

BEACON LODGE #1493

Chartered = 1924

Number of members on April 1, 2017 = 332 (Currently, there are 338)

Newburgh Lodge is our Mother Lodge.

DDGER James T. Hallinan of the Southeastern District conducted the installation ceremonies on July 17, 1924 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. DDGER Hallinan would later become Grand Exalted Ruler in 1935-1936. The Exalted Ruler and officers of Newburgh Lodge conducted the Ritual of Initiation for the new candidates,

Early meetings were held on the upper floor of the Fishkill National Bank. In 1925, the Lodge purchased the property where the current building now stands. Renovations to the existing building at that time were made and dedicated in 1927. Major renovations were made (stripped to framework and enlarged) starting in 1949. On October 7, 1950 dedication ceremonies were held with PGER James T. Hallinan speaking at the event. Additional changes were made in 1967 and 1969.

Beacon Lodge organized a fund raising campaign in the city that raised \$9,000 to purchase property to be donated to the Beacon School system for use by youth sports programs. In 1928, Hammond Field was so donated.

In the 1940's, the Lodge organized a campaign that raised \$12,000 to be used to purchase a park to be dedicated to the veterans of the wars. This is how Memorial Field came to be.

During WWII, the Lodge ran a campaign to recruit candidates for the Army Air Force Cadet Corps. Also, farewell dinners were given to men shipping out. In addition, 38 of our members served in various branches.

Recently, the Lodge is very proud to have obtained the last 911 steel I-Beam from the World Trade Center. This I-Beam has had Crosses and Stars of David cut from it by the ironworkers at ground zero. It is stored on our property. We have just started a memorial brick purchase program to try to raise funds to defray the cost of creating a proper installation for the steel. Phase 1 of the project has been completed with the raising and installation of the steel by our flagpole. Additional phases are planned to finish the memorial.

Also of note, the new NYSEA Membership Chair Carl Oken is a member of our Lodge.