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SCOOBY DOO, WHERE ARE YOU?

On February 23rd the members of Damascus (who weren't afraid) met at The Majestic Movie Theater for a night of 'Scooby snacks' and fun! The food was great and "Wolfman" was almost as scary as Larry in a bathing suit. 'Suga' screamed like a little girl and we all had a great time! It was a great way to kick off the year, Damascus Style!

GAME DAY AT LODGE: NEW LOCATION

Don't forget to sign up for 'Game Day', March 14th at 3:00 pm. Join us at West Allis Lodge for an afternoon of food, fun and games. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite board game. Call Bro. Lloyd at 315-0186 to reserve your place.

Best of all, IT'S FREE! Come and escape the winter blahs! Who will be crowned the Trivial Pursuit Champion?

HOW MANY DEGREES?

It's not a question about the weather. It's a question of just how busy will we be this year. Last year we were lucky enough to be doing degree work all summer long. This year may prove to be just as busy. Watch the 'On Line Calendar' and come out to support our candidates. Let them know Damascus Lodge is proud to have them!

NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGES

Due to Lake Masonic Center being closed for repairs, our Stated Meeting on March 9, 2010 will be held at Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, 4315 N. 92nd Street, Wauwatosa. Lodge will commence at 7:00 pm.

If you would like to join us for dinner we will be meeting at Mykonos Restaurant, 8501 West Capitol Drive, at 5:00pm. There will be a \$5.00 charge for dinner. Call Bro. Mike Fairbanks, 414-397-0330 if you will be coming for dinner.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Upcoming Degrees*
-  *Cabin Fever*
-  *By the Plumb*
-  *Master's Message*
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MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3/2 - Degree Practice, Palmer Lodge 7pm
- 3/4 - School of Instruction - Nathan Hale - 7pm
- 3/9 - Stated Meeting 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge Opens
- 3/14 - Cabin Fever -Games Day -West Allis Lodge
- 3/23 - Special Communication - 3 EA Degree's - 6pm Dinner - 7pm Lodge Opens

BY THE PLUMB

Walk Upright Before God and Man

While on the path to becoming a Master Mason, we learn that our Operative Brethren traveled into foreign lands and countries to work during a time when most people were not. Nor could the others be trusted. Our ancient Brethren developed a reputation for honesty and integrity and did so by not over charging or cheating their clients and by completing quality work in a timely fashion. They lived and based their lives on the morals and principles of Speculative Masonry and so much of Masonry is following the rule and guide of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

As young children we grow and learn from our parents, who teach and guide us through life. At first the lessons are generally centered on not touching something; a favorite knick knack, perhaps a plant, and especially anything that might be hot. The first word often learned is "NO".

Most young children are truthful at first, when they go against mom or dad and grab that favorite knick knack and it becomes broken or damaged. They learn very quickly that trouble usually follows after defying their parents and they learn to tell lies. This means that mom and dad's next lesson to the errant child is accepting responsibility for their actions and that honesty truly is the best policy, regardless of the consequences.

Walking upright before God and Man in our several stations in life is a major part of being a Mason. Honesty, integrity, and good conduct regardless of the consequences is vital to putting a good light on any organization, more especially Masonry because it is how we portray ourselves and how we would like to be portrayed by the public. We as Masons cannot say to the public "Hey, look at us, we are good people" in one breath, then in the next make obscene gestures and throw a temper tantrum at the guy who just cut us off on the freeway. Remember the young child who is in the throes of learning honesty? Just think of how many times that same young child is watching from his seat in the car when we are cut off on the freeway.

Let us ever remember our Masonic station in life. Let us be good examples for not only our own children but for everyone who sees us as Masons. Let us emulate our ancient brethren and live our lives as they did; with temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice in all of our laudable undertakings

See everyone in Lodge.

Be there AND be Square.

Michael Fairbanks
Junior Warden

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Larry Chadderdon

Brethren,

I had hoped to open this by saying, "WELCOME HOME", meaning we were back into our home building the Lake Masonic Center. Unfortunately that isn't the case. Due to a hold up with the carpeting at the mill, the carpet will not arrive until at least the 11th. Therefore, our practice on the 2nd and our meeting on the 9th will again be held at Palmer Lodge. On the 2nd we will start practice between 6:30 and 7:00pm. Dinner will not be provided. On the 9th we will meet as we did in February. Dinner at Mykonos restaurant about 5:00pm with our meeting starting at 7:00pm.

Also, since the carpet may not be installed or dry, our Cabin Fever event will be being held at the West Allis Temple. Same time and date as printed on the flyer in last months Trestleboard. Please remember that this is a potluck event.



Our special communication on the 23rd will be held at Lake Masonic Center. We are planning on doing 3 entered Apprentice degrees that evening. Dinner at 6:00pm, Degrees at 7:00pm. Please come out and support our initiates.

Until next month brothers.
Larry Chadderdon WM

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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.

THREE EAs SCHEDULED

On March 23rd the Damascus Lodge Degree Team will be conferring three Entered Apprentice Degrees. We will be initiating Mr. Brian Bertram, Mr. Peter Czechorski and Mr. Tom Tinney. Please make every effort to come out and support our candidates and our Officers.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Upcoming degrees

Hang in there, Brethren. Soon we will be back in our own Lodge and engaged in the craft we all love. We have received several petitions and several new members have been elected to receive the degrees conferred in our Lodge.

Now is the time for everyone to learn a new degree part or volunteer to mentor a new Brother. As Hillary Clinton said, "It takes a Lodge to build a Master Mason." Well, it was something like that. But it's true! We need everyone in the Lodge to help make sure ALL our new members feel welcome and important. They are the future of our Lodge, so let's be sure to show them how much we appreciate their having joined us.

If you're looking for a degree part to learn, see me. If you'd like to mentor a new Brother, see me. Together we can build a strong Lodge for the future.

See you in Lodge!

Bro. Mick Olson