



THE TRESTLEBOARD

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LODGE ELECTIONS

The Lodge election were held on Nov. 14th, 2006. We would like to congratulate the officers who were elected and wish them luck in the upcoming Masonic Year.

The elected Officers are as follows:

- Worshipful Master: Pat Miltzer
- Senior Warden: Charles 'Mick' Olson
- Junior Warden: Tom Lang, Jr., P.M.
- Treasurer: Lou Montgomery, P.M.
- Secretary: Michael Meyer, P.M.
- Trustee: Lloyd Wilson

The Worshipful Master elect, Pat Miltzer, is already hard at work in organizing his year. He has many wonderful events planned for the upcoming year, including several events for the whole family.



LODGE INSTALLATION

You should have already received your invitation to 102nd installation of Damascus Lodge Officers on Dec. 10th, 2006, at the Lake Lodge Masonic Center. The installation will start at 4:02pm with a light dinner, of sandwiches and Cheesecake to follow.

This will be an open installation. Spouses, children, family and friends are welcome.

Later in the month, at the Stated Meeting, the Master's Board will be returning a petition for the Lodge's consideration and ballot. This means there may even be an Entered Apprentice degree that night.

If you have not been to Lodge in a while, this would be a great time to visit and renew your connection to lodge. Meeting old friends while making new ones.

BELL RINGING

Brethren, its that time of year again, as snow fills the air, the weather turns colder, and the Christmas Spirit is in the air. Damascus Lodge is once again bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

Damascus Lodge 290 will be bell ringing at the Whitnall Pick & Save, down by the airport at 4698 S. Whitnall, We will be Bell Ringing all day on Saturday December 23rd. We still have a couple slots available for bell ringers. If you

would like to volunteer an hour or two of your time we would love to have you help both us and the Salvation Army.

To volunteer, please contact Michael Meyer, P.M. at 262-853-5631.

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COUNSELOR'S COLUMN

Starting Next Month



“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

DECEMBER 2006

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 12/2 - Tripoli Shrine - Ceremonial
- 12/10 - Lodge Installation - 4pm at Lake Lodge
- 12/12 - Stated Meeting - Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm
- 12/13 - Tripoli Shrine - Stated Meeting - Election of Officers
- 12/16 - Breakfast with Santa at Scottish Rite - Valley of Milwaukee
- 12/20 - Scottish Rite - Stated Meeting

PAST MASTER'S DINNER



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.

Raymond C. Mueller - 12/4/1946 - 60 years

George Ladwig - 12/3/1947 - 59 years

Mavros Alexander - 12/2/1949 - 57 years

John Kuhn - 12/8/1950 - 56 years

Charles L. Veit - 12/26/1952 - 54 years

George J. Korkos - 12/1/1961 - 45 years

James E. Schneider - 12/19/1969 - 37 years

Kelly S. Brown - 12/22/1987 - 19 years

“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!”

December

Charles L. Veit - 12/9

Walter L. Ackley - 12/16

John V. Schroder - 12/16

Kelly S. Brown - 12/27



THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worshipful Master
Dale A. Graeven, P.M.

Greetings Brothers,

As I sit and write this, I can remember what other Past Masters have written in their last message. Mostly, about what they have accomplished during their year(s). Well, I'm going to break with that tradition and talk about the future of our GREAT lodge.

Here we are in the 101st year of existence, where do we go from here? We begin our 102nd year of course, along with a line-up of talented and enthusiastic officers, with some of the most outrageous ideas (well I think the idea of shaving one's head is outrageous) and innovative I've seen in many years. So many remember the past and dwell on that, ask yourself "Where can we go from here?" Keep doing what we're doing? Sure, as long as you try something new as well. Remember, if you do the same things over and over, you will get the same results over and over, which sometimes is not a bad thing, but look ahead and make some calculated changes, and always have a plan "B". And have fun doing it.

I am humbled and proud that you have entrusted the leadership of this lodge to me for

3 years. I hope I have served you well. I look forward to further growth, camaraderie, and enjoyment of Damascus Lodge.

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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MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

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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.

SANTA PAID A VISIT IN THE PAST



MAY SANTA VISIT YOU THIS SEASON, HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR