

# Newport Lodge, No.118, A.F. & A.M.

January 10th, 2026

Newport Lodge No. 118 A.F. & A. M. met on Saturday, January 10th, 2026, A.D. 6026 A. L. at the Temple at 644 W, Broadway, St. Paul Park. The Lodge was opened in form on the Master Mason Degree at 11:00 AM.

W.M. W.B. Al  
S.W. W.B. Hunter Pettit  
J.W. R.W.B. Frank Spevak  
S.D. W.B. Nick Nicolazzi  
J.D. B. Steve Ingram  
S. B. Bob Bay  
Ti. B. Mark Lovin

The Lodge was called to refreshment for the purpose of conducting a public ceremony of Installation of Officers at 11:20 am

The Installing Officers processed into the Lodge at 2:05 PM. They were:

Installing Master M. W. M. Foster Solem  
Marshal R.W.B. Terrance Schaffer  
Chaplain W.B. Paul Riddell  
Secretary W.B. Bill Schoonover

The Officers Elect processed into the Lodge through the Demolay Arch of Steel, and took their places West of the Altar.

Presiding Master, Most Worshipful Brother Foster Solem opened the Installation, welcomed family and guests, and presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Names and positions of the Officers to be Installed were read by the installing Secretary, Worshipful Brother Bill Schoonover.

*Worshipful Master: Brother Mark Lovin*  
*Senior Warden: Worshipful Brother Hunter Pettit*  
*Junior Warden: Right Worshipful Brother Frank Spevak*  
*Senior Warden: Worshipful Brother Nick Nicolazzi*  
*Junior Deacon: Brother Rich Persall*  
*Secretary: Brother Steve Ingram*  
*Treasurer: Worshipful Brother John Hawthorne*  
*Marshall: Worshipful Brother Bob Bay*  
*Chaplain: Brother Tom Burbank*  
*Tiler: Brother Mike Tindell*

Hearing no objections, the Most Worshipful Presiding Master proceeded with the Installation.

The Lodge and guests were asked to rise, and were led in prayer by W.B. Paul Riddell.

With the support of the Brethren of Newport Lodge, the Most Worshipful Presiding Master then Obligated the Incoming Worshipful Master. With the Incoming Worshipful Master responding in the affirmative the Presiding Master then delivered the traditional Address to the Worshipful Master concerning As a Man, As a Citizen, As a Mason, and As an Officer. This was followed by the 15 Charges dedicated to the duties of the Worshipful Master while he presided over his Lodge.

When asked if the Incoming Worshipful Master would submit to these charges, and promise to support the regulations of his Lodge and of Masonry, the Incoming Master rescinded "I DO" with fervency.

The Worshipful Master was Installed.

The Installing Master then described the role of many emblems and implements which are to assist him in his leadership. The now Worshipful Master of Newport #118 now received in his charge the By-Laws of Newport Lodge #118, and the Gavel as emblems of his authority. The now Worshipful Master was presented to his Brethren, and they rejoiced in giving Grand Honors.

The Installing Chaplain, with assistance of the Brethren and Guests, prayed a blessing over the newly Installed Worshipful Master.

The Installing Master then proceeded to obligate the Officers Elect and Appointed according to their several stations and places. Each presented to the Installing Master by the Installing Marshall R.W.B. Terrance Schaffer.

Having each, been presented by the Installing Marshall, received their Jewel of Office, they were escorted to their various stations and places.

This being done, the Installing Secretary was relieved of his duties, and his formal observations came to an end. The lodge was closed in due form and harmony at 435pm

M.W.B. Foster Solem  
Installing Worshipful Master

W.B. Bill Schoonover  
Installing Secretary