



November 1st, 2025

Master's Message

It's been a busy time for the Lodge. The boys from Hays lodge were thankful for our donation to the District 12 Toys for Tots district challenge. Thank you everyone for coming out to Lodge Movie night. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the movie Top Gun 2. It was a wonderful time at the fireside seeing a Wonderful Life, I think that all the ladies truly enjoyed the event. Congrats to Sean, our new EA. Brother Mike Did a great job taking the East for this special night. Upcoming events are: Stated meeting November 11 - elections, November 25th Fesztizal of trees, Stated Meeting December 9 - bad holiday attire, remember no no lodge event 12/23.

See you in Lodge,

Jake Harycki



Meet your Officers

This Month is Councilor Nathan Butts

I started my Masonic journey in 2008 when I asked that Mike Fairbanks guy about his funny symbols on his computer background as it was not approved by the IT guy, ME. :D The rest is history with that. I was Master the first time in 2016 and was based on what we can see the 100th Master of the lodge based on our historical data. I was also Master in 2020 when the covid's shut us all down.

I have been a part of Scottish Rite, and currently very active in the York Rite, being appointed to the Grand Council line twice, currently in the progressive line there learning and growing in leadership skills, becoming a more knowledgeable in Masonic history, fundamentals, and spreading that to others.

I enjoy hockey, even played that game with Brother Fairbanks in our younger days. I also enjoy shooting trap with the lodge team, playing golf, and more recently gotten back into building model railroads. I started my IT career in 1983 in high school, and its just something I really enjoy doing. And if you ask, the answer will be no, I will not fix your computer, not without cookies, pie or cake being involved. The journey has been great and I am very grateful to all the brothers who have sat around and listened, given me encouragement, helped me in the rough times, and kept me pointed in the right direction. You have all been a part of that and its awesome. Extremely grateful for all you have done, and all you will continue to do for me and my journey, and I look forward to giving that back to any of you who need it.



2025 Lodge Officers

- Worshipful Master
Jake Harycki PM
- Senior Warden
Mike Cornell
- Junior Warden
Dom Cavalco
(pro-tem)
- Treasurer
Matt Schmidt
- Secretary
Mike Meyer 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
Nate Butts PM

DAMASCUS LODGE No. 290
FIRESIDE DINNER THEATER SUNDAY NOV 2, 2025

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

MEET AT LODGE AT 8:45, BUS LEAVES AT 9:00
ARRIVE AT THE FIRESIDE AT 10:15, BRUNCH BEGINS AT 11:15
SHOW BEGINS AT 1:00, BUS RETURNS TO LODGE ABOUT 5:00
BROTHERS ARE \$25, LADIES ARE FREE
PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 1 AND PAY BRO. SCHMIDT

The story of George Bailey and his wonderful life in Bedford Falls has brought hope and inspiration to every heart with its celebration of the goodness in all of us. The Fireside is proud to bring you this stunning, live stage version of Frank Capra's beloved film. Written by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning lyricist Sheldon Harnick, one of the creators of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, and Grammy and Emmy Award winner Joe Raposo whose music from SESAME STREET inspired generations of young people, A WONDERFUL LIFE captures all the magic of the film as it shines with the spirit of Christmas.



Sunday Matinee Brunch

Brunch begins with an assortment of Quick Breads and Pastries from our Bakery to enjoy with a Fresh Fruit Smoothie. Each show our Chefs will prepare a Beef Tenderloin dish and select one of our popular Breakfast Potatoes for our Brunch Buffet which includes two Chef-Carved Meats, Eggs Benedict on Jones Canadian Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Jones Bacon and Sausage Links, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Buttermilk Pancakes, and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Bailey's Irish Cream Cheesecake for Dessert. Coffee, Tea and Milk are included with your Brunch.

920-563-9505
FiresideTheatre.com
1131 Janesville Avenue
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

The Fireside



BE THE GOOD IN THE WORLD

Masonic Day of Light

Saturday February 7, 2026

Tripoli Shrine Center

Contact dd12@wimasons.org to register.



JOIN US AT FREEMASONS LODGE
#363'S ANNUAL TABLE LODGE

TABLE LODGE
AT WESTMOOR C.C.
HOSTED BY
FREEMASONS LODGE #363

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WESTMOOR COUNTRY CLUB:
400 S MOORLAND RD, BROOKFIELD, WI 53005

FOOD/WINE | CASH BAR | BROTHERHOOD

ATTIRE: BLACK TIE | DARK SUIT | MILITARY DRESS

THURSDAY, NOV 6
COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30PM
DINNER 6:30 PM
\$100 PER PERSON

TICKETS: \$100 PER PERSON
CONTACT: KEVIN ALVARADO
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ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT AVAILABLE ON
GROUPABLE:
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Sideline Scribbles
“Attendance is the Key”
November 2025

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 them. Small note here: Contrary to popular belief and rumor amongst my Brethren, I not old enough nor did I hear the immortal words of “Let There Be Light!”.

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

Then came meeting time. In Lodge I witnessed people have meaningful discussion without yelling and shouting to get a point across and rarely occurs outside of 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 fewer of us doing this.

Your attendance at our meetings is earnestly solicited. As we bring in new Masons, we need our 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. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Be there AND be square.

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Michael Fairbanks

On October 24th, the girls of Bethel 6 hosted their “Honor Masonic Night.” The young ladies had a great meeting followed by a spaghetti dinner and the dessert auction. After dinner, the Jobies gave a very presentation on their trip to “Supreme” earlier this year. This is the trip that Damascus contributed to. The Jobies attended classes on leadership and communication as well as had time to meet with nearly a thousand other girls from around the country. All the girls as well as the bethel “Mom’s” were very appreciative of the donation made by our lodge. As some of you know, Bethel 6 hosts a dessert auction twice a year to raise funds for various trips and outings. Damascus bought their famed apple pie; the last dessert of the night, for \$300. I highly suggest that our members take a night this coming year a visit our youth organizations. They would love to you see you and it would be great to show our support to our masonic families.

Submitted by
Bro. Mike Cornell



Lodge Birthdays

November

Stephen L. Montgomery 11/6,

Kyle C. Olson 11/8

December

Tom Tinney 12/17, Eric Vesel 12/20 and

Kelly Brown 12/27



Upcoming Dates

November 2nd, Fireside trip (see flyer on pg 2) **AND** EA Rehearsal 6 pm

November 4th, **EA degree** (dinner at 6pm with degree to follow)

November 11th, Stated Meeting (dinner at 6pm, Gavel drops at 7pm) **ELECTIONS.**

November 25th, Festival of Trees Event

December 9th, Stated Meeting (dinner at 6pm, Gavel drops at 7pm) **Bad Holiday Attire**



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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Past Masters Corner

Many happy fall blessings to all, for this is a magical time of year. It is a time of transition. The world works its magic in so many ways. For example, plants that gave us food, ground cover, and some that blessed us with bright flowers now end their cycle of life. Many of these plants; in their last farewell till next year, gift us with an explosion of bountiful colors. Hues that work into a sort of tapestry that covers the earth like a fine oil painting. In their transition we find that even in death there is a beauty that can overwhelm us. Such is life, we are born in innocence, and move through maturity growing and defining ourselves in who and what we chose to be. Following through age towards wisdom and contemplation, and ending our life joined again with our creator. It is a beauty that can only be mirrored by life's tapestry exposed during the fall season. Such is the master plan that has been laid out for all of us. Enjoy all the beauty that has been given to you. Make your life a life that will give others a pause and say, "look at the beauty and enjoyment that he has given to us all".

Submitted by PM Curt

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Remember that Lodge Officer Elections
Are held on the November stated meeting.

Come out and have a say in the direction your lodge will take
In the next year! Bring with you an up to date dues card to vote.



Remember!

September through July

Lodge Dress Code:

Jacket and Tie

Summer months are casual, not year round please.

Expiration Date: 00/00/00

