



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

THE TRESTLEBOARD

Volume V, Issue 11

November, 2008



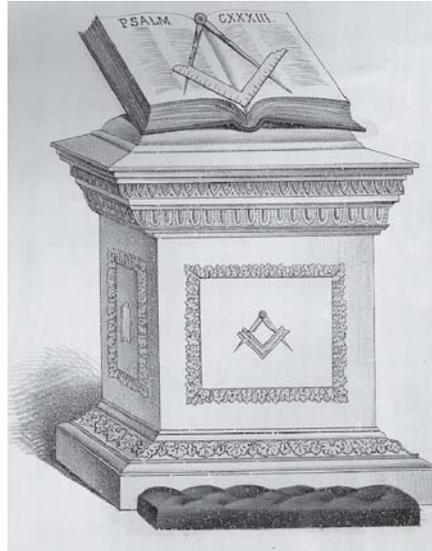
PASSING OF A BROTHER

Brethern it is with great sadness, we inform you that on October 10, 2008 Brother Roger A. Wescott 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. Our thought and prayer are with his beloved Phyllis



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Passing of a Brother*
-  *New Fellowcraft*
-  *Echo's in the West*
-  *Master's Message*
-  *Upcoming Events*

THE NEWEST FELLOWCRAFT



INSIDE THIS ISSUE :

Echo's in the West	2
Anniversaries	3
Birthdays	3
Master's Message	4
Lodge Officers	5
A Pirate??	6

ECHO'S FROM THE WEST

How well do you know your Brothers? Well, I guess we know the general character make-up of our Brothers and we might even know where he works. My question is, how well do you know HIM??

At Roger Wescott's funeral I learned some information that I had not known before. Roger wanted to be an Optometrist and he worked at Hot Point as a Quality Control Specialist.

As we spend more social time with our Brethren, we get to know more about the wonderful intricacies of their lives. We share our histories, our hopes for the future and moments in our lives that make us who we are today. I don't mean to be sappy, but some of my favorite time is spent just 'chewing the fat' while eating ice cream with my Brothers.

Have you heard the story of Tom Lang's band or John Chadderdon's time with the Forest Service? Dale Graeven Jr. didn't always work for Harley. Pat Militzer travelled to the Soviet Union. Have you pictured Lloyd with suds coming out of washing machine? Do you know what happened to Mike Meyers in Stevens Point? Did you know I was a college Mascot??

The bottom line is that our Brethren have very diverse backgrounds and experiences. Take a moment and chat with a Brother that you don't know very well. You might be surprised where he comes from or what he has done in his life. Let us share in the richness of our Brethren's experiences.

Brother Curt Angelo Campagna, P.M.

NOVEMBER 2008

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

- 11/7 - Stated Meeting - Lodge Elections - 6pm Dinner - 7pm Lodge
- 11/25 - Social Night - Movie Night - Honor Senior Warden Night - 6pm Dinner
- 12/7 - Ye Olde Christmas Feast - 5pm - South Milw. High School
- 12/9 - Stated Meeting - Lodge Christmas Party - Bring a toy for Toys for Tots.
- 12/23 - No Lodge Meeting - Donate a lump of coal for the Senior Warden Stocking.
- 1/11 - Lodge Installation - 2pm
- 2/15/09 - Sweetheart's Brunch - 10am - Packing House Restaurant

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.

Warren Krueger - 11/16/1949 - 58 years

Chris T Mihas - 11/3/1950 - 58 years

Arnold Luhm - 11/12/1954 - 53 years

David V. Riehl - 11/13/1963 - 44 years

Robert A. Schneider - 11/16/1969 - 38 years

Chris J. Mihas - 11/29/1973 - 34 years

Dale R. Graeven - 11/11/1980 - 27 years

Roger L. Bloomfield - 11/20/1986 - 21 years

“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

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!”

Daniel R. Lopez - 11/4

Bernard A. Stachota - 11/5

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

Alexander Mavros - 11/24

Dale R. Graeven - 11/25



“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

“It is most reverently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.”

George Washington



Worshipful Master
Mick Olson

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Changes

I recently went on vacation. Jewel didn't have time off so it was just me and my motorcycle. I stopped to visit my parents for a couple of days and on my way home, I took some time to drive around the small town where I was raised. My parents only live an hour away now, but I haven't been back to Boyne since I was in High School.

Driving around that small town, my childhood came rushing back in a storm of memories. I drove past my old schools, the little league park, even the lodge where my grandfather and great grandfather attended. The town had changed a lot, but some things looked just like I remembered them.

I was reminded of my childhood in a small town, of weekends with my grandparents and great grandparents. I was lucky to have great grandparents until I was entering high school. Unfortunately, like most young people, I didn't realize just what riches I had available at the time, the wealth of history and wisdom at my disposal.

Great grandma had a favorite saying, "Just twenty letters. Just ten little words." She would say in her broken English. "If it is to be, it is up to me." She and Great Grandpa "came over on the boat" and didn't speak a word of English when they started their 'American Dream'. They raised seven children. My Grandpa, their eldest, would come home from school and teach them English. THEY worked hard and overcame obstacles to make their dream happen. THEY earned their share of 'the dream'. THEY seized the opportunity.

When I got home from vacation I heard that one of our Brothers had just been "downsized" thanks to the present economy. I was worried for him. He wasn't. "I'll be fine." he said. I still worried.

But he must have talked to my Great Grandma. From the start he found something he enjoyed to do and could make a living doing. He worked hard and got good at it. He made himself a very marketable commodity. Now he set out to find a new job. And sure enough, in a very short time he scored.

Too many times we see unhappy people waiting for OTHERS to change their lives. Whether it's finding a good job or changing some other aspect of their life. They wait for others to make them happy, for others to do something, for others to give them something.

But not Masons. That's one of the many great things about our brethren. If they want to change something, they don't sit by and wait for others to change it. THEY change it. THEY make their life what they want it to be. THEY work to support their family. THEY work to build their lodge. And if necessary, THEY build a country where anyone who wants to work hard can earn a share of 'the dream'.

Masonry exists to make good men better. But Masonry doesn't make us better. Masonry supports us as we make ourselves better, as we build better lives for ourselves, our families and our friends.

"If it is to be, it is up to me." Great Grandma would have been a good Mason.

Fraternally,

Mick Olson
Worshipful Master



2007 LODGE OFFICERS

Worshipful Master

Charles "Mick" Olson
618 Clark Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172

worshipful.master@dl290.org

Senior Warden

Curt Campagna, P.M.
2961 S 48th St., Milwaukee, WI 53219

senior.warden@dl290.org

Junior Warden

Larry Chadderdon
5326 Mansfield Dr. , Greendale, WI 53129

junior.warden@dl290.org

Treasurer

Louis W. Montgomery, P.M.
8545 W. Beloit Rd, Apt 3005, West Allis, WI 53227

treasurer@dl290.org

Secretary

Michael B. Meyer, P.M.
13060 W. National Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151

secretary@dl290.org

Chaplain

Dale A. Graeven, P.M.
9380 S Carol Ct, Oak Creek, WI 53154

chaplain@dl290.org

Senior Deacon

Lloyd A. Wilson
3571 S. 34th Street, Greenfield, WI 53221-1122

senior.deacon@dl290.org

Junior Deacon

Donald O'Kray
3714 Russet Lane, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

junior.deacon@dl290.org

Senior Steward

Chris Favero
2170 S. East Lane, New Berlin, WI 53146

senior.steward@dl290.org

Junior Steward

Tom Lang, P.M.
347 E. Plainfield Ave., Milwaukee WI 53207

junior.steward@dl290.org

Counselor

Patrick Militzer, P.M.
1203 S. 49th Street, West Milwaukee, WI 53214

counselor@dl290.org

Tiler

Joseph Dalkner
2230 S. 54th Street #329, Milwaukee, WI 53219

Degree Director

Michael B. Meyer, P.M.
13060 W. National Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151

degree.director@dl290.org

"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 F. & A.M.

1235 EAST HOWARD
MILWAUKEE, WI 53207

Phone: 414-297-9193
Website: www.dl290.org
Email: worshipful.master@dl290.org

WE ARE ON THE WEB AT
[HTTP://WWW.DL290.ORG](http://www.dl290.org)

THE REAL SECRET OF FREEMASONRY

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

LODGE TRUSTEES

Curt A. Campagna, P.M. (2008)	414-545-9235
Lloyd A. Wilson (2009)	414-315-0136
Dale A. Graeven, P.M. (2009)	414-764-8187

SICK AND VISITATION CHAIRPERSON

Curt A. Campagna, P.M.	414-545-9235
------------------------	--------------

MASTER'S BOARD

Keep those pocket petitions coming in. The Master's Board Chairman Patrick Miltizer 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.

THE SENIOR WARDEN IS A PIRATE!!

