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The Secretary's Pen

Brethren — 2018 was another great year for membership at Birmingham #44. We Raised eight Brothers, have five currently going through the Degrees, and have four waiting to receive their first degree. Kudos to PM Tom Baranowski for having a great year in the East!

We also had a great Installation of Officers celebration on December 15th. It might have been our most well attended Installation since I've been a Mason — nearly 100 people! What a great welcoming party for our new WM Jack Palmer! WM Jack also threw another great kids Christmas party on December 8th. We had over 20 children attend with their parents. Santa and his helper were there to listen to all the children's pre-sent requests, along with WB Bob Hall who read "The Night Before Christmas". Presents were then wrapped for the family in need we adopted.

If you have not done so, please get in your dues for 2019. This is our only income that the Lodge takes in (rental money goes to the Temple Board and is used to support the building and property). Donations are of course highly requested and appreciated.

Our Lodge has been growing rapidly in the last two years with impressive participation from the new members. We have a great thing going now at #44 — let's keep it going!

Fraternally,
Steve Skrzycki, PM, Secretary
secretary@birmingham44.com

William Wilde, son, grandson, and great-grandson of Birmingham #44 members lets Santa know what he wants at the Kids Christmas Party on Dec 8th

See our website where you can check the calendar of upcoming events, read past trestle boards, and make online payments

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TRESTLE BOARD

BIRMINGHAM LODGE #44

Greetings from the East — January 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Brethren;

I want to start off by thanking everyone that attended the Installation of the 2019 Officer Line. We had an extraordinary turnout with over 45 Masons representing 6 different lodges around Michigan. I cannot express what an honor it is to sit in the East with such a fine officer line that we have. I have watched these brothers progress through their different Degrees and watched as their passion for the Craft has driven them to enter into the line. I know this year will be one to remember.

As I look at the upcoming year an am excited about the direction we are going, over the past 3 years we have been steadily growing and this past year was an incredible success for now Past Master Tom Baronowski. We have raised some fine Brothers that are not only regularly coming to lodge but are becoming pillars of our great institution. The next year I am going to make it my priority to focus on Charity and giving back to the community. We took our first step over Christmas holiday with the children Christmas party. This year the kids were taught that Christmas is not only about getting presents but rather giving and love for all mankind. Birmingham Masonic Lodge adopted a family in need and the children and their families of our lodge brought in gifts to give. I must say it was one of my proudest moments to see the love the children had for a family they have never met. On December 20th we came together as a Lodge and delivered the gifts in full dress with Aprons. Seeing the four amazed and elated children as the presents built up around the tree and the visibly moved and happy mother, it was a wonderful evening for the family, Birmingham #44, and all of Masonry.

I will be calling on the Past Masters for their attentive ears, good counsel and guidance over the next year and hope they can share some of their wisdom as we continue to grow.

I hope that we all have a healthy and happy 2019. Thank you for your support.

Fraternally,
Jack Palmer, WM



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

Richard A Driscoll	Raised: October 30, 1952	Deceased: April 26, 2018
Ned W. Gowing	Raised: April 16, 1946	Deceased: October 18, 2018
John H. Hinds	Raised: February 22, 1951	Deceased: December 10, 2018
Drayton A. McClelland, Jr	Raised: May 27, 1954	Deceased: June 28, 2018
Raymond H. McDonald, PM	Raised: February 19, 1953	Deceased: January 18, 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."

2019 OFFICER LINE

Worshipful Master	Jack Palmer
Senior Warden	J. Scott Licavoli
Junior Warden	Chris Dargin
Treasurer	Carl Censoni, PM
Secretary	Steve Skrzycki, PM
Chaplain.....	Robert C. Hall, PM
Senior Deacon	Patrick Connelly
Junior Deacon	Tony Gagnon
Senior Steward	Shedrick Abney
Junior Steward	Justin Hone
Associate Stewards.....	Boris Holowko, Ray Hamama, Adam Kadro
Marshal	David Husk, PM
Musician.....	Harold Lanning
Tiler	Matthew M. Wilde, PM



THE CHAPLAIN'S MEANDERING PATH

IF I COULD WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR

If I could have a wish for the New Year, it would be pretty expansive! 2018 was a wonderful year for the Brethren and families of Birmingham # 44. W. B. Tom Baranowski and his officers gave the Brethren of our Lodge quite a Masonic display. Cooperation became a norm, charity took a giant step forward, Degrees were dignified, candidates a-plenty and a feeling of camaraderie and Brotherly Love prevailed. Much fun and excitement came from our social and fraternal activities. Newer officers took a giant step forward in their proficiency and met most all of the challenges presented to them. How did all this happen? It proliferated because of the leadership we shared in a caring, endless working and serious Worshipful Master. He never asked why, cried into the poor me towel or pointed fingers at some of those who shirked their responsibilities. He picked up the slack and went continually forward to see that all of the Brethren of this Lodge had a real and Masonic experience! If no one said Thank you Tom, but I'm sure the sentiment fermented and brewed in many a heart. We are so lucky to have had such a strong and caring leader like W. B. Tom. He treated the Lodge as a whole as his personal and loving family. It is hoped that many will acknowledge his leadership and congratulate him on a superior, caring and Brotherly effort in leading this Lodge.

We are so fortunate in having this kind of leadership from so many of our young presiding officers. It appears with their efforts that we are truly traveling if the right direction. If I had a wish for 2019, it would be that this trend continues far into the future. It would be so wonderful if more of our Brethren would pick up those beloved working tools and assist fine Masons like W. B. Matt Wide, W. B. Tom Baranowski and now Worshipful Master Jack Palmer and keep this wondrous trend going forward! W. M. Jack is off to a great start as he has done so much as a Warden of this Lodge and become so integral to the fraternal Brethren he has come into contact with. He, like W. B. Tom and W. B. Matt have engendered deep and meaningful relationships and I wish that this relationship keeps going and growing.

If I had a wish, I'd wish for W. M. Jack's success and the up building of this Lodge. Won't you ALL join me in this endeavor and see that we keep going and growing? What a great way to start a New Year!

God Bless and keep you until we again meet on the Level,

Robert C. Hall, P. M., Chaplain



PICTURE SITE IN THE WORKS!

I realize a picture site and link for the website is long overdue. Soon!

Here are some pics from the Christmas party and Installation:

