

**February 2026**  
Regular meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**Lodge Events**

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Regular communication. Lodge opens at 730 PM.  
Please note we will not be providing dinner before the lodge is opened.  
We will have light refreshments after the meeting.  
RW Eli Berkowitz will present his program about Masons in the Camps.  
February 14<sup>th</sup>: All You Can Eat Breakfast. 8-11 AM. Adults \$10, children \$5.  
Please come out and join us for food and fellowship.  
February 26th: GLI at Clarksboro Lodge. More details to follow.

Official Visits of the District Deputy:

June 01, 2026 Clarksboro #87  
April 07, 2026 Woodstown #138  
May 06, 2026 Penns Grove Excelsior #54  
March 10, 2026 Pitman #197  
June 11, 2026 Mantua #95  
March 17, 2026 Williamstown #166

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Brethern,

You have elected new officers to serve this year and I have appointed brothers that I know can make Pitman grow. Now, my brother, we are all along for the RIDE.

I love acronyms, and **R.I.D.E.** is mine. It stands for:

**Remind** our brothers of upcoming meetings, events, and degrees.

**Instill** the desire to actively attend and participate within our Lodge.

**Delegate** the responsibilities necessary to improve the quality of the Officer's Line.

**Educate** every Line Officer and any requesting Brother in ritual and floor work.

The **RIDE** will be my primary focus during the ensuing Masonic year, and I hope to make it the goal of each and every brother in our Lodge. The future of Pitman Lodge stands before us. Together, we must begin to look toward a stronger, better future for our Lodge and for our Fraternity.

In February We will have a presentation on:

Masons in the camps by R.W. Eli A. Berkowitz

In March, We will have a presentation on:

Online and Internet Security. By R.W. Donald R. Tuttle

In April, We will have a presentation on:

The Society of King Solomon by W.B. Fredrick Buehler

Remember my brother; God loves you and so do I.

Fraternally,  
Joseph A. DiNovi W.M.

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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Brothers,

Beginning in January 2026 the paper trestleboard will no longer be mailed. You will be able to view it on the lodge web page at [www.pitmanmasons.org](http://www.pitmanmasons.org). You may also submit an email address so that it can be emailed to you every month.

We are trying to cut costs and keep your dues low.

Please send me your email addresses so that you don't miss out on a single issue.

Send to: [pitmanmasons@gmail.com](mailto:pitmanmasons@gmail.com). Thank you for your understanding.

Also: Your dues for 2026 are now due if you haven't paid them. Please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Pitman Lodge 2025 Officers**

WM . RW Joseph DiNovi PGC.....609-670-7214  
SW...RW Eli Berkowitz, Grand Photographer.....609-605-5456  
JW....James Hall.....210-799-8180  
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Sec... Michael J. Paris, PM ..... 856- 881-6312  
SD .....RW Keith Lypka, PGC.....856-361-4625  
JD.....Robert Wiseley.....609-970-7771  
SMC James Pullen.....856-571-0745  
JMC. Phillip Klein.....267-506-6997  
SS .... Ryan Goehringer.....856-981-3322  
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MAR...Willy Pfieffer.....856-981-3328  
TLR .. Michael T. Lowe ..... 856- 589-6612

### **Lodge Trustees**

Matthew Johnson...(1 year).....856-417-3591  
Keith M. Lypka...(2 years).....856-361-4625  
Michael Paris Jr.,...(3 years).....856-236-7598

### **Grand Lodge Officers**

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Grand Lodge of New Jersey

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District Ritual Instructor

RW John Higgins

609-743-2043

[Jhiggs219@verizon.net](mailto:Jhiggs219@verizon.net)

### **Sick and Distressed Brothers**

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

RW John Bowles

856-889-1719

## 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
Michael J. Paris Jr.	2025

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Lodge Dues 2026: Dues for 2026 are \$150 and may be paid using the same QR code.

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/62F6ALWNXHDSQ>



## **21st DISTRICT DATES FOR 2026**

All DLI's to be held on the 4th Thursday 7:00 P.M. unless noted

District Lodges of Instruction ~ 7PM Start Time

February 26, 2026 @ Clarksboro #87 \*\*\* Grand Lodge of Instruction \*\*\*

March 26, 2026 @ Mantua # 95

April 23, 2026 @ Woodstown No. 13

May 28, 2026 @ Pitman # 197

June 25, 2026 @ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54\*\*\* Picnic \*\*\*

September 24, 2026 @ Williamstown # 166

October 22, 2026 @ Clarksboro #87

November 16, 2026 @ Woodstown #138 - This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict\*\*\*

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

RECEPTION 18th & 21ST DISTRICT March 30, 2026 SAPHIRE GRAND Deptford

ARC WALK JUNE 6, 2026

Gold Token Luncheon JUNE 20, 2026 CLARKSBORO #87

Official Visits of the District Deputy: Top 3 Lodge Officers are to attend

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Annual Feasts of Saints John (Installations)

December 1, 2026 Official Visit @ Woodstown Lodge # 138

December 2, 2026 Official Visit @ Penns Grove Excelsior Lodge # 54

December 7, 2026 Official Visit @ Clarksboro Lodge # 87

December 8, 2026 Official Visit @ Pitman Lodge # 197

December 18, 2026 Official Visit @ Mantua Lodge # 95

December 15, 2026 Official Visit @ Williamstown Lodge # 166

Black Out Dates:

February 21, 2026 JGW Reception

March 15, 2026 Grand Master's Gala

October 10, 2026 G Orator / Sec to GM / G Marshall Reception

# MASONIC LIGHT

February 10, 2026

7:30 Gavel

PITMAN LODGE.  
334 LAMBS RD,  
SEWELL, NJ

## MASONS IN THE CAMPS



RW ELI A. BERKOWITZ:  
GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER .

Eli will talk about Germany, World War II, and the Masonic lodges that existed in the concentration camps under the Nazis Regime.

THIS WILL BE A VERY  
INFORMATIVE LECTURE WITH  
ALOT OF GREAT INFORMATION

**MASTER JOE DINOVIE 609.670.7214**

**THE 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> MASONIC DISTRICTS**

Cordially invite you to attend the official visit of

**Most Worshipful Omar S. Morris**

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

An open reception in honor of

Right Worshipful James Boulger III

Grand Chaplain – Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101

Right Worshipful Jon A. Bowles

Grand Chaplain – Williamstown Lodge No. 166

Right Worshipful James Stapleton

Grand Chaplain – USS New Jersey Lodge No. 62

Right Worshipful John J Higgins Jr.

District Ritual Instructor 21<sup>st</sup> District – Clarksboro Lodge No. 87

Monday, March 30th, 2026

Saffire Grand Catering, 1849 Cooper St., Almonesson NJ 08096-3808

Social Hour 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm Reception 7:00pm

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Mail Payment to: USS New Jersey Lodge, PO Box 772 Cherry Hill NJ 08003-0772

Checks made payable to USS NJ Lodge **Cutoff date March 20th** \*No tickets will be issued at door.



I would like \_\_\_\_\_ reservations @70.00 per person, total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Tables of 8 may be reserved by providing a list of all guests attending to.

Contact RW Thomas Rathof at (856) 981-8844

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