

**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN MASTER PLUMBERS ASSOCIATION**  
**DEDICATED TO HEALTH AND SANITATION**

# **MEETING NOTICE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**9450 CHERRY HILL ROAD**

**COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740**

**5:00pm SPECIAL TRAINING EVENT**

**ePermitting Demo**

*(Presented by WSSC's Luis Tapia)*

**6:30pm SOCIAL HOUR**

**FREE Appetizers & Beer**

**7:30pm CALL TO ORDER**

*followed by*

**FREE BUFFET DINNER**

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### MEETING NOTICE

#### WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 20, 2016**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

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

- 5:00p Special Training Event (*see below*)
- 6:30p Cocktail/Social Hour (*drinks paid by individual*)
- 7:30p FREE Buffet Dinner  
Sponsor Presentation/Meeting

This meeting is being sponsored by:

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(by WSSC's Luis Tapia)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year,

With the New Year comes change. We have some new board members I'd like to welcome: Deidra McElroy, Fred Werth, and Jon Hershberger. I look forward to working with them and the rest of the members with their ideas to better the Association.

You don't want to miss this month's meeting. We have D&B Jetglas® as our sponsor, and Luis Tapia from WSSC (head of Permit Services) is doing a tutorial for E-permits in a pre-meeting TRAINING session starting at 5:00pm. If you pull permits, you need to be there!

Sponsor presentations and special training events are just some of the many benefits of being a member of WSMPA. I know we all have busy lives—days, weeks, YEARS go by so fast—and, it's hard to make time to go to meetings. I know we can't make every meeting, but this is part of your PLUMBING INDUSTRY, so I encourage you to get involved and attend as much as possible.

All Master Plumbers doing business in the WSSC area SHOULD BE MEMBERS of WSMPA! Invite a prospective member to attend the January meeting, and have them see me for a new member application. I expect a large turnout, so it would be wise for everyone to RSVP (301-466-7747).

My thoughts and prayers go out to Ron Jennier's family. Ron left this world on 1/2/16. He was a husband, father, plumber, business owner, WSMMPA Past President, long time VERY active member, friend, and much much more. We will miss you Ron.

**Just a thought Not a sermon:**

The truth is, we all will leave this world. Where we spend eternity is what's really important! In the Bible, Jesus said **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16** Jesus' words not mine!

*Jack Walsh, 2016 President*

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## **WSMPA 2016 ELECTION**

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME to our 2016 Board of Directors.

**Officers**

President	Jack Walsh
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	John “J.R.” Seymour
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Kevin Black
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Ian Jolles
Secretary	Jon Hershberger
Treasurer	Deidra McElroy
Sgt. At Arms	Joe Maier

**Directors**

Paul Buckley, John Davis, Fred Werth  
Terry Winegar (Board Chairman)

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## **MEMBER CONDOLENCES**



**RONALD WILLIAM JENNIER**

*June 14, 1941 – January 2, 2016*

A native of Alexandria, VA; long time resident of Bowie, MD, died at home on January 2, 2016, of cancer. He was the son of George W. and Virginia B. (McCool) Jennier.

Ron attended George Washington High School in Alexandria; was a Veteran of the US Army; a third generation plumber; member of Plumbers Local No. 5; Past President and active member of Washington Suburban Master Plumbers' Association; business owner since 1974; and, toy train enthusiast. Devoted to his family, Ron was an exceptional husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by wife, Janet; son Alexander Jennier, daughter Jennie Truman; and grandchildren Shannon, Brandon, Kevin, Darren, Casey, Reuben, Jevahni, Gabriel, Gavin, Grady, Vincent, Giselle, and Giulianna. Also survived by sisters Gwen Jennier and Virginia Hudgins of Alexandria, Va.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, request that donations go to Anne Arundel Medical Center.

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**General Membership Meeting**

January 20, 2016  
February 17, 2016  
March 16, 2016  
April 20, 2016  
May 18, 2016

**Special Training Event**

January 20, 2016 @ 5pm  
ePermitting DEMO w/Luis Tapia

**69<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance**

**“The Plumbers’ Ball”**

February 6, 2016  
Doubletree Bethesda

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2016 @ Greene Turtle.

I need to start eating more healthy, but first I need to eat all the junk food in the house so it's not there to tempt me anymore.



## **69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

*(The Plumbers' Ball)*

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

**Doubletree – Bethesda**

*(Complimentary Valet Parking)*

**2016 Theme – Children**



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 STILL AVAILABLE  
Call the office 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)

### **Doubletree Guest Rooms**

Doubletree Guest Rooms - \$79

*(Limited Number Available)*

For Reservations – Call 301-652-2000.

## **WSSC**

WSSC will be closed Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**Christmas in April\*Prince George's County**

**April 30, 2016**

Christmas in April\*Prince George's County has an urgent need for all **skilled trades**.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, they will be repairing the homes of 80+ homeowners. They are seeking skilled tradespeople, especially **PLUMBERS, CARPENTERS, CONTRACTORS, ROOFERS and PAINTERS.**

If you would like to volunteer for this "rain or shine" event on the 30<sup>th</sup> please see attached form. If you have any questions call 301-868-0937.

## **LEGISLATIVE / PAC**

*George Brill, Jr.*

First, let me say thanks to all of you who have already contributed to our PAC Fund. It is being rebuilt just in time. If you haven't made a donation yet, please consider sending a check soon. As I write this the general assembly is just days away from beginning its 2016 session. As I mentioned last month, we ignore what goes on in Annapolis at our own peril. There are some important events taking place right now that I can't explain in the newsletter, yet. I have friends that live in Oakland MD, 160 miles from me, and we share the same congress person. There is a movement to create a non political commission for redistricting in coordination with surrounding states. How is that going to work out? Will mandatory continuing education come back this year? If it does we will need to have some input. I have been following the general assembly for many years and it is rare that a session goes by that does not have something that effects us. We should have some important updates at our regular general membership meeting on the 20th. You don't want to miss this one. Let's make this a Happy New Year.



## OSHA FINES TO NEARLY DOUBLE

Jim Mazzullo

OSHA UP TO DATE | JANUARY 2016

### OSHA fines to nearly double

OSHA fines will increase for the first time in a quarter century, under a provision in the recently signed congressional budget deal. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 exempted OSHA from increasing its penalties to account for inflation. The new budget, signed into law on Nov. 2 by President Barack Obama, contains an amendment that strikes the exemption.

Now, OSHA is directed to issue an interim final rule increasing its penalties to account for current inflation levels, which would raise proposed fines by about 80 percent. As a result, maximum penalty changes might include:

- Willful and repeat violations increasing to about \$127,000 from \$70,000
- Serious violations increasing to about \$12,700 from \$7,000

The adjustment must occur before Aug. 1, 2016. Thereafter, OSHA also will be allowed – for the first time – to adjust its penalty levels based on inflation.

The penalty increase comes less than one month after OSHA administrator David Michaels testified before a House subcommittee about the need to raise the agency’s “painfully low” civil and criminal violations. Michaels and the current administration have repeatedly touted

the power that penalties and inspections can have on creating safer workplaces, and a new study seems to agree.

Researchers from the Toronto-based Institute for Work & Health found “strong evidence” that specific consequences from actual citations help reduce the frequency and severity of injuries. However, study results showed only “mixed evidence” regarding the effectiveness of general deterrence, which refers to the potential for inspections, citations and fines.

In the Nov. 2 edition of the “OSHA QuickTakes” newsletter, Michaels said the study “confirms what we have been saying for a long time.”

### ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PROPOSES COMPETITION

Jim Mazzullo

Anne Arundel County Council Bill 113-15 proposes to authorize Utility Contractors to work on private property (residential and commercial) from the property line to the building including connections of the utility to the building. This work is currently restricted to licensed plumbers. The county bill has no requirement for the utility installers to be licensed as we plumbers are required to have master, journey and apprentice licenses. There is no requirement for experience, no requirement for testing; in other words, the services can be installed by anyone working for the utility contractor. How is this in the public interest?

If you live or work in Anne Arundel, plan to attend the Council hearing on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:00pm at the Arundel Center.

<http://www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/pendingLegis.cfm>

### 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**  
**Dates Pending**

**Call 301-466-7747 to be put on waiting list.**  
**COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members**

##### Gasfitter

**6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night**  
**Dates Pending**

**Call 301-466-7747 to be put on waiting list.**  
**COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members**

Download Application(s) from WSMPA’s website  
[www.wsmpa.com](http://www.wsmpa.com) under Education or call 301-466-7747.

**BACKFLOW TESTER/MECHANIC CERTIFICATION**

**Location**

**ICCP – COLLEGE PARK TRAINING LAB**  
**7501 Rhode Island Avenue • College Park, MD 20740**

**32-Hour Certification & 8-Hour Recertification**

For more information, contact  
Chip Matthews @ [chip@crossconnectionpartners.com](mailto:chip@crossconnectionpartners.com).

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Happy New Year  
**2016**

**Christmas in April\*Prince George's County**

**7915 Malcolm Road**

**Clinton, MD 20735**

**301-868-0937 (phone)**

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I am experienced in the following trades and want to volunteer my services  
With Christmas in April\*Prince George's County on April 30, 2016.

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Please Print and return to the above address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

Company (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to donate any materials/supplies? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please list:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I'd be willing to go to several houses  I'd like to stay at one house

Area Preferred \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to work with \_\_\_\_\_