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June 1st, 2026

Master's Message

Greetings from the East!

It's been a whirlwind of a month for Damascus. The beginning of May, the brothers and significant others took a trip to our nation's capital. The George Washington Masonic Memorial was very impressive as well as inspirational. Arlington National Cemetery was also visited. It was quite humbling as many of our members are veterans. The following day was "free" to visit wherever they so chose. Smithsonian museums, monuments and the Mall were the high points. As far as lodge is concerned, we will have multiple EA degrees coming up and soon a FC. If you plan on coming in June; wear your best Hawaiian shirt! Stop by on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for our stated meetings but come hungry; we'd love to share our dinner with you at 6pm. Till then friends.



As part of the Tripoli shrine onion distribution program, Damascus Lodge #290 donated One Thousand pounds of onions to the Muskego Food Pantry



Pictured here is Mr. Richard Roulet of the food pantry accepting two skids of onions from Brother Rich Cummings of Damascus Lodge #290.

Submitted by Bro. Rich Cummings

★ INVITING ALL ST. FRANCIS FIRST RESPONDERS! ★
(Police, Fire, EMS)

COOK OUT & THANK YOU CELEBRATION



★ **THANK YOU, ST. RESPONDERS!** ★
★ We want to say **THANK YOU** for all you do to protect and care for our community! ★
★ Join us for Food, Fellowship, and Fun as we honor your dedicated service! ★

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 28th
TIME: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: LAKE MASONIC CENTER
ADDRESS: 1235 E HOWARD AVE, ST. FRANCIS, WI



ALL FIRST RESPONDERS WELCOME!
Free Food, Drinks!
Host: Damascus Lodge No. 290. We are grateful for your service!

Damascus Lodge No. 290

★ DISTRICT 12 ★

BBQ COMPETITION

★ BRISKET & PULLED PORK ★

 **SUNDAY SEPT 27**
 **NOON JUDGING**
 **BROOKFIELD MASONIC CENTER**



EACH TEAM MUST PREPARE:
2 BRISKETS AND 2 PORK SHOULDERS
Portions for judging and portions for samples for the **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD!**

★ **BRISKET** ★  ★ **PULLED PORK** ★

★ **MUST ENTER BY JUNE 30** ★

 **THINK YOUR LODGE HAS CHAMPIONSHIP BBQ?**
FIRE UP THE SMOKER AND REPRESENT YOUR LODGE!
GOOD BBQ. GREAT COMPANY. STRONGER BROTHERHOOD.

 **CONTACT MATT KONRADT FOR RULES AND TO ENTER** |  matthewkonradt@gmail.com 

Edelweiss

BRUNCH CRUISE

Sunday, June 28
10:30 - 1:00

Meet at 10:30 at 205 N Highland Ave



Coffee and water included, cash bar
Menu to Follow
\$25 per person

RSVP and payment to Matt Schmidt
262-498-7109




DC Trip with Damascus



A long weekend in early May brought sun, history, and easy city rhythms on the Damascus Freemasons DC trip. We flew out on May 1st, arriving in our nation's capital. That evening we settled into Hotel Indigo and explored Old Town Alexandria — a perfect base with cob-



blestone streets, waterfront views, and multiple dining options. May 2nd was Tour Day. After a prompt 9:00 a.m. departure from the hotel lobby, the group toured Arlington National Cemetery by trolley with a guide. We watched the chilling change of the guard, at the Tomb of the



Unknown Soldier. A resident turkey even landed nearby we had quick bus en route Masonic Monday displays there wrapped up ner featuring risotto, family-spread of brownies, lemon bars, and carrot cake. After dinner, many gathered at Daniel O'Connell's Irish Pub for a cocktail or two.



May 3rd was deliberately left free for exploration. Many wandered the numerous museums and the National Mall. A small group visited George Washington's mansion in Mount Vernon and witnessed a live, large-scale, immersive reenactment of the Revolutionary War. After the sun went down, many took in a ghost tour of the haunted streets of Alexandria.



The group headed home early on May 4th, for a flight back to Milwaukee. This short escape balanced planned highlights with free time, making it a great template for a relaxed, small-group weekend in the D.C. area.



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By Bro.s Dom and Mike



Lodge Birthdays

June

Richard Feest 6/12, Gerald Arnholt 6/18, Larry Chadderdon 6/21,

Davie Gonzalez and Craig Leonhardt 6/29.

July

Richard T. Lang Jr 7/4, James J. Janczak 7/6, Jeff Woosley 7/9, Basil E. Ryan 7/24, Mick Olson John Delakis 7/30. Sean Paczesny, 7/31



Upcoming Dates

June 9th Stated Meeting Dinner at 6pm and Gavel drops at 7pm. **Hawaiian Shirt Night!**

June 16th EA Degree Rehearsal 6pm Dinner, practice to follow.

June 23rd Double EA Degree 6pm Dinner, Degree to follow.

June 28th Edelweiss Bruch Cruise (see flyer on page 2)

July 7th Stated Meeting Dinner at 6pm and Gavel drops at 7pm. **Sports Jersey Night!**



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 in to the WM by the 15th of the month .

Damascus Lodge No. 290 F. &A.M. 1235 East Howard Ave.

Past Master's Dinner

On April 28, 2026, Damascus Lodge No.290 of Milwaukee held a Past Masters Appreciation Dinner. The dinner was held at the Steakout Restaurant in Greendale, Wisconsin. The event was attended by eleven Past Masters of the Lodge and fourteen other guests. The food was excellent, the company special and the drinks delightful.



Pictured above are the eleven attending past masters left to right. Brother Craig Leonhardt, Brother Basil Ryan, Brother Michael Meyer, Brother Dale Graven, Brother Jacob Harycki, Brother Kelly Shawn Brown, Brother Larry Chadderdon, Brother Nathan Butts, Current Master Michael Cornell, Brother Brian Bertram, and Brother Curt Campagna.

Brother Dale Graven of Damascus Lodge #290 received his Forty-Five-year Masonic Anniversary Certificate at the Damascus Lodge Stated Meeting on May 12, 2026.

Brother Dale was raised at Damascus lodge #290 in May of 1981. He is a past Potentate of Tripoli Shrine of Milwaukee Wisconsin, a past Area Administration for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and is a past Master of Damascus Lodge.

In addition to being a Member of Damascus Lodge, Brother Dale is also a member of the Tripoli Shrine of Milwaukee, the Zor Shrine, the Naju Shrine, and the Scottish Rites. He is also an area representative of the Shrine Hospital of Chicago.

