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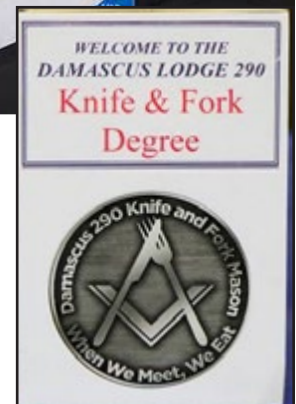
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## Knife and Fork Degree

On the 29th of April, the Lodge performed the legendary Knife and Fork Degree! The gastric experience and fellowship was pleasing to all who attended.

We congratulate all the new members that have been brought into the folds of the legend of the Knife and the Fork. We want to thank all who helped with this event including Brother Brian Bertram and Brother Pete Czechorski for all that they do.

Brother Pat Militzer, PM, set up the check-in process and Brother Mick Olson, PM; Dale Graeven, PM; and Curt Campagna, PM, were the main players for the degree.



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## Knife and Fork (cont'd)





# The Master's Message

by Curt Campagna, Worshipful Master

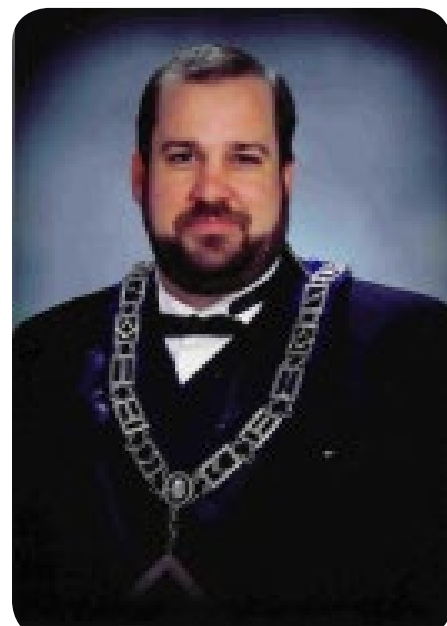
Are you a Traveling Man?

Brothers, one of the greatest benefits of belonging to the Fraternity is the endless ability to meet new people in your Masonic travels. In our District alone I am always surprised by how many new Brothers I run into. As much as traveling within the District is fun, I challenge you to enjoy traveling outside of the District or perhaps the rest of the state. Sitting down with another Brother from another part of the state gives a perspective of how they practice their craft or what different activities they do in their part of the state. This is the experience available while attending the Annual Communications. This yearly event allows us the ability to learn new ideas, and maybe share a few of ours. Your Officers are looking forward in representing this Lodge and hopefully coming back with some new interesting ideas that we can discuss when we get back.

Let's now think a little bigger. Think outside of your box and understand how great it is to travel to another state or perhaps another country. My Brothers,

there is a whole wide world of Brothers across this world that have stories to tell, different ways of doing things, unique traditions, and friendships to share. Do not limit yourself to the boundaries of your city; open your eyes to the true numbers of this Fraternity. I have had the pleasure of meeting Brothers from South America to Italy, to the North in Canada, and Japan. Our Treasurer Brother Dale, his wife, my wife and I have had the pleasure of attending the Shrine Directors Staff National Conventions held across the country. We have met some great men and their wives that we have kept in touch with and look forward to visiting again. Ray and Linda in North Carolina, Dorie and Ron from Kansas, Charlee from Tennessee, and so many more amazing people we have had the pleasure of enjoying their company. Brother Mike Fairbanks has traveled many times to Ireland where he has attended Lodges and met many Brothers. My point I am trying to make is that a Traveling Man is an enriched man.

Let's go Traveling!!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June

5th-6th – Grand  
Sessions in Madison

9th – Stated Meeting  
Hawaiian Shirt Night

14th – Chinooks  
Baseball Game  
5:00 pm game time  
RSVP closed.

### July

11th – Picnic &  
Outdoor Movie  
Lake Lodge

### September

13th – 110th Anniversary  
Tripoli Shrine Center

## ALOHA!

### June's Stated Meeting is Hawaiian shirt night!

Come on out to the  
June 9th meeting  
with your tropical  
spirit as we welcome  
the warmth of summer!



## Damascus Lodge No. 290

# 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

You are invited to help us celebrate our 110th  
Anniversary and honor the Past Masters of  
Damascus Lodge who have guided us.

*"Love one another with brotherly affection.  
Outdo one another in showing honor."*  
(Romans 12:10 ESV)

We look forward to honoring our Past, Present  
and Future. In celebration and fellowship  
we will be hosting a dinner on:



**September 13th, 2015**  
at the Tripoli Shrine Center



5 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar)  
featuring a Barbershop Quartet

6 p.m. Dinner

After Dinner A Program with guest speaker  
M.W. Grand Secretary  
Michael A. DeWolf, PGM

**\$25 per Attendee**

Past Masters and any widows of Damascus Lodge  
are free to attend.

Register online with meal selection at:  
<http://dl290.brownpapertickets.com>





## Trap Team

This year the Lodge is sponsoring a trap team competing at the Cudahy Sportsman's Club. The team is the Damascus No. 290 Hiram's Hotshots. Team consists of Nathan Butts (Captain), Brian Bertram, Robert Bertram, Michael Fairbanks, Dale Graeven, and Paul Graeven. Shooting is open every

Tuesday night, Wednesday night, and Sunday afternoon. We are now four weeks into the season and with the league changes this year are in a higher division than we competed in last year. The first weeks of scoring will be posted next week when shooters from all teams have shot their first four

weeks. We will be scheduling several team shoots and will let the Lodge know when those are so we can get some spectators down to watch. Keep an eye out for those notifications.



## Awards Night

by Nathan Butts, Senior Warden

I had the pleasure of presenting a scholarship at Cudahy High School. It was very impressive to see the number of students getting academic awards. I presented our recipient, Katelyn Dooley, with her award and from the crowd came "Thanks, Hiram!" She was very happy, and I spoke to her

and her family after the ceremony. They all thanked the Lodge for the award and are looking forward to Katelyn's future schooling. South Shore Lodge was also there presenting a scholarship and they were right after me. The Goodmans did a comedy skit.

## By the Plumb: A Junior Warden's Thoughts



"Bronze Star Recipient"  
By Michael Fairbanks,  
Junior Warden

On May 20th while presenting a scholarship grant at St. Francis High School, I had the honor and privilege to be seated next to a Bronze Star recipient.

As I waited for my turn at the podium, I had the opportunity to see by his campaign ribbons where he had been and where he had fought. All I could think about was what that young man had seen and lived through, because Bronze Stars are not just handed out as feel-good trinkets. This American soldier from the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles had seen combat in Iraq. And whatever his act, whatever

situation he found himself – he put his life, limb, and body at risk and was instrumental in the saving of lives.

He didn't say anything. He didn't have to – his Bronze Star and campaign ribbons said it all. So, to Sgt. Morris, it was an honor to be seated next to you, and moreso my pleasure to shake hands with a real American hero. God go with you always, and as always, *thank you* for your service and sacrifice for this great country.

*Thank you* for being America.

## Picnic & Outdoor Movie!

**Combined Lake–Damascus Lodge**  
**Saturday, July 11 • 4p.m. • Lake Lodge**

(inside if bad weather)







## Bowled Over

The Lodge went bowling on 5/21/15 and had a great time. A guest, Bill Kern, kicked our butts (well, Nate Butts, and the rest of us too). Nate bowled a great game but, after the wings, he seemed to slow just a bit and the ball got sticky. Kirby Timm just toyed with us with witty remarks, and Larry was playing blindfolded (very impressive). Brother Freddy said he was a professional and had nothing to prove, so he guarded the food and ate half of it! But seriously, we all had a great time with laughter and food! What else could a good Damascus guy ask for?



## CALLING ALL GRILLMASTERS!

**Wisconsin Masonic Rib Fest**  
**Sunday, June 21**  
**Bristol, WI**

The 2nd Annual Wisconsin Masonic Rib Fest on Father's Day in Bristol will be our battle ground as we battle for that 1st prize.

Anyone interested in joining or supporting the team, contact the Worshipful Master at

Worshipful.Master@dl290.org or call 414-698-8874. It should be a fine time grilling up some good animal flesh.



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### **Master's Board**

Keep those petitions coming in. The Master's Board President Mick Olson and Master's Board Secretary Brian Bertram would like to remind you to keep an eye out for new candidates for the Lodge.

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