



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

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## LODGE INSTALLATION

The Damascus Lodge installation of officers was on Jan. 12th, 2008. The installation was a wonderful event, filled with much fellowship and mirth.

The officers of Damascus Lodge would like to thank all the members, family and friends for attending the installation and all their support. A special thank you to Brother Tom Dohoney, P.M. and Brother Lyle Lance, P.M. for there assistance with the installation.



were honored to have the Job's Daughters Bethel No. 6 help close the installation with their forming living cross.

Worshipful Master Mick Olson and his officers

## RECENT DEGREE WORK

Damascus Lodge has had a very busy and rewarding month as far as degree work. In the past month the Lodge welcomed its newest Entered Apprentice Sean Schult at the Stated Communication on Jan. 8th, 2008.

At our next meeting, on Jan. 22, 2008 we had a Special Communication, in order to raise our newest Master Mason David Hartl.

One week later, we conferred three Fellowcraft degrees, for Brothers Eric Cobb, Michael Fairbanks and Sean Schult.

Congratulations to these Brothers for their progress in the craft.

Congratulations to the degree teams for all the time and effort they put in to put on the degrees. Well done Brothers!!

In the near future we will have the pleasure of seeing some additional degree work, with three new Fellowcrafts and a couple Entered Apprentices, the next couple months should be filled with more degree work.

We look forward to seeing you at the degrees.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Lodge Installation*
-  *Lodge Degree Work*
-  *Sweetheart's Brunch*
-  *Shrine Circus*
-  *Master's Message*
-  *Upcoming Events*

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## ECHO'S IN THE WEST

**Brothers,**

New beginnings and remembering our history. Everyone by now should know that I have a very fond regard for our history and where we came from. The history in Freemasonry is a tapestry of beauty and is based on a sound belief in basic moral ideas.

Our Lodge is part of that fabric of history, and is weaving new ideas and experience every time a new year is upon us. May we ever learn from the lessons taught by those who served before us, and may our minds always be willing to except new ideas bringing us into the future.

I look forward to a GREAT new year filled with existing traditions, and making some new traditions, but most of all I look forward to seeing and hearing from all of you. MY BROTHERS!

God bless.

Senior Warden Curt A. Campagna, P.M.

## FEBRUARY 2008

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24	25	26	27	28	29	

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2/10 - Sweetheart's Brunch - 10am  
Pieces of Eight - See you there.
- 2/12 - Stated Meeting - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge.
- 2/20 - Scottish Rite - Public Degree - 6pm - Friend and Brother - Valentine's Dinner to follow degree. Contact Scottish Rite for reservations.
- 2/21 - 2/24 - Tripoli Shrine Circus - US Cellular Arena
- 2/22 - Damascus Lodge Family Night at the Tripoli Shrine Circus.
- 2/26 - Lodge Night - 6pm Dinner

## 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.

### February

Joseph Dalkner - 2/21/1945 - 63 years

John Lukich - 2/12/1964 - 44 years

Eckhard Tetzlaff - 2/9/1973 - 35 years

Robert Yunker - 2/24/1981 - 27 years

Pat Militzer, P.M. 2/15/2003 - 5 years

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

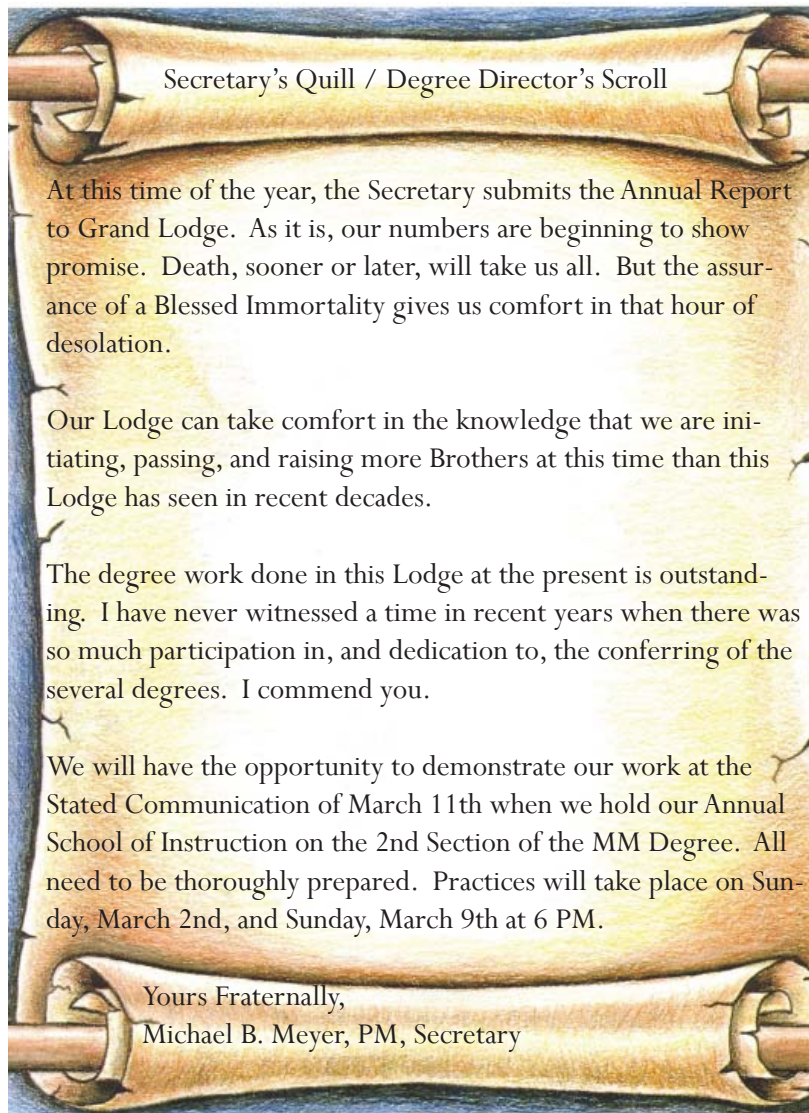
We wish you a very Happy Birthday and many more to come. In our hearts we raise a glass and make a toast, "To your continued long life!"

### February

George Ladwig - 2/4

Joseph Dalkner - 2/17

Gerald Jordan, P.M. - 2/24



"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

### *Be it Resolved*



Worshipful Master  
Mick Olson

Brethren,

Thank you for the honor and privilege you have bestowed on me by electing me to serve you as Master for the ensuing year. With the help of a great corps of officers, I am sure that this year will continue to build on the recent successes of Damascus Lodge. Our membership is blooming with some truly great new members and we are having FUN!

I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season. As you read this we are embarking on yet another year. Snow cover offers the hope of yet another opportunity of nature's renewal. Not long ago many of us made resolutions to improve our lives in some manner. Whether to lose weight (which is assuredly NOT required for Damascus Lodge) or improve some other aspect of ourselves, these resolutions usually aim to make ourselves healthier, or just to make us better persons.



Sadly, this is the time of year that we discard many of those resolutions as too difficult to maintain. So let's all make a resolution that is easy to keep and fun to do. Let's all resolve to get active in Lodge!

The purpose of Masonry is to make good men better. So let's get better TOGETHER! When I look at people leaving the gym, they look tired and exhausted. When I see our brethren leaving lodge they look happy and refreshed. People at the gym look thin and frail. Our members are "sturdy" and "jolly".

Okay, maybe we could all better ourselves with a visit to the gym, but all men better themselves by building their character. And that is what our craft is all about. Spending time with brethren, helping each other to grow and strengthen our inner selves. Being good friends and aiding those less fortunate than ourselves. Following the designs drawn on the trestle board by our Supreme Grand Master.

The wonderfully hectic times of the holidays are now behind us. January has been a flurry of activity. Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother David Hartl and welcome to our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Sean Schult. We also congratulate Brothers Mike Fairbanks, Eric Todd and Sean Schult for passing to the degree of Fellowcraft. We're on a roll!

So let's take some time to fulfill a resolution that will strengthen our inner selves and bring happiness to those around us. We've got our Sweetheart Brunch and Circus Family Night outings right around the corner so get your reservations made now. Take a look at our calendar full of upcoming great events and "Let's go to Lodge!"

Fraternally,

Mick Olson  
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)

### Current Event Schedule for 2008

Date	Event
Feb 8	Bethel #6 Honor Masons Night
Feb 10	Sweetheart Brunch** (10:00 am) - Pieces of Eight
Feb 20	Scottish Rite - Friend and Brother Presentation - Open to the Public
Feb 22	Circus Family Night (4:45 pm) (F) - Tripoli Shrine
Mar 16	Scottish Rite - Feast of Paschal Lamb - 3pm - Open to the Public
Apr 13	Master's Board Dinner (TBA)
Apr 27	Boncrushers Arena Football Game (3:30 pm) (F)
May 1,2,3	Scottish Rite - Spring Reunion
Jun 6&7	Grand Lodge
Jun 22	Mini Golf - Damascus Lodge Open (TBA) (F)
Aug 2	Renaissance Faire (TBA) (F)
Oct 19	Past Master's Dinner**(TBA)
Dec 7	Ye Olde Christmas Feast 5:00 pm (F)
Dec 9	Lodge Christmas Party – Toys 4 Tots
TBA	Jobie Baseball Game (Take ice cream)?
TBA	Damascus Lodge 290 Slot Car Race
TBA	Jobie Jamboree?

\*(F) denotes family event

\*\* Spouses/Partners Invited

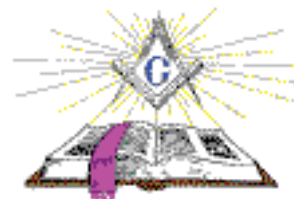
(TBA) - To be Announced

Continue to watch the Trestleboard, for further details.



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**INSTALLATION OF  
OFFICERS**





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*MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER*

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## MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. The Master's Board Chairman Patrick Miltzer and Master's Board Secretary Chris Favero would like to remind you 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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## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LODGE.....

