



DAMASCUS LODGE #290 F. & A. M.



# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

It has been a busy and productive year so far, and it looks like there is no letting up in the work or the fun.

At the end of last month, the lodge had a dinner and a play at Broadway Baby. From all reviews everyone had a great time sharing in the fellowship of laughter and friendship.

Last month, the Lodge approved the list of High Schools that will be receiving scholarships from the Lodge. Those Schools are Bradley Tech, Greendale and Oak Creek High Schools.

The Lodge also approved a donation of 200 lbs of onions. The Lodge will make the purchase from the Tripoli Shrine and then turn the onions over to the Hunger Task Force. This allows the Lodge to double its donation power, helping both a Masonic and local community organization. The donation will be made later this month when the onions arrive in town.

At the beginning of this month we will have two new Master Masons joining our lodge, plus two new plural members who joined the lodge last month (See the Article below) .

At the end of this month, a School of Instruction has been scheduled for April 25, 2005 at South Shore Lodge in South Milwaukee. Feel free to come support your Brethren as they put some polish on there degree work.

After that day of labor, its time again for another Masonic Movie Night here at Damascus Lodge. Will be featuring the Caddyshack and the First Annual Putting Contest. Make sure you bring your favorite putter.

Next Month we will be going to the Brewer game on May 29th.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Lodge Events*
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## WELCOME TO LODGE

The Lodge wishes to welcome its newest members, Dennis McNulty, David Riehl (Plural Member), Lloyd Wilson and Charles Tatge, who just completed the Masonic Day-Light installation at the beginning of this month.

We look forward seeing you at the upcoming lodge events.

If you or any other members have questions, please feel free to contact any of the Lodge Officers.

Watch for upcoming events in the TrestleBoard and on the Lodge web site at <http://www.dl290.org> .



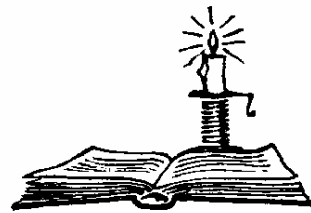
## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Greeting Brethren,

I hope all of our Christian Brethren enjoyed the blessed Easter celebration of Jesus Christ's triumph of Life over Death. Spring is here and our days are finally getting warmer in the frozen tundra of the great Midwest. Take a few moments this week to look around at the miracle of life that the Great Architect has orchestrated just for us. Take a quiet walk in a park, stop and listen to the birds, or just look up in the sky and marvel at the clouds. God is doing marvelous things around you; it just takes you to take a moment and see. So, turn off those TVs, put down that paper, forget your cell phone at home and just – Thank the Lord your God... for life is Good!

God Bless You All,

Brother Curt Angelo Campagna



## April 2005

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4/2/2005 - Masonic Day-Light
- 4/12/2005 - Stated Meeting
- 4/21-23/2005 - Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
- 4/25/2005 - School of Instruction
- 4/26/2005 - Social Meeting - Dinner and Cards
- 5/29/2005 - Lodge Outing - Brewer Game at Miller Park

## THE MASTER'S CARPET



“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.

Jeffrey J. Chadderdon - 4/3/2005 - 1 year

Larry L. Chadderdon - 4/3/2005 - 1 year

Jeffrey A. Jones - 4/3/2005 - 1 year

Daniel R. Lopez - 4/3/2005 - 1 year

Kenneth Starkman - 4/3/2005 - 1 year

J. Todd Roseman - 4/22/2005 - 2 years

Michael B. Meyer, P.M. 4/5/1983 - 22 years

Walter Lee Ackley - 4/18/1979 - 26 years

Gerald A. Jordan, P.M. - 4/18/1975 - 30 years

John V. Schroder - 4/26/1968 - 37 years

Thomas Delakis - 4/20/1956 - 49 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!”

Chris T. Mihas - 4/5

Eckhard Tetzlaff - 4/6

Robert S. Huebner - 4/9



*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.

Brethren,

Broadway Baby theater was wonderful. Those that attended could relate to one or more of the short skits that made up the show, "I Love You, Your Perfect, Now Change". It was nice to see some of our widows as well. All in all it was a success.

We are beginning to become busy, some things to keep in mind are the Brewers Baseball Game, Grand Lodge, High School Scholarships, and the list goes on.

Let's not forget something we started last year, the Onion Donation to the local pantry. This not only benefits Tripoli Shriners (one of our Fraternities) but also our community.

Remember the School of Instruction that was postponed? Well it is now scheduled for Monday April 25th at 7:00 PM. It will take place at the South Shore Lodge No. 3 in South Milwaukee.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 10th, dinner will be served at 6:10 PM, after an appropriate prayer from our Chaplain.

The meeting on April 26th (the day after the School of Instruction) will be a movie night. We are going to have Popcorn, Pizza and a favorite snack of yours (you bring it). The main feature is going to be the golf instruction video featuring Chevy Chase. If you haven't guess it yet, it's "Caddyshack". But be prepared cause we are planning to have a putting contest. So bring your "straight" putter (one that hasn't been rapped around a tree) and practice at home. It's going to be fun. The commercials before the feature presentation will be "Car Commercials of Yesterday", it will bring back memories for some and for others, "they made cars looking like that?"



This months Bio is of our Senior Warden, R. Tom Lang.

Fraternally,

Dale A. Graeven

## The Journey of the Senior Warden Tom Lang

As life is a journey, I thought it would be appropriate to tell you all about my journey thus far.

I was born on a warm 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 1951. I was the first-born son the family. I also have two older sisters and a younger brother. In that Oshkosh, WI was a relatively small town at that time, I grew up having the countryside close at hand. My parents were always involved in our lives. My dad took me hunting, fishing and sport shooting as a young boy. Even now, a crisp cool sunrise in late October takes me back to hunting waterfowl with him on Rush Lake. My mother ensured that we all worked hard in school. Her efforts weren't always fruitful where I was concerned.

After graduating from High School in 1969, I enrolled at Wisconsin State University in Oshkosh. I lasted three semesters before being asked to leave due to poor academic performance. I later re-enrolled, repeated 27 credits of coursework I had either failed or near failed at my expense. I went on earn a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1977. I then enrolled in graduate school at Marquette University and earned a Master of Arts degree in 1979.

I joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard in 1971. I eventually retired as a Sergeant First Class in 1992. It was a great experience, not to mention a tremendous learning experience.

While in college, I was on the university sailing team. During this time, I met my wife Rita who was my crew.

We were married in 1980 in Milwaukee, where we decided to stay and build our lives and have our family. My wife was a nurse at the old Milwaukee County Hospital. She is now a caseworker at Froederdt Hospital. This year we will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

I started out working for Keller's located in the old Capitol Court. I managed one of their stores until I left to enter the wholesale wine and liquor business. It was my business travels here that brought me in contact with men I would learn were in the fraternity. In 1982, I was introduced to John Lukich while having lunch at a bowling alley that was a customer of mine. I frequently saw brother John at lunch.

One day I noticed his Scottish Rite ring. I asked him about and he explained what it was and talked about masonry. I remembered that my father once showed me my grandfather's Masonic ring and told me that he had been in Demolay as a young man. He was not able to join the fraternity due to circumstances at that time. I remember I asked John a lot of questions. The more I asked, the more interested I became.

I joined the fraternity in late 1982 and was raised in May of 1983. I served as Worshipful Master in 1993 and 2000. It is true that Masonry makes a good man better as evidenced by all the terrific men I have had the pleasure and privilege of serving with. I Joined Tripoli Shrine last December.

As I continue my life's journey, it becomes apparent that some decisions made are better than others. Becoming a Freemason was absolutely one of the best I have made thus far.

# Pictures of the Senior Warden



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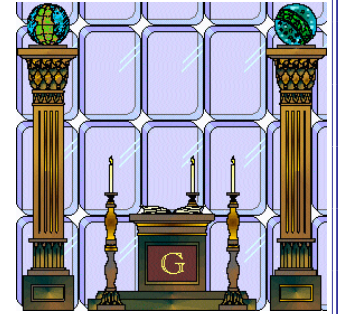
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PURELY A LABOR OF  
LOVE.

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  
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ANOTHER;  
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**Benjamin Franklin**  
(1706-1790)



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## MASTER'S BOARD

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.



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## CIRCUS FUN WITH THE TATOO'D MAN

