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Fellowcraft Degree

by Worshipful Master Michael Fairbanks, P.M.

Congratulations to Bro. Craig Leonhardt who, on April 25th, became our newest Fellowcraft. This is the second step of Bro. Craig's Masonic Journey. Keep in mind that every Masonic Journey starts and ends at the same place; the paths which we trod from start to end are many, and it is important that we continue to learn and build on what we've learned in these first two steps.

Congratulations also to the Lodge Officers in conferring an excellent degree upon our newly made Brother. Your hard work

and dedication not only paid off, but it shows. My personal "thank you" to Bro. Craig and the Lodge Officers for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the extra night out. We look forward to seeing Bro. Craig in Lodge.





UPCOMING EVENTS

May

9th – Stated Meeting

June

18th – Lakeshore Chinooks
Baseball

Kapco Park, 1 p.m.

See more details on this page

July

16th – Mini Golf Challenge

Moorland Road Golf Center,

2:30 p.m.

See more details on page 5

BATTER UP

Join us for an afternoon
of baseball!



JUNE 18TH
AT 1 PM

\$5 per person
Kids 17 & under FREE!

Kapco Park
Concordia University
12800 N. Lake Shore Dr.
Mequon, WI

RSVP by June 11th
to Bro. Dale at treasurer@dl290.org

The Master's Message

by Worshipful Master Michael Fairbanks, P.M.

Attendance is the Key

When first becoming a Mason, I couldn't wait for the next meeting or event. I couldn't wait to see the ritual and the ceremonies – I was riveted and fascinated at the same time. Every movement, every word had meaning behind it.

I couldn't wait to get to Lodge and see friends, let my hair down a bit and know, that if the previous weeks had stress or were difficult, I could unload and not be judged or ridiculed.

Then came meeting time. The only time I have ever seen people have meaningful discussion without yelling and shouting to get a point across has been in a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Business was conducted amidst deep and long discussions for the betterment of our Lodge and society overall. And yet – we still came out of the Lodge room as friends and brothers.

Today we conduct business during our meetings, still have those discussions, but there are far, far fewer of us doing this.

Your attendance at our meetings is earnestly solicited. As we bring in new Masons, we need the Masons that have gone this way before

and have a wealth of Masonic knowledge to give instruction to those who are willing to receive it. We need you to be a part of the meetings and give your input.

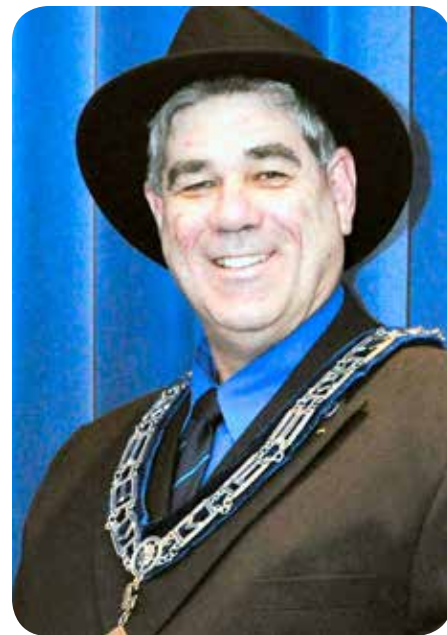
Part of our charge as Masons is to help improve society overall. We can best help improve society when all of our members come together and discuss the needs of our Lodge, society, and our own Brethren.

To all of this, attendance is the key.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, come back and see what we are doing. You will like what you see. For those who have been coming, keep coming and keep up the great work!

Damascus Lodge meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Be there AND be square.



Michael Fairbanks, P.M.
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Hiram's Hotshots Trap Team Starts New Season

by Bro. Brian Bertram, Senior Warden

Hiram's Hotshots, our own Damascus Lodge No. 290 trap shooting team, started the new season this year on a beautiful spring morning at Boxhorn Gun Club in Muskego, WI. Our team is in its third year, confirming our enjoyment of the sport. The team this year consists of brothers Bert, Bob B., Jake H., Mike F., Paul G. and Dave M., with Mike C. as an alternate.

The first four rounds are for classification for teams. Our first outing had a strong scoring for the first time out. Some miraculous shots were undertaken as the wind definitely played a factor.

We also enjoyed the company of brother Nate and prospective member Angel, as they shot with us for a full five-man squad. We have increasing interest in our team and may have to expand to two teams next year. If at any time you would like to come out and shoot with us, feel free to contact me. I will put you on our distribution list and let you know when we plan to go out. Most of the time we all can't meet to shoot at the same time, so members go when we can, as long as we all have our round in for the week. Guns are available to rent at the club, and ammo can be purchased there also.





**CAN YOU SURVIVE THE DAMASCUS 290
MINI GOLF CHALLENGE?**

JULY 16TH AT 2:30 PM

\$5 per person

Kids 17 & under FREE!

Damascus, Jobies, DeMolay, and family welcome.

Moorland Road Golf Center

5900 S Moorland Rd
New Berlin, WI, 53151

With Pizza Party to follow (watch for more details!)

RSVP by July 9th
to Bro. Jake at junior.deacon@dl290.org

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