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MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

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

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:

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**Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A few weeks ago, I received and paid my annual dues to the Master Plumbers Association. At that time, I was wondering how many of us completely understand what benefits our association has provided this past year. In other words, how big of a bang did you get for your buck?

Here are a few tasks we tackled this year.

1. The utility commission of MD tried to pass a law that would require plumbers to excavate and verify no cross bores penetrated the sewer performed from utilities any time a main sewer stoppage occurred. They labeled it "call before you clear". Can you imagine telling your customer "I need to dig up your front yard". They will then need to wait for days to clear a sewer. After many persuasive arguments from our own Chuck Small and Kevin Black, the utility commission removed the "call before you clear" proposal.
2. We launched our new website. The greatest benefit came about after a meeting with WSSC; we were able to link our site with theirs. So, when a customer contacts WSSC they can click 'find and verify a plumber' then click on our website. And, if you submitted your company's info to WSMPA you are offering another means to attract more business.

3. Great social events.

- a. The Annual Dinner Dance “*The Plumbers’ Ball*” continues to be the local plumbing industry’s best attended event and overall is a great time.
- b. The Richard “Ricky” Barnes Golf Classic has grown to almost 100 participants in just two years. Due to the involvement with supply houses and various sponsorships this will help to ensure this event to be around for many years.

4. We held nine sponsored meetings. The meetings provided free appetizers, dinners, and introduced the latest technologies available. We also had several very informative seminars from WSSC and Washington Gas representatives. Not to mention the numerous freebies and giveaways.

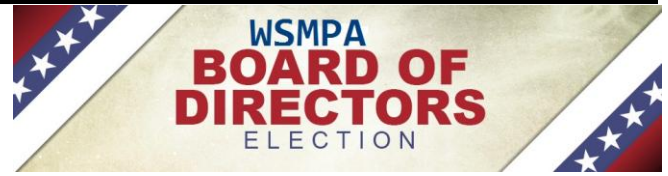
Speaking of which, we will be raffling off a new M12 Milwaukee heated jacket (MSRP \$380.00) at the December 19th meeting.

To sum it up, we had a great year!

Thank you for allowing me the honor as serving and representing this association. I cannot stress enough how rewarding it can be. So, if you have an extra few hours a month please consider joining the board of directors. This is the only true voice for our plumbing industry in WSSC.

Thank you,

John “J.R.” Seymour, 2018 President



WSMPA 2019 ELECTION

Our annual election of officers/directors will be held at the December 19th meeting. The proposed slate is as follows:

Officers

President	Kevin Black
1 st Vice President	Jon Hershberger
2 nd Vice President	Deidra McElroy
3 rd Vice President	Fred Werth
Secretary	John Davis
Treasurer	Jack Walsh
Sgt. At Arms	Ian Jolles

Directors

Doug McLendon, Ron Smith, Terry Winegar

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Membership Meetings



- December 19, 2018
- January 16, 2019
- February 20, 2019
- March 20, 2019
- April 17, 2019
- May 15, 2019

72nd Annual Dinner Dance
“The Plumbers’ Ball”
February 2, 2019

WSMPA 2019 Golf Tournament
October 18, 2019

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 @ The Greene Turtle.

WSSC

WSSC will be closed on the following dates:

- Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)
- Tuesday, January 1st (New Year's Day)

72nd ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

(The Plumbers' Ball)

Saturday, February 2, 2019
Hilton – Gaithersburg

7:00pm Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres
8:00pm Dinner
*(followed by awards, casino games,
dancing, door prize drawings)*

Open Bar 7:00pm-11:00pm
Cash Bar 11:00pm-12:00am

Formal Attire Optional

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.

Email charlotte@wsmpa.com to reserve
your tickets.

MEMBER PRICING

\$160.00 per person – Tables for 10

ADVERTISING PRICING

Full Page Ad \$1,800 (includes 10 tickets)
1/2 Page Ad \$1,455 (includes 8 tickets)
1/4 Page Ad \$1,115 (includes 6 tickets)
1/8 Page Ad \$ 765 (includes 4 tickets)
1/16 Page Ad \$ 425 (includes 2 tickets)

Hilton Guest Rooms

Hilton Guest Rooms - \$79
(Limited Number Available)

For Reservations – Call 301-977-8900
(ask for In-House Reservations)

Note: A link for on-line reservations will be
distributed as soon as it becomes available.

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: TBA

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

Gasfitter

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night

NEXT CLASS: TBA

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

TO REGISTER:

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

BACKFLOW

Mid Maryland Backflow Academy

ABC Craftmasters
6901 Muirkirk Meadows Drive, Suite F
Beltsville, MD 20705 • 301-853-4668

8-Hr Recertification Classes

Saturday 01/05/19 • 7AM-3PM

Saturday 03/09/19 • 7AM-3PM

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

32-Hr Certification Classes

Instructor: Dave Hahn

Thursday 01/10/19 – Saturday 01/12/19 • 7AM-6PM

Thursday 03/28/19 – Saturday 03/30/19 • 7AM-6PM

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

For more information and/or to register, visit:

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

NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

The federal government's National Do Not Call Registry is a free, easy way to reduce the telemarketing calls you get at home. To register your phone number or to get information about the registry, visit www.donotcall.gov, or call 1-888-382-1222 from the phone number you want to register. You will get fewer telemarketing calls within 31 days of registering your number.

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PICKLES – The Washington Post – Monday, October 15, 2018



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A special thanks to Francis Coleman
for sharing the above humor!