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September 1st, 2026

Master's Message

Greetings from the East.

Welcome back to the Fall Season. I don't know about you, but I am more than ready for cooler weather. With this being the "back to school" season, my mind moves to what we can learn. Our lodge is growing and becoming busier every month. With that said, we have some veteran brothers that would love to have "their" roles taken over in our degree work. Do you think you could learn a lecture? A charge? A presentation? I won't lie...it takes work. But I have found a great sense of pride in learning what I have for this year. I know others in lodge (our JW for one) can blow me out of the water with their ritual work. If you wish to step up to the challenge, please let our Counselor WB Nate or myself know and we'll point you in the right direction. The more brothers we have that are proficient in all of the ritual parts, the more valuable we are to others!

Till we see you again my brother...

WM Mike



Our latest degree work! Congratulations to our newest FC, Bro. Sean Paczesny. From left to right, Br. Reagan Shultz (Hays Lodge 331), District 12 Rep. WB John Pettigrew, WB Mike Clinnin, Br. Josh Armstrong, Br. Winston Hermann, Br. Karl Cleppe (Hays Lodge 331), SW Dom Cavalco, WB Larry Chadderdon, WB Mike Meyer, WB Jake Harycki, WM Mike Cornell, Br. Chris Balke, WB Byron Borck, Br. Sean Paczesny, Br. Mark Szczewski, Br. Jim Szczewski, JW Nolen Swendrowski (conferring WM), WB Craig Leonhardt, Br. Kelly Clingaman, WB Nate Butts, Br. John Pellmann, SD Greg Neal and JD Eric Vesel.



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



DAMASCUS LODGE NO. 290 F.&A.M.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2026

THURSDAY | 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Lake Masonic Center | 1235 E. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

 **MUSIC BY DJ BIG RON**
 **COSTUME CONTEST**
COUPLES COSTUMES | INDIVIDUAL COSTUMES
  **HOR D'OEUVRES & DRINKS**

OPEN TO FAMILIES! ALL AGES WELCOME!

LATE NIGHT PUBLIC INVESTIGATION! (11:30 PM - 12:30 AM)

SPECIAL GUESTS:
PHANTOM PALS AND RPI;
PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS

COST: \$10 PER PERSON
RSVP REQUIRED BY: Oct. 15th
RSVP TO: WM Mike Cornell @ kilteddad17@yahoo.com

Souper Crafty Festival



Saturday September 26th

10:30am to 2:30pm

Lake Masonic Center
1235 E Howard Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207
(enter the parking lot off Clement Ave - ADA accessible)

A variety of soups to choose from

Including Cheesy Broccoli, Chili and Loaded Baked Potato
available by the Bowl \$6 or a Three-Cup Flight \$10

Shop from diverse art and craft vendors and enjoy
delicious Homemade Soup.



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For more information contact: Vega76oeswi@gmail.com



Damascus in the Community

It's for animals! With a smell of complex aromas of tobacco, spices, and tinge of wildfire smoke in the air; 9 brothers from Damascus lodge #290 met at the fundraising Cigar Dinner at the Racine Zoo on July 16th. All brothers were in lodge shirts representing the craft. All proceeds benefit the animals and programs of the Racine Zoo.



What is Freemasonry

Freemasonry is personal, private and beyond description. We have rituals that we perform, like a play, that remind us of certain moral lessons, and hint at the antiquity of our craft. These are the material manifestations of what we do. They are no longer secrets, yet they remain private in most cases as every group or person has the right to personal privacy. They are the process of what we do. Just as what I do (for a living or otherwise) does not define me as a person, so the manner of what we do, does not define us as Freemasons. My obligations (oaths) make me a Freemason, and the manner in which I live and build my house of character show that I really understand and earn the title of Free and Accepted Mason.

The real secrets of Freemasonry are what happens in you!

No man can see into your mind or heart. No man can tell you how to apply the allegorical lessons of Freemasonry to your life, actions and character. These are the real secrets...it's all about how your mind and conscious uses the information that you are presented.

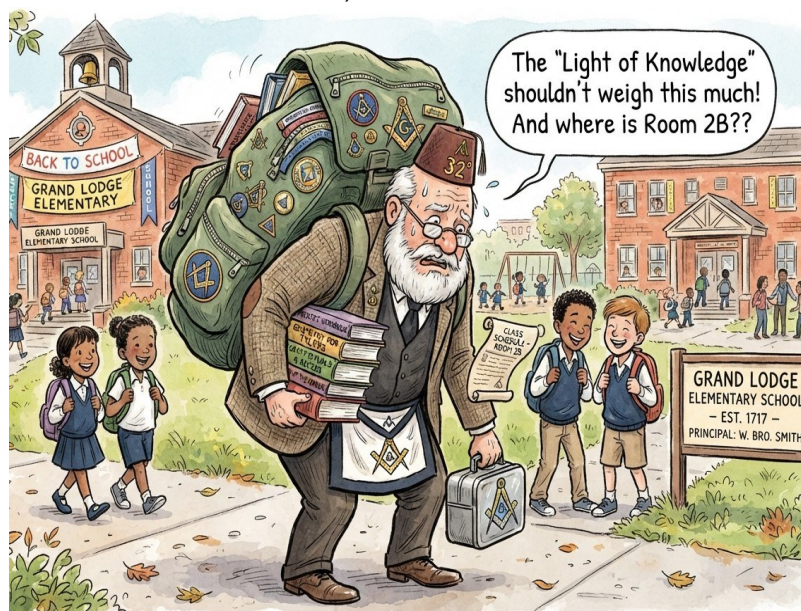
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By Bro.s Dom and Mike



Lodge Birthdays

September

Paul Peacock 9/4, Michael A. Corso 9/5

Gregory P. Neal 9/7, Pete Czechorski 9/8
 Brian J. Alsobrook 9/9, Jacob C. Harycki 9/16,
 Kirby A. Timm 9/19
 Fernando Topete 9/19 Jon S. Syverson 9/21
 Michael B. Meyer 9/26, Brian J. Waszak 9/29

October

Patrick J. Militzer 10/2, Scott Fairbanks 10/4,
 Nolen R. Swendrowski 10/17, Christopher A. Wuehr
 10/24,
 Chris J. Mihas 10/28, Matt Hanchek 10/31



Upcoming Dates

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

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

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

Oct 31st Damascus **Halloween Party** 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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