



THE TRESTLEBOARD

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DAMASCUS LODGE 100TH CELEBRATION

Brethren, we would like to thank all who were able to attend Damascus Lodge's 100th Celebration, the event was enjoyed by all who participated. We were able to rekindle old friendships and make new ones.

During the reception we enjoyed a musical performance by Harpist Jennifer Dodge and during dinner we were serenaded by the Lakeside String Quartet. The dinner and hors d'oeuvres were wonderful and received great reviews.

Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, Grand Secretary gave a presentation on Freemasonry: Past, Present, and Future. It was a very informative topic and well received.

The Lodge received a gift of a new Tyler's Sword. Joseph Dalkner, Tyler accepted the sword on behalf of the lodge.

The lodge gave out five awards, consisting of plaques to recognize Bro. Louis Montgomery, P.M., Bro. Tom Lang, P.M., Bro. Dale R. Graeven, P.M., Bro. Pat Militzer and Alice

Rapey for all the time and effort they have given to the lodge. The Worshipful Master further explains the reasons for the awards in his Master's Message.

Also check out some of the photos from the 100th Celebration here in the TrestleBoard, but also see the rest on the Lodge's Website at <http://www.dl290.org>.



JOB'S DAUGHTER'S SOFTBALL

Damascus Lodge is currently sponsoring the Job's Daughter's Softball team. We thought you might like to see the shirts and the Jobies in action.


In the lower right hand corner of the picture you see the Masonic Emblem and Job's Daughter's Logo which appears on one sleeve of the

shirt. Brother's Campagna, Meyer, and Weber each have a daughter playing on the softball team.

The team plays on Tuesday Nights throughout the summer months. Contact one of these proud fathers for information regarding time and place.



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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brethren; On a wonderful Saturday morning this month I had the pleasure of riding my motorcycle in the company of Junior Warden Mick Olson and Fellowcraft Don O'Kray. We road our bikes along the back roads to Holy Hill; then catching lunch at the Mine Shaft in Hartford. The weather was perfect with just a tinge of haze in the upper atmosphere.

They say that riding a motorcycle is a spiritual thing. I get that feeling when I ride, for it feels like the world opens up around me, there seems to be a connection with nature that occurs, the world appears as a deluge of smells and the colors that cascade all over my body.

All of Gods glory seems to flow over you creating an anticipation for your senses of what new sensations await you around the next turn or over the next few miles.

The thing that really blows me away after all of this sensory overload is the joy that it brings sharing this marvelous experience with others. When you ride with friends on a motorcycle trip there is a sense of bonding that occurs where one shares his experience with his friends.

This same experience can also be shared with others when you take a journey in life with good friends. The trip is the same with close friends as it is to being on motorcycles. We were created to enjoy one another's friendship in life's journey.

This month I ask all of you to join us in fellowship at the Lodge, share some time with family or friends. Or just go on a ride and make some new friendships for that is what living is really about.

God be with all of you,
your friend,
Curt Angelo Campagna P.M. Chaplin



JUNE 2006

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6/2-3 - Grand Lodge - Madison
- 6/6 - Scottish Rite - Install of Officers - Milwaukee
- 6/10 - Shrine Ceremonial - Kenosha
- 6/13 - Stated Meeting - Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7pm
- 6/27 - FC Degree Practice - Light Dinner 6pm, Practice 7pm.
- 7/8 - Family Day - Lunch, Mini-Golf and Ice Cream Sundays. See the Flyer.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Enclosed with this month's Trestleboard, you will find a copy of the current Membership Directory.

In the directory you will find a list of this year's Lodge Officers. Next to your name you will notice a Square and Compass showing the blue lodge degree that you have achieved. Lodge officers will find their Officer's Jewel instead, and Past Masters will see their Jewel.

Below that you will see up to 3 other logos for the other masonic bodies you belong to. If for some reason you see none, please let us know what other masonic bodies you belong to and we will happily update our information and

correct it in the next membership directory. Remember only three additional logos can be added below, so if you have a preference please let us know.

The last page of the directory is a form for you to make corrections, adjustments and additions. If you will fill it out and mail it back to lodge, we will make the corrections. You can email corrections to senior.warden@dl290.org.

Mail Corrections to:
Damascus Lodge No. 290 F. & A.M.
1235 East Howard Ave.
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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.

Harold R. Lewitzke - 6/17/1938 - 68 yrs.
Richard H. Feest - 6/13/1958 - 48 yrs.

Col. Robert Acton - 6/20/1958 - 48 yrs.
Irvin S. Behrendt - 6/20/1975 - 31 yrs.

“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

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!”

John L. Immel - 6/2
William J. Metzen - 6/11

Richard H. Feest - 6/12
Larry L Chadderdon - 6/21

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Dale A. Graeven, P.M.

Remember when; at one time in your life 2006 was a year of the “future”? Well, the founders of our Lodge could have been thinking the same thing. So here we are beginning our next 100 years. If you missed the celebration and still want a commemorative program, please contact us via e-mail or snail mail (USPS) with your request and correct mailing address so we can send you a program.

The evening was a first class affair, people in tuxes, a Harp player, and a String Quartet just for starters. The Harp was playing while the reception was going on. The String Quartet began when we sat down for dinner, but before dinner we had a toast, a prayer (an outstanding job from our Chaplain), and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. After the salad, rolls w/butter, the dinner entrée', and dessert, we had an excellent program from the Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf on Freemasonry: Past, Present and Future.

I'm sure you will find pictures in the TrestleBoard of the “new” Tilers Sword that the Lodge purchased to begin our journey of the next 100 years. We presented awards to Brother Lou Montgomery PM for his dedication to our Lodge by being the Treasurer for so many years. Brother R. Tom Lang for filling in officers chairs at anytime and having the food ordered and ready for all of our meetings, as well as bringing music to the Lodge on occasion. To Brother Dale R. Graeven PM, for taking pictures and picking up the food for meetings, as well as taking pictures at our functions. Brother Pat Miltzer for his time and talents, with soo many to list it would take up the majority of this TrestleBoard, but if it wasn't for Brother Pat, you wouldn't be reading this right now. And to Alice Rapey, for her dedicated service to our Lodge even after the passing of her husband and our Brother Ray Rapey PM, she lets us know if there is a problem with the grammar and spelling in the trestleboard and still rings the Salvation Army bells at Christmas time for Damascus Lodge #290. If you weren't there you missed a good time for fellowship.

Scholarship presentations are happening and we have asked the recipients to keep us informed of their education endeavors.

Now for the future -- well let's talk about the next few months. We are going to have a Lodge meeting on Tuesday June 13th; this will be our stated meeting. Tuesday June 27th will be a Fellowcraft Degree Practice, I've already informed our degree director of this, and he will be there to give proper instruction. The reason we are doing this is because we can foresee more FC's in fall. Parts for the MM Degree are also currently being assigned; see Bro. Michael Meyer, P.M. Degree Director and express your interest in one or more of the parts. So find out what part's you want to learn and be prepared for fall.

We are looking at a family picnic this summer so watch for more information and the website since there will not be a trestleboard in July and August.

That's the information so far and for the officers that have not submitted a BIO; I will be getting a committee together to put one together for you, with help form “outside” sources of course.

Fraternally,

Dale A. Graeven
2006 Worshipful Master

DAMASCUS LODGE REMEMBRANCES

Prior to the 100th Celebration, we asked for Damascus Lodge Remembrances. This month we are adding a new section to the Trestleboard. As the remembrances come in, we will pass them along. As you read these, take time to recall your own Damascus Lodge memories. If you have the time, please pass them along to us, so we may share them with the rest of the membership.

Brother Fred Goad sent us the following Remembrance.

“Many years ago we were invited to the Fort Atkinson lodge. Rather than entering in the usual traditional manner we decided to do something different.

So we decided to put together some costumes to wear. Something silly and crazy as we entered the lodge.

We had Brother Polzin who played the accordion and he played music to the tune of the Hug-A-Bug as we entered the lodge in a line swinging and swaying to that tune of the Hug-A-Bug. All in a single line.

The picture will give you some ideas of the costumes we were wearing.



At first the lodge members of the Fort Atkinson lodge were taken aback. Then later they laughed and got a big kick out of our antics.

We had fun putting this whole thing together and the members of Fort Atkinson Lodge never saw an invited lodge members enter their lodge like that before. We broke tradition and had fun doing it.

I wish I could remember the names of the lodge members who participated in the folly....”

Send your own Damascus Lodge Remembrances to:

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100TH CELEBRATION PHOTOS



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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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MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. We received another just a couple weeks ago. 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.

A BAND OF MERRY MEN

