

**January 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

January 10th: All You Can Eat Breakfast. 8-11 AM. \$10 adults, \$5 children.

January 13th: Regular Communication. Dinner 630, Lodge opens at 730 PM.  
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January 14th: DLI at Williamstown. \*\*\*\*\*Please note the date change.\*\*\*\*\*  
DLI opens at 7 PM.

January 22nd: Blood Drive at Pitman Lodge 1-6 PM.

Please go to the Red Cross webpage to register.

January 28th: Royal Arch meets at Pitman Lodge.

February 26th: GLI at Clarksboro Lodge.

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

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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Brethren,

I am deeply honored and humbled to be elected Worshipful Master of Pitman Lodge. To follow in the footsteps of so many outstanding Masters before me is both a privilege and a responsibility I do not take lightly. Their dedication, leadership, and commitment have made Pitman Lodge a strong, relevant, and vital part of the 21st District and the wider community we proudly serve.

I offer my sincere appreciation to our Past Masters, whose wisdom, experience, and skilled use of our working tools have set a standard worthy of emulation. Their guidance has shaped not only this Lodge, but also the character of the brothers who labor within it. The foundation they have laid allows us to continue our work with confidence and purpose.

I am also grateful to the brothers who have stepped forward to advance through the officer's line. Your willingness to serve, learn, and lead ensures the continued progress and strength of our Lodge. Together, with unity, dedication, and a forward-leaning spirit, we will build upon our proud traditions while preparing Pitman Lodge for a strong and meaningful future.

As we move forward, I ask for the continued support, counsel, and active participation of every brother. By working together in harmony, strengthening our bonds of fellowship, and remaining faithful to the principles of our Craft, we can ensure that Pitman Lodge continues to grow, thrive, and stand as a beacon of brotherhood, service, and excellence for generations to come.

This year we will have a 'practice session' for ALL officers and brethren that wish to learn the ritual. All members of the Lodge who wish to participate in the ritual, the degree work, or committee work will be given every opportunity to do so. You need only step-up and let me know what it is you wish to participate in.

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

Joseph A. DiNovi W.M.

Our first practice will be on Sunday January 4 th . This will give you time to enjoy the holidays with your families and Church.

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.

### **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  
Tres . R.W. Kenneth W. Thomas PGC..... 609-432-9886  
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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  
JS ..... Humphrey Foard.....856-628-0282  
Chp .. Gerald Montgomery ..... 856- 359-6212  
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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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

January 14, 2026 @ Williamstown # 166

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

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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:

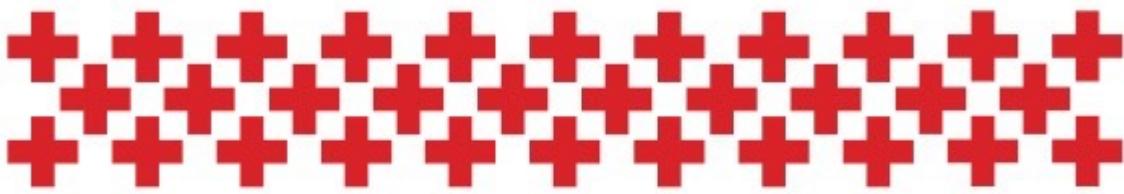
February 21, 2026 JGW Reception

March 15, 2026 Grand Master's Gala

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

# American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## **Pitman Masonic Lodge 197 American Red Cross Blood Drive Pitman Masonic Lodge 197**

Hall  
334 Lambs Road  
Pitman, NJ 08071

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter:  
PitmanFAM to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting  
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions  
on the day of your appointment.



Come give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your  
choice of merchant. See [rcblood.org/heart](http://rcblood.org/heart)



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# MASONIC LIGHT

January 16, 2026

7:45 Gavel

LAUREL LODGE.  
629 STONE ROAD  
LAUREL SPRINGS, 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