



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

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## MASONIC HAPPENINGS

After going "Dark" for the summer the lodge is coming back to life again. We are ramping up the activities in the lodge and outside the lodge.

In October we have the Stated Meeting along with a Fellowcraft Degree, all happening on October 14th.

As the fall season approaches so does the Past Master's Dinner, the lodge will be honoring our Past Masters with a dinner at That's Amore' on Sunday, October 19th.

Lastly, in October the lodge is going to the short track for some racing. Oh yeah, did we mention that the lodge members would be doing the racing. That is right, you the lodge member do the driving. Maybe I forgot to mention that the track is a slot car track..... Though the Senior Warden believes he will be the overall winner. So come and challenge the Senior Warden for the Damascus Lodge 290. Brother Chaplain is praying not to be in last place.

You will find flyer's, for all upcoming events, in this months TrestleBoard.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Masonic Happenings*
-  *Ye Olde Christmas Feast*
-  *Echo's in the West*
-  *A Word from your Officers*
-  *Master's Message*
-  *Upcoming Events*

## YE OLDE CHRISTMAS FEAST

Our Christmas event this year will be the Christmas feast at the South Milwaukee High School. This event is a fund raiser for and is presented by the students in the South Milwaukee High School (SMHS) Music Department, and has become a community favorite.

Join us as we enjoy a traditional seven course Christmas dinner, complete with Wassail and a flaming boars head. Your meal will be served by wenches in the medieval dining hall of SMHS castle. Enjoy stimulating conversation during your meal as well as entertainment from chorus, minstrel and comedy performers, all dressed in authentic period costumes.

Dinner begins at 5:00 pm and the festivities close near 9:00 pm. While this is an event complete with food and entertainment, it is a long night of sitting for some. Also, there is no menu for those with special dietary needs. Everyone will be served the same meal.

We hope that you can join us for this magical night as you are transported back in time to "Ye Olde Christmas Feast".



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## ECHO'S FROM THE WEST

Our weather is a lot like life.

It is often said that we in Wisconsin find our summers are filled to the brim because the winters here are so long and cold. I can honestly say that our weather can be very interesting. I like to think that life is very much like our weather. Many times we seem to dwell on the harsh winters of our lives instead of the wonderful new spring day, or the cool and fresh fall day, or even the lazy days of summer.

When life appears to be cold and raw, remember back to those walks in the woods on a clear fall day. Or the spring days when life awakens again filling our senses with freshness and growth. In the grand view of things winter is a relatively short span in our year.

I ask, how many of us forget a middle of winter a snow ball fight, or snow angels being made, or just waking up to see the sun shining thru newly formed icicles appearing like tree branches with beards made of crystal.

In the low times of our lives look for the snow angels, and remember spring is right around the corner.

Brother Curt Angelo Campagna, P.M.

## OCTOBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	<b>14</b>	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	<b>28</b>	29	30	31	

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10/14 - Stated Meeting - 6pm  
Dinner - 7pm Stated Meeting / FC Degree
- 10/19 - Past Masters Dinner - That's Amore' - 5:30pm
- 10/28 - Social Night - Slot Car Racing - See Flyer for more detail.
- 11/7 - Stated Meeting - Lodge Elections
- 11/25 - Social Night - Movie Night
- 12/7 - Ye Olde Christmas Feast - 5pm
- 12/9 - Stated Meeting - Lodge Christmas Party
- 12/23 - No Lodge Meeting - Donate a lump of coal for the Senior Warden.

## 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 - 58 years  
Robert Hodgson - 10/27/1961 - 47 years  
Elwyn Hart - 10/9/1964 - 44 years

Basil Ryan, P.M. - 10/9/1970 - 38 years  
Jon Syverson - 10/14/2000 - 8 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!"

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



## BROTHERHOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



"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

## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

### The Badge of a Mason



Worshipful Master  
Mick Olson



What is a Mason? Many people ask that question every day. Some are trying to form an opinion of our fraternity. Some are simply curious.

We can cite many of our distinguished brothers: Harry Truman, John Wayne, the immortal George Washington. The list is long and distinguished. Truly great men who are fine examples of what Masons should be.

But, our retractors point to: Jean-Claude Duvalier, also known as 'Baby Doc', the Haitian dictator known for his graft and corruption; George Ryan, former Governor of Illinois convicted of racketeering and fraud; Paul Bernard, Canadian serial rapist: and of course our own Benedict Arnold. All Masons, but men who stained our fraternity through selfish actions. Sadly there have been others.

Brethren, in a time when people are quickest to point to our faults and shortcomings, it is essential that we set the example in our daily lives. We must live our lives demonstrating to all who see, the great Masonic principles revered by our fraternity. While we do not physically wear our aprons during our daily routine, we must do so symbolically. We should envision ourselves as wearing our aprons every moment of every day. Not to show the world who we are, but to remind US of our Masonic duty.

When, as a newly raised Master we were presented with our apron, we were told "May you so wear this emblem of spotless white, my brother, that no act of yours shall stain its' purity or cast reflection upon an institution which has outlived the fortunes of kings and the mutations of empires." We all know that "At the building of King Solomon's Temple, the workmen were distinguished by the manner in which they wore their aprons."

Our challenge brethren, is to distinguish ourselves as the kind of man our brothers can proudly hold up as an example to the world. The kind of man we can proudly say "This is a Mason." The kind of man we can proudly call "Brother".

Fraternally,

Mick Olson  
Worshipful Master

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"I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States." -Theodore Roosevelt

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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)

*Damascus Lodge No. 290*

## *Past Masters Dinner*

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

*Sunday, October 19, 2008  
5:30 P.M.*



### *That's Amore'*

*5080 So. 108<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>!*

*Call Brother Larry Chadderdon, 414-421-9624*

## A WORD FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD

### Masonry: Why did I join?

I tend to look back over my shoulder at my own past and suddenly think “how did I get here?” And now as I look over my personal Masonic history and I think “How did I get here?” I am rewarded by the memories of all the good times as well as some stressful times as I learned more about how I fit into masonry, how I would like to fit in masonry and exactly what I am trying to do.

I had the opportunity to have my grandfather as a mason and as I grew up I saw the square and compasses everywhere, his ring, cufflinks, lapel pin, etc... Grandpa always stated that when I was old enough and if I was interested I could learn more... but only if it was my decision. And in the back of my head it felt like something I would want to do. Unfortunately when I was 11 my grandpa died and I had no way of knowing what I should do to continue on in my Masonic heritage.

Fast forward 15 years... High School, College and starting my first job I run into this beautiful woman who eventually became my wife. Little did I know her father was a mason! Rachael and I were engaged and I approached my soon-to-be father-in-law and asked could I join the fraternity.

Now that I am a member I totally see what my grandfather found so engaging. The camaraderie the discussions, the fact that there are still places where people can get together and want to do the right thing for the right reasons, the brotherly love and the continuation of traditions are all the things that keep me coming back to masonry. I look forward to every meeting with my “Brothers”, it’s always an enjoyable time filled with laughs and good discussions. I wish I could tell my grandpa he was right and I totally understand now why he became a mason. I can only hope that from his view right now as he watches over me he already knows and smiles.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

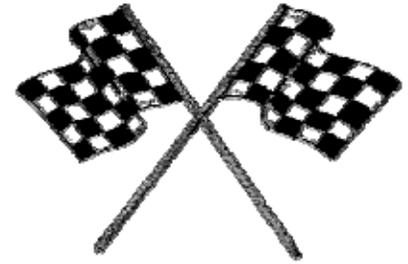
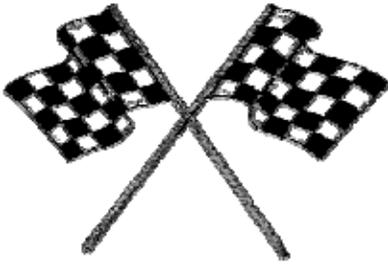
Fraternally Yours,

Bro. Chris Favero  
Senior Steward



Tuesday, Tuesday,  
Tuesday!

See all your favorite drivers at the  
“Damascus 290”



Our meeting of October 28<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Pizza after the Main Event!

**Tickets are only \$5.00!!**

Call Bro. Chris Favero, 414-807-7644 to reserve your car!  
Bring a prospective member!!



**BE THERE!!**

Or be Dale!



Lords and Ladies of Damascus Lodge,  
Join us as we celebrate



# Ye Olde Christmas Feast



Sunday December 7, 2008  
5:00 P.M.



South Milwaukee High School  
801 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Milwaukee



## Just \$5.00 per Person

For Damascus members and their immediate family.

Enjoy a delicious seven course meal !!  
Be entertained by minstrels and jesters !!

This is a four hour entertainment event and may not  
be suitable for young children.

Reserve your tickets with Mick at 414-764-7953



## Before October 24, 2008 !!





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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 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.

NEED WE SAY MORE ? ! ?

