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Grand Lodge 2015

Well, we have made our mark again in Madison representing the Lodge during the 2015 Annual Communication.

We got our Lodge Excellence Award gaining the highest level of "Gold."

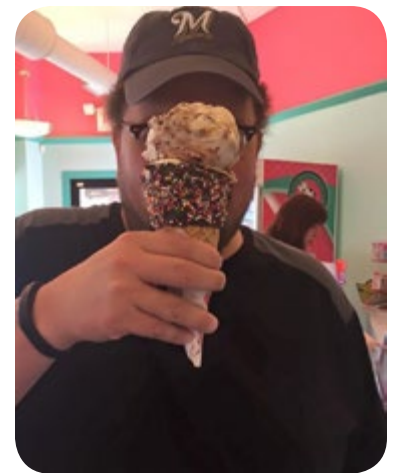
Our Worshipful Master Brother Curt Campagna was installed as Grand Chaplain of the State of Wisconsin.

We were able to have fun at the banquet and had the pleasure of eating with Diana Campagna and hubby.

We will see you again next year, Madison!

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Grand Lodge 2015 (cont'd)



The Master's Message

by Curt Campagna, Worshipful Master

What a fun June we just had:

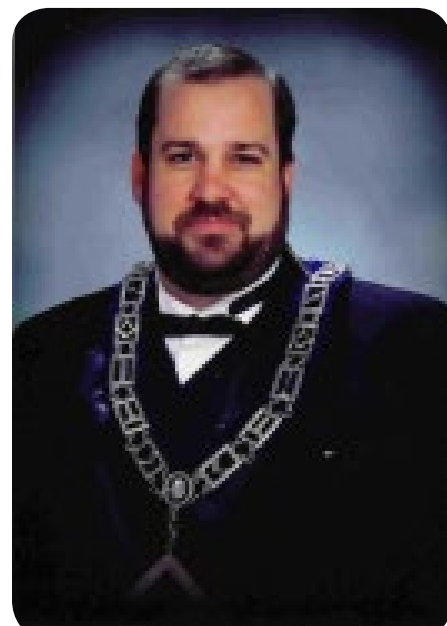
It has been a busy month personally for me. On the 2nd of June I was installed as The Sovereign Prince of the Scottish Rite Princes of Jerusalem line. On the 5th of June I was installed as the Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of the state of Wisconsin. I can't thank enough all the Brothers that went to Grand Lodge and did their duty in representing and being amazing advocates of our Lodge. The support I received from them on my installation will forever be heartwarming to me and my wife.

On the 9th we had our business meeting in Hawaiian attire. We had a practice for our two Fellow Crafts on the 10th and their Degrees on the 23rd. We visited the Jobies of Bethel 6 at their installation on Friday the 12th, and then flipped around and supported the Doric Chapter of DeMolay on their installation on Saturday the 13th.

On the 14th we went and celebrated Gill's birthday at the family day at the Lakeshore Chinooks baseball game. On the 27th of June we supported the Jobies at the Car Show at Lake Lodge.

There is no doubt that we are an active Lodge and have a lot of great stuff going on. I have attained some new hats this month but look forward to the new challenges to serve the craft. We have so many exciting things coming up this month including a business meeting on the 14th of July and possible Fellow Craft on the 28th. We will also have a family picnic with Lake Lodge on the 11th of July.

So with half of the year done, we are having many events, visitations, degrees, and some just darn fun. Come on out and see what is going on with your Lodge!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July

11th – Picnic &

Outdoor Movie

Lake Lodge, 4pm

RSVP to Curt Campagna

14th – Stated Meeting

Dress code: Business Casual

28th – Fellow Craft Degree

Dress code: Jacket and Tie

August

11th – Scholarship Recipients

Dinner

Dinner at 6 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dress code: Jacket and Tie

15th – District Meeting

(tentative)

25th – Master Mason Degree

September

13th – 110th Anniversary

Tripoli Shrine Center

Social at 5 pm

Dinner at 6 pm

RSVP online

Damascus Lodge No. 290

110th 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>



Something Fishy Going on Here ...

We went on a fishing trip to "sea" our favorite fish "Gill." Such a fun day!



Jewel Olson wormed her way to winning the trivia contest!

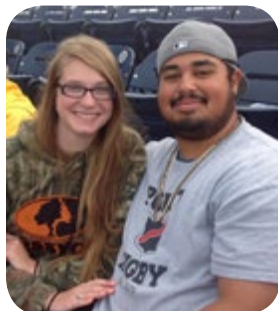


A reel man can tackle anything, even a grandson of Brother Mike Fairbanks.



Cast everything in the best possible light! Even though we didn't see much of it.

One good catch deserves another ...



On the Level

By Nathan Butts, Senior Warden

Every meeting we state as a reminder “so may we ever meet, act and part.” Yet I have seen many instances of Brothers not handling themselves in the manner we promote. As a Fellow Craft, we learn that the “attentive ear receives from the instructive tongue” proper instruction. This is one of the tools that teach us to be better men by listening to others, learning, or instructing others as needed. When we see someone acting “out of due bounds” of what we consider Masonic behavior, we should take charge of our instructive tongues and instruct

that Brother by whispering good counsel.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Frank Struble, this year wants us to seek out good men to join our fellowship. To accomplish that with the best possible results, we have to present ourselves in the best possible light, showing the dedication and devotion to making good men better. We have to take the initiative and speak up as needed or be willing to listen, if approached.

We need to be willing to lead, using our Masonic Principles. By doing this we will gain supporters and

future leaders. If we act “within due bounds,” others will see it. This will lead them to wonder what sets us apart from others and ask the questions, which will lead them to Freemasonry.

So let’s all meet on the level, and help each other to stay “within due bounds” by encouraging and fostering good friendship and brotherly love, aiding and assisting those in need, showing everyone what means to be “a good man” and what we can accomplish for our families, friends, neighbors, and communities.

Picnic & Outdoor Movie!

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

(rain or shine – inside if bad weather)



What to eat:

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips,
soda and ice cream to be
provided by the Lodges.

What to bring with you:

A dish to pass
Your folding chairs

What to do:

Cornhole tournament
Kids' games
Outdoor movie

**Free to all! Please RSVP so we have enough food for everyone!
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Bethel #6 of Job's Daughters Installation



It is always a pleasure to be able to have the Lodge members support such an amazing group as the Job's Daughters. We have had so many of our members' girls go through Bethel #6, it's like a second home for many of our membership. The Daughters grow so much when they join a group like this. It's not always money that they need, but they need our support by attending meetings and events.

A few of our Brothers who came out to the Bethel #6 Installation on the 12th of June.

And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job!



Doric DeMolay Installation



We attended the Doric Installation on the 13th of June and witnessed this important day for these young men.

These boys are the future of the craft, and we should at all times do our best to support them.

We were able to present them with \$100 for presenting the flag, and doing the awe inspiring Ceremony of Light for us. We look forward in many more visitations.

So Where Do We Go After an Event?

Custard! We are all kids at heart, and nothing proves it more than getting together for some of those frozen treats. The spirit in this Lodge is what makes Damascus such a wonderful Lodge. We put an emphasis on sharing our time with our

families. We are only allowed to do our good work at Lodge with the permission from our wives and our families, so we should at all times thank them for the unmovable support that they give us. So go out and eat some custard!





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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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