



DAMASCUS LODGE #290 F. & A. M.



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FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILY FUN FOR ALL

Fellowship and family fun was enjoyed and cherished by all last month.

Last month the Damascus Lodge was pretty busy and not normal Lodge business, but with a couple of successful events.

First, the Lodge went to the Fireside Theater, in Johnson Creek, a dinner and the play "The Music Man". Everyone had enjoyable time.

The next event, expanded upon an event we have held a few times at the lodge, but we took it to the next level. The Lodge held an event for the entire family.

The Lodge went to the Shaggy Dog at the AMC Theater. We filled our seats in the Theater, boy were they

comfortable seats . Nice wide leather seats, a nice table for each person for there food and drink and you got to butter your own popcorn.

And to top off the experience, the young at heart enjoyed a good movie and fellowship with friends, family and Brothers.

These last two events are just a sampling of the fun filled events that happen at Damascus Lodge.

On the more serious side, the members of Damascus Lodge are helping our surrounding community.

Just last month we approved 3 scholarships for High School Seniors, the purchase of Onions from the Shrine which will be donated to the local food pantries and purchased shirts for the Job's Daughters Bethel # 6.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Fellowship and Family Fun*
- *Onions*
- *Chaplain's Message*
- *Upcoming Fellowcraft Degree*
- *Master's Message*

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What is the Sweet Smell?



Why it is the sweet smell of Shriner Onions. Damascus Lodge is once again going to stretch there donation dollars by purchasing 50 ten pound bags of Shriner Onions and then donating them to the Hunger Taskforce.

This way we are able to help a Masonic Organization and then also help a local charity with the same donation.

Our hope is that other lodges would also take advantage of this way to stretch their donation dollars.

Chaplain's Message

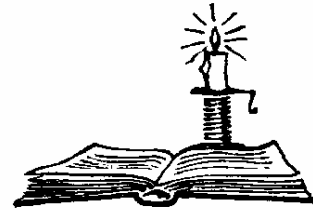
Hi again from your Chaplin.

It has been a very interesting time since we both have chatted. My wife Diana and I, along with her parents went to Rome, Italy to celebrate our fifteenth year of marriage a couple of weeks ago. Some have asked, "Why Rome?". With the name Campagna where else could we have gone? For anyone who is looking to go I highly recommend it. For those of the Christian faith I would say it is almost a must in your lifetime. I found myself realizing the enormity of the Christian church. Yes, there are mostly Catholic teaching there, but for all us Protestants there was much to get out of it. The strengthening of seeing these buildings devoted to God cannot truly be told. The air was thick with prayers and devotion to deity. The very stone seemed to be made just for this occasion. The scene of the Bible's words seem to be humming from the art work. When we were in one of the four hundred churches with our necks stretched to get a glimpse of the works of art above our heads, my father-in-law asked the question that all of us had been thinking.

"When people back home ask us what it looked like or felt like to be in Gods house here, what are we going to say"? I said, " I don't think there are words to describe this". This feeling is the feeling we get when we get close to "our own" God. Being in the presence of his splendor takes away our words, and leaves us with just a powerful emotion.

It is good to be home and God Bless

God Bless
 Fraternally Yours,
 Curt A. Campagna, P.M.



April 2006

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4/11 - Stated Meeting - EA Postings - Master's Board - Dinner at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm.
- 4/20-22 - Scottish Rite Reunion - Valley of Milwaukee
- 4/25 - Fellowcraft Degree
- 4/28 -30 - Shriner Onion Sales
- 4/29 - Man to Mason to Shriner Day
- 5/20 - 100th Anniversary Celebration

NEW CANDIDATES AND UPCOMING FELLOWCRAFTS

On April 25th, the lodge will be having a fellowcraft degree. Brothers Donald O’Kray and Peter Scopur are going to be posting in the Entered Apprentice degree at this month’s stated meeting. We are looking forward to helping the Brothers along there path in Freemasonry.

Also , the Master’s Board President Brother Curt Campagna has received another Petition for membership, which will be read in lodge at the April Stated meeting.

FUN AT THE FIRESIDE



“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 for 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.

Thomas Delakis - 4/20/1956 - 50 yrs
John V. Schroder - 4/26/1968 - 38 yrs
Gerald A Jordan - 4/18/1975 - 31 yrs
Walter Lee Ackley - 4/18/1979 - 27 yrs
Michael B. Meyer - 4/5/1983 - 23 yrs

J. Todd Roseman - 4/22/2003 - 3 yrs.
Jeffery J. Chadderdon - 4/3/2004 - 2yrs
Larry L. Chadderdon - 4/3/2004 - 2 yrs
Jeffrey A. Jones - 4/3/2004 - 2yrs
Daniel R. Lopez - 4/3/2004 - 2yrs
Kenneth J. Starkman - 4/3/2004 - 2yrs

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

THE MASTERS MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Dale A. Graeven, P. M.

Brethren,

We have been working on our Entered Apprentice degree for a while now and are ready to try the Fellowcraft degree. Yep, that means some of our EA's are ready for examination and will be ready to be "passed on". The exam will take place on Tuesday April 11th and the degree April 25th.

Our school of Instruction went extremely well. Comments were "you guys know the work and have some fun as well". So stop in and see the officers "do their thing". Damascus Lodge #290 had a wonderful turn-out for our movie night at the AMC theaters in Mayfair. We filled our half of the room.

Watch for the flyer for the 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the \$ Points Sheraton on Saturday May 20th.

It's Spring Time, let's all take some time to enjoy our earth come back to life after the long winter. Basically, I'm saying, stop, take a little time, and smell the roses.

Fraternally,

Dale A. Graeven
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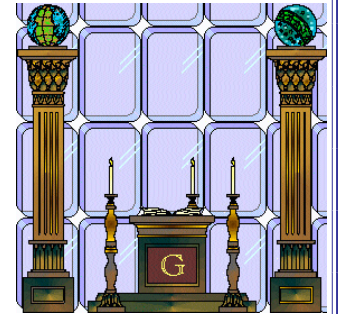
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MASONIC LABOR IS
PURELY A LABOR OF
LOVE.

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,
HELPLESSNESS BEGETS
HELPLESSNESS, 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. Keep on the lookout for possible candidates. Keep in mind there is a Man-Mason-Shriner Day coming in April. The Master's Board Chairman Curt Campagna, P.M. would like to thank all those who have helped with the Master's Board so far this year.

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.

SENIOR WARDEN'S NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

