're Invited!!
Damascus Lodge's Annual
Sweetheart's Brunch

Sunday, February 14, 2010
10:00 A.M.

Packing House Restaurant
900 East Layton Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Ladies of the Lodge will be our guests. The cost
for all others is \$25.00.



R.S.V.P. Mick before February 7th.



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MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

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MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those petitions coming in. The Master's Board Chairman and Master's Board Secretary would like to remind you to keep an eye out for new candidates for the Lodge.

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

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

SANTA'S "LITTLE" HELPERS!!!!

