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A NEW MASTER MASON

On September 26, 2006 Damascus Lodge raised its newest Master Mason. We congratulate Bro. Donald O'Kray on his attaining the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The Degree team did a great job in putting on the degree. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the craft with a special thanks to Bro. John Spangler, P.M. from Southshore Lodge, for his help.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *New Master Mason*
-  *Passing of a Brother*
-  *Chaplain's Message*
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-  *Movie Night*
-  *Costume Night*

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PASSING OF A BROTHER

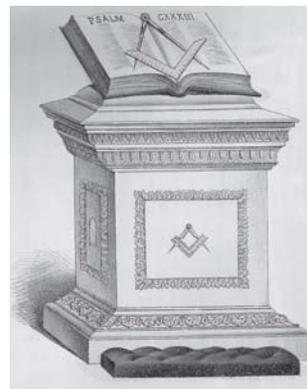
Damascus Lodge, on September 2, 2006, Brother Thomas Delakis reached the end of his earthly labors.

We shall long cherish the memory of his many good deeds, and his future now rests with an all-wise and loving Father.

Our Brother has been raised to

that blissful Lodge which no time can close, but which will remain open during the boundless ages of eternity.

We will miss our Brother, but will know in our hearts, that he is in the good hands of the Supreme Architect.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Chaplain's Corner:

Today I would like to speak on the topic of Charity. Yes, Charity is a word that is often used when we talk about Freemasonry. We talk about it in our degrees, we talk about it in officer planning meetings, and we talk about it in our many different religious faiths.

Many people have written about the concept of Charity and its true meanings. In the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry Volume 1 from 1929, Charity is revealed to be translated from the apostle as meaning love.

Love which refers more to the state of mind of the person who is performing the charitable act. So, when one gives of

himself for the relief of others; the only true way is by giving of one's self because of a love for the other person. If charity is given with no emotion except to feel good about one's self it is not a true donation.

We as Masons should at all times give what we can of our time and money with love for another instead of for egotistical or selfish reasons. By being charitable, the way it was suppose to be, we become better men who fulfill that master plan of showing love and compassion to our fellow man. With Masonic love

Brother Curt Angelo Campagna PM
Chaplain



"The Form of the Lodge is oblong. In length from east to west, in breadth between north and south, as high as heaven and as deep as from the surface to the centre. A Lodge is said to be thus extensive to denote the universality of Freemasonry, and teaches that a Mason's Charity should be equally extensive" -- Masonic Lecture, in Standard Masonic Monitor - 1899

OCTOBER 2006

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	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov 4th

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10/10 - Stated Meeting - 6pm
Dinner, 7pm - Stated Meeting - All are invited to wear costumes.
- 10/13 - Scottish Rite - Casino Night - Valley of Milwaukee 7pm
- 10/24 - Movie Night - 6pm -
Dinner, Movie starts at 6:30pm
- 11/4 - Past Master's Dinner
- 11/14 - Nov. Stated Meeting
- Lodge Elections

PAST MASTER'S DINNER

We will be holding a dinner on Saturday November 4th, 2006, in honor of our Past Masters.

The Dinner will be at the Rafters Restaurant located at 7228 S 27th Street in Oak Creek.

The reception will be at 4:00pm. During the reception, music will be performed. Dinner will start at 5:00pm accompanied by a musical trio. After Dinner, a comedian will provide some laughs.

The will be free for Past Masters, \$26.00 for spouses, guests and friends.

Dinner choices will be either, a Filet Mignon, Baked Chicken, Pan Fried Shrimp or One-half Rack of Ribs - along with a tossed green salad, relish tray, and a baked potato and dessert.

Reservations must be made no latter than Oct. 26, 2006.

For reservations, please contact Brother John Chadderdon, P.M. Secretary at 414-421-9624.

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 Hutsteiner - 10/20/1950 - 56 years

Robert Hodgson - 10/27/1961 - 45 years

Elwyn Hart - 10/9/1964 - 42 years

Basil Ryan - 10/9/1970 - 36 years

Jon Syverson - 10/14/2000 - 6 years

“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!”

August

Lloyd Wilson - 8/31

September

Brian Alsobrook - 9/9



October

Patrick Militzer - 10/2

Leonard Gruszecki, P.M. - 10/7

Raymond Mueller - 10/10

Roger Bloomfield - 10/13

Robert Schneider - 10/15

Harold Lewitzke - 10/20

Jeffrey Jones - 10/21

Chris J. Mihas - 10/28

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Dale A. Graeven, P.M.

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Don O'Kray. His degree was excellent. This is the first time in a long time that the chairs were filled with members of Damascus Lodge.

Speaking of members of Damascus, do you remember when the Lodge dressed up in costume and visited another Lodge? Well neither do I and I've been around for 25 years now. So, here's what's going to happen. At our October 10th Stated Meeting, everybody coming to Lodge should be dressed up in costume. Whether it's scary or funny, all should be in costume. We might even have a problem distinguishing between officers and members. Please keep the costumes to those that won't be offensive to anybody, as we are taught in some of our degrees. It will be a fun filled night.

On our October 24th meeting we will have a MOVIE NIGHT. Be prepared to either laugh or be up all night, because you are scared. Either way it will be fun.



We will be having a Past Master's Dinner on Saturday November 4th, at the Rafters' Restaurant, near 27th and Rawson. Past Masters and the widows of Past Masters will be guests of the Lodge, while all others will pay \$26. We will have some Entertainment. Ladies are invited; this is not a stag event.

We have elections coming up. Think of the future of our Lodge and the people you want to lead us into the next 100 years.

It's the season of "Fall"; let's look at this as a renewal of sorts. We can watch the leaves fall from the tree's and begin to look forward to watching our plantings grow. Whether its children, grandchildren, grass or weeds, they all grow.

When was the last time you checked out our website?

Fraternally,

Dale A. Graeven
2006 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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MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

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MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. 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.

COSTUME NIGHT AND MOVIE NIGHT

On October 10th, the lodge will be having a costume night for all Master Masons. Come in your own costume and see what everyone else is wearing. All the lodge officers are getting their costumes ready. We look forward to seeing you in your costume. All Master Masons are invited to come.

The real question is what will the Worshipful Master be wearing?

Hopefully we will look as good, as we did in the past.

Then on Oct. 24th, will be having a Movie Night. We have no Clue what the movie will be, but it might be funny and/or scary. Hopefully, we will get a Clue as what it will be before that night. The doors open at 6:00pm and the movie will be starting around 6:30pm, with pizza, popcorn, soda and fellowship.

