

Date April 1st, 2025

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
Nolan Swendrowski
- Junior Deacon
Winston Herman
- Senior Steward
Greg Neal
- Junior Steward
Eric Vesel
- Tiler
Larry Chadderdon PM
- Chaplain
Byron Borck PM
- Councilor
Butts PM

Nate

We again had a great turnout for sportsman's night. It was a great night of brotherhood and supporting the Shrine. Game night on March 25th was Cribbage night. Everyone who attended had a great time. Congratulations to those who were lucky enough to win, and those who were not double skunked. Silly Suit Night is coming up in April at the stated meeting, with a prize for the best dressed. Bowling with Dad is coming up April 13th. If you have kids or grandkids that would be interested, please reach out to brother Matt S. by April 8th. \$5 per person; includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and Soda. Bowling will be at JB's on 41.

Upcoming dates: 4/8 Silly Suit night with dinner at 6pm.
4/13 Bowling with Dad, 4/22 Open/Game Night, 5/13 stated meeting with dinner at 6pm, 5/27 Open/Game Night, 5/31 is mini golf Cost \$5 per person. RSVP to Brother Winston by May 17th.

See you in Lodge,

Jake Harycki

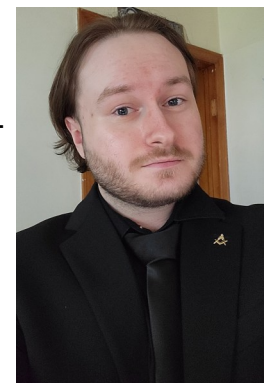


Meet your Officers

This Month is SD Nolan Swendrowski



Hello! I'm Nolan Swendrowski. Being 22 years old, I do not have an extensive professional or Masonic history, but I'd like to share a short story. At the age of 12, I became interested in fraternal organizations and decided to buy a ring with the square and compass on it. When the ring arrived, it was three sizes too large, which was unfortunate because I wanted to wear it (I didn't know any better). I set the ring aside and forgot about it. The night after my initiation in 2022, while cleaning my room, I happened to find that very ring I had forgotten about. At that moment, I realized that my Masonic journey had begun long before that night. Becoming a good man, and one worthy of being accepted into the fraternity, was something I had been working toward for years. I was passed and raised in 2023, and finally, I was able to wear that very ring at our most recent installation. As a younger member, I have a lot to learn. I hope that throughout the years I can continue to learn and continue working to become a better man.



Damascus Lodge heard the request for help, and we ANSWERED! Bethel No. 6 made a request to Damascus Lodge and our philanthropic committee for help with their trip to Supreme Session this summer. The travel expense alone was more than they had in their entire budget. We asked the “Jobbies” to give a presentation at lodge and explain to us all what Supreme Session is and why its important. Bethel 6 came to lodge in March and gave a wonderful talk about what Supreme Session in fact is as well as the classes, meetings and fellowship activities that are planned for girls from all around the world. It was then our pleasure to present Bethel 6 with a check for \$4000 to cover their travel. These young ladies of the Bethel surprised us with having the **Grand Bethel Honored Queen Aanikka Niemi** come visit with us but also **Miss International Jobs Daughters Olivia Halpin** from Australia. We are proud of “our girls” and can’t wait to hear about their trip.



Pictured left to right are WM Jake Harycki, Bethel 6 Honored Queen Ellie Walden, Past Honored Queen and current Grand Bethel Sr. Princess Henry Bingheim, Bethel 6 Chaplain Star Davis-Hicks, Miss International Jobs Daughters Oliva Halpin and Grand Bethel Honored Queen Aanikka Niemi.



Bethel 6 meets at the Lake Masonic Center the 2nd & 4th p.m. The “Jobbies” would love a visit from you!



Come support YOUR Damascus Trap team on April 12th at 10am.
The team shoots the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at Boxhorn Gun Club

S90 W13960, Boxhorn Dr, Muskego, WI 53150



Picture on left: Bro. Bert and his enormous
Calf muscles and dropping birds!



Team Members: Team Captain WB Brian "Bert" Bertram, Bro. Eric Vesel, Bro. Mike Cornell, Bro. Gerry Arnolt
and Bro. Greg Neal. WB Mike Fairbanks is our alternate.

*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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Tales from the West

By SW Mike Cornell

"How are you Brother? How's the family?" Yeah yeah, this is how we all greet each other at the start of every lodge meeting or event. But do we take the time to listen? We all can be wrapped up in our own little world (getting the kids to practice, can listen to each others gripes about "contribute to the relief?" Is it enough you...?" We all have troubles. Some big, our brothers is going through something from experience. The beauty of our ence. At least one of us knows what its other brother is going through. Its this can help. You or someone you know In our culture, we men are not great at "You know, I'm not ok. XYZ is going on and I don't know how to handle it." We believe that we should be able to handle what ever comes our way and not to bother anyone asking for help. So it's up to his brothers to help. We need to REALLY listen. Find out what's going on in this mans life. Offer that hand of brotherly love. And be open to take the help if you're on the other side. There is no shame in receiving love. That's what we all are supposed to do, right? Spread the cement of brotherly love? Give the love AND receive the love. It's that simple and yet we all can do better. Check on your brothers in between meetings. We are not just friends 2 nights a month. If you're reading this, you are my brother, and I love you. What can I do to help?

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Lodge Birthdays

April

**Winston Herman 4/3, Carey McIntyre and Eckhard Tetzlaff 4/6,
Charles Tate 4/23, Brian Bertram 4/27, Dakota Wells 4/28.**

May

**Kelly Clingaman & Curt Campagna 5/2, Mike Fairbanks & Jeff
Froderman 5/4, Rich Cummings 5/19, Luis Castillo 5/27.**



Pictured is WB Dale Graevan who was celebrating a birthday at lodge with the help of our JW; WB Bert Bertram.

Upcoming Dates

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

April 30 D12 Spring meeting/Awards dinner

May 13 Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6pm and Gavel drops at 7pm.

May 31 Lodge mini golf outing (see flyer pg 6)



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 .

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Sportsmans Night at Tripoli 2025

What a great night with family and friends. We were served an excellent Greek salad, a prime rib dinner, and fresh baked (microwaved-probably) cookies! And a few even of us won weapons in the raffles. Great night in deed!
(submitted by Bro. Kelly Clingaman)

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



BIG PUTTS MINI GOLF

MAY 31 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

\$5 per person (food included)

RSVP to Winston Hermann by May 17

Golf

**4251 S. 27th Street
Greenfield, WI 53221**

Food - Oscar's

**7041 South 27th St.
Franklin, WI 53132**

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The Daughters of Bethel 6 held their annual "Honor Masonic Bodies Night/ Dessert Auction on March 28th. Amongst the brothers from Damascus and Lake Lodge were members from our appendant bodies (Eastern Star, RAM, Council and Commandry as well as Grand Bethel and DeMolay State Officers. A good time was had and the desserts that were won by Damascus brothers will help us to attain (or maintain) our goal....wink wink.

