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MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
"BACK IN SESSION"
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's 2018/2019 session kicks off with a monthly general membership meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 19, 2018**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
9450 CHERRY HILL ROAD
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740**

Please note the time schedule has been tweaked a bit.

6:00p Social Time
6:30p Sponsor Presentation/Training
7:30p **COMPLIMENTARY** Buffet Dinner
8:00p Business Meeting
8:30p Adjourn
AWESOME Door Prize Drawing(s)

This meeting is being sponsored by:



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone enjoyed the summer. Our first meeting back will be held on September 19th at the Knights of Columbus. Washington Winnelson is buying us dinner and Randy Duke will be discussing boilers. This is perfect timing to refresh our boiler skills before the heating season is upon us.

Please check out our new website www.WSMPA.com for your business listing. If you have not signed up yet you can email Charlotte to add your company onto this site. Personally my company has landed several projects due to the added exposure on this website.

The Board is in the process of setting up a liaison meeting between several Board members and W.S.S.C. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss issues between the plumbers and W.S.S.C. For example – Why do we need to list all the plumbing fixtures in a house when all you are applying for is to install a gas generator or pool heater outside? Can we get the inspectors log for the day emailed to us so we do not have to constantly call every morning to ask the repeated question “What time will you be by the jobsite?”

We are looking for more suggestions. These are issues that can increase productivity and benefit both the plumber and the inspector. Please let me know if you have any ideas that should be added.

I will see you at the general meeting on September 19th at Knights of Columbus.

John "J.R." Seymour, 2018 President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Membership Meetings



September 19, 2018
October 17, 2018
November 14, 2018*
December 19, 2018
January 16, 2019
February 20, 2019
March 20, 2019
April 17, 2019
May 15, 2019

*Note: 2nd Wednesday Due to Thanksgiving.

72nd Annual Dinner Dance

"The Plumbers' Ball"

February 2, 2019

WSMPA 2018 Golf Tournament

October 19, 2018

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1st @ The Greene Turtle.

WSSC

WSSC will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, October 8th (Columbus Day)
 - Tuesday, November 6th (Election Day)
 - Monday, November 12th (Veterans Day)
 - Thursday, November 22nd (Thanksgiving Day)
 - Friday, November 23rd (Day After Thanksgiving)
 - Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)
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WSMPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 19, 2018

8AM Check In • 9AM Shot Gun Start

Rattlewood Golf Course

13501 Penn Shop Road • Mt. Airy, MD 21771

COST

Individual Tournament Fees: \$125

Foursome Tournament Fees: \$400

INCLUDES

Greens Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls,
Domestic Beer, Soda, Water, Catered Lunch
Prizes

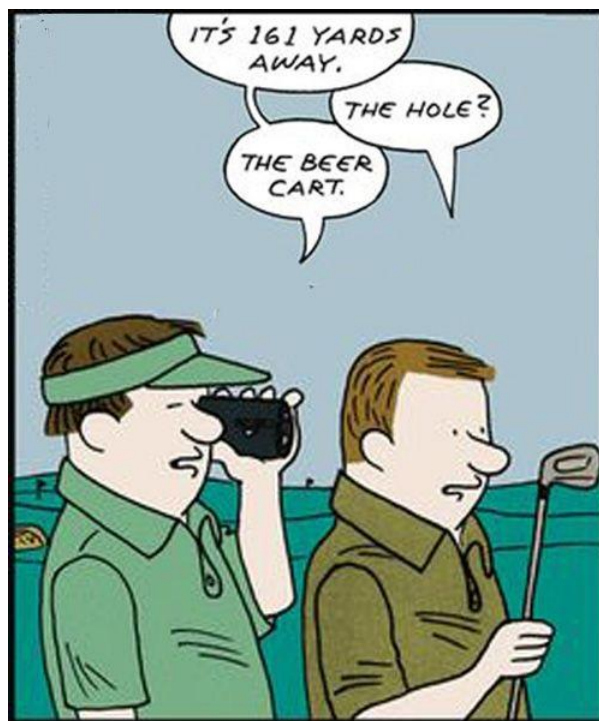
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Beverage Cart: \$500 (2 Available)

Lunch: ~~\$500~~ **SOLD**

Hole Sponsor: \$200 (12 Available)

See Attached Registration Form



EDUCATION

18-HR JOURNEYMAN/MASTER TEST REVIEWS

Location

JAMES A. WHEAT & SONS, INC.
7832 Beechcraft Avenue • Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Plumber

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night

NEXT CLASS: Starts October 15th

COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members

Gasfitter

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night

NEXT CLASS: Starts September 24th

COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members

TO REGISTER:

Download Application(s) from WSMPA's website
www.wsmpla.com under Education or call 301-466-7747.

MARYLAND ADOPTS 2018 IPC & IFGC

Jim Mazzullo

Congratulations to Maryland Plumbers! You will soon be governed by one code. On August 16, the State Board of Plumbing voted to adopt the 2018 International Plumbing and the International Fuel Gas Codes. Additional Congratulations to our members who participated in the Legislative Hearings and Plumbing Board Meetings. Your testimony set the adoption in motion.

This change should bring code consistency throughout the 26 counties and other jurisdictions. Expect some local amendments – such as the required depth of buried sewer and water lines – but the advantage of a single code brings Maryland in step with 35 States including DC, VA and WSSC.

With preparation for a single code, the pass rate for Journey and Master Candidates should show gradual improvement. This is an opportunity for each plumbing company to encourage their employees to obtain the required licensing. This Association has historically emphasized education and trade involvement.

More details will be available at the General Meeting.

backflow



If you're looking for a place to get your Cross Connection Technician Certification or Recertification, check out Mid Atlantic Backflow Academy. They are located in Beltsville, MD and offer member pricing to WSMPA members. Below are a few upcoming classes they have on their calendar:

8-Hr Recertification Classes

Saturday 09/22/18 • 7AM-3PM

Saturday 10/06/18 • 7AM-3PM

Saturday 10/27/18 • 7AM-3PM

Saturday 11/10/18 • 7AM-3PM

Cost: \$250 (Member) / \$275 (Non-Member)
(Member Cost is Extended to WSMPA Members)

32-Hr Certification Classes

Instructor: Dave Hahn

Thursday 10/18/18 – Saturday 10/20/18 • 7AM-6PM

Thursday 11/29/18 – Saturday 12/01/18 • 7AM-6PM

Instructor: Chip Matthews

Thursday 01/17/19 – Saturday 01/19/19 • 7AM-6PM

Cost: \$500 (Member) / \$550 (Non-Member)
(Member Cost is Extended to WSMPA Members)

Location for Above Classes

ABC Craftmasters

6901 Muirkirk Meadows Drive, Suite F

Beltsville, MD 20705

301-853-4668

For more information and/or to register, visit:

<https://www.abcmetrowashington.org/Career-Development/Mid-Atlantic-Backflow-Academy>

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

—Benjamin Franklin

2019 MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors voted to keep membership dues for 2019 at \$375 for Regular Members, and \$187.50 for Associate Members, as well as Unaffiliated Members. This will be the 5th year straight at these prices.

WSMPA Invoices for 2019 Membership Dues are currently in process. As a reminder, membership dues are payable annually in advance, by December 31st. Therefore, payment terms for invoices being generated for 2019 dues has been set to "Due by 12/31/18." Also note, members in arrears for three (3) months, shall have no voice until his/her account is current.

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phone!

