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PASSING OF A PAST MASTER

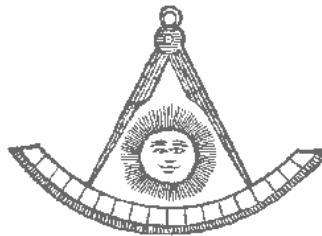
It is never easy to see the passing of a fellow Brother Mason, and even that much more when he was a Past Master of the Lodge. On February 24th, 2005 Past Master Brother Harry C. Christie passed on.

With his journey to the Great Architect, we mourn his loss and celebrate his life, and offer his family our deepest sympathies.

Brother Harry was a Master of Damascus Lodge in 1984. He was also a dual member of Lake Lodge #289 and Hayes Lodge #331.

Brother Harry was also a member in Scottish Rite Valley of Milwaukee and Tripoli Shire Motor Corp.

On February 28th, 2005, there was a Masonic Funeral service attended with over 50 fellow Masons coming from many area lodges. Lake Lodge Past Master Brother Don Hensiak and family friend officiated the service.



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LODGE EVENTS - PAST AND UPCOMING

We would like to thank all those you were able to attend the recent "Movie Night".

We enjoyed pizza, popcorn, a great movie "Dr. No", and some wonderful fellowship. All those who attended are looking forward to the next Movie Night.

Upcoming this month, we look

forward to seeing you and your lady at Broadway Baby, in Glendale on March 20th, 2005.

The Dinner will begin at 2pm and the show at 4pm.

Start making plans for the upcoming Brewer Game on May 29, 2005 when the Brewers take on the Houston Astros.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Brethren, it is indeed an honor to be asked to serve the Lodge as the Chaplin of Damascus 290 F&AM. First, I would like to thank Brother Rodger Wescott who has been serving for many years in this position. Second, I hope to learn and to shape my skills to serve you as best as my abilities permit.

I had a brief item I was going to write in this column, but as in life, I have been inspired to lead you in a slightly different direction. This month I would like to remind all of you of the shortness of life. The Great Architect of the Universe has put a plan out for all of us. Have you been listening to him in your everyday life, or has the routine and pressures of your day clogged your ears and stifled your heart. Has the Lord found in you a tool for his glory, or have you been lost in Darkness. Brethren look to the Light, and find your way; listen and He shall show you ever-lasting life.

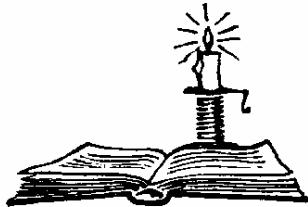
I sat with about fifty-four Brothers the other night for a Masonic funeral service for our Past Master and Brother Harry Christie Sr.. These are the times we all must pause and reflect on how short our time is on earth. With such a short time set out before for us, remember to spend a bit of your time with your Lord this week, he is waiting.

When you sit down this week to eat, remember to thank the Lord for the subsidence He has provided. Before When you go to bed, take a moment to thank the Lord Him for the day and for the night, thank Him for family and friends and the gift of love. When you have shared a few moments with him, practice those Masonic principles we all strive to endeavor in our daily lives.

Finally Brethren, if you are ever ill or are going into the hospital, please call myself or any of your officers to update the Lodge. Bless you all and make sure to visit a church of your choice this week.

Chaplain

PM Curt Angelo Campagna



March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	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	29	30	31		

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3/8/2005 - Stated Meeting
- 3/20/2005 - Broadway Baby
- 3/22/2005 - Social Meeting - Dinner and Cards
- 5/29/2005 - Lodge Outing - Brewer Game at Miller Park - See Flyer in this month's Trestleboard. Reservations are needed by 3/22/2005.

MOVIE NIGHT



“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 the 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.

Freddrick J. Gebert- 3/5/1948 - 57yrs

Bernard A. Strachota - 3/11/1966 - 39 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!”

Elwyn Hart ,P.M.- 3/8

Todd Roseman - 3/11

Dale A. Graeven, P.M. - 3/11

Jeffrey Chadderdon - 3/31

Stephen Braley - 3/11



Have you handed out a Pocket Petition yet? Contact the Worshipful Master if need more ?

THE MASTERS MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Dale A. Graeven, P. M.

Can you believe it's March? With the weather reports it's coming in as a Lion, so hopefully it goes out as a Lamb.

I'd like to thank our Investment Advisor, John Demetropoulos for his time at our February meeting to show what, where and why of our investments. He works with the Lodge Trustees on what to move, why it should go and where it should be re-invested. The Trustees look to the future and make decisions for the good of the Lodge. We have had some very good Trustees in the past that have placed us in a very pleasant financial position.

Did you attend the "Tripoli Shrine Circus" this year? We had a full page add in the program along with information on the 100th Anniversary of our lodge.

We also mourn the loss of Past Master Harry Christie Sr., owner of the "Chrismart". Lake Lodge Past Master Don Hensiak did an excellent job with the Masonic Funeral. Brother Harry will be missed by all.

We have a lodge outing coming on Sunday March 20th. The "Broadway Baby" dinner theater presentation of, "I Love You, Your Perfect, Now Change."

Look in this month's Trestleboard for a flyer about the up coming Brewers Game. This year we are going to be in the "Dew Deck" with other lodges.

This month you will find the Bio of our Lodge Secretary, John Chadderdon. And the first "Chaplain's Column."



Well, I won't be at the March 8th meeting, due to a company trip, but will be at the March 22nd meeting. The 22nd meeting is going to be a card night. Come prepared to learn or teach everyone a new/old game. Dinner will be served after a prayer (hint for you Curt) at 6:00 PM, cards to follow.

Don't forget to attend the Church of your choice.

Fraternally,

Dale A. Graeven

P.S. Yes, that was really me with a crown on, . . . it's a long story.

The Story of our Secretary John Chadderdon.

I was born in Battle Creek, Michigan. Graduated from Battle Creek Central High School and then worked as an apprentice electrician for my father, Earl. I also worked for him while in College.

In 1950 I took a twelve month Short Course at Michigan State University, graduating with a certificate in Forest Practice.

December 28, 1950, 28 of us joined the Naval Reserve Unit at Battle Creek. Then in January 1951 I started at Western Michigan University, attending until June of 1952.

In September 1952 I petitioned the Ira A. Beck Masonic Lodge No. 503. This was just prior to my going on active Navy duty on September 29, 1952. I was on active duty until November 1, 1955. The old saying "Join the Navy and see the World" did not prove out. I ended up with shore duty at the Dahlgren Naval Proving Grounds in Virginia.

I received my Master Mason Degree in September 1953 while home on leave. After returning to Dahlgren I was requested to assist on one of the patrol boats on the Potomac River. Brother Cox had assisted me in learning the Fellowcraft lesson prior to receiving my Master Mason Degree. He took me to Lodge in Colonial Beach, Virginia. This was the first Lodge I visited after becoming a Mason.

After returning from the Navy, I did electrical work with my father until September of 1957 when I returned to Western Michigan, graduating in June 1961 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. During college I became a journeyman electrician working with my father.

After graduating I worked in electrical work until April 14, 1963 when I started work in Business Management with the USDA-Forest Service at Cadillac, Michigan on the Huron-Manistee National Forest. In May 1964 we moved to Harrisburg, Illinois on the Shawnee National Forest. We then spent three-month detail in Ironton, Ohio. In May 1965 we moved to Ironwood, Michigan on the Ottawa National Forest. In March 1975 we moved to Missoula, Montana in the Region One Regional Office for two years. From Missoula we moved to Milwaukee in the Eastern Region Forest Service Office. I held the position of Contract Specialist until retirement on September 1, 1990 after having by-pass surgery in July. While moving from town to town, the first place we visited was Church and Lodge.

After rehab was completed I started work in security at the Milwaukee Airport. I had planned to work about three years, but ended up doing 12 ½ years until October 2002.

On June 22, 1957 I married a lovely young lady, Jean Carter in East Lansing, Michigan. On March 15, 1960 we were blessed with Lora, Jeffrey followed on March 31, 1962. Then while living in Ironwood on June 21, 1965 Larry was born and on September 23, 1969 Nancy was born. We have two true "Upers" in our family.

My Masonic history started in September 1952 as stated above. I was raised in Ira A. Beck No. 503 in Battle Creek. In 1962 along with my father we became members of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Grand Rapids, Michigan. By 1963 I was Senior Warden in 503. I had to resign in April 1963 when we moved to Cadillac. While in Cadillac I joined the Cadillac Chapter No.103 of the Royal Arch. When we moved to Ironwood I took out a plural membership with Ironwood Lodge No. 389. After being elected to an office, I transferred full membership to Ironwood No. 389. In 1968 I became Worshipful Master in Ironwood. From 1971-1975 I represented District 33 on the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes. The District they represent elects members of the Board.

When we moved to Milwaukee area, I did not join a local lodge until 1988 when I petitioned Damascus Lodge No. 290. In 1992 I became Worshipful Master of Damascus. The next year I was elected Secretary of Damascus No 290. In 1994 I petitioned Day-Lite Lodge No. 358 for a plural membership. In the fall of 2001 I volunteered to do the meals for Day-Lite. They elected me Junior Warden. In 2004 I was the Worshipful Master of Day-Lite. I still do the meals.

In January 1958 I joined the Battle Creek Chapter No.355 of the Eastern Star. My mother was Worthy Matron and Jean, my Bride, was the Star point Esther. Jean and I were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Whitnall Park Chapter Order of Easter Star in 1998. We were the last Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron prior to consolidating with West Allis Chapter.

For Twelve years, until December 31, 2004, I had been the Lay Leader of the Metro South District, of the United Methodist Church.

Pictures of the Secretary



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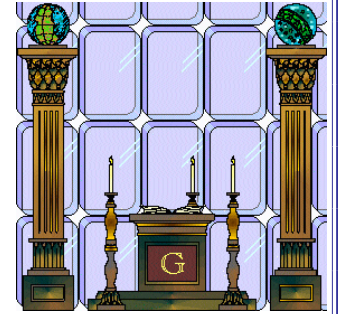
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PURELY A LABOR OF
LOVE.

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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MASTER'S BOARD

By the time you received this Trestleboard the Master's Board will have already met to interview 2 new candidates for the lodge.

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.



RANDOM PHOTO FROM LAST YEAR

