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August 1st, 2026

Master's Message

Greetings from the East.

Two thirds of our year have come and gone. How are we doing? GREAT! We've had some great events, initiated 2 new brothers, soon we will "pass" a new FC. We have two more candidates in the wings. We have given back to our community last month with a cook out and will be reaching out to more in a few days as we team up with South Shore Lodge on the 3rd for National Night Out in Franklin, Wi. We still have a lot on our calendar for our members and their families. Our events are only as successful as our members make them. With that, come out and show your support. I am proud of the work we've done and continue to do. Its an honor to serve you and our lodge. Till we see you again my brother...

WM Mike



Sports Jersey night at our July stated meeting. Great turn out! Our August stated will have a "Concert "T" dress code. See the flyer on pg 2. Come show your support for which band or musician love. No idea why WB Craig is standing so far away. Maybe someone.....

August Stated Meeting Theme: Concert "T" Night!

Do you have a favorite band and musical act?



For the last of our Summer "dressed down" meetings: **August 11th**, wear your favorite Concert T or item in support of you favorite group!

Damascus and South Shore Lodge's

National Night Out

Monday, August 3rd 5:30-8:30pm

Franklin Public Library grounds

9151 West Loomis Rd, Franklin Wi.



Come on out this night and join your brothers in talking with our community. Lets get our lodge(s) name out there and let them know who we are and what we do. Bring a lawn chair and masonic swag to wear. We will have pop up tents and tables with information about the craft. We will need brothers for set up (30-45 minutes before) and tear down. Bring you family too! There will lots for the kids to see and do from the other presenters. Please RSVP to W. Bro. Byron Borck beborck03@gmail.com to let him know if you can help. We look forward to seeing you there!



DL 290

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



FOOD STARTING AT 6:00 PM



RACE AT 6:45 PM

LAKE MASONIC CENTER

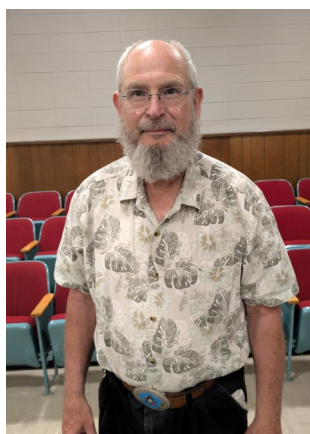


RSVP TO GREG OR DOMINIC BY SEPTEMBER 9TH





On July 16th, nine brothers attended a fundraiser for Racine County Zoo. Cigars and Dinner were provided to the participants. In attendance was Craig Leonhardt PM, Matt Schmidt, Sean Shult PM, Eric Vesel, Jake Harycki PM, Nolen Swendrowski, Kelly Cligamann, Mike Cornell and Mark Szczewski.



Damascus Lodge enjoyed a visit from a brother from Lodge #370, at our stated meeting on July 14, 2026. Pictured is Brother Russell Ungrath. Brother Russell is working on his Masonic passport and made Damascus a stop on his quest to visit all Lodges in District 12. (Submitted by Bro. Rich Cummings)

NEW CHANGES TO GRAND LODGE DISTRICT 12 SUPPORT FOR 2027.

In an effort to increase the performance of each of the lodges in the state, the GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN has increased the support staff for each district. The district support staff now includes:

John Pettigrew
District Representative District 12
Matt Konrad
Deputy District 12 Representative
Napoleon Sneed-Janczak,
Damascus 290 Assigned Support
Staff Member

One of Matt's new programs is to develop a database of trained ritual individuals to assist in the degree presentations. Please contact him if you are interested in adding your name to his database.

He and Napoleon are also helping to coordinate any inter district lodge programs like the district cook off, etc.

Pictured above are Matt (left) and Napoleon (right) during their recent visit to Damascus.



(submitted by Bro. Rich Cummings)

Remember!

September through July

Lodge Dress Code:

Jacket and Tie

Summer months are casual, not year round please.

Expiration Date: 00/00/00

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By Bro.s Dom and Mike



Lodge Birthdays

August

Paul Graeven 8/14, Bernard C. Baumgardner 8/21, Sean R. Schult 8/24, Nathan Butts 8/28.

September

Paul Peacock 4/64, Michael A. Corso 5/70
Gregory P. Neal 7/64, Pete Czechorski 8/70
Brian J. Alsobrook 9/78, Jacob C. Harycki 16/88, Kirby A. Timm 19/76
Fernando Topete 19/80, Jon S. Syverson 21/50
Michael B. Meyer 26/60, Brian J. Waszak 29/77



Upcoming Dates

August 3rd National Night Out with partners from *South Shore Lodge*. See flyer on pg. 2. Volunteers needed!

August 11th. Stated Meeting Dinner at 6pm and Gavel drops at 7pm. **Concert "T" Night!** See flyer on pg. 2

August 18th. Final rehearsal for FC degree. 6pm.

August 25th. FC degree for Bro. Sean Paczesny.

Sept 8th. Stated Meeting Dinner at 6pm and Gavel drops at 7pm.

Sept. 22nd. DL 290. See flyer on pg. 2.



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 .

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On June 19th, Officers from Damascus were in attendance for the installation of Doric Chapter of DeMolay. Our JW Nolen Swendrowski made a presentation to the newly appointed Master Counsilor; Noah Leon. It was an honor to witness these young men and we are given hope that our fraternity will have members like them in the future.



Damascus lodge 290 held their first ever **First Responders Cookout Day** on the 28th of July. St. Francis Police and Franklin Police department showed up enforce and enjoyed grilled Ham-burgers, Hot Dogs, and Chick-en. Brother Greg grilled his little butt off for most of the day and got the food nice and hot! Most of our Lodge brothers attended throughout the day to lend a hand. We had a decent little turnout. On the first shift, we served 12 officers and sent with them an additional 6 meals for those on duty. Second serving had 4 more officers with smiles.

Submitted by Bro. Kelly Clingaman