



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

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YE OLDE CHRISTMAS FEAST

Damascus Lodge will once again be celebrating Christmas together at the South Milwaukee High School Music Department's 'Ye Olde Christmas Feast' on December 6, 2009 at 5:00 pm. This event was very well attended last year and everyone had such a great time they wanted to go back this year.

The event is a seven course meal set in the Renaissance period. During dinner you will be served by wenches and entertained by jesters, minstrels, vocalists, ensembles and more. All set in a medieval castle, also known as South Milwaukee High School.

For more information you can check their web site <http://smmusic.org/Feaste.htm> where you can find a map, menu and other information. There are some dining rules you may wish to be aware of. Be sure to arrive before 5:00 or you will miss the grand entrance!

If you have any questions you can't find answers to on the site, give Mick a call. Make your reservations with Brother Sean Schult. (See the flyer in this issue) We're looking to have a Jolly Good Time!! See you there!!

DAMASCUS LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

At our December 8th meeting we will be celebrating Christmas together. We will start with a traditional Christmas feast at 6:00 pm followed by our stated meeting at 7:00 pm. Please wear your Christmas favorites: your favorite Christmas tie; your favorite Christmas sweatshirt; or even your favorite Christmas pajamas and slippers. Don your gay apparel and come to celebrate with your brothers!

Please bring an unwrapped toy or a cash donation for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots drive. This is a very worthwhile cause and considering the present economy, this may be a year of great demand. Please remember those less fortunate than ourselves during this Holiday Season.

We hope to see you on December 8th!!

LODGE ELECTIONS

At our November 10th meeting we will be holding elections for the 2010 Lodge Officers. Come out to cast your vote for next year's leadership. Who knows, you could be elected!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

-  *Past Master's Dinner*
-  *Lodge Calendar*
-  *A Feast to Remember*
-  *Echo's from the West*
-  *Master's Message*
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NOVEMBER 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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					

- 11/7 Scottish Rite Sprecher Night - Sprecher Brewery - 7pm - 9pm
- 11/10 - Stated Meeting - Dinner 6pm, Lodge 7pm - Lodge Elections
- 11/14 - Scottish Rite Day - Valley of Milwaukee - 9am
- 11/24 - Master Mason Degree - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Degree
- 11/26 - Thanksgiving - Happy Turkey Day!
- 12/6 - Ye Olde Christmas Feast - See Page 5
- 12/8 - Stated Meeting - Dinner 6pm, Lodge 7pm.
- 1/10 - Lodge Installation - 3pm

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THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Git-R-Done!



Worshipful Master
Mick Olson

Greetings Brethren!

It's November already? Where has this year gone? By the time you read this, the leaves will be gone and we may even have....dare I say it....snow.

The year is nearly over and so is our Masonic Year in Lodge. We're wrapping up the loose ends and preparing to pass the mantle to next year's corps of officers. This is a busy time for everyone, but we still have much work to do.

I want to thank our officers and many other Brethren for their dedication and hard work this past year. We have made great strides and the Lodge owes you their gratitude for a job well done. Together we have charted the course for our Lodge. We have seen a renaissance. We are growing and we have many active members. The sidelines are filling up! An increase of active Brethren means more activity in the lodge and with the added activity, we are having more FUN!



But that also means an increase in the amount of work. In short Brethren, it's time! Time to Git-R-Done!! No matter how trivial it may seem, all duties in our Lodge are critical to our continued strength and wellbeing. From helping to clean the kitchen, interviewing a candidate or rapping a gavel to open a meeting, EVERY job in the Lodge is of utmost importance. You all make this lodge work. YOU make it a success!

Brethren, Damascus Lodge is a TEAM! WE work together! WE play together! WE are Brothers who depend on each other! In return for our efforts, WE will enjoy the many rewards! Together, WE will see Damascus continue this great growth for as long as WE are willing to put forth the effort. Let's keep it going!

We had a great Past Master's Dinner. Thank you Brother Mike Fairbanks. Check the flyer in this issue for information on Ye Olde Christmas Feast. We had such a great time last year everyone wanted to return. Mark your calendar and get your reservations to Brother Sean Schult ASAP. There are a limited number of tickets available. I hope you can join us.

Thanksgiving Blessings to all. I hope you enjoy the holiday with your family. Of all the blessings I will be counting on that special day, near the top of my list will be Damascus Lodge and ALL my Brethren. Our Damascus family is so very special. We are truly blessed. God Bless you all!

See you in Lodge!

ECHO'S FROM THE WEST

Brothers,

As Fall has come upon us bringing a change of season, I find myself contemplating the changes that take place in all of our lives and those in my own life of late.

When fall comes farmers harvest their crops bringing an end to the growing season. Leaves fall from the trees, Squirrels are gathering nuts and Bears are fattening up, all for their hibernation until next Spring. At Lodge our current Master's year is winding down with elections this month and plans being made for next year.

Most people are never happy with change due to the upheaval that it brings to their lives. I am one of those. I recently moved. In the time before the actual move date I was stressed by having to pack while trying to keep up with the rest of my regular schedule. It also happened somewhat faster than I had hoped, causing more stress. I made it through okay. This is partly due to the support of my family, friends, and my Lodge Brothers. All who supported me in this endeavor, either with their well wishes, "an attentive ear", and in some cases their sturdy backs and strong arms. For this support I am truly thankful.

Things are slowly shaking themselves out at my new place and things are returning to normalcy. The point I'm trying to get across, I guess, is that change happens and is inevitable. But with time and the support of good friends things will "Fall" into place.

Yours fraternally and with much thanks,
Larry Chadderdon SW

NO MEETING DECEMBER 22, 2009

Damascus Lodge will be dark on December 22nd. Please enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends.

I WANT MY MUMMY!!

October 27th saw the Damascus Boys screaming for their Mummy! Continuing our movie night tradition and to celebrate Halloween, we enjoyed a night of great food and a great movie. It was a great opportunity to sit back, relax and enjoy the Brotherhood that is Damascus Lodge.

Next year, Brother Curt will have to find someone else to hold his hand during the spooky movie! Thank you all for coming!!

MM ON THE WAY

Make sure to be in Lodge on November 24th as the outstanding, future award winning Damascus Lodge Degree Team raises Brother Steve Manthey to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brother Steve has worked hard to be prepared for this night and we hope you will join us in supporting him on this very special occasion.

A BUNCH OF DING-A-LINGS!

Damascus Lodge is continuing our tradition of Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at the Whitnall Pick N' Save. Check you calendar for Saturday, December 19th. We have time slots available from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please contact Brother Mike Meyer, 414-821-4495 to sign up.

We'll be outside again this year, so dress appropriately. Please join us in supporting this most worthy cause.

"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)

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



**De Olde
Christmas Feast**

Sunday December 6, 2008

5:00 P.M.



**South Milwaukee High School
801 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee**



Just \$15.00 per Person

For Damascus members and their immediate family.

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

**Reserve your tickets with Brother Sean Schult at
414-469-0305**



Before November 24, 2009 !!

Limited tickets available!





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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 Don O'Kray 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.

JUST DESSERTS FOR THE TRAVELING MAN!!!!

