



DAMASCUS LODGE #290 F. & A. M.



THE TRESTLEBOARD

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MEET THE NEWEST ENTERED APPRENTICE

On January 10, 2006, Damascus Lodge was proud to initiate a new member into the mysteries of Freemasonry. We would like to welcome Peter J. Sceptur to Damascus Lodge.

The degree was put on in due form and many lessons were taught and renewed by all.

We'd like to thank all those Masons that attended and participated in the Degree.

The Damascus Lodge degree team will be presenting another Entered Apprentice on Feb. 28.

We look forward to seeing any Entered Apprentices or Master Masons on that day to see the presentation of the Entered Apprentice Degree.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *New EA*
- *Circus, Circus*
- *Ladies Brunch*
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TRIPOLI SHRINE CIRCUS

That is right, the circus is coming to town. Damascus Lodge is going to the circus on Feb. 25 for the Family Night. The lodge will be paying for members and there children and grandchildren to attend. Please contact Brother Secretary John Chadderdon P.M. to reserve your seats. Tickets are limited so call for yours today.

While you are at the Circus, remember to get your Souvenir Circus Program. As you thumb through the program, make sure you look for the Damascus Lodge ad in the program. We look forward to see all of you at the Circus.

Chaplain's Message

Greetings Brethren:

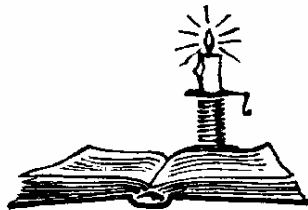
This month I would like all of us to remember our E.A. Degree. We were new to the lodge and unsure of what was in store for us upon our journey. This is the same feeling that one has with faith. As we grow up we find a time in our lives that we come to realize that we need not just attend our church, but to internalize our faith.

The choice to accept God into our lives and to give our being unto him is a very deep and moving experience. Remember the similarity Brothers to our faith in God : understand Mathew 7:7 "ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you".

The question is: Do you remember?

Fraternally Yours,

Curt A. Campagna, P.M.



February 2006

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2/5 - Ladies Brunch - At Pieces of Eight Restaurant at 9:45am
- 2/14 - Stated Meeting - Dinner at 6pm, Meeting Starting at 7pm
- 2/23-26 - Tripoli Shrine Circus
- 2/28 - Special - EA Degree - Dinner at 6pm and Degree at 7pm.
- 3/26 - Fireside - Music Man
- 3/28 - Senior Warden's Night - Watch for upcoming Flyers and Trestleboards.

LADIES BRUNCH

The Ladies of Damascus Lodge are cordially invited to join us for Sunday Brunch at the Pieces of Eight Restaurant, on Feb. 5th, 2006 at 9:45am.

The Brunch is free for all the Ladies of Damascus, including current and future lady members of Damascus Lodge. Their escort will have to pay \$25.00.

The Brunch is a "Champagne Brunch" (sparkling juice can be substituted) which includes beverage (coffee, soda, water, milk) and of course the food. It may include, Shrimp (seasoned and plain), Smoked Fish (Salmon and Trout), Crab Legs, Prime Rib, Bone in Ham, made to order Omelets, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, made to order Pasta (Shrimp or Chicken), Fajitas, BBQ Ribs, Eggs Benedict, to name a few. Now for the Desserts, well let's just say you can have your fill of sugar, including 3 different types of Cappuccino.

We have room for 50, so get your reservations in early!! All reservations need to be into Sec. John Chadderdon, P.M. by Thursday February 2nd, 2006.



“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

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.

Joseph Dalkner - 2/21/1945 - 61 years

Frederick Goad Jr. - 2/6/1959 - 47 years

John Lukich - 2/12/1964 - 42 years

Eckhard Tetzlaff - 2/9/1973 - 33 years

Robert A. Yunker - 2/24/1981 - 25 years

Pat Militzer - 2/15/2003 - 3 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!”

George K. Ladwig - 2/4

Joseph Dalkner - 2/17

Gerald A. Jordan, P.M. - 2/24

THE MASTERS MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Dale A. Graeven, P. M.

Brethren,

Here we are one month into the New Year and it looks as though we are going to have another EA Degree. And some thought all we do at Stated Meetings is pay bills. So come on down and observe the officers handy and memory work as well as refresh your memory of your EA Degree.

Make your reservation early for the Ladies of Damascus Brunch on Sunday February 5th at the Pieces of Eight Restaurant. We have a small presentation for all the Ladies. Brothers and Future Brothers will need to pay \$25. I believe it will be well worth it.

Our meeting on February 14th is a Stated Meeting and we have a full agenda, including a possible exemplification. By the way, we all know its Valentine's Day on our meeting night so remember to get your reservations in to our Secretary for the Ladies Brunch at the Pieces of Eight Restaurant.

The Lodge decided to allow our members to attend the Tripoli Shrine Circus for the Friday Night show package. It is offered to the children and grandchildren of our members as a family event.

The February 28th meeting will be an EA Degree.

March is going to be busy as well starting with the School of Instruction. Watch for the Trestleboard for more details.



Damascus Lodge #290 will have our 100th Celebration on Saturday May 20th at the 4 Points Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center, located on Howell Avenue, near the Airport. So mark your calendars because we are limiting it to 100 people. Watch for more details in future Trestleboards.

You should visit our award winning website one of these days to see the messages as well as "some" of the pictures.

When the "snow birds" return, we will have to ask them why they left this year.

Fraternally,

Dale A. Graeven
2006 Worshipful Master

Meet your Lodge Officers

Bio of the Chaplain

Well, well, well

I have been asked to write about my life background for this issue. Many of you know me as your current Chaplain. The position I have inherited from my friend and Brother Roger A. Wescott who faithfully preformed this duty for many good years. I admit that I am not the strongest writer, my strength is my verbal skills. I enjoy organizing and motivating others. I look for potential in people and organizations. And I also enjoy looking outside of the box for solutions and enjoy goals that can be achieved.

I was born to Angelo and Doreen Campagna in Arlington Heights Illinois May 2, 1968. As the oldest of three, my sister Kari, my brother Cory, and I had the best of childhoods. My cousins and Grandparents spent a lot of time together growing up. My Grandmother taught me about the strength of family, faith, and my love of cooking. My Grandfather who also is a Brother Mason from Grayslake Illinois taught me "if you are going to do something, you might as well do it right". He also taught me how to fish, cartoon, and make new friends out of strangers. All of these family members made me into what I am today with love of family, and respect for others.

As a kid I was taken to parades and would see the Shiners going by in the little cars and then those wonderful Harley's. I thought if only someday I could be lucky enough to be one of those Shrines in that Parade. Grandpa would take me to the Shrine circus where you just couldn't miss those fezzes and the clowns. There were also the Masonic pancake breakfasts. Just seeing that my Grandfather was part of this organization helped me decide that this was what I wanted to someday involve myself in.

We moved to Elgin Illinois when I was in Kindergarten, where my parents and brother still live. The first two summers after high school I worked at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkorn Wisconsin. This experience helped me find my spiritual center, and help me in growing my faith. Then through the rest of my years after camp I worked many different warehouse jobs, and started some of my supervise experiences many with lumber companies.

I attended collage at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, where I found the love of my life and my partner in this adventure of living. Diana (Kern) and we have just celebrated our fifteenth anniversary on January 5, 2006. We have two girls, Samantha who is eleven and Miranda who is seven. These two girls are my breath, my happiness, and my heartbeat for I am very proud of both of them and thank God every day for the blessings he gave to us.

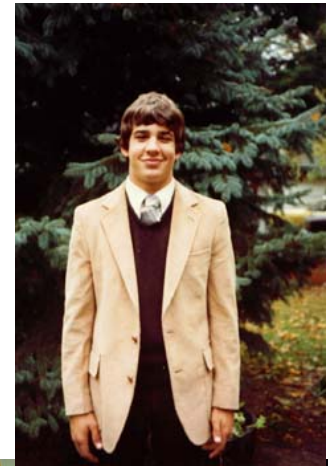
While working at one of my lumber company jobs I met a man named Ike who was a Mason. We would talk about Masonry and he introduced me to Brother John Chadderdon P.M. and Brother Lou Montgomery P.M.. From there on I was hooked.

I have been the Worshipful Master of our Lodge for two straight years, I am a member of Ivanhoe Commandery, Rusk Chapter, I am also a member of the Scottish Rite and am currently running all of the lighting in the theater. I belong to Tripoli Shrine and am active in the Directors Staff. I also have been a member of the circus committee. I am a member of the Shrine Motor Corps (my life long dream) and was the Captain of the quartermasters for three years. My oldest daughter is now a Job's Daughter and my second child can't wait until her time.

I have been involved with the theater, sang barbershop quartet music with SPEBSQSA, was a professional clown, did some acting, worked with youth, and am currently an eleven year veteran with the City of Milwaukee as a Heavy Equipment Operator.

It has been a great ride!!

Pictures of the Chaplain



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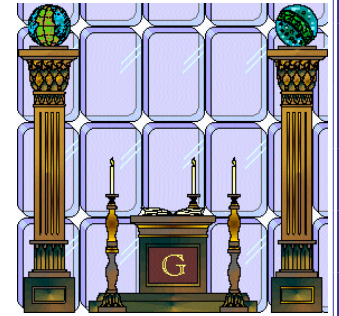
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MASONIC LABOR IS
PURELY A LABOR OF
LOVE.

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
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HELPLESSNESS BEGETS
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Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790)



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Dale R Graeven, P.M. (2007)

Curt A. Campagna, P.M. (2005)

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FELLOW MASONS



Ben Franklin

Born - 1/17/1706



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Born - 1/27/1756

