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October 1st, 2026

Master's Message

Greetings from the East.

I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of our lodge! We have done some incredible things this year. We have visited some older ritual that isn't used much anymore (Taking up the pass), we have initiated some great men with more to come this month as well as passed another. We've had some events that were well attended and have reached out into our communities to lend a hand and got the name Damascus out there! We even took members to our Nation's capitol to see the George Washington Masonic Memorial. All this wouldn't be possible without our members. Lets keep this momentum and finish out our year with a bang. Come by on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and say hi. We'd love to see you.

Till we see you again my brother...

WM Mike



FATHER SON DUO COMPLETE THEIR JOURNEY TO BECOME MASTER MASONS



At the Damacus Lodge's September 8, 2026, stated meeting, Brothers Mark and James Szczewski took the last steps toward their journey to become Master Masons. They were presented with the road map they would need to guide their journey. Masonic Bibles were presented to them by WB Brian Bertram. Brothers Mark and James were originally raised to the level of Master Mason on July 23, 2026. Please welcome them to the Lodge and wish

them well on their journey. Submitted by Bro. Rich Cummings

Made with AI

A CHRISTMAS STORY

THE MUSICAL

Sunday Matinee

BRUNCH 11:00 AM

SHOW 1:15 PM

Sunday, November 8th, 2026

Arrive at
10:30

\$20
FOR BROTHERS

Ladies Free

RSVP MATT 262-498-7109

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

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

At the Fireside Theater



LOCAL BROTHER REACHES A MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE

Brother Josh Ellet has reached his five-year anniversary as a Master Mason. Josh was raised in Janesville-Western Star No. 55 on August 21st, 2021. Brother Josh is shown receiving his five-year pin from Worshipful Master Michael Cornell of Damascus Lodge #290 at the September 8th, 2026, Stated Meeting. Congratulations Brother Josh.

Submitted by Bro. Rich Cummings



As the brothers gathered for dinner, **Hear Wisconsin** visited Damascus 290 at Lake Lodge to describe their community work supported by a generous \$5,000 donation. Jill Van Calster, President and CEO, and Kristin Johnson, staff at Hear Wisconsin, spoke for 30 minutes about services offered to businesses, schools, and individuals. They also explained hearing loss, aiming to help the brothers recognize it and seek treatment if they or a loved one are affected. 2026 marks 100 years that Hear Wisconsin has been supporting the community in the SE Wisconsin area.
Submitted by Bro. Mark Szczewski



See
What's
Happening
In
Lodge!

Remember!

September through
July

Dress Code
Jacket and Tie

Summer months are casual, not year round please.

Expiration Date: 00/00/00

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Lodge Birthdays

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

November

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

Oct. 6th EA rehearsal. 6pm dinner.

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

Oct. 20th EA rehearsal. 6pm dinner at **Culvers**

Oct. 27th EA degree conferral. 6pm dinner with degree to follow.

Oct 31st Damascus **Halloween Party** See flyer on pg. 2.

Nov. 11th Stated Meeting Dinner at 6pm and Gavel drops at 7pm. **Officer Elections!**



If you have any questions, edits and or suggestions for this newsletter, please contact WB 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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DL 290!



Pictured above are our winners! WB Jake Harycki, SW Dom Cavalco, Bro. Josh Ellet and WB Craig Leonhardt. The top racers of 3 heats with 3 individual races raced in the end to be ranked (and to choose their RC car of choice as a prize!)

Once again the brothers of Damascus heard the siren call and assembled for the race of the year. We gathered together in the parking lot for what turned out to be a pretty competitive race of remote control cars. Congratulations to the winners, and a big thank you to all the brothers who attended. I know that this is an event I look forward to every year, and this year was no exception. I also want to give a special thank you to Bro. Greg for making sure we had cars and a larger track. See you all next year!

Submitted by SW Dominic Cavalco



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.

