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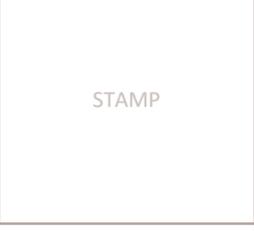
In Loving Memory of John H. Milroy, PM

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SW Jack Palmer being handed his 2017 Mason of the Year award by the outgoing BGP at Maggiano's of Troy on May 17.

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.



TRESTLE BOARD

BIRMINGHAM LODGE #44

Greetings from the East — June 2018



Once again, we find ourselves about to begin a very busy month at Birmingham #44. The Trestle Board for June holds our schedule for our last Degree work prior to the Lodge going dark for summer vacation. With that being said, it is difficult for me to believe that the months since December have gone by so quickly.

The first half year of Masonic work has been a success and a pleasure to preside over. We have raised many new brothers to the Craft, as well as received many new petitions for Degrees. We have done some charitable work along the way and have had many memorable fellowship evenings spreading the cement of Brotherly love and friendship.

In addition to our regular communication in June, I would like to draw your attention towards two other important dates on our June schedule. The first is our 70th Annual Visitation with Guelph, Ontario's Speed Lodge #180 and its presiding Worshipful Master Gram Kerr. The visitation is to be held on the weekend of June 22—24. The second item is our Annual Burger Night which is being held on Thursday June 28th at 7:00PM. Burger Night is a great evening for members and friends of Birmingham #44 to gather for fellowship and if you have any friends desirous of joining Masonry, this is a great opportunity for them to see our Lodge and meet many of our members.

In July and August our Lodge goes dark, however this does not mean that Birmingham #44 is inactive during these months. Quite the contrary: We will again be meeting for nine holes of golf each and every Thursday evening and following golf will retire to a local watering hole for food and refreshment. Again, we will be playing golf at Springdale Golf Course located at 316 Strathmore Rd. Bloomfield Hills, which is one of Birmingham's municipal golf courses. Tee times will begin at 6:30 PM Thursday evenings.

Fraternal Regards;
Thomas C. Baranowski



THE SQUARE

The Entered Apprentice is taught that the Square symbolizes morality. Acting "upon the square" is a familiar metaphor for fair and honest dealings. A like symbolic meaning attaching to this tool has been traced in China back five hundred years before Christ. In the book Great Learning it is stated that abstaining from doing unto others what one would not do unto him "is called acting on the square."

In 1830, workmen engaged in rebuilding Baal bridge near Limerick, Ireland found beneath the foundation stone a metallic square bearing the date of 1517 and also the following inscription: "I will strive to live with love and care. Up on the level, and by the square."

This indicates that medieval operative Masons attached to the square the same symbolic meaning that we in speculative Masonry do today. ~ Oliver Day Street

The Secretary's Pen

Brethren: We have a busy month, with two EA's, 70th Visitation Anniversary, and our annual World Famous Burger Night. Burger Night features 1/2 lb fresh (never frozen) real Angus beef patties made that evening, with all the trimmings, grilled to perfection (we don't over-cook our meat, we always say), fries, and cole slaw. Beverages also served. This event is open to all Brothers, friends, and candidates. \$10 minimum donation please (that Angus beef ain't cheap!).

See the details on the Visitation on page 2. Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible and let Jack palmer know ASAP that you're going.



This summer, as WM Tom said, we will start up our golf league. Make sure you give Tom a call or text to let him know if you are playing that day so he can book enough tee times. Golf is also open to all Brothers and candidates. If you don't golf, still feel welcome to hit the local pub with the golfers after the game. Sometimes we get double the golfers at the bar. I will send out an email letting everyone know where we are going that day.

We are also open to other events this summer, i.e. Tiger game, bowling if it rains, etc. Send me and/or Tom your ideas.

Steve Skrzycki, PM, Secretary

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

JUNE 2018

- JUNE 5 — TEMPLE BOARD
- JUNE 7 — BUSINESS MEETING (REGULAR)
- JUNE 14 — ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
- JUNE 21 — ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
- JUNE 22-24 — 75TH ANNUAL VISITATION — GUELPH SPEED LODGE
- JUNE 28 — BURGER NIGHT — 7PM

JULY AND AUGUST 2018

DARK

We will be playing golf most Thursday's at Springdale Golf Course in Birmingham — time 6:30pm. All Brothers, friends, and candidates welcome. Afterwards we will meet somewhere for fellowship and fun. Whether you play golf or not, please join us afterwards. We may also have impromptu events — stay tuned to your email for announcements.

2018 CALENDAR

Corn Roast — Sept 15th
Awards Night — TBD
Nov 1 — Annual Election of Officers
Dec 4 — Annual Meeting for Temple Board
Dec — Kids Christmas Party
Dec 8 — 2019 Installation of Officers

NOTE TO BRETHREN 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



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

Dr. Raymond Karakuc Raised: October 16, 1980 Deceased: May 24, 2018

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."

BRETHREN AND FAMILIES

For those who don't know, we have a Brother Lodge in Guelph, ON Canada — Speed Lodge #180 — and we have a longtime tradition of visiting one another, experiencing

Freemasonry in another country, and enjoying each other's company. This year it is in Guelph — about three and a half hours from Birmingham #44 — on the weekend of June 22 to 24. Our Brothers in Guelph are a great group of guys with equally wonderful spouses. Lifelong friendships have formed from this long tradition, and to make this event even more special, it is our 70th Anniversary of this event. You don't want to miss it. We are staying at the Holiday Inn Guelph Hotel and Conference Center — reservations can be made at (519) 836-0231. There will be a meet and greet at the Holiday Inn Friday night. Wives and families are welcome for the whole weekend.

Speed Lodge has informed us that another Lodge in their building is having a visitation with a Roseville MI lodge at the same time and has invited everyone to witness a Second Degree in their Lodge on Saturday at 1 pm. With two Michigan and two Canadian Lodges in the same room it should be a great experience! There will be activities for the wives and kids while we are in Lodge. Saturday night there will be a big party for all in RWB Dave Doughty's barn. This is Dave's last year for throwing this party because they are selling the property. Sunday they are thinking of planning a breakfast.

Please let our Senior Warden, Jack Palmer, know right away if you plan on coming. They need a head count for food ASAP— (248) 842-3381 — doc1969@aol.com.



THE CHAPLAIN'S MEANDERING PATH EVOLUTION, BECOMING AN OFFICER

It's always interesting watching a new Brother and his progress in Masonry. Some are happy just to join and form new friendships and relationships. Some enjoy joining and entering the social camaraderie of other Masonic related organizations. And still others look at the Symbolic Lodge and decide that there is a great need to learn all that they can about this ancient institution and perhaps become expert in many of its rituals and ceremonies. In my years of membership, all of the above have passed before me. It is just amazing how many of these fine men have reached out and offered their skill, tenacity and sincerity to the Craft. They work and strive to honor our great Brotherhood with exact precise word and action. They strive to help other Brethren in need and to assist them in many different endeavors. They strive to assist others both in and out of the fraternity and never ask for recompense or noted response. My goodness, what amazing men we are in the midst of fraternal relations with!

As I sit here remembering many of the amazing acts of kindness and Brotherhood offered by many of our distinguished Brother Officers, I think of when they first knocked at the Outer Door of this Lodge and then watched as they walked the paths and trails of Masonry and how they seemed to blossom with the tenets and rituals they became a part of. How they grew, sometimes at a geometric rate and became officers and gentlemen of renown! We could list all of their names and all of their contributions but would need a lot more space and paper to accomplish this task. The beauty of such a broad and general statement is, most all of you already know of whom I speak! You have witnessed one or more of many of those magnanimous offerings of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Need we discuss further the importance of Masonry? Need we ask why the officers of your Lodge constantly contribute to the betterment of all mankind? You already know the answers to all of the above posed questions and more. You are MASONS!

Please join us frequently in Friendship and Brotherly Love as we meet on the Level at 3 5 7 Woodward Ave. (the old address) and witness with me the wonders and the sincerity of good men becoming better. More importantly, good men helping others become better.

Blessings to and upon you all,
Robert C. Hall, P. M., Chaplain



70th ANNIVERSARY
ANNUAL VISITATION
GUELPH SPEED LODGE #180
BIRMINGHAM #44
JUNE 22-24
GUELPH, ONTARIO
DON'T MISS IT!!!

**BURGER NIGHT 2018
IS COMING SOON!!!
THURSDAY, JUNE 28**

BIRMINGHAM LODGE #44 FRAM PRESENTS

BURGER NIGHT

FRESH (NOT FROZEN) 100% ANGUS BURGERS COOKED TO PERFECTION!!! ALL THE TRIMMINGS!!!



**THURSDAY
JUNE 28 @
7:00PM**



MIN \$10 DONATION

**ALL BROTHERS, CANDIDATES,
AND MALE GUESTS WELCOME!!!**

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD
TO ORDER, SO:

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**GOLF LEAGUE THIS
SUMMER AT SPRINDALE
IN BIRMINGHAM
STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!!!**