



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

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## LODGE ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers of Damascus Lodge #290. We wish them the best of luck and offer our support in the upcoming Year.

The newly Elected Officers are:  
Worshipful Master: Mick Olson, PM  
Senior Warden: Larry Chadderdon  
Junior Warden: Lloyd Wilson  
Secretary: Michael Meyer, PM  
Treasurer: Lou Montgomery, PM  
Trustee: Patrick Miltzer, PM

The Appointed Officers will be:  
Senior Deacon: Michael Fairbanks  
Junior Deacon: Sean Schult  
Senior Steward: Jon Syverson  
Junior Steward: Chris Favero  
Tiler: Dale R. Graeven, P.M.  
Counselor: Curt A. Campagna, P.M.

The installation of officers who will serve Damascus Lodge for 2009 will be held at 3:00 pm, Sunday, January 11, 2009 at the Lake Masonic Center. There will be a dinner following the installation ceremony. Please come and support your new corps of officers.

## TRAVELING BROTHERS (OR I.H.O.M.)

It seems that Damascus Lodge is attracting many visitors these days. Maybe the word is out?

It started in August when several of our Brothers were attending the Harley-Davidson 105th Anniversary. While enjoying each others company we met Brother Dominique Chevrete of the "Grande Loge Nationale Française". Though our Lodge was dark, we met Brother Dominique on the level. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting Brother Dominique and even though there was a spoken language barrier, the universal language of our craft was all we needed to communicate our brotherly love.

In October we were privileged to host Brother Fernando Cardenas of "Delta 77 in the Valley of Lima, Peru". Brother Fernando is an Entered Apprentice and was in Milwaukee visiting family. We enjoyed getting to know Brother Fernando over a fine Damascus Lodge meal and during the meeting Brother Fernando presented his Masonic medal to the Lodge.

In November we had the pleasure to host Brother Ken Frick, Senior Warden at Union-Soloman #9 from British Columbia, Canada. Brother Ken was in town for training as he now works for Johnson Controls. We had a great time getting to know Brother Ken who fit right in at Damascus Lodge. He caught on early and happily participated in the exchange of jabs and jokes among the brethren that is our Damascus tradition.

What a wonderful fraternity that "unites men of every country" and "conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a distance." It was a great pleasure hosting these Brother "Traveling Men" who were "able to travel to foreign countries" and join us here at Damascus Lodge. We hope to see them again soon and extend a sincere welcome to all brethren visiting the Milwaukee area. Hence forth our Lodge will be nicknamed "The International House of Masonry". I think we can all eat to that!

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## ECHO'S FROM THE WEST

Do you realize what is happening in your Lodge? Brethren, if you haven't been able to attend Lodge or a Lodge activity for a while let me try to explain. The first time I noticed this trend was in my first year as Master. It just happened to be my first meeting as your Worshipful Master with all of the butterflies hitting my stomach as all Past Masters have gone through. There was a wonderful energy in the membership at dinner with good food and friends joking around and sharing their days work. When we started the meeting all of our new officers did a nice job in performing their parts and attending to their duties. All of a sudden my Junior Deacon let me know that a Brother was waiting outside the door to our Lodge. Of all the people to enter, we found ourselves in the midst of our Grand Master! If you thought I was nervous then, you would be right on the target. The meeting went on with the Lodge still in form from dinner, joking and having fun. When it came to the ritual work, we all showed that we knew what we were doing but still keeping the "fun factor" alive.

After the meeting the Grand Master informed us that he had more fun at Lodge that night than he had for many years. He told us that "This is what Freemasonry is really about." What can I say? I was proud of what we had that night. Little did I know that this was not the last time I would hear those words. Brethren, we have had many visitors to our Lodge, from local Lodges to International traveling Brethren. In almost every case I hear the exact same words that our Past Grand Master had said to us not so many years ago. "This Lodge is what Freemasonry is really about".

I am still so very proud of what we have become, and look forward to getting back to my Lodge!!

Brother Curt Angelo Campagna, P.M.

# DECEMBER 2008

### 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	31			

- 12/7 - Ye Olde Christmas Feast  
- 5pm - South Milwaukee H. S.
- 12/9 - Stated Meeting - Lodge  
Christmas Party - Bring a toy for  
Toys for Tots.
- 12/23 - No Lodge Meeting - Do-  
nate a lump of coal for the Senior  
Warden's Stocking.
- 1/11 - Lodge Installation - 3pm
- 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.

Raymond C. Mueller - 12/4/1946 - 62 years

George K. Ladwig - 12/3/1947 - 61 years

Alexander Mavros - 12/2/1949 - 59 years

John Kuhn - 12/8/1950 - 58 years

Charles L. Veit - 12/26/1952 - 56 years

George J. Korkos - 12/1/1961 - 47 years

James E. Schneider - 12/19/1969 - 38 years

Kelly S. Brown - 12/22/1987 - 21 years

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*“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*

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## 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!”

Charles L. Veit - 12/9

Warren J. Krueger - 12/15

Walter L. Ackley - 12/16

John V. Schroder - 12/16

Kelly S. Brown - 12/27



“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

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*“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*

## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

### Forward



Worshipful Master  
Mick Olson



Brethren,

It has indeed been a great honor serving you, the Brethren of Damascus Lodge as your Master this past year. I thank you for this opportunity and for the opportunity and confidence you have shown in electing me to a second term.

This past year our Lodge has been quite busy. We've had a full calendar of events and all were very well attended. We tried a few new things and held onto some of our traditions. I appreciate your support and ask that you continue that support as we continue to grow our lodge through the next year. There is nothing more satisfying to your officers than to see the members supporting our events and having a great time together.

I want to thank our corps of officers, both this past year's and next year's. Thank you to those who served with me last year. Your support and assistance are greatly appreciated. Through our combined efforts we had a very successful term. It was an awesome experience and I am deeply indebted for your guidance and support.

Next year we will have some promising new faces in our line. This is AWESOME! Thank you to all the new officers for agreeing to serve our Lodge. I'm excited to be working with you and I am confident that we will continue the high standards of leadership expected by the members of our Lodge. We are going to have a great year together and the Lodge will continue to have fun and grow through our warm and abundant fellowship.

To the members of the lodge, we pledge to do our best to continue the high standards established by our predecessors. Our lodge is growing and becoming stronger with every meeting. We are attracting new members and they are becoming active members. I urge those who have been away from Lodge to come back and see what we are doing. To participate in and be a part of the new energy coursing through our great fraternity. There are great times ahead for Damascus Lodge. And with your support, we are going to have a great time getting there!

Finally, to you and yours, I wish you a Blessed Holiday Season. Lodge will be dark on December 23rd. Take time to relax and enjoy your family and friends. Of all the riches in the world, of all of God's gifts, nothing is more valuable than family and friends. And we are all blessed to be Brothers!

See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

Mick Olson  
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)

## APPLE OF MY PIE?

On November 14th several members of Damascus Lodge had the pleasure of attending Bethel #6 for their "Honor Masons Night." It was a treat to sit and watch the young women conduct their meeting. All of us were invited to sit on the floor with the officers and each of us received a special thank you note from the officer we sat with.

For anyone who has never attended a Job's Daughter's Meeting, you need to go. This organization is outstanding! We owe our thanks to the many adults who volunteer their time to make this organization what it is. It is awesome that young women have an organization that promotes Masonic ideals.

After the meeting there was a dessert auction. Just what we at Damascus Lodge needed, an excuse to eat more! So we bought...and ate! Tradition holds that the last item auctioned is a delicious apple pie freshly baked by Mom Schoenfeld. I am proud to announce that the members of Damascus bought the prize pie for a winning bid of \$150.00!!

The girls were ecstatic! The adults were pleased. And we ate PIE! Well done brethren, well done.

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## DAMASCUS LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

At our December 9th 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!

I am asking that everyone 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 9th!!

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## BELL RINGING

Damascus Lodge is continuing our tradition of Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at the Whitnall Pick N' Save. Check your calendar for Saturday, December 13th. We have time slots available from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please contact Brother Mike Meyer, P.M., 414-821-4495 to sign up.

We'll probably be outside this year, so please dress appropriately. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## YE OLDE CHRISTMAS FEAST

For those who will be joining us December 7th for the South Milwaukee Music Department's presentation, you may find a map, menu and other information at <http://smmusic.org/Feaste.htm> You may also want to look at <http://www.southmilwaukee.com/story/index.aspx?id=538294> for a story of last years production. There are some dining rules you may wish to be aware of.

If you have any questions you can't find answers to on the site, give Mick a call.

Please remember, your servers are high school students, not professional wait staff. Please have patience as some of them have never done anything like this before. I guarantee they are doing their best to serve the Lords and Ladies of Damascus. We're looking to have a Jolly Good Time!! See you there!!

PHOTOS OF THE TRAVELING BROTHERS





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## MASTER'S BOARD

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

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## JOBIE PIE AUCTION - WE WON AND SO DID THE JOBIES !!!!!

