



**Newburgh Lodge #174  
Compass Points Newsletter - January 2024**

**2024 Officers:**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Chad Hostetter
<b>Senior Warden</b>	David Brickey II
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Brandon Goodall, PM
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chadd Huffman
<b>Secretary</b>	Ken Mitz, PM
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Juan Caraballo, PM
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Jeff Short
<b>Chaplain</b>	Bob Barnes
<b>Senior Steward</b>	Tom Metzger, PM
<b>Junior Steward</b>	Mike Sibril
<b>Tyler</b>	Tim Putnam

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

**FROM THE EAST**

Continuing with our previous WM's goals of increasing activity in the lodge, we have a full calendar ahead of us. In due time, you will see the full year calendar available on our Google Calendar, as well as our Facebook page. It is in draft, but there are still some dates that need finalized before things can be distributed. I'm planning on scheduling at least one membership dinner, where you will be able to bring your spouse and socialize with brothers of old and new. We just want to see you all at lodge!

Our breakfasts were a great success last year, and we would love all of your support to help it continue to grow. We will be serving breakfast March through October on the first Saturday of each month from 7am to 10am. This year, our breakfast proceeds will be split between maintenance/beautification of the lodge and our friends at the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department. We will also be doing our usual Prime Rib Dinner and Pork Butt/Ribs sale. Please remember that we count on these fundraisers to help keep the lodge open.

Please note on the last page of the newsletter that we have pending by-laws changes that will be voted on at our February Stated Meeting. No, we are not upping our dues again, but we are trying to make some changes to help run the lodge a bit more smoothly

Finally, thank you for putting your faith in me to lead our lodge in 2024. It is an honor to serve!

Fraternally,

Chad Hostetter, WM  
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## **FROM THE WEST**

Greetings from the West,

Thank you for electing me to be your Senior Warden. It is an honor to help represent this lodge and take on the responsibility associated with this role. I look forward to serving this lodge and its future endeavors.

We are excited to see new brothers join us every month and get involved. We will forever strive to be a fraternity that helps, aids, and assists our members, widows, and orphans; moreover, our lodge is shifting towards a community focus. Our presence is increasing in the community and we are well represented. Some traditions have fallen off, but we are working to bring them back. We have governed ourselves accordingly and other lodges are noticing. We are including masonic education in the stated meetings. We are volunteering with other lodges and in the community. We are building stronger bonds with the appendant bodies to help grow the fraternity.

Masonry is a labor of love! You are not obligated to volunteer, but I do hope you can visit from time to time. We would love to meet as many of our members as possible to simply say Thank You!

David Brickey II, SW

## **FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren,

I want to thank you for your vote of confidence in me as Junior Warden. It is always an honor and privilege to serve our Lodge. We have several big events planned this year, and your help and support is imperative to the continued success of our craft. Be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming events on our Facebook page, as well as on our Google Calendar. This is looking to be a great year for Newburgh Lodge, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our future events.

Fraternally,

Brandon Goodall, PM

## **FROM THE SECRETARY**

Hello brothers! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. It is very important that everyone please get your dues in. I really don't want to have to suspend anybody this year. We have a new realm of officers that you will be proud of for your Lodge to operate in a full capacity. Chad is setting up committees for a little bit of everything at the lodge, so let us know if there's anything any of our members can do for you that could help. If you could maybe attend a Lodge meeting, that would be great. We have plenty of things that are going to be happening this year. You are more than welcome to assist, and help us keep our lodge growing. Hope everyone has a very happy and safe new year, and please remember this is your Lodge. Please help us keep it moving on in the right direction

Ken "Mitzo" Mitz, PM

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

### How to keep up with what is going on at the Lodge:

- Newburgh Lodge Website: <https://www.newburghlodge174.org>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newburghlodge174>
- Lodge Email Addresses: [newburgh.Lodge.174@gmail.com](mailto:newburgh.Lodge.174@gmail.com) or [wm@newburghlodge174.org](mailto:wm@newburghlodge174.org)
- Lodge Calendar: Email the lodge to get added to the shared Google Calendar

### Committees & Chairmen/Co-Chairs:

- **Finance Committee** - Paul Rainey PM, Mark Lewellyn PM, and David Hart PM
- **Family/Membership** - Rod McDonald and Ken Mitz PM
- **Charity/Outreach** - Chad Hostetter
- **Dues Committee** - David Brickey II
- **Long Term Planning Committee** - David Brickey II
- **Visitors/Welcome Committee** - Brandon Goodall PM and Juan Caraballo PM
- **Fundraising Committee** - Ken Mitz PM and Rod McDonald
- **Executive Committee** - Chad Hostetter
- **Masonic Education Committee** - David Brickey II and David Hart PM

Please reach out to any Committee if you are interested in helping, even if it is only on a limited basis. Your support is always appreciated.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Stated Meeting on February 20th** - We will be voting on the following by-laws changes:

- **Institute an Executive Committee.** The INGL Blue Book requires that this committee be defined in the by-laws and voted on to continue annually. The purpose is to allow the Executive Committee to perform the business of the lodge without taking valuable time at the stated meeting. The Executive Committee will be given a budget at the beginning of the year to pay utilities and subscriptions that the lodge pays annually. The committee will also provide meeting minutes during each stated meeting, so the lodge knows what is going on. All brethren are also welcome to attend the meeting, which takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, or one week prior to the stated meeting.
- **Move new officer voting to November Stated Meeting.** This provides the officers with more time to get tasks done prior to the end of the year, such as the PM Degree and Officer Installation. This is already being done by several lodges in the area.
- **Move May Stated Meeting to 3rd Wednesday.** As it stands, our stated meeting coincides with the Annual Communication, which pulls away several of our officers. This can make it difficult to open lodge, let alone get the business that we need done.

**Lodge Workday February 24th** - In order to get the lodge ready to receive our usual breakfast crowd, we will be having a workday to deep clean the kitchen and dining room. Please plan to arrive around 9am and work until done or around noon. We would also like to go out to lunch together after for some social time, if enough participating members are interested.

**Lodge Breakfasts** - As in years past, we will be hosting a breakfast on the first Saturday of the month from 7am - 10am. However, we are expanding the months to March through October. We look forward to seeing you there at our first event on March 2nd.