

Lodge Officers for 2018

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Stated Meetings

3rd Tuesday each month December meeting will be the 1st Tuesday. We will eat at 6pm and the Lodge opens at 7pm.

From the East

Brethren,

I want to say Thanks for electing me as Worshipful Master this year. It's coming to an end soon. We have been busy this year with degree work and fundraisers. Because of the fundraisers I am proud to say that we have new windows and new LED lighting in the lodge!

Brethren, if you haven't been out to visit your lodge lately, please try to make out least one of these events before the end of this year.

Here are the remaining dates for the year:

November 15th is our traditional MM Degree put on by the Past Masters. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm Oyster stew made by WB Harry Brown and crew and Chili made by Mitzo the clown (ken mitz) and crew. Mark your calendar for this special event on bringing a brother to more light.

November 20th Stated Meeting, fellowship and meal at 6pm and the meeting at 7pm

December 4th Stated Meeting, fellowship and eat at 6 pm with the meeting at 7 pm. This meeting is for voting your new line of officers for 2019. Please come out and show your support!

Looking back at when I first became a Mason, I thought I would never have the time for my masonic obligations with work and family. But I was able to do all. I have balanced it well. Happy that I have served twice as Worshipful Master. I have always said if I pay dues, I am going to get my money's worth out of belonging to something that I believe in.

Thanks to all of my officers for this successful year! I know that these men will carry out the duties to make it a better year in 2019!!

Fraternally Yours,
Paul E. Rainey PM, WM 2018

Greetings from the West

I hope this article finds you in good health and good companionship. Fall is upon us and your Lodge has been extremely busy this year creating new Masons and enjoying having fund raisers to share the profits with the local community. We only have two Stated Meetings left this year that I would like to invite you to be in attendance; November 20th and December 4th. The final Stated Meeting of the year is very important for the future of Newburgh Lodge, it is our Election of Officers meeting and we would like to see a big turn out for this. So, please pencil these dates in your calendar and plan on attending. Dinner

will be at 6:00 PM and Stated Meetings at 7:00 PM. I look forward to seeing you all there. Remember we are always looking for a few good men to help hold a Lodge position. If you have any desire to take a seat in the Lodge next year please let the Officers know and we will make every effort to accommodate your desires. Yours in the faith,

Ronnie R. Markham
Senior Warden

From the Secretary

Some useful (hopefully!) items:

- 1) 2019 dues statements are now in the mail to you. **Grand Lodge states that dues are to be paid by December 31st of each year. Any dues received after that date are to be assessed a \$5.00 late fee, as well as any additional costs (postage, printing, etc.) paid to remind a brother his dues are past due. PLEASE, have your dues of \$132 paid by December 31st, 2018.** Also, if you know of a distressed worthy brother who may need his dues remitted by the Lodge, please let SW Ron Markham or me know....our phone numbers are at the front of this letter.
- 2) If you're receiving this newsletter via USPS Mail, it means we don't yet have a current e-mail address for you. Postage and printing costs continue to increase, and e-mailing the newsletter and other communications is one way we can help control expenses. If you haven't already, please send me your e-mail address at Beem_Agency@msn.com.
- 3) Don't forget to check out the Lodge's website at www.newburghlodge174.org. Worshipful Brother Howard Heerd has done a great job setting up the Lodge page and keeping it up to date. It's a great place to find out more about your Lodge, and to keep up to date on what's going on. Another resource is the Lodge Facebook

page...check it out and be sure to "like" us!

- 4) The Worshipful Master will be receiving the annual Masonic Scholarship applications the first weekend in January at the Grand Lodge Founders' Day meeting. These are typically due to be completed and back in the Secretary's hands by the end of February. For more information see the Grand Lodge website...<https://indianafreemasons.com/> under the "Charity" tab. If you're going to apply for a scholarship and will need an application, you can either print one from the website, or call me at (812) 550-0247.

Randy Beem, PM
Secretary

For the Good of the Order.....

"At a gathering of women the conversation turned to a discussion of Masons. Some of the women seemed to be rather well informed on the subject, and discussed it at some length, but one woman was bored and finally remarked, "Well, I don't know much about Masons, but I think their fruit jars are very nice."

If we analyze that, we may find she said a mouthful without intending to point a moral of any kind. Don't many of us Masons have a lot of fruit jars into which we put our Masonry, then seal the jars and set them away in a dark corner? Even when Masonic friends visit us, we don't get out some of the jars and treat our friends to the contents. We might at least take a jar along every time we go to a Masonic meeting and pass around what the jar contains.

Freemasonry put away in jars doesn't improve with age, and the contents are likely to be forgotten. Freemasonry improves by dissemination. Brethren, keep your Freemasonry out of fruit jars; but, if you do put some away now and then, bring it out at the first opportunity and let the Brethren partake with you. "