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NEW MASTER MASON

Congratulation, to Kyle Olson on his dedication to the Craft and on attaining the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 13th. Brother Charles 'Mick' Olson, Senior Warden, was the conferring Master, raising his own son to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Lodge along with visiting Brother, put on an excellent degree, and we would like to thank all involved for their participation and assistance in putting on the degree.

Brother Kyle is the first new Master Mason this year, leaves eight more to go before the Worshipful Master's head is shaved. We have one other person starting out and we just received another petition which will be read in lodge. The Lodge is making good progress toward the goal of 9 new Master Masons. So keep a watch out for possible candidates.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

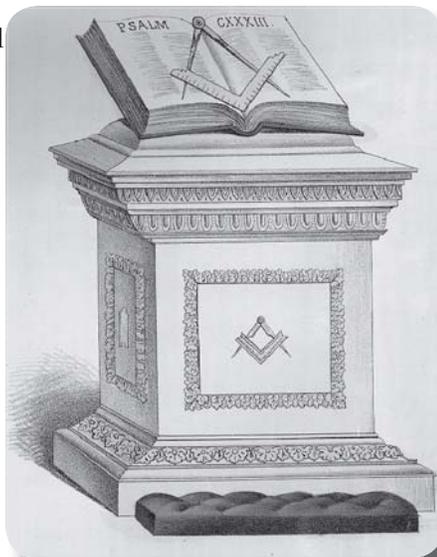
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THE PASSING OF A BROTHER

Damascus Lodge No. 290, is sad to report the passing of Brother Lloyd A. Knutson. He has answered the call of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Brother Lloyd was our oldest lodge member, at 102 years. He lived at the Dousman Home, and last year moved into Three Pillars. While at Dousman, he acted many times as a volunteer greeter welcoming Brothers, visitors and friends.

Brother Lloyd was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 9/15/1926. He was an 80 year member of Damascus Lodge #290.



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COUNSELOR'S COLUMN

Fraternal greetings,

Time to learn:

So, it is time to ask some questions about Freemasonry and attempt to learn some of the answers. We have all said at times that we should advance ourselves in our understanding of the craft. Instead of always picking up that newspaper or magazine, try picking up a book or reading a point paper on Freemasonry every now and then.

The history and ideals found in Freemasonry are rich with life changing benefits that assist your growth in the craft as well as your becoming a better man. The Lodge is more than just a group of friends that get together for degree work, business meetings, and social times. There is a sense of history, and powerful writings included in the craft.

Many very good books and poems have been written about Freemasonry which can be recommended by others who have already advanced in learning in the craft. A good way to start would be to ask for one of the pamphlets available at Lodge supplied by the Lodge Counselor. These pamphlets are also very helpful when you give one to those outside the craft who are just starting to explore what our Fraternity is about.

Questions:

- How many Brothers know when we were formally formed as an organization?
- Can you give me the names of ten notable Masons?
- Where was the first Wisconsin Masonic Lodge founded, and in what city?
- Where was the first Grand Lodge Communication in Wisconsin held?
- Did you know that the designer of the statue of Liberty was a Freemason?
- Did you know Charles Lindbergh was a Mason and on his historic flight he wore a square and compasses on his jacket for good luck.
- Did you know that Brother Gordon Cooper, in his Mercury capsule, carried a Masonic coin and a blue Masonic flag on his 22 orbit flight, which he later presented to his mother Lodge?

All of these facts and answers can be found in reading. Brothers it is time to do some studying for the craft is yours to absorb; -- soak it up and you will find that it is very satisfying.

Curt Angelo Campagna P.M.
Lodge Counselor

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4/8 - Easter - York Rite and Scottish Rite - Rekindling 7:30am at the Scottish Rite
- 4/10 - Stated Meeting - Dinner 6pm, Lodge 7pm.
- 4/18 - Scottish Rite - Public Degree - Friend & Brother, Dinner at 6pm, Degree at 7pm.
- 4/24 - Miller Park Tour - 6pm.
- 6/25 - Brewer Game - In June the Lodge will be going back to Miller Park to watch the Brewers. Watch for further details.

MILLER PARK TOUR

On April 24th, Damascus Lodge No. 290 will be taking a tour of Miller Park, going behind the scenes to see all the spots you normally do not get to see when you go to the game.

This event is open to all members, widows, family and friends. The cost is \$6.00 and will include dinner at Culver's, in West Milwaukee, after the tour.

Brother Treasurer Lou Montgomery will be

personally guiding us on our tour of Miller Park.

To make your reservations, contact Brother Secretary Mike Meyer at 262-853-5631. Please have your reservations in to Brother Mike by April 12th.

The tour meets at the Brewers Fan Zone in Miller Park's Hot Corner down the left field line.

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.

John V. Schroder - 4/26/1968 - 39 years

Gerald A. Jordan, P.M. - 4/18/1975 - 32 years

Walter L. Ackley - 4/18/1979 - 28 years

Michael Meyer, P.M. - 4/5/1983 - 24 years

J. Todd Roseman, 4/22/2003 - 4 years

Jeffrey J. Chadderdon, 4/3/2004 - 3 years

Larry L. Chadderdon, 4/3/2004 - 3 years

Jeffrey A. Jones - 4/3/2004 - 3 years

Daniel D. Lopez - 4/3/2004 - 3 years

Dennis D McNulty - 4/3/2004 - 3 years

Kenneth J. Starkman - 4/3/2004 - 3 years

Charles E. Tatge - 4/2/2005 - 2 years

Lloyd A. Wilson - 4/2/2005 - 2 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 J. Mihas - 4/5

Eckhard Tetzlaff - 4/6

Charles J. Tatge - 4/23

"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,

We have had a busy month, and have another one coming up. We raised a new Master Mason on March 13th, which is always a memorable event in the life of the Lodge. We are looking forward to many more of these events. We have a candidate ready to receive his Entered Apprentice Degree and on the fourth Tuesday, last month we received another petition for membership, which will be read in Lodge at this month's stated meeting. This is the third petition this year, which shows that we are making wonderful progress toward the goal of nine new Master Masons by the end of the year.

We also had a visit from our lodge member Lenny Gruszecki, PM.. We were able to give him his Fifty Year pin and certificate. It was a surprise to him, but appreciated.

The Admirals Game was a hit, everyone who attended had a good time. We had seats right behind the end line. Unfortunately, the Admirals did not win; -- the game ended in a tie and we had a shootout with the Admirals losing. We still had a great time with the other Lodges from the area who attended with us.

On March 21st, Brother Mike Meyer, PM, Past Sovereign Prince, directed the 16th Degree at the Scottish Rite, Valley of Milwaukee. The degree was done in a dinner theater style, so the audience would be closer to the action. The degree was a great success. Congratulation to you Brother Mike and your actors.

On the 4th Tuesday of March, we had a movie night and a private screening of "Operation: Water Buffalo". Brother Kyle and his film crew put together a documentary of the local Oak Creek pirates, who happened to be involved in an incident at Brother Dale A. Graeven's, PM house, on his birthday. If you happen to see Brother Dale you might want to ask him about it.

This month, we have many things happening, first is the stated meeting, which is always fun and exciting, because you never know what is going to happen.

Next thing we have is an opportunity for everyone to see a retired Scottish Rite Degree, this Degree which was the 26th Degree, has been designated as a public degree, which allows anybody to see the degree, including Scottish Rite members, Masons, family, and friends. The Degree is called Friend and Brother, and takes place during the Civil War. The degree will be on April 18th. There is a Dinner at 6pm (Cost \$20), and the Degree at 7pm (Cost: Free). If you have not seen the Scottish Rite, or been there for a while it is a great way to bring yourself, family, and friends to experience the show. The Scottish Rite is located at 735 Van Buren Street, Milwaukee WI.

Lastly, we have a Lodge family event. We are going to visit Miller Park, and see the behind the scenes workings of a Major League Baseball park, and as a guide we have our very own Lou Montgomery, PM to leads us around. Afterwards, we will stop by Culvers for a hamburger and some custard.

Fraternally,

Pat Militzer
Worshipful Master

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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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Curt A. Campagna, P.M. (2008)
Lloyd A. Wilson (2009)

SICK AND VISITATION CHAIRPERSON

Mick Olson

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.

FIFTY YEARS IN LODGE

