



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

November 2023

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District-Grand Lodge of New Jersey

www.pitmanmasons.org

Pitman Lodge #197
Free and Accepted Masons
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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

DLI's

October 26th, 2023 Pitman

November 30th, 2023 Clarksboro

Lodge Reservation Donations

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

My Dear Brothers,

I hope this trestle board finds you and yours well. Elections will be held at our regular communication in November. Nominations for the upcoming year will be taken at this time. Some nominations have already been made.

Our country breakfasts are going well, but we can always use more help and support from you our members.

I'm proud to announce we have four new members. I would like to thank our officers for their hard work in making this so.

Please come out and support the YOUR LODGE, so we may continue the Great Works of a Mason. No lodge can stand without the help and backing from its Brothers. Please come out and see some old friends and make some new ones!!!

October 24, 1861

The world's first transcontinental telegraph message was sent as Bro. Justice Stephen J. Field of California transmitted a telegram to President Abraham Lincoln. Bro. Field was the last Justice appointed to the US Supreme Court by President Lincoln and his decisions were important to the development of constitutional law. He was a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 9 (formerly Laverly Lodge) at Marysville, CA, and in 1866 was made a Life Member for his liberal donations to the Lodge. He died April 9, 1899.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind."

Andrew Jackson

Fraternal Greetings
Keith M. Lypka, WM
Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

Please use the link
to PayPal if this
would be an easier
way to pay your
dues.

Lodge Dues 2023



Pitman Lodge 2023 Officers

WM. Keith M. Lypka.....856-361-4625
SW . R.W. Kenneth W. Thomas.... 609-432-9886
JW...Joseph Sauro.....856-863-1003
Tres . Keith Sanders PM.....856-374-2261
Sec... Michael J. Paris, PM 856- 881-6312
SDJason M. Rickert.....856-381-6035
JD..... John Young.....609-820-9888
SMC . Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591
JMC. Brian M. Kane PM.....856-419-0626
SS Louis Kohn.....856-283-1020
JS Eli Berkowitz.....609-605-5456
Chp .. Gerald Montgomery 856- 359-6212
MAR..Sirr Ransom.....856-372-7680
TLR .. Michael T. Lowe 856- 589-6612

Lodge Trustees

Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591
Vacant
Vacant

Building Trustees

Robert Schaefer.....856-357-2971
Jason Rickert.....856-381-6035

Grand Lodge Officers

Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

MW **David L. Tucker**

100 Barrack Street

Trenton NJ 08608

609-239-3937

District Deputy Grand Master

RW **Richard G. Norbuts**

856-498-3539

Par4217@aol.com

District Ritual Instructor

RW **Thomas G. Rathof**

856-981-8844

trathof@gmail.com

Sick and Distressed Brothers

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

R.W. Larry J. McKelvey Jr. GC. **609-420-1163**

Living Past Masters

Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2005#
Kier, James R.	1981	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2013
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Paris, Michael	2017
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Marker, David W.	1994	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998	Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999	Brian M. Kane	2022
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000		

Lodge Events

Nov. 11, 2023 All You Can Eat country breakfast.

\$10 Adults, \$5 Children, 8-11AM.

Nov. 14, 2023 Regular Communication.

Vote on possibly raising the dues for 2024.

Elections of officers for 2024.

*** We expect Grand Lodge dues to be raised to \$75 per year as of Jan. 2024. We last raised our dues 2 years ago. At the time GL dues were about \$69. Our dues went from \$123 (which they had been at for many years), to \$150.*

At \$150 we are barely covering our expenses. This along with a membership decline has prompted us to consider a dues increase. We think \$10 would be a reasonable amount and at the same time help us maintain the lodge in its present condition.

Please come to the meeting in November to vote and/or voice your opinion on the subject.

Nov. 30, DLI at Clarksboro Lodge. (Note this is the 5th Thursday this month due to scheduling conflicts).

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.

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October Masonic Birthdays

Name	Raised	Years
Sean S. Angelini	11-19-1996	27
Bradley C. Bowers	11-23-2010	13
Theodore K. Bradley	11-21-1995	28
Joshua J. Carmichael	11-19-2013	10
Warren H. Carr	11-19-1968	55
Scott W. Clark	11-19-2013	10
Danny L. Cooper	11-30-1982	41
Edward T. Lewis	11-15-1960	63
Thomas S. Little	11-16-2006	17
Paul R. Martin	11-28-1975	48
Pasquale B. Mungiole	11-25-1987	36
John A. Nolan	11-30-1982	41
William C. Porch Jr.	11-15-1983	40
Wieslaw J. Puchalski	11-25-2019	4
George R. Sabol	11-26-1991	32
Charles B. Shaud	11-17-1992	31
Reuben Starr	11-28-2011	12
Jeffrey C. Thomas	11-17-1977	46
Kenneth W. Thomas	11-24-1970	53



Official Visits of the District Deputy

May 1, 2023	Clarksboro #87
May 2, 2023	Woodstown #138
April 5, 2023	Penns Grove Excelsior #54
June 13, 2023	Pitman #197
June 8, 2023	Mantua #95
June 20, 2023	Williamstown #166

District Lodges of Instruction

April 27, 2023	@ Mantua #95
May 25, 2023	@ Pennsgrove #54
June 29, 2023	@ Clarksboro
September 28, 2023	@ Williamstown #166
October 26, 2023	@ Pitman #197
November 30, 2023	@ Clarksboro- This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict****

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

Annual Feasts of Saints John (Installations)

December 4, 2023 Official Visit @ Clarksboro Lodge # 87
December 5, 2023 Official Visit @ Woodstown Lodge # 138
December 6, 2023 Official Visit @ Penns Grove Excelsior Lodge # 54
December 12, 2023 Official Visit @ Pitman Lodge # 197
December 14, 2023 Official Visit @ Mantua Lodge # 95
December 19, 2023 Official Visit @ Williamstown Lodge # 166



The Grand Lodge
of
NEW JERSEY

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PRESENTS

PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18

9AM-12PM

GOTHIC FRATERNAL LODGE NO 270

3682 NOTTINGHAM WAY

HAMILTON TWP, NJ 08690

Planning Presentations

Building Confidence

Skills of Effective Speakers

Inspiring Your Audience

Presence vs Content

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 10 AT

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/HF5UBPZZ](https://tinyurl.com/hf5ubpzz)

OR WB MICHAEL CZECH COACHMIKEC@YAHOO.COM

LIMITED SEATING - NO LATE REGISTRATIONS - BUSINESS CASUAL



The Grand Lodge *of* NEW JERSEY

The Protocol below is most important to be followed by members of the Grand Staff, or any Brother invited to give a presentation on another jurisdiction.

If you plan to visit another jurisdiction, it is essential to follow proper Masonic protocol. Here are some guidelines to keep in mind: Before visiting another jurisdiction, ensure you have a current dues card or other proof of membership in good standing with your home lodge.

Contact our Grand Lodge Office and request that we contact the Grand Lodge or Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction you plan to visit to find out about their rules and regulations regarding visitors. Some jurisdictions require advance notice of visits from out-of-state Masons, while others may require a specific dress code or other protocols. Do not contact the jurisdiction you plan to visit directly. A Mason cannot directly contact a foreign Grand Lodge or a Lodge under a foreign jurisdiction.

When you arrive at the lodge you plan to visit, introduce yourself to the Master or Secretary and present your credentials. You may be asked to sign a visitor's register or provide additional information about your Masonic background.

Follow the local lodge's customs and traditions. Each Masonic lodge is unique, and it is essential to respect the local customs and traditions. Pay attention to how the officers and members conduct themselves during the meeting, and follow their lead.

Be mindful of your behavior and conduct yourself in a manner that reflects well on your home lodge and the Masonic fraternity.

By following these guidelines, you can help ensure that your visit to another jurisdiction is a positive experience for you and the lodge members you are visiting.

Leonard Vander Horn The Deputy Grand Master



Presents

The Feast of St. John



Join us as we honor our Military Veterans and Brothers!



Saturday December 2nd @ 5:00 PM

Tickets

\$45

Register via email: wja134@gmail.com

Checks payable to: Team Lenny Grand Staff

Mail to: William Anderson

3 Middle Lane East - Port Murray, NJ 07865

Guest Speaker:
MW William Sardone
PGM for the State of
NY

Free gift to all Masonic Vets
who show up in uniform!

Food by *207 Main Catering* & Musical
Entertainment at venue

Dress code: business casual



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