



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

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## LORDS AND LADIES!!!

It's time once again to travel back in time to the days of yore, when women were Ladies and men were Men...even if they did wear tights! Yep, it's Renaissance Faire Time! Join the families of Damascus Lodge as we attempt to eat our way through the Middle Ages. See jousting and sword play, jugglers and jesters! Watch Curt flirt with the young damsel and flee from her knight!

This family day has become a favorite and you won't want to miss it! See the flyer in this edition and call Brother Larry to reserve your place in history!

## WE'RE ON A ROLL!!

On June 9th Damascus was pleased to initiate two more Entered Apprentices into the Damascus Family. We are very pleased to welcome Brothers Matt Wright and Russ Staerke! Two more outstanding men who have found their way to our Lodge.

Thank you to our degree team for another outstanding night of ritual work. Bro. Mike Meyer has whipped us into shape and it is awesome to see the pride and skill displayed in the degree work. Each officer has taken a special pride in his part and the effort is being rewarded as each candidate receives a degree that makes a deep and lasting impression upon him. Well done Brethren! We are very proud of you.

Congratulations and Welcome Home to our newest Brothers! We are glad to have you and hope to see you in lodge as often as you can come.

## POSTING TIME!

Our Lodge Counselor, the one and only Curt Angelo Campagna is making arrangements to post all Brethren on Tuesday nights. This is a huge undertaking and the Lodge extends our thanks for the effort. This will help our Brethren advance to their next degree in a timely fashion which only makes our Lodge that much better.

Realize this is summer, so please feel free to call Curt or Mick to make sure posting will be available. But dinner is ALWAYS available. We hope to see our new Brethren taking advantage of this opportunity.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Lord's and Ladies*
-  *Lodge Calendar*
-  *Jobie Installation*
-  *Ren Faire*
-  *Master's Message*
-  *Upcoming Events*
-  *At the Right Hand*

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# JULY 2009

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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	31	

- 7/7 - Special Degree Nights - 6pm Dinner - 7pm - 2 Fellowcraft Degrees - Grand Master Visit
- 7/12 - DL290 Open - Mini-Golf and Pizza
- 7/14 - Special Degree Night - Master Mason Degree - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge
- 7/21 - Special Degree Night - 2 Entered Apprentice Degrees - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge
- 7/28 - Special Degree Night - Master Mason Degree - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge
- 8/4 - Special Degree Night
- 8/9 - Renaissance Faire
- 8/11 - Special Degree Night
- 8/18 - Special Degree Night
- 8/25 - Special Degree Night

### CONGRATULATIONS SAM!!

Congratulations to Samantha Campagna on her installation as Marshal for Bethel No. 6, Job's Daughters. This is the first step of her journey to the East where she will ultimately become Honored Queen. Congratulations Sam! We are so proud of you!!



## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

### It's Summer Time!!



Worshipful Master  
Mick Olson

Brethren,

Summer is upon us and it's time to spend some quality time with your family and enjoy a couple of days of great weather! Then we sweat to death and swat mosquitoes.

But don't worry, you won't be alone! At a time when many lodges are "going dark" for the summer, Damascus Lodge is "Amping up for a Summer Blast!" That's right, we're doing summer right and have actually DOUBLED our usual meeting nights. During July and August we will be meeting EVERY Tuesday night! I just can't get enough of you guys!!



We are lucky to have several new Brethren who are in need of degree work, so we are taking advantage of this opportunity to 'Git-R-Done!' And if we don't have degree work scheduled, we'll just have a night of brotherhood and enjoy a movie together.

As always, family comes first! But please, if you don't have a family event, come out and support our candidates. We'll be serving a light dinner at 6:00 pm and then confer the degrees at 6:45 pm.

You've also got plenty of opportunities to spend some quality time with your lodge brothers. Check our calendar for upcoming events. We've got something for everyone; baseball (Jobie Softball), golf (okay, mini golf), and great food (Ren Faire Food!). Everything you need for a great summer with your brothers! I'm sure you'll find an event or two that fits into your schedule. Pick up the phone and make your reservation. Then join us for some great fellowship and a really great time!!

Many of you will be "traveling" with your families this summer. I wish you all a safe and happy journey. Enjoy this special time of year and build those memories together that will last a life time.

May God bless and travel with you all! And if you find yourself at home on Tuesday, I hope to...

See you in Lodge!

Mick Olson  
Worshipful Master

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## WE'RE OPEN ALL SUMMER

Special Communications will be held on the following Tuesday nights: July 7th, July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, August 4th, August 11th, August 18th and August 25th. Degree work will be held on these nights at 7:00 PM. A light meal will be served at 6:00 PM.

See the Lodge Calendar for more details on the degrees each night.

If degree work is not needed on any of these nights, a social night will be held instead.

"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)

## AT THE RIGHT HAND

*“The Cement of Brotherly Love”*

Our Grand Master has chosen the trowel for his choice of tools. The trowel, as all Speculative Masons know is the tool by which the cement of brotherly love is spread.

The cement of the Operative Mason is composed of several components and chemicals to bind stone and brick, so too is the cement of brotherly love composed of many moral principles that bind Masonic brethren. Respect and harmony being important as parts of the components that makes up our cement.

We meet and greet each other on the street with the utmost respect and the highest regard for each other as Masons. We are especially polite and courteous to each other when in public at a Lodge function and with our ladies.

Masons are first to lend a hand or assist someone in trouble or someone who just needs a bit of help maneuvering around an obstacle, especially brother Masons as it is part of our commitment to each other and we do so with the utmost respect and brotherly love toward each other.

As with all families, and as we come to know each other and become closer through Lodge and our Lodge outings, we become comfortable in our associations and dealings with each other. These are the times when we tend let our guard down and perhaps say something that comes out wrong or can be taken the wrong way.

When in Lodge, we at Damascus #290 are courteous and respectful toward each other at all times. This is also the time when we are most likely to let slip an untimely or discordant remark borne out of frustration, however it is usually quickly overlooked and we move on with business as usual.

Summer has descended upon us at warp speed and at a time when all other Lodges are going dark, we at Damascus will continue our work and bring more good men to light, pass and then raise them to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

As we bring new Masons into our family fold, we need to be ever vigilant that we do not let discordant passions or the occasional bad remark creep into our association with each other especially when we are involved with new prospects, candidates, and new Master Masons. If we allow ourselves the indulgence of snide or malicious comments, the cement of brotherly love crumbles.

Finally, we have a great and wonderful Lodge, one that I am so very proud to be a part of. We work hard, we play hard and practice Freemasonry as it should be practiced; with respect and brotherly love. It is my hope for the future that we continue to grow and have the bonds of brotherhood and friendship be continued and expanded.

Michael Fairbanks  
Senior Deacon

Ye Lords and Ladies of Damascus,  
Join us for a day of Feast  
And festivity!

BRISTOL  
RENAISSANCE  
FAIRE

Sunday, August 9, 2009  
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.00 for ages 13 and up, \$6.00 for ages 5 to 12,  
Damascus Lodge members and immediate family.

Come when you can and leave when you must! Some activities  
and shows will be planned for the entire group.  
A schedule will be provided to those attending.

Contact Brother Larry Chadderdon  
at [junior.warden@dl290.com](mailto:junior.warden@dl290.com)  
Or 414-421-2037 for info and tickets.

Deadline for tickets is July 21, 2009!!  
Bring the whole family!!



Come Join Us at  
The Faire!!

## RECENT LODGE AND DEGREE PHOTOS





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*MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER*

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## MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. The Master's Board Chairman Patrick Militzer and Master's Board Secretary Don O'Kray 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.

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## THE MASTER'S VACATION

