



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N.J.*

***April 2023***

***Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)***

***21st Masonic District-Grand Lodge of New Jersey***

**[www.pitmanmasons.org](http://www.pitmanmasons.org)**

Pitman Lodge #197  
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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

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#### DLI's

April 27th, 2023 Penns Grove Excelsior

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Mantua

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Woodstown

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Williamstown

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Pitman

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Clarksboro

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#### **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 Tresleboard finds you and yours well.**

**We had a very positive month in March. We have four new petitions coming in. We voted into membership Mr. Christian Perry who will be starting his degree work. We were given a status update on the lodge's investments.**

**Our monthly country breakfast was very profitable this past month. I would like to thank the Brothers who worked so hard preparing the food and cleaning up after the breakfast. We also had our second Hawaiian Shirt Luau.**

**I also would like to thank worshipful brother Eli Berkowitz for his humbling presentation on freemasonry in the concentration camps.**

**So as you can see we have been very busy. Please come out and join us at our next stated meeting or our country breakfast.**

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

**Lodge Dues**

**Lodge dues are now due. As of now we have 18 members who have not paid their dues for this year. This increases our budget deficit. It is imperative that you make your dues payment in order for the lodge to function. If you are in financial distress please contact the secretary and discuss a solution. Thanks to all.**

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



**Pitman Lodge 2023 Officers**

WM. Keith M. Lypka.....856-742-0151  
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JW...Joseph Sauro.....856-863-1003  
Tres . Keith Sanders PM.....856-374-2261  
Sec... Michael J. Paris, PM ..... 856- 881-6312  
SD .....Jason 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**

RW Joseph A. DiNovi PM.....609-670-7214  
Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591  
WB Vincent Baehr PM.....856-456-2175

**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**

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District Deputy Grand Master

RW **Richard G. Norbutts**

856-498-3539

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District Ritual Instructor

RW **Thomas G. Rathof**

**856-981-8844**

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**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

April 8, 2023: All You Can Eat Lodge Breakfast  
8-11 AM, \$10 adults, \$5 Children.

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Regular Communication  
Vote on Mr. Eberle and Falzon (if approved by  
Grand Lodge and Committee).

April 27, 2023: DLI Pennsgrove, 7 PM start time.

Future dates:

April 24, 2023 Blood Drive at Pitman Lodge.

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Pitman Craft Fair parking fund-raiser.

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Pitman Craft Fair parking fund-raiser.

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Blood Drive at Pitman Lodge.

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Blood Drive at Pitman Lodge.

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Lodge dues for 2023 are due. If you haven't paid your dues yet please do so. If there is a financial reason that makes this a problem for you please contact the Secretary for a solution. Please pay promptly. Thank you.

You may also pay through the PayPal link on the webpage and printed in this paper.

**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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**April Masonic Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Joseph G. Burrough Jr.	04-30-1991	32
Mark Celio	04-25-1989	34
Robert P. Davis	04-20-1971	52
Joseph A. DiNovi	04-25-1978	45
Richard L. Eckenroth	04-29-1968	37
Paul H. Hostler	04-23-1954	69
Brian M. Kane	04-22-2010	13
Jarrold B. Lafferty	04-20-1999	24
David W. Marker	04-21-1987	36
Carl W. Milley	04-24-1999	24
Lawrence R. Parks	04-29-1947	76
Willy B. Pfeiffer	04-22-2010	13
Lawrence W. Potts	04-30-1996	27
Sirr J. Ransom	04-26-2022	1
Keith S. Sanders	04-30-1991	32
William E. Shepherd	04-25-1978	45
Glen S. Smith	04-24-1999	24
Kenneth E. Smith	04-30-1996	27
John J. Stewart	04-24-1956	67
Thomas A. Stewart	04-24-1970	53
Arthur N. Stone	04-25-2000	23
James E. Wilt	04-25-1972	51

## “FREE” MASONS

There have been many explanations as to how the term “Free” came to be applied to Masons. Operative Masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases they were free from taxes. Their actions were not restricted as were the actions of others. They were free to travel from country to country in following their trade or art. Masons who labored on Solomon’s Temple, legend tell us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern days, however, it seems some feel the term means free from attending Lodge, free from calling on the sick free from obligations voluntarily assumed, free from giving aid to the officers, free from taking any part in the work, free from any responsibility free with criticism.

Let us be the kind who *do not wait for free time* in which to attend lodge. Let us not be the kind who believe *Freemasonry is free*. We are free to do as we wish about these things, but *no one can be a Freemason* in the true and fullest sense of the word *unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time*, with his energy and by use of the faculties wherewith God has blessed him.

3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry, Elbert Bede



### **Official Visits of the District Deputy**

<b>May 1, 2023</b>	<b>Clarksboro #87</b>
<b>May 2, 2023</b>	<b>Woodstown #138</b>
<b>April 5, 2023</b>	<b>Penns Grove Excelsior #54</b>
<b>March 14, 2023</b>	<b>Pitman #197</b>
<b>June 8, 2023</b>	<b>Mantua #95</b>
<b>June 20, 2023</b>	<b>Williamstown #166</b>

### **District Lodges of Instruction**

<b>April 27, 2023</b>	<b>@ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54</b>
<b>May 25, 2023</b>	<b>@ Mantua # 95</b>
<b>June 22, 2023</b>	<b>@ Woodstown #138</b>
<b>September 28, 2023</b>	<b>@ Williamstown #166</b>
<b>October 26, 2023</b>	<b>@ Pitman #197</b>
<b>November 30, 2023</b>	<b>@ Clarksboro- This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict****</b>

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

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### **Annual Feasts of Saints John (Installations)**

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