



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

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## THE PAST MASTER'S DINNER

Damascus Lodge will be holding a Dinner on Sunday October 14th, 2007, in honor of our Past Masters.

The Dinner will be at the Packing House located at 900 East Layton Ave in Milwaukee.

The reception will be at 5:00pm. Dinner will start at 5:30pm.

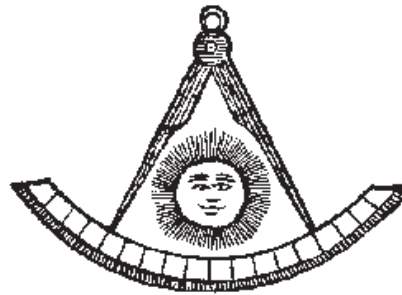
Past Masters and the widows of Past Masters will be guests of the Lodge, all others will pay \$25.00.

Dinner choices will be either, a Stuffed Garlic Filet, Chicken Parmesan, Broiled Haddock Almondine or Mixed Grill (a combination of beef tenderloin, chicken breast, and jumbo

shrimp on a bed of rice) - along with a tossed green salad or soup, and a choice potato and choice of dessert ( Banana Cream Pie, Chocolate Mousse, or Pecan Pie).

Reservations must be made no later than October 4, 2007.

For reservations, please contact Brother Michael Meyer, P.M. Secretary at 262 853-5631.



## GETTING INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Damascus Lodge will be attending "The Christmas Carol" at the Pabst Theater on Sunday Nov. 25, 2007 at noon.

The Lodge members and their family will be whisked away from lodge at 11am, by chartered Sleigh (Bus). And taken to the Pabst Theater, in downtown Milwaukee.

At Noon, we will take in this holiday classic, with a story we can all related to and learn from.

After the show, our sleigh will return us to lodge for a late lunch or early dinner. The lunch/dinner menu is still being finalized. More details on the food will be forthcoming.

The tickets at the Pabst Theater are in the Orchestra Section or first floor. This event is open to you and your family. The event cost is \$20.00 per person. This includes the cost of the ticket, Sleigh (bus) ride, and a meal.

There are a limited number of seats, please make your reservations early. If you interested in going, contact Brother Mike Meyer, Secretary at 262-853-5631. Before the tickets run out.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Past Masters Dinner*
-  *Lodge Scholarships*
-  *Upcoming Degree Work*
-  *A Christmas Carol*
-  *Master's Message*
-  *A Blast from the Past*

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COUNSELOR'S COLUMN

Fraternal greetings,  
I am serving currently as one of your Trustees, and have been given the task of conducting an inventory of our Lodge material and property. This task could not have been done without the help of our Lodge Secretary (Brother Mike Meyer) and our Senior Warden (Brother Mick Olson). Thank you for all of your work!

The inventory is almost done, and should be submitted soon. Many Lodges have been working on this project years; as this task consists of many hours of work.

Interestingly though, I have found quite an appreciation for the history of our Lodge. In this Treaselbord there are some pictures that we found in our effort to catalogue various items. They give us a sense of that same fun-loving spirit that we continue to promote in our current Lodge.

We also have found many interesting facts that have already been put into our 100th celebration publication. In my opinion we need to find a way of displaying some of our history for the public in the Lodge Building.

We all need to enjoy our Masonic history here at Damascus. That will lead to a better understanding of Masonry in Mil-

waukee, and in turn to appreciate the Craft's impact in the State, and in the Country.

What kind of history are you leaving behind????

See you next month.

Curt Angelo Campagna P.M.  
Lodge Counselor

OCTOBER 2007

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			

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10/9 - Stated Meeting - Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7pm
- 10/14 - Past Master's Dinner, The Packing House
- 10/17 - Scottish Rite - Stated Meeting 5:30pm
- 10/23 - Social Meeting - Possible Degree.
- 11/25 - The Christmas Carol - at Noon. (Departs from lodge at 11am)

## 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.

### June

Harold Lewitzke - 6/17/1938 - 69 years

Richard Feest - 6/13/1958 - 49 years

Col. Robert Acton - 6/20/1958 - 49 years

Irvin Behrendt, P.M. - 6/20/1975 - 32 years

### September

John Immel, P.M. - 9/23/1949 - 58 years

John Chadderdon, P.M. - 9/24/1953 - 54 years

John Kosidowski - 9/9/1966 - 41 years

Roger Westcott - 9/13/1977 - 30 years

Donald O'Kray - 9/26/2006 - 1 year

### October

John Hutsteiner - 10/20/1950 - 57 years

Robert Hodgson - 10/27/1961 - 46 years

Elwyn Hart - 10/9/1964 - 43 years

Basil Ryan, P.M. - 10/9/1970 - 37 years

Jon Syverson - 10/14/2000 - 7 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!"

### June

John Immel, P.M. - 6/2

William Metzen - 6/11

Richard Feest - 6/12

Larry Chadderdon - 6/21

Dennis McNulty - 6/30

### July

Robert Hodgson - 7/4

Tom Lang, P.M. - 7/4

James Janczak - 7/6

David Riehl - 7/15

Roger Wescott - 7/20

Basil Ryan, P.M. 7/24

Peter Sceptur - 7/28

Charles 'Mick' Olson - 7/30

### August

John Lukich - 8/11

John Kuhn - 8/23

John Hutsteiner - 8/23

Lloyd Wilson - 8/31

### September

Arnold Luhm - 9/1

George Korkos - 9/4

Brian Alsobrook - 9/9

Kenneth Starkman - 9/15

John Chadderdon, P.M. - 9/17

Jon Syverson - 9/21

Michael Meyer, P.M. - 9/26

Irvin Behrendt, P.M. - 9/29

### October

Patrick Militzer - 10/2

Leonard Gruszecki, P.M. - 10/7

Raymond Mueller - 10/10

Roger Bloomfield, P.M. - 10/13

Robert Schneider - 10/15

Paul Schmidt - 10/18

Harold Lewitzke 10/20

Jeffrey Jones - 10/21

Chris T. Mihas - 10/28

"Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and Morality enjoy this conduct; and can it be, that good policy does not equally enjoy 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



## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master  
Pat Militzer

Greetings Brothers,

Yes, the Trestleboard is back. Sorry for the lack of news from the lodge. Recently I have taken on a new job which has taken up much of my time and energy. It has also been a busy summer for the Lodge too. This summer the lodge attended two Brewer Games and had a friends night where we watched "Wild Hogs". We had lots of people attend and one new petition out of it.

I'm very proud of the members, during the summer we received three new petitions. The members of the Master's Board are working hard on interviewing them and bringing their recommendations before the entire Lodge. If all goes well, you should be hearing about upcoming degree work soon. Watch the upcoming Trestleboards and website for news about degree work.

As the year is coming to a close, it looks like the Lodge will not make the goal, that I set for it when I became Worshipful Master. The lodge is doing a great job in getting qualified candidates. We have raised one Master Mason, and have three others working their way through the degrees. Along with the three new petitions, that brings the total close to the goal of nine.

So I have offered a deal, to the Lodge. If they can get nine or more petitions and then raise nine Master Masons by the end of the next Master's term, then they can shave my head, but they must do it as a fundraiser, in which the Lodge will match all the money raised. Then the Lodge must donate the proceeds to one or more Masonic Charities, on behalf of the Lodge.

The Lodge is working hard and moving in the right direction.

In October, we have the Past Master's Dinner on Sun. Oct. 14. I look forward to a night of fellowship. We also have a possibility of either an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft degree on the fourth Tuesday of October.

In November, we have a major event. We are going to the Pabst Theater to see the Christmas Carol on Sunday November 25th. My wife and I have gone to see this performance a couple times over the years. About five years ago, they redid all their sets and costuming. The story told is one we all can relate too. I find it is a great way to start the Christmas season, and to put me in the Christmas Spirit. Hopefully you will enjoy it too.

Also in November, we will be having our Lodge elections, for next year's officers. So if you can attend please come and enjoy the fellowship, and pick your leaders for next year.

Lastly, as we get closer to the holiday, we will be looking for volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. We will be having more details in the upcoming months, so keep an eye out for them.

Thanks for all your help and understanding.

Fraternally,

Pat Militzer  
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)

THE DAMASCUS LODGE "HOTSHOTS" - AT TRIPOLI SHRINE



MORE DAMASCUS LODGE "HOTSHOTS" WITH POLICE BACKUP





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## LODGE TRUSTEES

Dale R. Graeven, P.M. (2007)  
Curt A. Campagna, P.M. (2008)  
Lloyd A. Wilson (2009)

## SICK AND VISITATION CHAIRPERSON

Mick Olson

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## MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. The Master's Board Chairman Dale A. Graeven, 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.

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## DAMASCUS LODGE'S FIRST SECRETARY - 40 YEARS ON THE JOB



BROTHER MARK LEE