

Trestleboard 290



Date November 1st, 2024

2024 Lodge Officers

- **Worshipful Master**
Craig Leonhardt
- **Senior Warden**
Jake Harycki PM
- **Junior Warden**
Mike Cornell
- **Treasurer**
Matt Schmidt
- **Secretary**
Kevin Hart
- **Senior Deacon**
Dom Cavalco (Trustee)
- **Junior Deacon**
Fernando Topete
- **Senior Steward**
Noloan Swendrowski
- **Junior Steward**
Winston Herman
- **Tiler**
Rich Cummings (Trustee)
- **Chaplain**
[Byron Borck PM](#)
- **Councilor**
Nate Butts PM (Trustee)

Master's Message

Happy holidays brethren.

As the year is coming to a close, we need to remember the things that we should be thankful for. Love your family and your friends and don't forget to tell them you love them. You never know if you may never see them again. Cherish the moments and time with your family and brethren during this upcoming holiday season.

If you haven't responded about Festival of trees please let me know and I'll make sure you are on the list.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

I love you Brothers.

Craig Leonhardt

Worshipful Master

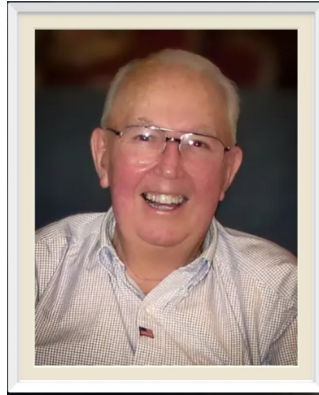
Damascus Lodge #290



Laurence Baird

Don't forget that the 7th Annual Festival of Trees at Tripoli shrine is coming up! Always a good time and for a great cause. See "Upcoming events" for more information.





The rolls of the workmen have been called and

Brother **John Louis Immel**

of Damascus Lodge #290

answers not...

The Lodge has been informed that Brother John L. Immel has laid down his working tools and joined the ce-

lestial lodge above. Brother John was born June 2, 1927 initiated an Entered Apprentice on February 11, 1949 passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on May 13, 1949 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on September 23, 1949. Brother John as called to the celestial Lodge on October 17, 2024. Brother John was a 75 year Mason in Damascus Lodge .

Senior Deacon's Reflection

By Bro. Dominic Calvalco



When you look around at the world today, it can be hard not to be overwhelmed with the divisions. Sometimes it feels like society is cracking, becoming too reliant on the individual. It is at times like these that I am thankful for being a brother of Damascus. The bonds we forge through our shared experiences and customs promote unity; there is a harmony when our many voices come together through fellowship. I may not have been a member for a long time, and some of you I don't know very well, but I feel fortunate to be on this quest for light with you.

As I reflect on this year and on my time as Senior Deacon, it was learning from so many of you that really stands out. The Senior Deacon plays an important role during degree work, and having a chance to participate this year has been amazing. The lessons taught through the degrees are a reminder to us each night that we put them on; it is a chance for us to reflect on our own Masonic journey and the bonds we've forged with our brothers.

And so in closing, brothers, I thank you for welcoming into Damascus over these last couple years and for trusting me in such an important role. I'm looking forward to continuing this journey with all of you next year, even if its just from the sidelines.



Lodge Birthdays

November

Stephen Montgomery 11/06, Kyle Olson 11/08, Jason Williams 11/17

December

Thomas Tinney 12/17, Eric Vesel 12/20, Kelly Brown 12/27



Upcoming Dates

Nov 3rd - Fireside Theater - Miracle on 34th Street. - Brothers and wives - Meet at lodge at 8:30am. Bus leaves at 9am. Brothers are \$25, Wives are free

Contact Brother Matthew Schmidt - 262-498-7109

Nov 12th- Stated Meeting, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Gavel drops. **Voting for 2025 Officers.**

Nov 26th - Festival of Trees - Family event - \$10 per person. Meet at Tripoli Shrine at 5:30PM
Contact Brother Jake -



If you have any questions, edits and or suggestions for this newsletter, please contact Bro. Mike Cornell .

If you have an article that you would like to see published, please have them into the WM by the 15th of the month .

SIDELINE SCRIBBLES
Michael Fairbanks P.M.
November 2024

November is upon us. Summer has passed and fall is nearly gone as well.

As election of officers approaches, congratulations to our newest, soon to be Past Master Craig and the 2024 Officers of Damascus 290 on having a good year as Master and Officers. A huge "Thank You" to our Junior Warden, Mike Cornell and his Stewards (Winston Herman and Nolan Swendrowski) for the excellent meals and their hard work in the kitchen. Feeding the "workmen" is not an easy task at Damascus 290.

The many events planned, were events that were interesting, fun, and fairly well attended. If you were unable to attend Lodge or the events, the only thing missing, as Worshipful Brother Mick says – "was YOU".

When our elections have concluded, officers will take their new positions once installed. I can only plead with you to take your new office seriously. If you have not already learned your new position, then work hard to learn it. If memorization is required, then memorize.

Brother Junior Deacon, you have many duties. You are in essence the backup for our Tiler in that you answer at the inner door of the Lodge. You are charged with preparing the candidates, including the Junior Deacon's address to that candidate prior to his first admission into our Lodge. You are to assist the Senior Deacon in ensuring the candidate is properly clothed, and from there introduce the candidate to the Lodge.

Other duties include being the messenger within the Lodge for the Senior Warden and helping the Senior Deacon prepare the Lodge for meetings and degrees when not attending to the candidates. When all of this is finished and while not an official duty of the Junior Warden, it doesn't hurt to ask if the Junior Warden and Stewards need help in the kitchen.

Once the work is complete, you still need to learn the Senior Deacon's position if you plan to advance the following year. At the same time, you should be training the Senior Steward for the following year.

Brother Senior Deacon, your duties are just as many only a bit more involved. You have perhaps the most important job in the Lodge during the degree. Taking the candidate after he has been introduced and conducting him during his degree is one of the highest honor's one can have. "Follow your conductor and fear no danger" instills trust and confidence that you have his back. If you have not already done so, learn your duties, memorize the ritual including the constitutional questions, and always be ready to assist the candidate in any need they have.

In addition to caring for the candidate, you are the messenger for the Worshipful Master inside Lodge. While training the Junior Deacon to take your chair, your other duties include preparing the Lodge for meetings and degrees, preparing the candidate prior to his degrees, introducing and caring for visiting Brethren, and when you are done with all of this; learn the Junior Warden's position if you are planning to advance the following year.

Freemasonry is one of those things in life where you get back what you put into it. It takes dedication, commitment, and a lot of work. I could not possibly put into the craft in a lifetime what the craft has given me in fifteen years.

Next month, it's all about the Wardens.

Brethren, if you have not been to Lodge for a while, come back on a second or fourth Tuesday and see the new and exciting things our Officers and the Lodge have planned and are doing. Good things are happening.

For those of us who are regular attenders, keep coming and supporting our officers. Officers, keep up the great work and as usual, be there and be square.

Damascus Lodge No. 290 F. &A.M. 1235 East Howard Ave. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Remember!



Damascus Lodge No. 290 F. &A.M. 1235 East Howard Ave. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207