



**Newburgh Lodge Newsletter  
August 2023 Edition**

**2023 Officers**

**Worshipful Master-** Brandon Goodall

**Senior Warden-** Rod McDonald

**Junior Warden-** Chad Hostetter

**Secretary-** Ken Mitz, PM

**Treasurer-** Chad Huffman

**Senior Deacon-** David Brickey II

**Junior Deacon-** Tim Putnam

**Chaplain-** Robert Barnes

**Senior Steward-** Tom Metzger, PM

**Junior Steward-** Adam Lahanis

Stated Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month, except December, where it is the 1st Tuesday

**FROM THE EAST**

Brethren,

Becoming the Worshipful Master at a young age has granted me much experience, it has taught me leadership, communication skills, and discipline within myself. When I first joined, I never imagined myself having this great role within our fraternity. It has truly been a life changing experience, and I am grateful to have accepted the call to act as Master.

Gaining this title has led me to meet multiple great men that I would not have had the opportunity to otherwise. Having the support of our fellow officers within our lodge has made positive impacts that could not have been done without them. Thank you to those who have continuously shown up.

Our monthly breakfasts have been extremely beneficial to the fraternity. This last breakfast, August 2023, was our greatest turnout to date. There is only going to be one more breakfast held in September, we would be grateful to have everyone attend.

We have been taking strides to not only grow within the community, but also within our lodge itself. There are multiple events leading us to the end of the year, if you have found yourself not active within the lodge this year, please try and make at least one of these last events.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Brandon Goodall, WM

## **FROM THE WEST**

Brothers,

I want to thank everyone who helped with the work day (cleaning the lodge), breakfast, and Master Mason degree. Each one of those is a labor of love and shows the pride we have for our institution. Flora Whittmore once said, "The doors we open and close each day determine the lives we live." We are opening the door for all of our members and embarking on a journey that begins with one upright regular step.

We are taking a step towards growth:

- Growth in our lodge through membership. (Friendship)
- Growth in our community through marketing. (Morality)
- Growth in ourselves with masonic education. (Brotherly Love)

Join us at our next stated meeting to learn what we are doing to improve the experience for everyone and the goals we look to accomplish as we continue to move forward. Participation is not mandatory, but your attendance is requested and greatly appreciated.

David Brickey II

## **FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren,

The officers have been working very hard over the last several months to grow our lodge. We've seen growing success in our breakfasts, and we have even bigger plans for our future. However, the same small group of brothers that attend regularly can't do it all alone. We need your help and support. You don't need to come to every meeting. You don't need to remember the grips and words. Let's be honest, I often forget things just from missing one stated meeting, let alone years of meetings. All I ask is that you remember your obligation to help your brothers, within the length of your cable tow. It's time to take pride in being a Freemason and be present. Freemasonry has literally been dying off as our older brothers pass away; membership numbers have dropped every year for the last decade. Come back and be a mentor. Come back and remember what drew you to our craft when you first petitioned. Lastly, share why you became a Freemason in the first place with your friends and family. Be the reason someone petitions our lodge. Remember, we make good men better.

Chad Hostetter

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

We now have three ways for our brethren to keep up to date with what is going on at the lodge without having to wait for our next newsletter:

- Newburgh Lodge Website: <https://www.newburghlodge174.org>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newburghlodge174>
- Google Calendar: Send share request to [newburgh.lodge.174@gmail.com](mailto:newburgh.lodge.174@gmail.com)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Officer Workshop & Etiquette is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the lodge.** This is a chance to learn, prepare, and practice being an officer or participate in degree work. Each month is a rotational topic: EA degree, FC degree, MM degree, & Stated meetings. August, we will focus on the stated meeting, voting procedures, and lodge attire. Learn about the masonic voting process; learn the difference between casual, business casual, and formal; share your knowledge with brothers or ask questions so that all may learn.
- **September 2nd, 2023** Newburgh Lodge will be hosting our last breakfast of the season from 7am to 10:30am. We would love to see you there as we close out our best season in years.
- Our Annual Pork Butts & Ribs pick up fundraiser is set for September 16th. Tickets will be mailed out along with this newsletter. All orders must be pre-paid and submitted to Ken Mitz by **Friday, September 8th**. Orders can be picked up from the Lodge on Saturday, **September 16th from 11am - 3pm**.
- We will be having our 50 year dinner and ceremony for a few of our fellow brothers on **Sunday, September 24th** with dinner at **5pm**. Feel free to stop by and help honor and congratulate our brother's on their special night!
- Our lodge's first Veterans program will be held on the evening of our **October 17th** stated meeting. Come witness the "Missing Man" ceremony at dinner, a special presentation from Brother David Straw, and help us honor our veterans.
- **October 28th, 2023** Newburgh Lodge will be hosting two presentations of the trial of "J. Rufus Smith vs. Evansville Lodge" (**10am & 3pm**). This is a historical and educational reenactment of an actual masonic trial that occurred over 100 years ago! Tickets are \$15, but sales are limited. Proceeds benefit our lodge's brotherly relief fund and the rebuilding of Grandview's lodge. Ticket sales will begin at our August stated meeting in person and will be available online by September.