

Pitman Lodge #197

March 2026

Regular meetings, 2nd Tuesday of the month.
(except July and August).

www.pitmanmasons.org
pitmanmasons@gmail.com

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.

Lodge Events

March 10th: Official visit of the DDGM. We will have a presentation by RW Don Tuttle on internet security and scams.

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

March 26th: DLI at Mantua Lodge. Opening at 7PM.

March 30th: District 18 and 21 Reception at Sapphire (formerly Alletto's) in Deptford.

See flyer on the last page.

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

Dear Brothers of Pitman Masonic Lodge,

I wish you well and trust this message finds you and your families in good health and spirits. As Masons, we are taught that the strength of our Lodge rests not only in its ritual and fellowship, but also in our shared responsibility to preserve the place where those bonds are formed.

Our Lodge building, which has served generations of Brothers before us, is presently in need of repairs and ongoing general maintenance. These needs include both immediate attention items and preventative work necessary to ensure the safety, functionality, and dignity of our meeting place. The building we steward today is the same one we are obligated to pass on—sound, respected, and welcoming—to those who will follow us.

I humbly ask each Brother to consider making a donation, as he is able, toward these repair and maintenance efforts. No contribution is too small, and every gift directly supports the preservation of our Lodge and its future operations.

Your generosity will help ensure that Pitman Lodge remains a place worthy of our Craft, our traditions, and our community presence.

Thank you, Brothers, for your continued dedication, support, and fraternal love. Together, through unity of purpose and generosity of spirit, we can meet this need and strengthen the foundation upon which our Lodge stands.

Fraternally yours,
Joseph Dinovi
Worshipful Master
Pitman Masonic Lodge

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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. 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. 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
Tres . R.W. Kenneth W. Thomas PGC..... 609-432-9886
Sec... Michael J. Paris, PM 856- 881-6312
SDRW Keith Lypka, PGC.....856-361-4625
JD.....Robert Wiseley.....609-970-7771
SMC James Pullen.....856-571-0745
JMC. Phillipe Klein.....267-506-6997
SS Ryan Goehringer.....856-981-3322
JS Humphrey Foard.....856-628-0282
Chp .. Gerald Montgomery856- 359-6212
MAR...Willy Pfiesser.....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

Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

M.W. Omar S. Morris, G.M.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey

100 Barrack St.

Trenton, NJ 08625

718-809-7294

omarmorris@gmail.com

District Deputy Grand Master

RW Thomas G. Rathof

856-981-8844

trathof@gmail.com

District Ritual Instructor

RW John Higgins

609-743-2043

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

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

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

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

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:

March 15, 2026 Grand Master's Gala

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

Masonic Birthdays in March

Angelini, Raymond Joseph	Home: (856) 848-5155 Mobile:	03-29-1983	43
Beeson, Fred Wayne	Home: (417) 932-1229 Mobile: (417) 247-8814	03-27-1973	53
Burd, John Robert	Home: (352) 205-5471 Mobile:	03-19-2005	21
Cassidy, James E	Home: (856) 881-9177 Mobile:	03-12-1968	58
Clark, Len Elisha	Home: (856) 582-1113 Mobile:	03-19-2005	21
Dantinne Jr., Richard George	Home: (856) 938-6568 Mobile: (856) 938-6568	03-29-2011	15
Geiger, Gregory Evan	Home: (856) 728-2291 Mobile: (856) 899-7300	03-29-2017	9
Groff Jr, Raymond Wayne	Home: (609) 685-1209 Mobile: (609) 685-1209	03-19-2005	21
Haines, Mark Jay	Home: (856) 589-6452 Mobile:	03-28-1995	31
Henderson, Eric Lewis	Home: (856) 401-3121 Mobile: (856) 534-0779	03-02-2013	13
Hunt, William Raymond	Home: (856) 218-8755 Mobile:	03-29-2006	20
Kelley III, John Raymond	Home: (856) 582-0519 Mobile:	03-27-1984	42
Leap, Wayne Everett	Home: (856) 589-8046 Mobile: (856) 371-1466	03-26-1985	41
Meranshain, Gregory	Home: (856) 986-3337 Mobile: (856) 986-3337	03-01-2005	21
Pennell, William Charles	Home: (856) 478-4665 Mobile:	03-19-2005	21
Peters, Darin Mark	Home: (609) 221-4292 Mobile: (856) 346-1472	03-29-2017	9
Riiff, William James	Home: (856) 346-1472 Mobile:	03-19-2005	21
Schaefer, Robert Brian	Home: (856) 582-5687 Mobile: (856) 357-2971	03-23-2004	22
Sowers, Richard J	Home: (609) 617-4149	03-23-1984	42

THE 18th & 21st 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 21st 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

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

trathof@gmail.com