

Birmingham Masonic News

# PILLARS OF PATRONAGE

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## BIRMINGHAM 44

BIRMINGHAM LODGE NO. 44 F&AM  
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In Memory of Joseph M. Briggs, Sr — from Steven R. Briggs

In Honor of Robert E. Meshew, PM — from E B. and Jean Ray

In Memory of PM's Tom, George, and Tom Jr Paterson — from Gerald Quinn, PM

In Loving Memory of A. Ray Swartz, PM — from Walter J and Ruby A. Thome

In Memory of Robbie Kilpatrick, PM — from Dave, Ray, and Donna Husk

In Memory of my Grandfather and Member Gordon Percy Deneau — from WM Matt Wilde

In Loving Memory of John H. Milroy, PM

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**BROS. TOM BARANOWSKI AND DENIS FUSTER AT BURGER NIGHT**

We're trying a new format. The printer allows us to use 11X20" sheets for the same price as 11X17". I'm playing with the design, and it will continue to evolve. This is in the print format. This is page 4; page 1 is to the right; page 2 below left; page 3 below right.

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# TRESTLE BOARD

## BIRMINGHAM LODGE #44

### Greetings from the East — September 2017



Brethren, I hope you all have enjoyed your summers and are ready to bring Light to Birmingham 44. I was quite busy this as I completed nine more credits towards my MBA, went on a cruise to Havana, Cuba, and spent many weekends with family and friends. I enjoyed the beautiful weather and have been looking forward to the upcoming college football season. I am also excited to be serving you as your Worshipful Master as we close out this Masonic year.

Now it is time to get back to pursue our Labors in Masonry. In the coming months we have several Candidates and Brothers who need to be Initiated, Passed, and Raised. We need the help of all you to come and support your new Brethren and keep their Masonic fire fueled with brotherly love and friendship.

This month, the temple board meets on September 5<sup>th</sup>. As members of Birmingham #44, we are also members of the Temple Board and it is important to have other Brothers attend. We have our regular Business Meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we are having a Fellowcraft degree, the 21<sup>st</sup> an Entered Apprentice, and on the 28<sup>th</sup> a Master Mason degree. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, we are having our annual Corn Roast, with hot dogs, bratwurst and of course corn. This event is open to all our families and friends.

Other dates to keep in your calendars now are the weekend of October 6-8<sup>th</sup> our Brethren from Speed Lodge in Canada will be visiting. On Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Pontiac Lodge #21 is hosting a Masonic Festive Board at our Temple. All Masons are invited. Festive Boards are a great time, each Brother will get a prime rib with all the fixings, a "canon" (shot glass) for the charges (toasting) and it will be a great night and something we can learn from going forward at Birmingham 44. The cost is \$50, RSVP soon to ensure your seat for this wonderful night of Masonry. It will be a busy and active Fall, culminating in our Installation of Officers on December 9<sup>th</sup>. So mark your calendars.

Brethren, through the first eight months of this year, it has been on honor to serve you as I have endeavored to pursue what I believe to be our best for Birmingham #44. The support of many of you have been amazing and I am truly humbled by the willingness of you all to support me without hesitation, or mental reservation whatsoever. I intend to finish this year as strong as possible and continue to grow our Lodge, not only by increasing membership, but to strengthen the bonds among us. I look forward to full sidelines in the coming months, and always, Go Blue!

Fraternally yours,  
Matt M. Wilde, WM

### The Secretary's Pen

Brethren: We had a busy summer, even while we were Dark! We started off the summer at the end of June with our annual Burger Night, which was a resounding success. We had a big turnout, great weather, and unbeatable fellowship! During July and August, we started a golf league and played at Springdale Golf Course in Birmingham. We had good participation with golfers from all skill levels (I was at the bottom of that level, btw). I was impressed with the fellowship outings we had after golf, which were well attended, even by Brothers who didn't play golf.



Several of our Candidates came out to play, as well.

Make sure you make it to our Corn Roast on September 16<sup>th</sup> and if you haven't already, make sure you register for the Masonic Festive Board Pontiac Lodge #21 is having at our Lodge. It will be a special event not to be missed!

Steve Skrzycki, PM  
Secretary — (248) 647-4229  
secretary@birmingham44.com

#### MONTHLY CALENDAR — All Lodge Events at 7:30 unless otherwise stated

SEPTEMBER 2017	
SEPTEMBER 5	— TEMPLE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 7	— BUSINESS MEETING (REGULAR)
SEPTEMBER 14	— FC DEGREE
SEPTEMBER 16	— CORN ROAST — 4-7 PM
SEPTEMBER 21	— FELLOWSHIP NIGHT (TBD — WATCH EMAIL)
SEPTEMBER 28	— MM DEGREE + DINNER (6:30 PM)
OCTOBER 2017	
OCTOBER 3	— TEMPLE BOARD
OCTOBER 5	— BUSINESS MEETING (REGULAR)
OCTOBER 6-8	— VISITATION FROM SPEED LODGE (TIME TBD)
OCTOBER 12	— FC DEGREE
OCTOBER 19	— EA DEGREE
OCTOBER 21	— MASONIC FESTIVE BOARD DINNER—6PM
OCTOBER 26	— MM DEGREE + DINNER (6:30 PM)

#### 2017 CALENDAR

Nov 2 — Annual Election of Officers  
Dec 5 — Annual Meeting for Temple Board  
Dec 2 — Kids Christmas Party  
Dec 9 — 2018 Installation of Officers

**NOTE TO BROTHERS of #44:**  
This Lodge is yours — if you have an idea for an event, please recommend it to the WM or bring it up in open Lodge. We love volunteers!  
**All Lodge events start at 7:30, unless noted**

Contact Matt Shelton, PM, Pontiac #21 for Masonic Festive Board tickets (\$50). Masons only (248) 431-4807



*While the occasion admonishes us to consider the uncertainty of human life and the unremittable certainty of death, with equal urgency it graciously invites us to regard death as the open door, through which man passes from his labors on earth to the nobler service of life in the world to come*

W. George T. Gill      Raised: October 16, 1947      Deceased: June 28, 2017  
 Donald Richard Lewellen      Raised: September 27, 1961      Deceased: June 25, 2017

*And when at last their weary feet shall have reached the end of their toilsome journey and from their nerveless grasp shall forever drop the working tools of life, may it be their lot to hear from Him who sitteth there as Judge Supreme the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord."*



**BURGER NIGHT  
 JUNE 2017**



**WITH  
 BROTHERS  
 AND  
 FRIENDS**



# OLD SAYINGS

How many 'old sayings' have you heard in a lifetime? If we added all of the 'old sayings' from grandparents, friends, parents and even casual acquaintances, we could probably fill a book and then some! There is one specific 'saying' that comes to mind at this time and lends a great deal of relevance to everything we attempt to do. "Don't put off until tomorrow, what you can do today". Bet you've heard that one a million times, I know that I have. It's such a simple expression and has so many applications. It relates to our daily activities, jobs, family duties and even our friends. But what really brings this old 'saying' to mind at this, is the loss of very dear friends.

We tend to be so busy orchestrating what we feel is important and necessary for our daily regimens, that we sometimes forget that our friends and loved ones are the portals of our lives, the very essence of who we are and what we are really meant to accomplish. It may be that we forget a simple phone call, brush off a simple letter or let time pass not trying to contact or see that someone very special in our lives is doing OK. Time passes, new endeavors arise, more tasks present themselves and we are just so busy! Then one day, a phone call or message arrives and an obituary is in front of our face. Such sadness, such a feeling of loss, such helplessness. It was never intended, that gross ineptness of personal lack of attention, time just kept running on. Then, that old saying, "never put off until tomorrow, what you can do today" rings true to the very front of your thinking process. Maybe I should have called, maybe I should have written or maybe I should have done a little extra to remind a friend that I still cared and treasured our friendship. Lots of maybes, but no time left!

'Old Sayings' being what they are have a tendency to be redundant and simple, but sometimes 'OLD' should really wake us up and remind us that even though we are 'busy', we have friends and those we love who just might appreciate a word or act of kindness. Can you think of anyone you should contact? If so, please do it today and let them know you are thinking of them and that they are important in your life. I hope that is what I have done to some degree in this article and that as we ready our busy schedules to resume the good fellowship of Masonry this fall, may we meet, act and part as Brothers of the Craft. And to all of our friends and relatives, lets send them our deepest forms of appreciation and respect. Haven't we all agreed to "improve ourselves in Masonry?"

**"Never put off until tomorrow, what you CAN do today!"**

See you at the Regular and at as many of our activities as possible!

Robert C. Hall, P. M., Chaplain



**DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL CORN ROAST!**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH FROM 4-7 PM**

*BIRMINGHAM LODGE #44 PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL*

## CORN ROAST

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH  
 4-7 PM**



**COME ONE  
 COME ALL TO  
 OUR ANNUAL  
 CORN ROAST!**

**FOOD AND  
 FUN AND  
 GAMES FOR  
 THE KIDS!**

RSVP: [secretary@Birmingham44.com](mailto:secretary@Birmingham44.com)

PM's at 3pm to shuck corn

\$10 DONATION REQUESTED

### MASONIC FESTIVE BOARD!!!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
**CONTACT MATT SHELTON FOR RESERVATIONS (MASONS ONLY — \$50)**  
**(248) 431-4807**

Masonic Festive Board

**Birmingham Masonic Temple**  
 37357 Woodward Ave.  
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304  
 Phone: (248) 647-4229  
 Pontiac Lodge #21, F. & A. O.

Date: Saturday October 21, 2017  
 Time: 6:00 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Dinner  
 Cost: \$50 per person  
 Reservations Required: Masons Only

Enjoy a Masonic Feast complete with the traditional Masonic Toasts and Fellowship

- Plant Seeded & Course Prime Rib Roast
- Masonic Firing Glass
- Social Hour

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**  
**\$50.00 per person**

Prepaid reservations due no later than October 14th

Make checks payable to: Pontiac Lodge No. 21  
 2181 Willow Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326

To pay by Credit Card, contact - Matt Shelton (248) 431-4807  
 Or use the secure online form at  
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Please make Reservations no later than October 14th.

Pontiac Lodge #21, F. & A. O.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Office/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This event is open to Masons Only (including EA/PC)  
 If purchasing more than one ticket, please include the name and Lodge information for all Brothers attending.