



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

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## DING-A-LINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

A size XXXL thank you to all the members who participated in the annual Damascus Lodge Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army on December 7th. Several Brethren braved the cold to ring those bells and try to help a very worthy cause. The kettles are locked so you never know how much money was raised, but shoppers seemed to be in the holiday spirit and dropped a lot of change and currency through the slot. Of course, if the guys were better looking....

Thanks to everyone who got into the holiday spirit and shared their time. Damascus is proud of you all!

## SANTA'S HELPERS...OR WANNA-BE JARHEADS?

At our December 10th State Meeting the brethren brought toys and cash to be donated to the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign. This tradition was started in 2008 and has been continued every year since. Our members enjoy the opportunity to spend some time in the toy aisle and drop those toys under our tree, knowing that come Christmas morning, some child will be a little bit happier through our good works.

We dropped off a big bag of toys and a nice check for this year's campaign and Santa's Camouflaged Elves expressed their thanks for supporting their efforts. If you missed the meeting, you can still join in as there are donation barrels in several stores in the area, or drop them off at the local Marine Recruiting Station.

## SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

On January 29th our very own W. Bro. Matt Wright will be conducting his first School of Instruction as our District Lecturer. A 6:00 pm dinner is available for only \$10.00 with the School starting at 7:00 pm. It all happens at Tripoli. Let's turn out in big numbers and support Matt as he does Damascus proud. We can all learn a lot from Matt. I hear he even eats salad. Come on out and see if the rumor is true. See you at Tripoli!

## TEAM NIGHT

Our stated meeting on January 14th will be Team Night. Wear your favorite team jersey as we 'kick off' the new Masonic year. Team DL290 will be in the house and the night is sure to hit a 'home run'. Don't just 'sit on the bench', come out and join us!

## SAVE THE DATE

Save the date now. Headline: Bikers invade the sleepy little town of Damascus. March 23, 2013 at 3:00 pm is your chance to 'get your motors runnin'. This is your time to be "Leader of the Pack!" It all happens at the Damascus Black and Blue Ball. Be there! You won't want to miss this event! Rumor has it the "Golden Knight" will be there too.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Installation Report*
-  *Master's Meesage*
-  *Lodge Events*
-  *Lodge Officer Training*
-  *Sweethearts Brunch*
-  *School of Instruction*
-  *Santa's Helpers*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE BEGINNING OF 2014

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	(F) denotes family event
Jan 28	Officers planning session (6:00 pm)	** Spouses/Partners Invited
Jan 29	School of Instruction: Tripoli	(F&F) family and friends invited
Feb 2	Sweethearts Brunch** (11:00 am)	
Feb 25	Movie Night (Invite Lake Lodge)	
Mar 23	Black & Blue Ball (3:00 pm) (F&F)	
Mar 28(?)	Bethel #6 Honor Masons Night	

### LODGE OFFICE TRAINING

Our Social Night on January 28th will be dedicated to training. All Lodge Officers are required to attend, and all members are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this night. Brother Bert's world famous chili will be served at 6:00 pm and training begins at 6:45.

Training will cover Officer Duties, Event Calendar, Event Planning, Budget, Master's Board and any other topics that may come up, time permitting. I was very pleased with the attendance and response from our last training session. Our members are hungry for more than just chili! They want to learn about our Lodge and how it works. And they want chili, too. So come out and be a part of the process and enjoy the fellowship, DL 290 style.

### SWEETHEARTS BRUNCH

#### ***You're Invited!***

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "Sweetheart" as a person you love very much and "Brunch" as a meal that combines breakfast and lunch that is usually eaten in late morning. So what better way for a Damascus man to have two of his favorite things than to attend our annual Sweetheart's Brunch at 11:00 a.m. on February 2, 2014 at the Silver Spring Country Club.

This beautiful restaurant can seat up to 250 comfortably and offers panoramic views of the beautiful Wisconsin countryside and golf course and features numerous amenities such as a full lounge area, a Lannon stone fireplace, and a private patio.

Their menu for the Sunday Brunch features a chef's carving board, delicious entrees, an omelet station, salad bar, peel and eat shrimp, smoked salmon, homemade pastries, and decadent desserts including a chocolate fountain with fresh strawberries and other sensational dippers completely covered in a cascade of Godiva Chocolate.

As usual the Ladies of the Lodge will be our guests and the cost to all others is only \$25. So bring your favorite "Sweetie" and join your Damascus brothers for a wonderful meal. Two of our favorite things in the world!

Directions:

The Silver Spring Country Club is located at N56W21318 Silver Spring Drive in Menomonee Falls, WI. Follow US-45 N to Silver Spring Dr. exit 46 and go west approximately 5.8 miles. This is located just past Carter's Crossing Cir. If you reach Kenmore Dr. you've gone about 0.3 miles too far.

Please RSVP to Brother Paul Peacock with your reservations no later than January 28th by telephone at 414-617-5341 or by email at [imnphx2@yahoo.com](mailto:imnphx2@yahoo.com)

## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Brethren!

I hope you all enjoyed a blessed Christmas Season surrounded by those you love. I also hope Santa was very good to you all; though I am quite sure a few of you found yet another lump of coal come Christmas morning. Try harder this year!

And so it begins... Another New Year. A time of renewal. New Year is often a time for reflection and resolution. A time to evaluate where we have been, where we are, and where we hope to go. Many of our resolutions are directed towards self-improvement; to lose a few pounds, or give up a habit we know we are better without. Perhaps we resolve to exercise more, or eat better. Whatever the resolution, it is usually based on the fact we want to improve, be better, a better person.



Well, have I got a deal for you!! No need to sign up for that expensive membership at the local gym. No need to pay weekly dues to stand on a scale while others look on. You already belong to a place guaranteed to give you all the support you need to improve yourself every day. Yep...Damascus Lodge is exactly where you belong!

Attending Lodge will give you the great friendship you need to help you through good times and bad. To fill you with the fervency and zeal to accomplish all you desire. To strengthen your devotion and fidelity to your family, and our craft. Need a few 'booster shots' to reinvigorate and focus on the important things in life? The DL 290 'gym' is where you will find them. While you may actually gain a few pounds from all the refreshment, or lose a few hours of sleep driving home, you will build the Masonic 'Body' you've been seeking since the day you were initiated. We're open! Come and join US for a workout you will truly enjoy and rewards that are immeasurable.

Check our calendar of events. Make your plans to join us. We look forward to spending time with you and your family, OUR Damascus Family.

Happy New Year. God Bless!

See you in the Lodge!

Mick Olson

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## NEWEST ENTERED APPRENTICE





*You're Invited !!*

*Damascus Lodge's Annual  
Sweetheart's Brunch*

*Sunday, February 2, 2014*

*11:00 am*

The Silver Spring Country Club  
N56W21318 Silver Spring Dr,  
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin



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

R.S.V.P. Brother Paul Peacock by **January 28<sup>th</sup> 2014**

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## INSTALLATION REPORT

The winter cold of December 11th couldn't dim the warmth of the brotherhood as Damascus Lodge joined together to install our officer corps for 2014. A very nice crowd was on hand as we kicked off the new Masonic year in the traditional way. All of our incoming officers were able to attend and we had visitors from several area Lodges lending their support.

A special thanks to our Installing Officers: W. Bro. Dale A. Graeven, W. Bro. Michael Fairbanks, W. Bro. Pat Cholka, W. Bro. Mike Clinnin and W. Bro. Matthew Wright for an excellent Installation Ceremony. As usual, the hi-lite of the evening was Bethel No. 6, Job's Daughters who graced us with the Ceremony of the Living Cross. This ceremony is always beautiful and this year the daughters were joined by our favorite future Jobie, Audrey who showed all that one day she too will be among the fairest in all the land.

Following the installation we retired to Fellowship Hall and enjoyed desserts and fellowship. It was the perfect evening to warm up winter's night. Thank you to all who were able to join us.

Your 2014 Officer Corps stand ready to serve our Lodge. We have much work ahead, and much fun to be had. We look forward to having you join us this year at our meetings and events. YOU are the Lodge, and WE are at your service.

## INSTALLATION PHOTO'S





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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.

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