



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N.J.*

***June 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

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Pennsgrove

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Clarksboro, This will be a BBQ also, Families invited.

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 communication finds you and your family well.

For those of you who do not know it is with a heavy heart, that I bring news of our beloved Brother R W Russell Fuscia's passing. Our prayers and sympathy go to the Fuscia family.

Our parking fund raiser at the spring craft show was a success. I would like to thank all the brothers who came out and helped .

Also our country breakfast seems to be really taking off. Thank to all the brothers who work so very hard to make it happen.

Our next stated meeting will be the official visit of the DDGM. Many of you have not been out for a very long time. Please make time to come to our meeting and talk to some old and new brothers. Remember there are no strangers in our lodge, only brothers you haven't met yet.

"The light of a Master Mason is **darkness visible**". So says the ritual of the charge after raising. It was very pertinently observed by a great scholar that "Those great moments when you realise how little you know are the very moments when you are on the threshold of great knowledge".

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

**Lodge Dues 2023**

**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.....856-361-4625  
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  
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  
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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

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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

June 10<sup>th</sup>: All You Can Eat Breakfast, 7-11.

June 13<sup>th</sup>: Regular Communication.

Vote on petitions of Mr. Hall and Mcnair.

(If approved by Grand Lodge).

Official visit of the DDGM.

June 26<sup>th</sup>, tentative EA degree on 3 candidates.

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Gold Token Luncheon at Clarksboro Lodge  
12 noon lunch, degree to follow.

July 29<sup>th</sup>: Chicken BBQ. 12-5. Eat in or take out.

Future dates:

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

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

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.

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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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**June Masonic Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Harold R. Atkinson Jr.	06-23-1998	25
Vincent L. Baehr	06-26-2012	11
James Henry Blöse	06-17-1975	48
Ronald R. Brant	06-12-1981	42
Matthew W. Fisler	06-24-2003	20
Wayne G. Fox	06-23-1981	42
Mark H. Hicks	06-24-2017	6
Jason A. Hoffman	06-24-2017	6
Jonathan L. Hughes	06-28-2016	7
Edward Hyndman	06-23-1981	42
John W. Keller	06-23-1981	42
Robert A. MacAuley	06-26-2012	11
Thomas R. McCormick II	06-22-2017	6
Jay M. Mecouch	06-25-1976	47
Greg M. Pontano	06-05-2021	2
Jason M. Rickert	06-22-2017	6
James E. Scholz	06-12-1981	42
William M. Willett	06-21-1985	38

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### **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>June 13, 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>@ Mantua #95</b>
<b>May 25, 2023</b>	<b>@ Pennsgrove #54</b>
<b>June 29, 2023</b>	<b>@ Clarksboro</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>

# The 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic Districts

Cordially invite you to attend the official visit of

## M.W. David L. Tucker

Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey  
and Masonic Charity Foundation Chairman

and reception in honor of

RW Thomas Rathof, DRI of the 21<sup>st</sup> District, Clarksboro Lodge # 87

RW Michael Mattes, Grand Pursuivant, Mozart Lodge # 121

RW Frazier Alburger, Grand Tyler, Laurel Lodge # 237

RW Larry McKelvey, Grand Chaplain, Woodstown # 138

RW Keith Josepayt, Grand Chaplain, Mozart Lodge # 121 (In Memoriam)

RW James Butler, Grand Chaplain, Collingswood Cloud # 101

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

Auletto's Catering, 1849 Cooper Street, Almonesson, NJ 08096

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



Pay Online: <https://bit.ly/2023Reception18and21>

Mail Payment: USS NJ Lodge, P.O. Box 772 Cherry Hill NJ 08003

Checks made payable to: "USS NJ Lodge"

*No tickets will be issued*

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations @ \$60 per person. Total Enclosed:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please write the names of any additional guest/attendees that are part of this reservation on the back of this form

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

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

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

Questions? Contact Chris Roethke at (609) 868-1232 **Deadline: September 15, 2023**