

Date March 1st, 2025

I hope everyone who attended the movie night had a great time. It was an enjoyable evening with all the brothers even if the movie was only so-so.

The bourbon and whiskey exchange was a success for our first time, with over 10 participants, including a brother from Lake Lodge.

At our March stated meeting, the young ladies from Bethel #6 Job's Daughters will join us for dinner and give a presentation about their upcoming trip to session. They have requested a donation, and I have asked them to provide more details about the event and travel involved.

Game night on March 25th will now be a Cribbage night. Please bring your boards. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. You only need to be able to count to 31.

Silly Suit Night is coming up in April at the stated meeting, with a prize for the best-dressed.

Upcoming dates: 3/11: Stated meeting with dinner at 6pm, 3/21: Sportsman's Night, 3/25: Game Night/Open with dinner at 6pm, 4/8 Silly Suit night with dinner at 6pm. 4/13 Bowling with Dad

See you in lodge

Jake Harycki

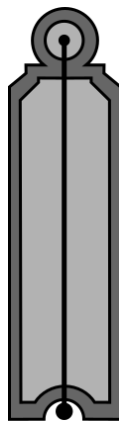


2025 Lodge Officers

- **Worshipful Master**
Jake Harycki PM
- **Senior Warden**
Mike Cornell
- **Junior Warden**
Brian Bertram PM
- **Treasurer**
Matt Schmidt
- **Secretary**
Mike Myers PM
- **Senior Deacon**
Noloan Swendrowski
- **Junior Deacon**
Winston Herman
- **Senior Steward**
Greg Neal
- **Junior Steward**
Eric Vesel
- **Tiler**
Larry Chadderdon PM
- **Chaplain**
Byron Borck PM
- **Councilor**
Nate Butts PM

Meet your Officers

This Month is JW Brian "Bert" Bertram



My name is Brian Bertram, everyone calls me Bert. I joined the Air National Guard at the young age of 17 years old while still a senior in high school, and spent 6 years at the 128th Air Refueling Wing as a Non-Commissioned Officer firefighter/crew chief. And another 2 years inactive ready reserve. I then became a civilian Firefighter/EMT-D/Fire Services Instructor at the same base for the Wisconsin Department of Military affairs, and eventually retiring as a Lieutenant. In 1993, I was given the honor of receiving the first ever "CMSgt Albert Fitzpatrick Air National Guard Firefighter of the Year" for the entire Air National Guard in the nation. As some may know, I enjoy Trap Shooting, camping, fishing, deer hunting, cooking, aviation, and collecting die cast toy cars. My vehicle collection has reached over 1700 pieces and growing. I am running out of room! I am married to my awesome, (and very understanding) wife Sheryl, and have a wonderful daughter Meagan who recently got married to Blake. I have known Sheryl since I was in 4th grade and we met at our church. In 1991 we got married and the rest is history. (continued on pg. 2)



Officer Bio

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Sheryl, as well as Meagan, are both Majority Members of Job's Daughters, Bethel 6, and such as this is where my interest started in freemasonry after working with, and getting to know, the guys at Damascus. I spent 14 years on the adult Council for Bethel 6 as Promoter of Finance and Promoter of Fraternal relations, alongside Sheryl, who is still active with the Bethel.

I was raised to the Master Mason Degree on August 17, 2010. A date which I will remember since it is also my wedding anniversary! After serving Damascus Lodge as Chaplain for a few years, I advanced through the officer chairs with the exception on Senior Deacon, of which I filled in, as the Senior Deacon needed to step down. I had the privilege of Serving as Worshipful Master for Damascus for the 2018 year. I have received the Traveling Apron award for District 12 in 2016, and the Mason of the Year in 2014 for our lodge. I have taken the Masonic Courses offered by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which have been very beneficial to my working knowledge of our fraternity in Wisconsin. For almost 10-12 or so years, I have headed up our Trap shooting team, Damascus Lodge's "Hiram's Hotshots", which is one of my favorite things to do! We have been in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, and always have a good time at our shoots. We wear our team shirts with our logo, the lodge name and square and compass to promote our fraternity while having fun.

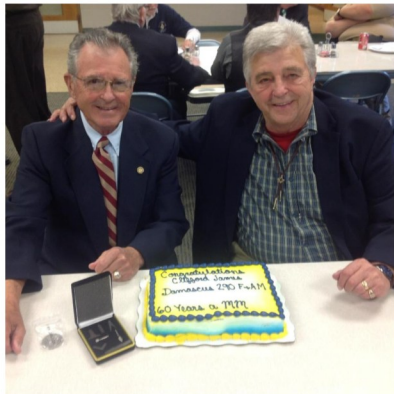
I look forward to serving as Junior Warden again as the lodge proceeds to grow, evolve and improve. If I do not know you, give me time. I try to introduce myself, or just come up and say "hi" and tell me about yourself.

-Brian



Brother Craig Leonhardt PM received his PM apron and Pin from WM Jake Harycki at the February stated meeting. Thank you Craig for your service to the lodge in the east last year.

Blast from the Past



*If any brothers have photos they would like to see in the Trestle Board, please email them to
by the last Tuesday of
month.*

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The brothers of Damascus Lodge “took to the streets looking for a good time” on the 4th Tuesday in February. They met at the Chocolate Factory for dinner and then off to Showtime Cinema to catch the latest ‘Captain America: Brave New World.’ A good time was had by all. Be sure to come to the next outing in April (flyer on last page!)



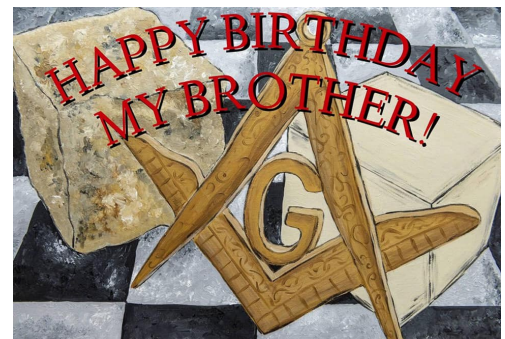
Lodge Birthdays

March

Dennis D. McNulty 3/1, Byron E. Borck 3/1
Kevin P. Hart 3/9, Dale A. Graeven 3/11
J. Todd Roseman 3/11, Michael Cornell 3/16
John H. Pellman 3/16, Matthew A. Schmidt 3/21

April

Winston Herman 4/3, Carey McIntyre and Eckhard Tetzlaff 4/6, Charles Tate 4/23, Brian Bertram 4/27,



Upcoming Dates

March 11 Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6pm and Gavel drops at 7pm.

March 21 Sportsman's Night at Tripoli Shrine

March 25 Game Night / open

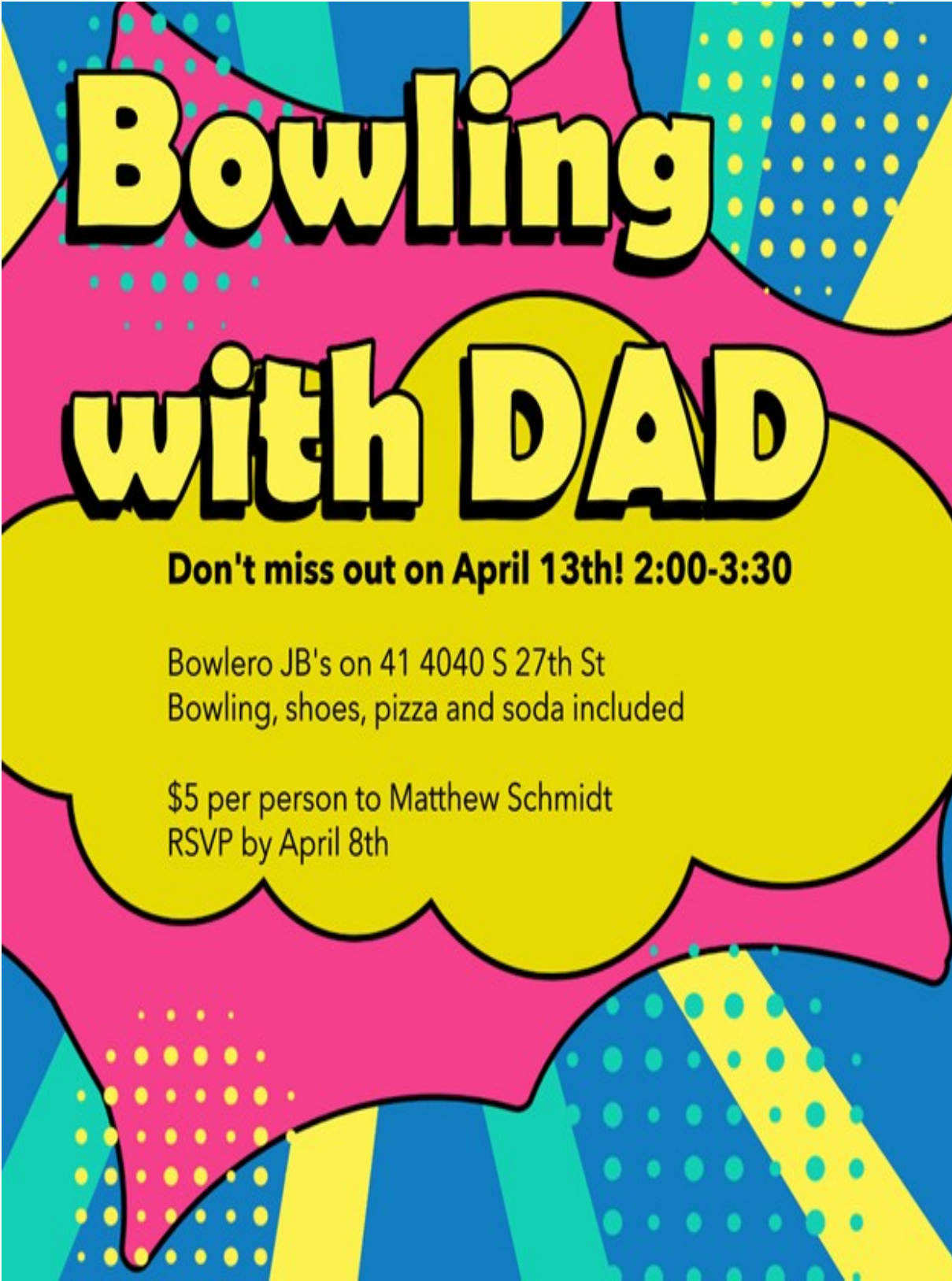
April 8 Stated Meeting. **Silly Suit Night.** Dinner at 6pm and Gavel drops at 7pm.

April 13 **Bowling with Dad** (family event/see flyer on pg 5)

April 22 Game Night / open



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 .



Bowling with DAD

Don't miss out on April 13th! 2:00-3:30

Bowlero JB's on 41 4040 S 27th St
Bowling, shoes, pizza and soda included

\$5 per person to Matthew Schmidt
RSVP by April 8th

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