



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N. J.*

**March 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  
Free and Accepted Masons  
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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

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Clarksboro. Grand Lodge of Instruction

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 brothers,**

I hope this trestleboard finds you and yours well. First I would like to thank all the brothers that come out and helped with the breakfast. And please come out and enjoy the breakfast. The money that is raised helps offset some of the expenses of running a lodge.

Secondly, I would like to thank RW Ken Thomas and RW Joe DiNovi for working so hard at the work party, we had a problem with the electrical wiring, and keeping our lodge running smoothly.

We have a few petitions coming in. And we are excited to get new members into the lodge.

Our next stated meeting will be a Winter Luau. If you have a Hawaiian shirt, please feel free to wear it. We will also have a program on freemasonry in the concentration camps, given to us by Eli Berkowitz, Worshipful Master of Woodstown Lodge.

Please come out and join us for a night of fellowship and brotherly love. I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming months. Thank you.

#### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States.

Theodore Roosevelt

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  
SW . R.W. Kenneth W. Thomas.... 609-432-9886  
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Tres . Keith Sanders PM.....856-374-2261  
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JD..... John Young.....609-820-9888  
SMC . Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591  
JMC. Brian M. Knae 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**

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

March 4<sup>th</sup>, Table Lodge- Clarksboro

Please see lodge officers for details.

March 11<sup>th</sup>, Lodge Breakfast

March 14<sup>th</sup>, Regular Communication

March, 23, GLI, Clarksboro Lodge

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.

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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.

[www.newjerseygrandlodge.org](http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org)

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**Masonic Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Raymond Angellini	03/29/1983	40
Kyle Beemer	03/02/2013	10
Fred Beeson	03/27/1973	50
Charles Bowers III	03/29/1983	40
John Burd	03/19/2005	18
James Cassidy	03/12/1968	55
Len Clark	03/19/2005	18
Richard Dantinne	03/29/2011	12
Alan Davis	03/23/1973	50
Scott Grant	03/19/2005	18
Gregory Geiger	03/29/2017	6
Raymond Groff Jr.	03/19/2005	18
Mark Haines	03/28/1995	28
Eric Henderson	03/02/2013	10
Sean Henderson	03/02/2013	10
Godfrey Joyner Jr.	03/19/2005	18
John Kelly III	03/27/1984	39
Wayne Leap	03/26/1985	38
Gregory Meranshain	03/01/2005	18
William Pennell	03/19/2005	18
Darin Peters	03/29/2017	6
James Peterson	03/25/1969	54
William Riff	03/19/2005	18
Robert Schaefer	03/24/2004	19
Craig Shute	03/26/1984	21
Richard Sowers	03/23/1984	39
Sebastiano Tomarchio	03/23/2004	19



**Grand Master's Reception  
Atlantic Lodge No. 221**

**Cordially invites you to attend the official visit and  
reception for**

**M.W. David L. Tucker**

**Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey  
And Chairman, Masonic Charity Foundation**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington NJ 08016**

**Reception 4:00 PM- Buffet Dinner after Reception**

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**Mail to: William Anderson, 3 Middle Lane east,  
Port Murray, NJ 07865**

**Questions? Contact Bill Anderson@ 201-522-6374**

**Email: [williama134@aol.com](mailto:williama134@aol.com)**

**Deadline: March 10, 2023**

**Check made payable to: "Team Tucker 2021"**

**No tickets will be issued.**

**I would like \_\_\_ reservations@\$70 per person. Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Guest: \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ Check#:\_\_\_\_\_**



### **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>April 11, 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>March 23, 2023</b>	<b>@ Clarksboro #87 GRAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.</b>
<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</b>	<b>@ Clarksboro Lodge # 87</b>
<b>December 5, 2023 Official Visit</b>	<b>@ Woodstown Lodge # 138</b>
<b>December 6, 2023 Official Visit</b>	<b>@ Penns Grove Excelsior Lodge # 54</b>
<b>December 12, 2023 Official Visit</b>	<b>@ Pitman Lodge # 197</b>
<b>December 14, 2023 Official Visit</b>	<b>@ Mantua Lodge # 95</b>
<b>December 19, 2023 Official Visit</b>	<b>@ Williamstown Lodge # 166</b>