



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

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## CIRCUS DEDICATION

We would like to recognize the dedication and time put in by the members of our Lodge, to support the Tripoli Shrine circus. Brothers Dale A. Graeven, P.M., Dale R. Graeven, P.M., Curt A. Campagna, P.M., Tom Lang, P.M., Michael Meyer, P.M., George Weber, P.M., Chuck Tage, were among those who contributed to the success of the circus.

Not only did these Brothers give of themselves, but they also had help from their families, whether it was their spouse and / or their children.

They have exhibited the principles and teachings of Freemasonry by volunteering at the Tripoli Circus.



## ADMIRAL'S GAME

Damascus Lodge is headed for the ice rink, see the Admirals on March 16th. The game is at 7pm. We are inviting all members, their family and friends. The cost will be \$5.00 per person.

All reservations will be needed by Sunday, March 11th. Please contact Brother Secretary Michael Meyer, P.M. at 262-853-5631

This is going to be another join event with a couple of other Lodges in the area.

We look forward to seeing you there.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Circus Dedication*
-  *Counselor's Column*
-  *Master's Message*

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COUNSELOR'S COLUMN

Fraternal Greetings:

- What is a Mason?
- What do they do?
- What is it about the rings?
- World Domination?

Wow, all of those questions we are hit with. No wonder we are seen as a "secretive society".

Brothers, we have done a poor job of telling people about our great fraternity. Masons do good work all of the time in our communities, but are afraid to take any credit for the works. In my opinion it is OK to take credit for the good works that we do. Darn-it I am proud of being a Freemason and by saying this I am not looking for any individual gratitude, but have a proper pride for the good teachings and works of the craft.

Let us answer all of these questions and let us start by displaying our Masonic affiliation on our shirt collar. Brothers, it is time to educate the public about this organization. If we don't get out the truth many who have their own agendas of misinformation will

drive the discussion. A fictional will be the source of information. If you ever feel uncomfortable or feel that the questions asked about the fraternity are beyond your comfort level ask for help from any of your officers.

A great way to learn more about how to answer these questions by attending Lodge. The more involved you are in Lodge the better your understanding will be of what Masonry is. Live your life as a Mason, and be an ambassador of the craft.

In the next few months I will be taking on some of these common questions and will attempt to give some insight into the best way of answering them.

Curt Angelo Campagna P.M.  
Lodge Counselor



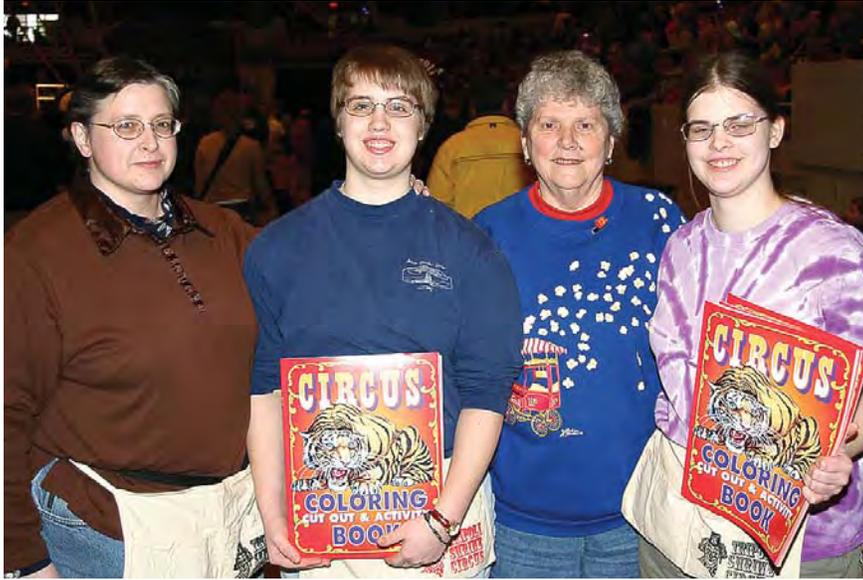
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3/13 - Stated Meeting - Master Mason Degree - Dinner 6pm, Lodge 7pm. MM Degree to begin about 7:30pm
- 3/16 - Admirals Game - 7pm
- 3/21 - Scottish Rite - Stated Meeting - 16th Degree Presentation done as Dinner Theatre. 5:30pm Meeting, 6:30pm Presentation.
- 3/27 - Special - Entered Apprentice Degree - Dinner 6pm, EA Degree at 7pm

## CIRCUS MEMORIES



## 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.

Bernard A Strachota - 3/11/1966 - 41 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!"

Byron E. Borck - 3/1

Elwyn P. Hart - 3/8

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

Stephen W. Braley 3/11

J. Todd Roseman - 3/11

Jeffrey J. Chadderdon - 3/31

*"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 another busy month, with the degree work, Sweetheart's Brunch, the Shrine Circus and all the other Masonic activities. With all the this activity time seems to fly by.

I'd like to thank, everyone for attending the Sweetheart's Brunch at the Pieces of Eight restaurant. We had about 70 people celebrating and enjoying each others company., all while eating a wonderful brunch. Thanks to the other Lodges, Waukesha, McKinley and Freemasons , for their support and attendance.

As you have seen, we have a few Circus photos in this month's Trestleboard, thanks to Dale R. Graeven, P.M. and the Tripoli Photo Corp. We look forward to seeing many more photos throughout the year.



This month we have a couple events happening at Lodge. At the Stated meeting this month we expect to have a Fellowcraft Posting and a Master Mason Degree for Brother Kyle Olson.

We are looking forward to a possible Entered Apprentice Degree on the fourth Tuesday of this month.

With all this degree work, we are also going to have a little fun at the Admiral's Game. This is another joint event with a couple of other area Lodges.

Fraternally,

Pat Militzer  
Worshipful Master

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## DEGREE DIRECTOR DRAWS HIS DESIGNS

I wish to thank the Lodge for giving me the honor of serving as its Degree Director for these past several years. I consider it a great privilege to work with so many energetic and dedicated Brothers of the Craft.

Just a few years back, this Lodge was struggling to find candidates in need of degree work, and as such, was dangerously close to losing any sense of proficiency in the conferral of our several Masonic degrees.

Yet, through hard work and effort, we have helped our Lodge toil diligently in the quarries, resulting in our being able to confer virtually all of the requisite

ritual parts, with only a very few exceptions.

To each and every Brother who has contributed to this dramatic turnaround, I say, "Well done, good and faithful servant of the Lodge, well done!" I look forward to the many excellent degrees we have yet to share.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Michael B. Meyer, PM  
Director of Degrees



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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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*MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER*

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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.

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## CIRCUS FUN

