



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

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## HALLOWEEN AT DAMASCUS LODGE



In October, if you missed Lodge, needless to say you missed an interesting meeting. The night was one of spooky and fun filled fellowship, plus a couple treats. We had many interesting characters, including a Dale A. Graeven impersonator, Fred Flintstone, a new chef and many other noteworthy friends and brothers.

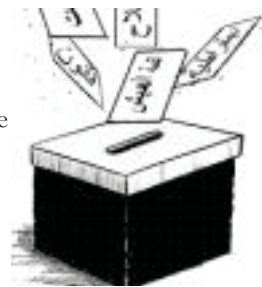
With Halloween passing us by, we look toward Thanksgiving and Christmas. Damascus Lodge will be continuing its tradition of Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. In the December Trestle-Board we will be having more details.

## LODGE ELECTIONS

As things wind down at the end of the year, its time to start planning for the next. To aid in that process it is time to decide who will lead the lodge next year. The Lodge will be holding its annual elections, in accordance with the bylaws of our lodge.





On November 14th, at the stated meeting, the Lodge will be holding elections for Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee.

Come help set the course for next year and stay for the fellowship. Renew old friendships and meet some of the new brothers.



We look forward to seeing you there

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### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Chaplain's Corner:

Well here it is, possibly my last Chaplain's Message. With our elections right around the corner I don't know what the future holds for me.

I have been honored to serve as your Masonic Lodge Chaplain. I am not the most spiritual person in the world, and in the beginning the idea of serving as your Chaplain did cause me to question whether I was qualified for the office. I hope that I have served you well. I believe that faith in the religion that we each practice has many similarities which allow us to find common ground in the Moral connections we hold dear as Masons.

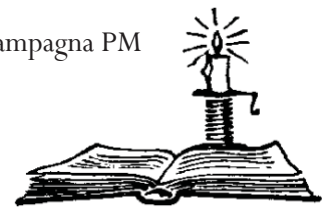
Our individual religious relationships are very important and should be practiced in all of our lives every day that we live.

Also, the common Masonic religious precepts that we share in this Fraternity which encompasses all religion should bind us to a higher ground and effect our relationships with our fellow man, our families, and our civic responsibilities.

The one important fact about our Fraternity is that we as Masons come from a basic faith based background, and our Faith is what makes us good Masons.

Remember to be true to you Religion and keep your faith strong - that will help you to be a good man.

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

## NOVEMBER 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		

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11/4 - Past Master's Dinner
- 11/14 - Nov. Stated Meeting - Lodge Elections
- 11/15 - Scottish Rite - Valley of Milwaukee - 4th Degree Presentation 6:30pm
- 11/23 - Thanksgiving
- 11/28 - Senior Deacon Night
- 12/3 - Tripoli Shrine - Ceremonial
- 12/10 - Lodge Installation - 4pm at Lake Lodge

## LODGE DUES

By now you should have received your Lodge Dues Notice. Lodge dues payments are due on the Secretary's Desk by the end of the year. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Secretary John Chadderdon, P.M..

With lodge dues, coming due, maybe its time to consider a Perpetual Membership. The benefits of Perpetual Membership are numerous, including pre-paying your dues so if your money is tight in the future your dues are secure. The money you pay now, helps the lodge both now and in the future after you have gone to meet the Supreme Architect.

Here is the chart of the estimated cost by age:

Age	Factor x	Dues =	Total Cost
19-33	20	\$46	\$920
34-41	19	\$46	\$874
42-48	18	\$46	\$828
49-54	17	\$46	\$782
55-60	16	\$46	\$736
61 +	15	\$46	\$690

If you are interested, by pleased contact the Secretary for an application form.

## 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.

Chris T. Mihas - 11/3/1950 - 56 yrs

Arnold H. Luhm - 11/12/1954 - 52 yrs

Robert Schneider - 11/16/1969 - 37 yrs

Chris J. Mihas - 11/29/1973 - 33 yrs

Dale R. Graeven, P.M. - 11/11/1980 - 24 yrs.

Roger L. Bloomfield - 11/20/1986 - 20 yrs.

“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!”

### September

Arnold Luhm - 9/1

### November

Daniel R. Lopez - 11/4

Bernard A. Strachota - 11/5

Stephen L. Montgomery, P.M. - 11/6

Donald F. Hart - 11/12

Alexander Mavros - 11/24

Dale R. Graeven - 11/25



## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master  
Dale A. Graeven, P.M.

Well, did you see it coming??????? That hour is back.  
You know, "Spring Forward, Fall Back"

It's also "Election" time, not only for our various Government Offices, but also for your Lodge Leadership. Show-up on Tuesday November 14th to cast your ballot to elect the Leadership of Damascus Lodge for the 2007 year. This night will also include an EA Degree practice after the Stated Meeting.

Halloween is past, but did you see the costumes the Lodge Officers wore for the October 10th meeting? I'm sure you will find some in this Trestleboard, but all of the pictures taken will be on the Lodge website.

We also saw the movie "Clue" on October 24th. A great time was had by all. Who done it? Colonel Mustard, with the lead pipe?

We are planning a "Senior Deacon Night" for the November 28th Meeting. Let's Honor our Senior Deacon with your attendance and find out what he likes to do for his night.



Don't forget our Veterans' with a "Thank You for our Freedom". These men and women did a lot to keep us safe and secure. Remember those that didn't make it in your prayers.

Let's all remember what we are all thankful for on Thursday the 23rd of November.

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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## 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.

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## AFTER A HARD NIGHT AT LODGE

