



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

June 2025

Regular meetings, 2nd 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

May 29th, Master Mason Degree at Mantua Lodge. 2 brothers from Pitman, 1 from Clarksboro, and 2 from Mantua.

June 10th: Regular Communication of Pitman Lodge. Dinner 630, Lodge opens 730.

June 14th: All You Can Eat Breakfast. 8-11 AM. \$10 Adults, \$5 Children.

June 16th: DLI BBQ. At Pitman Lodge. Dinner 6PM, events to follow.

Future Dates: Please mark these on your calendar and give the lodge your support.

July 26th, 2025 Pitman Lodge BBQ.

Our annual BBQ will be on the last Saturday of July. Cost is \$15 per dinner.

The usual ½ bbq chicken, corn on the cob, tomato, roll, and snack included.

Please plan to attend, this is our biggest event of the year.

Sept. 20th, 2025: Pitman Fall Craft Fair, parking fundraiser event.

This is the bigger of the 2 and we need support to work it.

This is an easy money event for the lodge, basically we just have to show up.

(Rain Date: Sept 21st).

Please see the attached district calendar for all upcoming district dates.

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.

Lodge Reservation Donations

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

BBQ Sales have Started. Our BBQ this year will be on Saturday July 26.

See the flyer below to order either by mail or online.

Good Day, Brothers,

As we welcome two new Master Masons into our ranks, we also enter the season when our Lodge goes dark for the summer.

In farming communities where many Masons are farmers, Lodges traditionally go dark to allow brethren to tend to their crops. Similarly, in fishing communities, Lodges go dark while members are away at sea, and in military Lodges, during times of deployment. This pause is a long-standing tradition rooted in the practical needs of our members.

Historically, darkness has symbolized ignorance, while light represents knowledge and understanding. Therefore, even though our Lodge may go dark, I encourage you to seek light this summer.

Use this time to learn something new:

- Study a lecture you haven't yet memorized.
- Practice a piece of ritual work you've been meaning to learn.
- Borrow a book from our Lodge library.
- Explore a Masonic podcast.

I would love to see Pitman Lodge earn three bars at next year's GLI — and I believe we can do it together.

If you need any guidance or support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Fraternally, Michael Paris Jr., Worshipful Master

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

21 st DISTRICT DATES FOR 2025

District Lodges of Instruction ~ 7PM Start Time

June 16, 2025 @ Pitman # 197 *** Picnic ***6PM start.

September 25, 2025 @ Williamstown # 166

October 23, 2025 @ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54

November 21, 2024 @ Mantua # 95 - This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict***

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

Official Visits of the District Deputy (Top 3 officers are to attend)

June 3, 2025 Woodstown #138

Pitman Lodge TBA

Pitman Lodge 2025 Officers

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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(s)

RW Evan W. Boggs

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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

Lodge Dues 2025: Your dues are now due if you have not paid as of yet. Dues for 2025 are \$150 and may be paid using the same QR code.

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





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Brothers and friends,

On Saturday July 26th, 2025, we will be having our annual chicken BBQ. This is the lodge's main fund raiser for the year. The cost is the same as last year, \$15 per dinner. This includes a half of a chicken barbequed to perfection, ear of corn, tomato, roll, pickles, and dessert item.

Take out is preferred but you may also eat the dinner at the lodge. Pick-up will be 12 noon until 5 PM.

We are asking each member if possible to buy 3 dinners. We will mail your tickets to you or you may pick them up at the door.

We also have a PayPal link to purchase online, with the same options. Use the link to the left or the box on our web page to order. Please leave your name and instructions.

Thank you for your support of our lodge.

Sincerely,

Michael Paris, secretary

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I would like to order _____ tickets @\$15 each. Total _____

Please do the following with my tickets,

_____ Mail them to me _____ I will pick up at the BBQ

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mail completed form to: Pitman Lodge #197 PO Box 385 Pitman, NJ 08071
