

June 2025

Regular meetings, 2nd Tuesday of the month.
(except July and August).

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Mission Statement of the Grand Lodge Of New Jersey

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.

Lodge Events

Sept. 9, 2025: Official Visit of DDGM. Vote on dual membership of Mike Campanelli, And Nicholas Pascale. Exemplify the FC Degree.

Sept. 13, 2025: All You Can Eat Breakfast. 8-11 AM. Adults \$10, Children \$5.

Sept. 20th, 2025: Pitman Fall Craft Fair, parking fundraiser event.

This is the bigger of the 2 and we need support to work it.

This is an easy money event for the lodge, basically we just have to show up.

(Rain Date: Sept 21st).

Sept. 23, 2025: FC degree on 6 EA Masons.

Sept. 25, 2025: DLI at Williamstown Lodge. Start time 7PM.

District Lodge Meetings

Mantua: Second Thursday of the month.

Pennsgrove-Excelsior: First Wednesday of the month.

Clarksboro: First Monday of the month.

Williamstown #166: First and third Tuesday of the month.

Woodstown: The first Tuesday of the month.

Pitman #197: The second Tuesday of the month.

21 st DISTRICT DATES FOR 2025

District Lodges of Instruction ~ 7PM Start Time

September 25, 2025 @ Williamstown # 166

October 23, 2025 @ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54

November 21, 2024 @ Mantua # 95 – This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict***

TBD` There will be 2 mandatory dates for qualification. PM only Oct-Nov

Good Day, Brothers,

I extend to you my fraternal greetings as we prepare to resume our labors after a season of rest and refreshment. As the summer draws to a close, September marks our return from darkness to light, renewed in spirit and ready to continue the important work of our Lodge.

Just as the farmer gathers the fruits of his harvest, so too are we called to gather the fruits of our labor within the Lodge — fellowship, wisdom, and the strengthening of our sacred bonds. Let us carry forward the lessons of the past, ever mindful of our obligations and the sacred trust placed upon us as Free and Accepted Masons. May our meetings be conducted in harmony, our deliberations guided by wisdom, and our actions ever inspired by brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Practices will be held on the first and second Sundays of the month at 7:00 PM, with the goal of concluding within one hour unless additional work is requested. A fourth Sunday practice may be added if needed. All members are welcome to attend, and officers are required to be present. Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

I encourage each of you to attend our upcoming communication. Your presence and participation strengthen the bonds of fellowship, enrich our work, and ensure that our Lodge continues to grow in light and unity. May this season of renewal inspire us to cultivate harmony within the Lodge and to extend the light of Masonry into the world around us.

Fraternally, Michael Paris Jr., Worshipful Master

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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If you know of any sick and distressed brothers, or anyone that has passed,
please contact our Grand Chaplin(s)

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Living Past Masters

Sharp, Jay H.	1976
Davis, Alan A.	1976#
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978
Kier, James R.	1981
Morris, Donald G.	1981#
Coblentz, William W.	1982
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#
Cooper, Danny L.	1989
Stowman, Robert A.	1990
Leap, Wayne E.	1991
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993
Marker, David W.	1994
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000
Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Anderson, Allen S.	2003
DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Sanders, Keith S.	2011
Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Marek, Peter A.	2016
Paris, Michael	2017
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
Brian M. Kane	2022
Keith M. Lypka	2023
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2024

Lodge Dues 2025: Your dues are now due if you have not paid as of yet. Dues for 2025 are \$150 and may be paid using the same QR code.

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July 1, 2025

Brethren,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey, I am pleased to share significant news regarding the future of the Masonic Village in Burlington.

We have officially signed an Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) with Tryko Partners, the organization that will be acquiring the Masonic Village. This agreement represents a pivotal and thoughtfully considered step toward ensuring the continued care and well-being of our residents and staff, while also reinforcing the long-term stability of our charitable mission.

As you are aware, the decision to sell the Masonic Village was not made lightly or easily. It followed many months of careful deliberation, extensive due diligence, and an unwavering commitment to upholding the values and integrity that have guided our Foundation for generations.

Tryko Partners brings with them deep experience in senior care and a shared dedication to excellence. We are confident in their ability to honor and carry forward the legacy of compassion, dignity, and service that has long defined the Masonic Village.

We also recognize that our residents and staff have faced a challenging period of uncertainty in recent months. Their patience, strength, and resilience during this time have been nothing short of admirable. That is why we are especially heartened by the progress we've now made — and why we remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting and communicating with all members of our Masonic Village family.

From the outset, transparency has been our guiding principle. We've worked to ensure open, honest dialogue with our residents, staff, and their families, and that commitment will continue. As we move into this next phase, we will remain actively engaged with all stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition — one that prioritizes continuity of care, stability, and the well-being of our entire community.

I am also pleased to report that we have secured a Post Closing Agreement from our lender, Hamlin Capital Management. As you may know, the Foundation currently carries approximately \$78 million in debt. While I am not at liberty to disclose the sale price yet, I can share that it falls significantly short of the outstanding obligation. Through the Post-Closing Agreement, Hamlin will fully release the Foundation from this debt, despite the shortfall, once the payments in the Agreement have been made, and from any future claims related to it. We are profoundly grateful for Hamlin's cooperation and the thoughtful partnership that made this resolution possible.

Now that both the APA and the Post-Closing Agreement have been finalized, we will begin working with the necessary regulatory agencies in the State of New Jersey — including the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Health, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We estimate that this regulatory process will take approximately five to six months to complete before we are able to finalize the closing.

Throughout this period, we remain focused not only on a successful transition but also on the continued growth of the Foundation's charitable mission. This includes expanding outreach programs that serve our membership and their families, strengthening our scholarship initiatives, and continuing to provide meaningful support to the broader Masonic community.

To our members: thank you. Your steadfast support and trust have been vital throughout this journey. We will continue to keep you updated as this process unfolds.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Joseph K. Barbara

R.W. Joseph K. Barbara, President
Masonic Charity Foundation of NJ