

Birmingham Masonic News

PILLARS OF PATRONAGE

Subscriptions are renewed December 1<sup>st</sup>

BIRMINGHAM

44

BIRMINGHAM LODGE NO. 44 F&AM

37357 WOODWARD AVE

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304-5003

STAMP

TRESTLE BOARD

BIRMINGHAM LODGE #44

PILLARS OF PATRONAGE

In Loving Memory of Layson White Voorhees  
— from Bob Voorhees

In Dedication to Jack and Marilyn Milroy  
— from Ray Husk, PM

In Memory of Richard Pippin  
— from Joseph Wilson

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

In Memory of Allen Parrish  
— from Walter Ebling

Please send your check for \$30.00 payable to Birmingham #44 Lodge marked "Pillars of Patronage". This is an opportunity to make a contribution "In Honor Of" or "In Loving Memory of". Please let us know how you would like your name to appear. These subscriptions help to offset the cost of mailing the monthly Trestle Board. If you wish to make a larger donation, the Birmingham Masonic Temple Endowment Fund would welcome your contribution



BURGER NIGHT 2019

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

[www.birmingham44.net](http://www.birmingham44.net)

The Secretary's Pen

Brethren :

We sent a letter to all of our members regarding the potential sale of the property. If you did not receive it, please let me know.

2020 Dues notices will be going out next month. As we stated in earlier announcements, we raised our dues to \$250/year. We are discussing the possibility of a multi-payment system, but with Grand Lodge's electronic database system (MORI) it is a little tricky. First, it's not set up for multiple billing notices (there may be a way to do it, but I would have to figure that out). Secondly, All payments would have to be made before



June 1st. We will figure it out. As always, if you are having financial issues and will have difficulty paying dues, you can request relief.

Please come out Saturday, September 21st for our Annual Corn Roast. This is a family event, so bring the wife and kids and invite friends and neighbors too.

Hope to see you soon in Lodge!

Fraternally,

Steve Skrzycki, PM, Secretary

[secretary@birmingham44.com](mailto:secretary@birmingham44.com)

MONTHLY CALENDER — All Lodge Events at 7:30 unless otherwise stated		
SEPTEMBER 2019		
SEPT 3	—	TEMPLE BOARD
SEPT 5	—	BUSINESS MEETING (REGULAR)
SEPT 12	—	ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
SEPT 19	—	FELLOWSHIP NIGHT (TBD)
SEPT 21	—	CORN ROAST 3 PM
SEPT 26	—	MASONIC EDUCATION NIGHT
OCTOBER 2019		
OCT 1	—	TEMPLE BOARD
OCT 3	—	BUSINESS MEETING (REGULAR)
OCT 10	—	FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE
OCT 17	—	FELLOWSHIP
OCT 24	—	MASTER MASON DEGREE AND DINNER—6:30 PM
OCT 31	—	DARK

2019 CALENDAR

Corn Roast — September 21—3pm

Nov 7 — Annual Election of Officers

Dec 3 — Annual Meeting for Temple Board

Dec 7 — Kids Christmas Party

Dec 14 — 2020 Installation of Officers

See [www.birmingham44.net/calendar](http://www.birmingham44.net/calendar) for schedule

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

Greetings from the East — September 2019



Hello and welcome back. As the Lodge comes from the darkness of summer recess to the light of the approaching fall, I can't help but think how we all change as the seasons slowly change. It feels as though it was just last week when I sat in my first business meeting in January, full of nerves and excitement, as Birmingham's newest Worshipful Master. I was worried I would make mistakes or forget my lines, the pressure was immense.

I learned that I was supported by my Lodge and the Past Masters of Birmingham #44. The Past Masters were there to help guide me and give useful tips to make the Lodge work smoother. I felt like I was the newest Entered Apprentice all over again. I realized the three Degrees emphasize three stages of life as well as my year as Worshipful Master. Our youth and adolescence are emphasized in our training as Entered Apprentices; our manhood and useful work are keys to the Fellowcraft degree; and contemplating our own mortality is vividly illustrated in the Hiram story for Master Masons. As Worshipful Master you start the year as learning how to run a well organized and productive lodge. You make mistakes or mess up your lines but you have the Past Masters helping to guide you and teach you also the way. Somewhere around May you start to get your footing and you are confident that you have your lines memorized and an agenda for the meetings. Right when you really get into a stride the Lodge goes dark of the summer and all is quiet. You are ready for useful work as you were when you were a Fellowcraft but you also realize spending time with family is very useful work. We have a young office line and a lot of the officers have children. As we all know schools let out for the summer and families take vacations. We all saw this first hand in the turnouts with the golfing. I will not mention the golf performance itself to avoid embarrassing myself or anybody else but it is fair to say that the safest spot to stand on a golf course when we play would be the center of the fairway.

Now that summer is coming to an end and the kids are going back to school the Lodge will resume the normal monthly schedule. Some of the same old nerves are coming back, but more than that I feel confident with the rest of the year. I do not worry about making or forgetting my lines, I know the Past Masters are there to support me, and I am now being approached by some officers asking questions about the next year and what they will be doing.

I am looking forward to the last part of my year and what the future will bring for Birmingham #44 as well as for the officers. I look forward to seeing all my Brothers once again and share stories of our summers with our families, our vacations, camp outs, picnics, concerts, waterparks and all the other things we have been doing.

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 F. Justice	Raised: November 21, 1969	Deceased: October 8, 2011 *
Robert N. Lund	Raised: April 24, 1947	Deceased: July 12, 2019
Gerald Miller	Raised: November 30, 1961	Deceased: June 12, 2019
Gilbert S. Rice	Raised: September 27, 1955	Deceased: November 9, 2017
Horace Shankwiler	Raised: April 28, 1960	Deceased: December 19, 2018
Carl D. Watkins	Raised: June 17, 1958	Deceased: June 7, 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."*

\* Unfortunately, we do not always get informed of a Brother's passing right away. Sometimes we learn about it by web searches when mail gets returned, and frequently the family accepts mail for years.



BURGER NIGHT 2019



THE CHAPLAIN'S MEANDERING PATH

IT SEEMS LIKE SEPTEMBER

Just the other day, it was June and now September. We hope your summer was glorious and full of fun and frolic! It sure went by fast though, guess that's a sign of the times in more ways than one. We certainly have a busy schedule coming up for the fall on into December. Degrees, Lodge functions, Officer training, Lodge practice for degrees and general competence, an Installation in December and much more to keep us all busy. It should be a great deal of fun and a means of Masonic Improvement for us all. We hope it will be important for all of you! As you know, we have some major decisions to make as well as competency improvement. Everyone will need to participate to insure success and smooth transition. In other words, our Masonic Obligations will be tested and tried. Birmingham No. 44 F. & A. M. has been around for a long time, encompassing many decades of active betterment for the entire community and for most of our Brethren today as well as yesterday. The heart, sweat and tears as well as the pride and love for the Fraternity has made quite a reputation for our Lodge and for each and every one of us! We are all a part of the proud past, the current successes and future legacy of ALL our 44 members. Please join us often to polish this proud and regal reputation. We are sure that your participation will add accreditation to each of your life resumes and bring to the temple of your hearts fond memories of a job well done.

The Master has a great deal on his Trestleboard for the remainder of the year and would welcome all that are willing and eager to see that these tasks are completed with Friendship and Brotherly Love! Be sure and meet us on the Level so that we All may share this great fraternity in all of it's intended prosperity of Brotherhood. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. ...". Hope to see you soon, and if it feels like September, it is!

Robert C. Hall, P. M., Chaplain



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

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT, SO BRING THE WIFE, THE KIDS, THE NEIGHBORS, THE FRIENDS, THE GIRLFRIEND, THE DOG (NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER). YOU MIGHT LEAVE THE CAT AT HOME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST 3 PM

PAST MASTERS PLEASE ARRIVE AT 2 PM TO SHUCK CORN PER OUR LONG-STANDING TRADITION

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!