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MEET OUR NEWEST ENTERED APPRENTICE

Welcome, Brother Kyle Olson and congratulations on taking the first step in Masonry. Brother Kyle received his Entered Apprentice Degree on January 9th, 2007. Kyle is the son of our Senior Warden Mick Olson.

The degree team did a wonderful job putting on the degree and we look forward to seeing more degrees throughout the year. A special thanks to Lyle Lance for taking part in the degree.

During the stated meeting, we were presented with the Traveling Gavel, by the Worshipful Master Jim Burton of Daylight Lodge. The Travelling Gavel has continued its journey by being captured by Worshipful Master David Schaber and his corps of his officers from Nathan Hale.



UPCOMING DEGREES

In the upcoming months, the officers of Damascus Lodge will be putting on many degrees.

During the February stated meeting we are expecting a report from the Master's Board report on a prospective candidate and an Entered Apprentice posting.

We are planning for a Fellow Craft Degree on February 13th, with a Special Communication on February 27th, 2007. This Special Communication is for the purpose of conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree.

If you have not been to lodge in a while, this might be a great time to visit and meet the new members and renew old friendships, plus see so good degree work. Check the calendar on the next page for times for the degrees.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Newest EA*
-  *Sweetheart's Brunch*
-  *Counselor's Column*
-  *Master's Message*
-  *Degree Team Picture*

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COUNSELOR'S COLUMN

Fraternal Greetings:

This month is brimming with a great deal of degree work, and plenty of posting work. I would like to take a moment to thank Brother Mike Olson (Senior Warden 2007) for his service in helping with posting duties, and always lending a hand every time I need something.

The postings we are currently using can be very effective in helping the newly advanced Brother. We are not looking for just memorizing, but also a level of understanding of what the Degree is designed to teach the Brother.

Any questions that you may have about our posting work please let me know by dropping me an email, or phone call.

Again, I ask if any of you know someone whom you think would become a good member of this Organization, I have literature and some advice on how to educate and introduce this man to what the Masonic Fraternity is.

Lets all contact the Lodge Secretary (Brother Mike Myer P.M.) to get more petitions. Let us not keep this wonderful Brotherhood a secret from other good men.

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

FEBRUARY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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			

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2/10 - Scottish Rite - 14th Degree - Lunch Noon, Degree 1:30pm
- 2/11 - Sweetheart’s Brunch - Pieces of Eight - 9:45am
- 2/13 - Stated Meeting - Dinner at 6pm, Meeting 7pm, FC Degree to follow at 7:30pm.
- 2/22 - 2/25 - Tripoli Shrine Circus - Contact a Shriner for more details.
- 2/27 - Special - EA Degree - Dinner at 6pm with the Degree at 7pm.

THE DEGREE TEAM



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.

Joseph Dalkner - 2/21/1945 - 62 years

Eckhard Tetzlaff - 2/9/1973 - 34 years

Frederick Goad Jr. - 2/6/1959 - 48 years

Robert Yunker - 2/24/1981 - 26 years

John Lukich - 2/12/1964 - 43 years

Pat Militzer - 2/15/2003 - 4 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 Ladwig - 2/4

Gerald A. Jordan - 2/24

Joseph Dalkner - 2/17

"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,

It has been a busy January and February looks to be just as busy, with many wonderful events and exciting meetings.

In January, we initiated our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Kyle Olson. Congratulations on taking your first step in Masonry. At the stated meeting we also received another petition for membership. The Master's Board has met and we will be balloting on the petition during the February stated meeting.

The lodge also had a family event in January. The lodge went bowling at the AMF Lanes in West Allis. Everyone that attended had a great time bowling and sharing in fellowship. Needless to say none of the adults needed to use the bumpers, but several of the kids did better than their parents.

February is going to be a active month too. We have the the Sweetheart's Brunch at the Pieces of Eight Restaurant. We are doing this as a joint event with a couple other area lodges. Right now we are expecting around 75 people at the event.



At the stated meeting, in February, we are going to be balloting on a petition for membership, and going to have an Entered Apprenticed posting and have a Fellow Craft degree scheduled. Also on the 4th Tuesday of February, we will be holding a Special Communication for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Many Brothers from the Lodge are also busy this month, with other Masonic organizations, for example the Scottish Rite - Valley of Milwaukee is putting on the Fourteen Degree with a luncheon and Carl Awards starting at Noon on February 10th. The following week the Twentieth Degree, known as the George Washington Degree, will be put on Thursday, February 15th after the Stated meeting at 5:30pm.

Do you hear the Calliopes coming closer? That is right, the Tripoli Shrine Circus is coming to town at the end of this month. Many of our members are volunteering their time down at the Circus and we wish them the time of their lives as they spread good cheer to children of all ages.

We have just started the year and we are quickly approaching the goal of nine new members, so keep a look out for men of good character. If you have any questions, or need a petition, please contact the Lodge Counselor or any of the other officers.

Fraternally,

Pat Militzer
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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.

THE MAD HATTER

