



DAMASCUS LODGE No. 290 F. & A.M.

THE TRESTLEBOARD



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MASONIC HAPPENINGS

It's been a busy May with a fun-packed summer ahead. Worshipful Master Mick Olson is keeping the event calendar packed with fun family events.

Make sure you check out the upcoming

events, including "The Damascus Lodge Open", where some of the best mini-golf players come out for a chance to have an Ice Cream Sunday. Then get transported back in time, to the Bristol Renaissance Faire.

'NO TEARS' ONIONS

There were no tears and plenty of smiles as Damascus Lodge delivered 600 pounds of Tripoli Shrine Vidalia Onions to Milwaukee's Hunger Task Force on May 5th. This continues the Damascus tradition of buying onions to support Tripoli Shrine and donate the onions to the community.

This is a unique opportunity for a win, win, win situation. Our Tripoli brethren win through our support of their fund raising, those less fortunate than us win through the donation of the onions to the Hunger Task

Force, and the members of Damascus win by having their dollars do double duty, supporting two very worthy causes.

This tradition is unique to Damascus and we plan to 'challenge' other area lodges to participate in the future. Think about a whole semi load of onions being donated. That would be something to bring tears to your eyes.

Thank you, Brethren for your continued good work.

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ECHO'S FROM THE WEST

Age is a Lie

I have hit one of those supposable life milestones recently, the big “40 years in this world”. I realize that for some an event like this is a dreaded affirmation of some life changing speed bump; “Yesterday I was young but today I am halfway in the grave”. Quite frankly I am very happy and just a bit surprised that I have made it this far.

I have seen the life struggles of some of the kids at the Shrine Hospitals; I have heard the stories of kids who have been unjustly maimed or murdered at the hands of another. I am truly blessed and grateful for every morning I wake with breath in my lungs.

I have internalized this life as a gift from God, and so I try to look at life as something not to be squandered. I look around and notice that the people that appear to be happy look and sound younger. I believe that age is 90% mental and 10% physical. When I broke my ankle a few years back, I was able to meet others who had bodies that were broken, and some, who would never be healed. Many understood, even with their hardships, how precious life was. Look around – the majority of people in wheel chairs, and those who have other disabilities, tend to be some of the most upbeat, happy, and energetic people I know.

How many of us know a much older relative or friend who just seems to be alive with energy that puts us to shame. Most of these people are mentally more positive; they are goal oriented, and just have an overall appreciation for the gift of life and all that it holds for us. This is the key to age and life. Enjoy the gift that has been given to you; enjoy family and friends, like those your Lodge provides. Strive to serve others, and live your life with purpose, You will stay younger longer.

For age is a state of mind!!

P.S. Going to Lodge will make your life better and longer, for Lodge is where your friends meet.
Brother Curt Angelo Campagna

JUNE 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6/6 - 6/7 - Wisconsin Grand Lodge - Madison
- 6/10 - Stated Meeting - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Stated Meeting
- 6/24 - Special Meeting - Dinner and a Movie - 6pm

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.

Harold Lewitzke - 6/17/1938 - 70 years

Col. Robert Acton - 6/20/1958 - 50 years

Richard Feest - 6/13/1958 - 50 years

Irvin Behrendt, P.M. - 6/20/1975 - 33 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!"

John Immel, P.M. - 6/2

Larry Chadderdon - 6/21

William Metzen - 6/11

Dennis McNulty - 6/30

Richard Feest - 6/12



"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

Current Event Schedule for 2008

Date	Event
July 1	Jobie Softball - West Milwaukee Park - 7:30pm - Ice Cream and Food
July 13	Mini Golf - Damascus Lodge Open (Family Event)
Aug 2	Renaissance Faire (Family Event)
Oct 19	Past Master's Dinner**(TBA)
Dec 7	Ye Olde Christmas Feast 5:00 pm (Family Event)
Dec 9	Lodge Christmas Party – "Toys 4 Tots" Toy Drive



Worshipful Master
Mick Olson

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Light From Darkness

June is here. That means it is finally summer, and it means that soon our lodge will go dark. In the usual Masonic sense, that means we cease our labors and enjoy the summer with our family and friends.

But there is one problem. Here at Damascus, all my friends are in lodge! The people I love and care for the most are my brothers and their families. These are the people I want to spend my summer with. The same people I spend the rest of the year with. I don't want to go dark!

Damascus Lodge is blessed to have such a wonderful group of people who make up our extended families. Nowhere else will you find such a mix. If it wasn't for lodge, how many of us would have started hanging around with the others. We come from all professions, walks of life and backgrounds. But we share a common bond that goes beyond friendship, or even family. We are a Lodge.

The old adage states that you can choose your friends but you can't choose your family. I feel that Damascus Lodge has chosen us all. Somehow we all heard the call to come to Damascus. I'm not sure 'family' adequately describes how close we have all become. Not being together this summer is out of the question!

SOoooo, we may not have meetings during July and August, but there is NO WAY we are going to be DARK! We are going to continue to have fun together, all summer long! Our 'family' will be the light that fills the months of 'darkness'. We will continue to build the bonds that unite us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers. Damascus will be the light from the darkness of my summer.

Congratulations and a heartfelt welcome to our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Jeff Giese. Another fine degree conferred by our officers. Yet another outstanding addition to our fraternity.

June 10th will be Mickey Mouse Night. Wear your Mickey gear to our stated meeting. June 24th will be a movie night. Our theme is 'Greek', so plan to eat Gyros. Togas are optional. Bring a friend and have some fun!

We've got several events planned for the summer and are hoping to add some more. I hope to see you there. We plan to have an abbreviated trestleboard continue through the summer to keep everyone updated on these events and other news of the Lodge and our members.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer and gets to create some very special memories with their loved ones. I hope some of your fondest memories will be created with your brothers from Damascus.

See you at Lodge!
Fraternally,

Mick Olson
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)

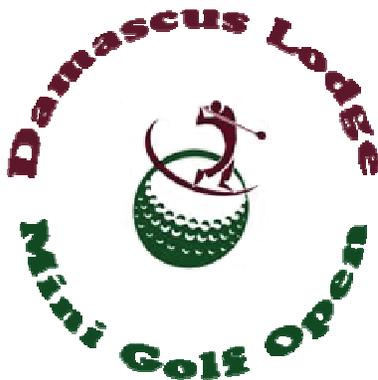
*We Lords and Ladies of the
Kingdom of Damascus,
Join us for a day of Feast
And Festivity.*



Saturday, August 2, 2008

Mark your calendars now to save the date.
Times and pricing will announced in June.
Bring the whole family!!

Come join us at the Faire!!



**Coming Sunday
July 13, 2008
3:00 P.M.**

Watch for further details!

MORE PICTURES FROM LODGE





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MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. The Master's Board Chairman Patrick Miltzer and Master's Board Secretary Chris Favero would like to remind you 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.

NEW ENTERED APPRENTICE AND DEGREE TEAM

