

Birmingham Masonic News

PILLARS OF PATRONAGE

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- In Memory of Joseph M. Briggs, Sr — from Steven R. Briggs
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- In Memory of PM's Tom, George, and Tom Jr Paterson and Jim Grant— 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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One of the beautiful chandeliers inside the main auditorium at The Masonic.

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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The Secretary’s Pen

Happy Spring, Brethren. It’s finally here! We had a great turn-out for our Mason’s tour of the Detroit Masonic Temple — 30 Brothers! It was a fascinating tour in a historic and impressive building — the largest Masonic building in the world! With over 1000 rooms and 14 floors, it is a staggering architectural wonder. They have tours for non-Masons, as well, which are equally impressive, so if you have friends or family members that are interested in art and architecture please recommend the tour to them. The Lodge rooms alone are worth the trip. The docent, Rob, told me that the building costs a million dollars a month to maintain. Fortunately, they generate enough income to support that. It is truly a gem.



We have a very busy Spring ahead of us — five EA’s, Mason of the Year celebration, our 75th Annual Visitation with our Brethren from Speed Lodge in Guelph, ON, and we wrap it all up with our world famous Burger Night on June 28th.

It is always a great time to be a Mason, but especially a great time to belong to Birmingham #44!

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

MAY 2018

- MAY 1
- MAY 3
- MAY 10
- MAY 17
- MAY 24
- MAY 31
- TEMPLE BOARD
- BUSINESS MEETING (REGULAR)
- ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
- MASON OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION
- ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
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JUNE 2018

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

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

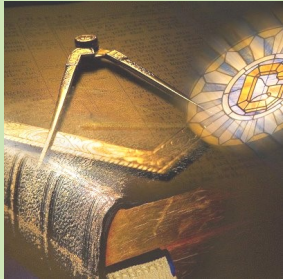
NOTE TO BRETHREN of #44:

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

TRESTLE BOARD

BIRMINGHAM LODGE #44

Greetings from the East — May 2018



Brethren:

The first four months of 2018 were busy at Birmingham #44 and from all indications the pace will continue through the balance of the year. We have had some memorable fellowship evenings which has allowed many prospective candidates an opportunity to meet our members, learn more about Masonry and turn in petitions. As we currently stand going into May, we have Seven men standing at the ready to join the Fraternity as Entered Apprentices!

With so many new members joining, I would like to remind our current membership that new friendships can be made and old friendships strengthened and renewed any Thursday evening at the Lodge. There is nothing more inspiring to this presiding officer and to a candidate receiving the Degrees than to see a good representation of the membership present.

A wise man once said “They who give, have all things; they who withhold have nothing”. This month please plan to attend one or more of our communications and get acquainted with your new Brothers. Spread the cement of friendship and brotherly love liberally.

On May 17th we will be gathering to honor our Senior Warden, Bro. Jack Palmer, who through his worthy efforts was elected by the membership of Birmingham #44 as its “Mason of the Year”. We will gather at Maggiano’s in Troy at 7:30 for drinks, food and fellowship. Maggiano’s is located at 2089 West Big Beaver Troy, MI 48084.

Fraternally yours; Worshipful Master Thomas C. Baranowski

LIGHT ON TRUTH’S MASONIC OBJECTIVE

Some day, when the cloud of prejudice has been dispelled by the searchlight of Truth, the world will honor Masonry for its heroic service to freedom of thought and the liberty of faith.

No part of its ministry has been more noble, no principle of its teachings has been more precious than its age-long and un-wavering demand for the right and duty of every soul to seek that light by which no man was ever injured, and that Truth which makes him free.

Down thru the ages, often where human conscience was dragged as a slave at the wheel of the ecclesiastical chariot — always and everywhere Masonry has stood for the right of the soul to know Truth, and to look up unbidden from the lap of the earth unto the face of Him in whose great hand it stands.

Not freedom from Faith, but freedom of Faith, has been its watchword, on the ground that as despotism is the mother of anarchy, so bigoted dogmatism is the prolific source of skepticism.

~ Joseph Fort Newton



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

John K. Domenick Raised: March 28, 1974 Deceased: April 25, 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."

* We are not always notified when a Brother passes on, so some we have had to discover online or by other investigations. These Brother's passing were reported by Grand Lodge.



Admiring the lobby architecture



Main Auditorium



Greek Ionic Lodge Room

DETROIT MASONIC TEMPLE TOUR FOR MASONS



Corinthian Lodge Room



Romanesque Room



Jack White Theater



Corinthian Room SW Chair



THE CHAPLAIN'S MEANDERING PATH

VENI, VIDI, VICI

It wasn't long ago that we thought together about "ole sayings". Well, here's one that we have all heard and used over the years, Vini, Vidi, Vici; "I came; I saw; I conquered". A Latin phrase commonly attributed to Julius Caesar who used the phrase in reference to his short war against Pharnaces II of Pontus around 47 BC. The phrase alludes to a swift, conclusive victory. This phrase has been used many times over the years to describe great and total victory. It certainly would be nice or perhaps more noble to imagine that the illustrious Caesar had deeper thoughts in his inspiring declaration. Perhaps he had Masonic inspiration when making this utterance, just as many of us when beginning our travails and pursuits of "purer thoughts and nobler deeds". Perhaps Caesar proclaimed "I came", when discovering a potential problem or annoyance that needed to be corrected for the good of the Day. Then proclaiming "I saw", when realizing certain steps or changes had to be made for the common good and concluded "I conquered", when reaching a conclusive method of solving those perceived difficulties. This particular line of thinking or exemplifying our modern steps and travels in the great fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons are a pleasant and similar explanation of how we were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason!

First of all, we sought to become Masons of "our own free will and accord". We knocked three times at the outer door. We were admitted and saw a gathering of likeminded Brethren who welcomed us on the level! We were then raised to the sublime degree where our travels and adventures began as a lifetime pursuit. Our travels have taken many paths and led to many adventuresome pleasures, expanding our minds, solidifying friendships, morality and Brotherly love. All of these things and MORE! They continue through life and touch on all that we do and all that we are. It's so exciting to think that even Julius Caesar may have been exposed to Masonry or was at least influenced by its teachings. Quite the legacy has been left to us as Brethren of the Craft! And now, it's up to each and every one of us to perpetuate that legacy, live it and continue to conquer the problems that plague mankind and society.

Visit your Lodge often Brethren, there is so much here. And remember, Vini, Vidi, Vici even though we still have much to do.

Blessings to you all,

Robert C. Hall, P. M., Chaplain



MASON OF THE YEAR
CELEBRATION

JACK PALMER

MAGGIANO'S
LITTLE ITALY

2089 W. Big Beaver, Troy

MAY 17 — 7:30 PM

ALL BROTHERS AND CANDIDATES
WELCOME

BURGER NIGHT 2018

IS COMING SOON!!!

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

BIRMINGHAM LODGE #44 FLAM 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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