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Challenge Accepted!

On April 30th, members of Damascus Lodge and their families met with the boys of Doric Chapter DeMolay for a three-game bowling challenge. The men and women of Damascus respectively cleaned the clock of the boys of DeMolay. We showed them how to bowl.

We had a great time, and everyone enjoyed pizza and soda for the event. Maybe next time the Doric members will show up to the challenge.

FINAL TOTALS	SCORE
DEMOLAY	1097
DAMASCUS LODGE MENS	1419
DAMASCUS LADIES	1227





UPCOMING EVENTS

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,
3:00 p.m.

See signup details on page 4

August

13th – Summer Picnic

Wilson Park, Picnic Area #1
1:00 p.m.

See signup 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.

Travel into Foreign Lands

I often find myself going through my journals and refreshing my memory with my journeys to Ireland and of the many fine and wonderful Masons it has been my honor to meet. The privilege of attending Lodge in beautiful buildings that are older than our country, and being in fellowship with our Brothers, surrounded by the pictures and history of the Lodge, is beyond description. It is only when you step into an Irish Lodge while in Ireland can you fully appreciate our history as a worldwide Masonic Fraternity.

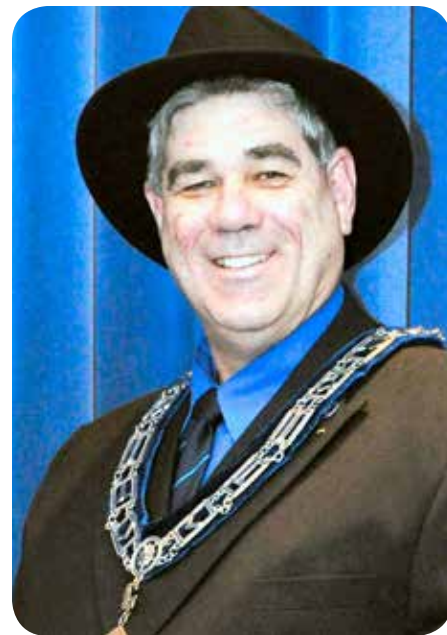
Our brothers in Ireland take Masonry very seriously. Dress is business: dark suit or dark matching slacks, shirt and tie, polished shoes, white gloves and dark jacket. No one enters into an open Lodge with nothing less. To see an Irish 3rd (Master) degree conferred by Masons that have been in the Fraternity for 20, 30, 40, 50 years, and even longer, is to see a conferral done to near perfection that "does not get any better than this."

Want a history lesson in Masonry? Ask Brothers Ted Hayes or Francis Craig, whom you would most certainly meet should you ever

appear in any Lodge around Belfast. At least one of them is going to be in that Lodge. You will be entranced and awash with invaluable Masonic knowledge and history.

Seeing the results of a Brother Mason's hard labor is indeed refreshing and makes one proud to be a Mason. Arthur's Square Masonic Center in Belfast City Center (downtown) is a prime example of a Masonic Labor of Love. The effort that Brother Ron Wilson put forth in the restoration of the building to keep it open for the Masonic Fraternities is really nothing short of Herculean. The before and after photos are astonishing.

Of course when one travels to Ireland, the travels are not all work and no play. Giant's Causeway, the Coast Road and the ever-present view of Scotland over the Irish Sea, and trips around Lough Neigh and Strangford Lough are breathtaking anytime of the year. The legends and lore of Finn McCool abound all through Ireland. The residents are not bashful about telling their versions of the Irish Giant that saved Ireland from the most dire of calamities and invasions, to being scared sockless of his



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wife. My favorite is how Giant's Causeway and Lough Neigh came to be at the hands of Finn. And if you happen to be awake around the break of dawn and are lucky enough, ye might be spottin' a wee Leprechaun or two. Just be careful where you toss the dirty mop and dish water.

See you at the next meeting.
Be there AND be square.



IT'S TIME FOR THE DAMASCUS 290 MINI GOLF OPEN

July 16th at 3:00 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

Armeli's
RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA

With Pizza Party to Follow
at Armeli's, 16201 W National Ave
New Berlin, WI 53151

RSVP by July 11th
to Bro. Jacob Harycki at (414) 517-1450 or junior.deacon@dl290.org

Celebrate the Masonic Journey

By Bro. Jacob Harycki, Junior Deacon

As a part of the Junior Deacon responsibilities, I am tasked with introducing candidates for their degrees. What seems like a simple thing has come to have more meaning that I had realized. This responsibility allows me to get to know the candidates better and be a familiar face for the candidate as they begin their journey into Masonry. It is a honor to take this role in the Lodge and be able to act in a "big brother" role for our candidates before they step into

the unknown. As a Lodge, we do and outstanding job of welcoming and making our candidates feel immediately like a part of our Masonic family.

Recently I embarked on my first journey of Masonic travel, and attended a degree being inferred upon a new brother. In my journey, I observed something different. This Lodge seemed to celebrate their new member, and they also celebrated how the Lodge

would benefit from receiving that new member. This made me realize that, at our Lodge, we do an amazing job of celebrating new members, and joining in the excitement of the Masonic journey they are about to embark on, and what they will gain from the journey.



DAMASCUS 290 SUMMER PICNIC

August 13th @ 1 pm
Wilson Park, Picnic Area #1

Bring a dish to pass!

Sign up with Matt Hanchek
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