



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

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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CONGRATULATIONS

The 2013 officers of Damascus Lodge were installed on December 16, 2012. The installation team – W. Bro. Mick Olson, W. Bro. Dale A. Graeven, and Bro. Don O’Kray – did an outstanding job. Thank you also to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Job’s Daughter’s International Bethel 6, and W. Bro. Michael Fairbanks for their presentations.



The ceremony was followed by a LEGENDARY meal. It may not be a stretch at all to say that we set a new bar for an installation meal. The prime rib, prepared by Bro. Steve “Cookie” Manthey, was tender and flavorful. The Hors D’Oeuvres were delicious and plentiful. The cake, baked and decorated by Heather Loewe, featured two kinds of cake, fruit filling, and butter cream frosting. This is how Damascus gets its reputation!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Installation*
-  *Master’s Message*
-  *Upcoming Events*
-  *From the Gut*
-  *Sweethearts Brunch*
-  *Past Master’s Dinner*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 12 - Stated Meeting Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm
 February 17 - Sweethearts Brunch - 10am - See Flyer for details.
 March 10 - Past Master's Dinner - See flyer for details
 March 12 - Stated Meeting - Dinner at 6pm, lodge at 7pm.
 April 28 - Lodge Luau - Details coming soon!

FROM THE GUT

So being the lodge cook and Junior Warden, I figured "From the Gut" is an appropriate title for my monthly contribution to the Trestleboard. With that being said, one of my duties is to "call the craft from labor to refreshment."

For me, my labors in the Lodge are primarily to tend to our refreshment. The time I spend cooking for my brethren and attending various events between the Lodge and appendant bodies are my time away from the labors of life. The friendship and brotherhood within the Lodge are a form of refreshment to my mind -- away from the busy schedule of work, family, and any other challenges that life may bring. I look forward the upcoming Masonic year as Junior Warden as changes in my personal life will enable me to bask in the glory of lodge and Masonic events.

Well, more to come, but as I am writing this I should be sleeping.... Zzzzz.... Oops! Bye for now and can't wait to see everyone in Lodge.

Brother Steve "Cookie" Manthey, J.W.

OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday February 20 will be the "Last Full Measure", a theatrical presentation put on by The Scottish Rite. The cost is \$20 per person in advance and \$25 per person after the reservation date of Feb. 15. The cost of admission includes a meal consisting of tenderloin tips, broccoli with cheese sauce, garlic mashed taters, and cherry cobbler. Mmmm, sounds like a feast fit for a Damascus man.

On Friday February 22, Tripoli Shrine will be hosting a Family Circus Night. For \$25 you will receive a ticket to the circus (a \$32 value) and a fish fry at the Shrine.

SAVE THE DATE!



As the 2013 officers work hard to fill the year with events, your attendance is still what makes them successful. Please take note of the tentative dates below, and look forward to further information in the Trestleboard.

March 10
Past Master's Dinner

July 28
Picnic

April 28
Luau

August 18
Brewer Game

May 29
Knife & Fork Degree

September 24
The Damascus 290 - Slot Car Race

June 2
Minigolf

October 20
Halloween Party

July 14
Renaissance Fair with Scottish Rite

December 7
Salvation Army Bell Ringing

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

It's already January and it's finally starting to sink in that I've been elected Worshipful Master. Thank you all who put your trust in me; more specifically, my ability to lead this Worshipful Lodge through continued success and prosperity.

There is a tremendous amount of pride in presiding over a Lodge, but especially this one. While we can take some amount of joy in our reputation for degree work, for food, and for being a solid starting point for candidates to Freemasonry – there is also a lot that can be improved upon.

While planning the journey before me, I sought advice from W. Bro. Mick Olson. He is a past master of this Lodge; having served two consecutive terms and leaving a reputation for being organized and well thought. Where better to start than that? While on the phone one night, he casually asked me: "What are your long-term goals for the year?" A simple question indeed! Right? Well, maybe I hadn't thought everything through as well as I thought I had, because I didn't initially have an answer.

Thankfully I didn't have to come up with one. It came to me. Something I've known we needed but never put into thoughts. My goal is simply to reunite us. Attendance and participation have been irregular, and I think although some members have unchangeable reasons for this, there are also many with obstacles that we can overcome by strengthening our brotherly bonds and improving communication. Thus, I will spend the year leading towards that goal, providing where necessary the tools required to accomplish it.

Brethren, please join me in moving us closer to representing that perfect ashlar.

Sean Schult
Worshipful Master



You're Invited!!

Damascus Lodge's Annual

Sweetheart's Brunch

Sunday, February 17, 2013

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. Matt before February 10th.

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*Damascus Lodge Annual
Past Master's Dinner
March 10th, 2013 at 6pm*



***Please come out and honor the Past Masters of our Lodge and
thank them for their year or years of being the leader of the
Best Lodge in Masonry!***

***Dinner will be at Paisano's Italian Restaurant on the corner of
Chicago and College Avenues in South Milwaukee.***

***Cost is \$25.00 per person and Past Damascus Masters are
FREE!***

Multiple menu items will be available.

Bro. Steve "Cookie" Manthey for details and reservations:

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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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