



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

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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CONGRATULATIONS, BRETHREN !!

A hearty 'Congratulations' and 'Welcome' to Brothers Pete Czechorski, Tom Tinney, Brian Bertram and Kevin Hart on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason! This was a busy summer, but these Brethren worked hard and took advantage of our opportunity to schedule degree work during the summer. They studied hard and our degree team rewarded their efforts with some truly outstanding degree work.

The Master Mason Degree is so very special. It totally focuses on the candidate and is a truly rewarding and memorable event. Perhaps even, life changing. Our degree team realizes this and puts in the extra effort to make sure that we give our Brothers the best degree possible. Their only reward is in knowing that they have given one of our Brethren a night he will never forget.

Congratulations to our newest Master Masons and to those who worked so hard to make it possible. 'Great job' to you all!

REV UP THOSE ENGINES

We have several events on the horizon, so get your motors runnin' and get ready for some Damascus style fun! September 28th is slot car night with the DL290. Drive on over and get your speed fix, then fuel up with some pizza. It's a great night out with the Boyz!

October 17th is the Past Masters Dinner. Bring your ladies for a little amore' at 'That's Amore'. Join us in honoring our Past Masters as we enjoy an evening of conversation and great food.

December 5th will find us at South Milwaukee High School's "Ye Olde Christmas Feast". Enjoy great food and music as we celebrate Christmas with our Lodge Family.

Mark your calendars now for these great events. Information for the DL290 and PM Dinner are in this Trestleboard. See next month's Trestleboard for information on the Christmas Feast. Come and join us for the fun!!

HEY, HEY, GOOD LOOKIN' ?

A very special shout out to Brother Steve M. for cookin' up some great grub over the summer. The aroma from the kitchen tantalized the taste buds, and they were not disappointed once we sat down to eat. The down side to all the great food; we may have to consider a higher lodge number... Thanks Bro. Steve!! If only he was better lookin'....

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

- 9/11 - Job's Daughter's Rummage Sale at Lake Lodge
- 9/14 - Stated Meeting - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge
- 9/20 - District 12 District Meeting
- 9/28 - DL290 Racing - See Page 7
- 10/12 - Stated Meeting - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge
- 10/17 - Past Master's Dinner - See Page 6
- 10/26 - Lodge Meeting -
- 11/09 - Stated Meeting - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Lodge -
Lodge Elections.

MISCELLANEA

In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.

Lux in Tenebris Lodge # 3856 in London is for blind Masons. The Latin words mean "Light in Darkness."

"No man ever took the oaths and subscribed to the obligations with greater watchfulness and care than I exercised in receiving the various rites of Masonry, and I say with due deliberation and without fear of breaking the faith. I have never encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, never heard an obligation uttered which could not be openly proclaimed to the world." The words of a Mason who was also a President of the United States, Warren G. Harding.

Brother "Buzz" Aldrin, a member of Clear Lake Lodge #1417 in Texas, when he stepped onto the surface of the moon, carried a special deputation from his Grand Master to claim the moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And so it is.

During the years that Spain was under the control of General Franco, Freemasonry was a "crime" and Masons were imprisoned for a term of years equal to the number of Masonic degrees possessed by the "guilty one."

Provided by Ray Dotson.

WE GOT THE CURE !

Who says 'there ain't no cure for the summer time blues'? As if we didn't have enough to do with all the degree work this summer, we had a BLAST, too! Summer started with the traditional "Let's go to the Jobie Baseball Game and make fools of ourselves' night. (We did!) The girls played a great game and laughed at us for most of the night. And the ice cream was perfect on a hot muggy night.

We played mini golf and ate pizza. I didn't know you were supposed to go wading in the ponds on the course. It was a hot afternoon, so more than the usual number of us wound up in the water hazards. Oooops! Did I do that??

And then there was Ren Faire. Some men just should not wear skirts! Just how much mud can one man eat? We tried to eat our way through the faire, but it was too much. Even for Damascus men! You shouldn't watch jousting on an empty stomach! You get the idea...

On top of all that, throw in some great degree work. You see. Damascus 290 IS your cure for the summertime blues! Thanks for a great Summer Brethren!

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Larry Chadderdon

Brethren,

This month I want to start doing what I have done in the past. Which is to give a little Masonic education each month.

This month with so many Master Mason degrees coming up and those recently behind us, I thought I would concentrate on one of the “cornerstones” of our craft.

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Architecture. Symbol of the foundation of Freemasonry which is a speculative science derived from an operative art. Operative Freemasons were principally concerned in the erection of edifices for public use: cathedrals, churches, monasteries, castles for feudal lords, etc. Inasmuch as all these structures required a deep knowledge of many arts, architecture survives in Speculative Masonry as a symbol for the need of knowledge and skill in all important undertakings.

The whole internal structure of Freemasonry's ritual is permeated with and built around matters of architecture and of building, not used for their original purposes, but for “the more noble and glorious purpose” of setting forth some principle of life, some philosophy, some aspect of character making. Buildings are the “documents in stone” of men, civilizations, even races, which have long perished from the earth. Freemasonry's use of architecture as a foundation symbol also has reference to a need for study of history to round out the liberal education otherwise taught in the Fellow-craft degree.

The five orders of architecture are “a flotsam which has been wafted to us down the stream of time from that remote period when Freemasonry was an organization of operative Masons” (Street). Mackey considered only three as symbols; other authorities believe that all five are included in the Winding Stair teachings to fix the attention of the initiate on the importance of architecture in general and solid building in particular, as components of a liberal education.

This concludes the lesson.

Until next month brothers.

Larry Chadderdon WM

BY THE PLUMB

“The Cement of Brotherly Love”

As much as we hate to think about it, summer is nearly over. Labor Day and the Jerry Lewis Telethon mark the unofficial end of summer, and yet there are those of us who refuse to acknowledge the end of the season; holding out hope for a warm and dry ‘Indian Summer’ to extend our summer season. Vacations have been taken, yards have been groomed, outdoor projects started and some completed; while others will wait until next year because of our rush to squeeze more fun into the last remaining weeks of warm weather.

Our Masonic Lodges are, at the very least, ‘slow’ with many being ‘dark’ for July and August. Nevertheless, Damascus 290 remained open and working strong through the summer months, providing our own brand of summer fun. But even as the Lodges sit dark and the summer begins to wind down, the Masonic ‘season’ is just around the corner as we continue to initiate, pass, and raise Masons.

As a kid growing up and participating in sports, our coaches always preached ‘teamwork’. The Marine Corps Drill Instructors at Parris Island not only preached, but shouted “teamwork” every three minutes of every day. We learned that for us to succeed, in sports and more especially in the military, every one of us needed to insure that those around us were successful in all of their endeavors. Only through their success, could we then become successful.

Following one of our recent degrees, Brother Degree Director commented on how far we have come as a degree team and how much we have improved over the past couple of years. Brother Counselor echoed the same sentiments. The sentiments expressed by Brother Counselor and Brother Degree Director are deeply appreciated by all of the ‘players’ on the degree team, and as is usual with our Counselor and Degree Director, they decline to take any credit for their hard work and efforts.

We talk about ‘spreading the cement of brotherly love’ and how that cement is the bond that ties us together as Masons. When Operative Masons use cement to bind ashlar together, that cement has physical properties; such as color, texture, mass, and even a specific hardness, all used to bind many components into one common mass.

The ‘Cement of Brotherly Love’ that binds us together as a Masonic ‘team’ also has physical properties. Those physical properties are emulated by our Counselor and Degree Director who are ever behind us, encouraging, pushing, suggesting, and working every bit as hard as each of the ‘players’.

Without our ‘cement’ and their instructive tongues it would not have been possible for us to have the success we have enjoyed. Nor would our candidates enjoy the results of ‘The best degree we could possibly confer’. The hard work of our Degree Director and Counselor has helped to bring the entire group closer together, binding us into one common mass; and now a bond exists between us that will last a lifetime.

Bro. Michael L. Fairbanks
Junior Warden
Damascus #290

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Brethren,

Welcome back from Summer! Okay, we didn't actually go anywhere. In fact, we did more work this summer than in our normal months. And that's TWO summers in a row! Outstanding! More degree work for more candidates: Outstanding! More chances to meet, on the level: Outstanding! And guys, your degree work was....Outstanding! I'm proud of you all!!

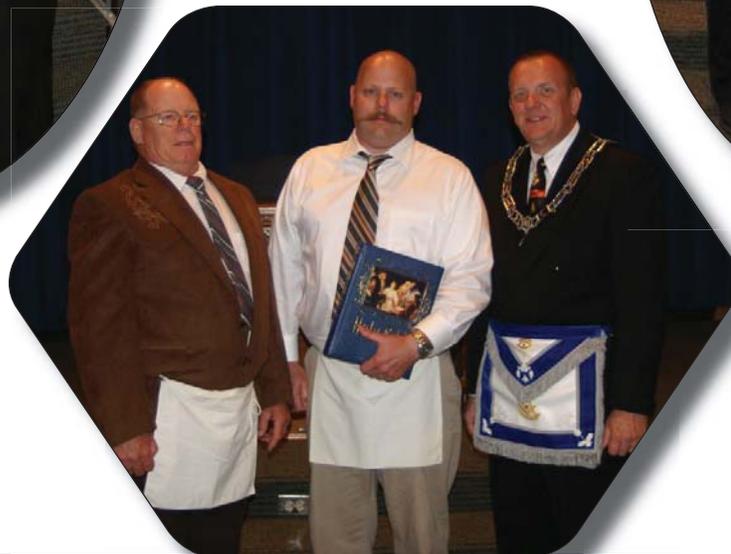
At our movie night we had prospective members. Dare I say it...Outstanding! We've got some great events in the next few months. We're turnin' it up! Everything is in place to top off another great year at Damascus. All we need is YOU!

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, we miss you! Come on out and see us! For those of you who have been coming, you already know what I'm talking about. Bring your sunglasses boyz, 'cuz we're turnin' up the Light!

See you in Lodge!

Mick Olson
Lodge Counselor

SUMMER DEGREE PICTURES



Damascus Lodge No. 290
Past Masters' Dinner

*Please join us as we honor those who have served
our Lodge as Worshipful Master.*

Sunday, October 24, 2010
6:00 P.M.



That's Amore'

5080 So. 108th St.

Hales Corners, Wisconsin



Past Masters are the guests of the lodge.
The cost for all others is \$20.00.

Entrée Selections:

Lasagna

Chicken Parmesan

Shrimp Fettuccini

Prime Rib of Beef

Please make your reservations by October 10th!

Call Brother Michael Fairbanks, 414-397-0330

Tuesday, Tuesday, Tuesday!

Meet all your favorite drivers at the

“Damascus 290”

Our meeting on Sept. 28th will be held at:

***Lucky BOBs* 
*Raceway***

5822 West Forest Home Ave.

Join us for a night of Racing and Fellowship!

Exciting racing from 6-8 p.m.!!

Enjoy PIZZA after the Main Event!!

Entry fee is only \$10.00!!

Call Bro. Matt Wright, 414-254-5677 to reserve your car!

Bring a prospective member!!

BE THERE!!

Or be Sean!



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MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those petitions coming in. The Master's Board Chairman and Master's Board Secretary would like to remind you to keep an eye out for new candidates for the Lodge.

Remember to carry a petition with you in your travels because you never know who you will meet.

If you do not have a petition or you need more, please contact any lodge officer and they will make sure you receive a couple.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I ATE THE WHOLE THING !!

