

St. John of Damascus Mission

2022 Warden's Report

Prepared by Gerald Hook for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on January 29, 2023

1. **HVAC SYSTEM:** Two sets of reusable filters were purchased for all four returns (8 filters). They actually fit better than the disposable filters. They should last for several years and save the parish several hundred dollars. In May, Johnnie Hoats cleaned the condenser coils for all HVAC systems, replaced one contactor on the condenser for the narthex unit, and checked all the capacitors on all condensers.
 2. **TANKLESS WATER HEATERS:** In May, Johnnie Hoats replaced the breaker for the tankless water heater that supplies the baptismal font and restrooms.
 3. **GROUNDS/LAWN MAINTENANCE:** Bill Billington has headed up this effort. Thanks to all who helped with mowing, flower bed maintenance, tree trimming, etc. Spring is not far away, so it's time to consider volunteering to assist with mowing for 2023. Smith County Road and Bridge Department (903-590-4801) was contacted to clear out and reform the ditch around the bottom of the driveway to facilitate drainage. This will probably need to be done periodically.
 - a. storage shed: On October 4, the storage shed was broken into and several hundred dollars worth of tools and equipment were stolen, including a line trimmer, blower, and air compressor. That night, Ricky Stoner took the mower to his house for safekeeping. A report was
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made to the Smith County Sheriff's Office. Nothing was captured on our video cameras. Bill Billington repaired the shed door and reinforced it. The stolen equipment is beginning to be replaced.

- b. parish work days: A few parish work days were scheduled throughout the last two years, some on Saturdays, some on Sundays. These work days presented opportunities for all parish members to pitch in on various projects which included tree trimming, erosion control, painting, minor plumbing work, facilities cleaning, cemetery improvements, polishing of liturgical implements, etc. They were well-attended and served to improve our facilities and grounds, build relationships, and reinforce a sense of community.
4. **SEPTIC SYSTEM**: We've had no trouble with the septic system but should consider having it pumped out in the next year or two.
5. **CEMETERY**: A path and stairs leading from the parking lot or exonarthex to the cemetery needs to be constructed in the hill on the south side of the temple leading down to the cemetery.
6. **ACCESIBILITY**: The height difference between the exonarthex and the entrance doors to the temple presents a difficulty for people using wheelchairs and people with ambulatory difficulties. A foldable wheelchair ramp was purchased to try to alleviate that difficulty. It is stored in the men's restroom.