



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

May 2023

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District-Grand Lodge of New Jersey

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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

DLI's

April 27th, 2023 Mantua

May 25th, 2023 Pennsgrove

June 29th, 2023 Clarksboro, This will be a BBQ also, Families invited.

NOTE: Day and Place change.

September 28th, 2023 Williamstown

October 26th, 2023 Pitman

November 30th, 2023 Clarksboro

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 yours well.

Our breakfasts have been a success lately but we still need more help to continue this success. I would like to thank all the brothers who have helped.

We are restructuring our Lodge Trustees, if any brothers have financial investment experience please contact me.

The turnout at our lodge meetings has been very low.

Please come out and mix with your Masonic brothers.

The article below addresses this problem. Please take a minute to read and may God bless you.

HAS IT BEEN A WHILE??? COME BACK YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU !!

The brothers in Freemasonry love our fraternity but sometimes life takes us away from things we enjoy

Don't let this happen to you. Don't assume that they will always be there waiting for your return. A lodge is not a building but an assemblage of good and upright men who gather there. Never assume you have nothing to offer. Your presence and ideas may be the difference between a lodge closing/merging or thriving in our community.

EVERY SINGLE BROTHER IN A LODGE IS AN ASSET TO THEIR LODGE.

We need the experienced Masons and Past Master to help teach the influx of new men coming into our fraternity. We need your passion and desire to help ensure our lodges grow and continue to do whatr they've always done to support the communities in which we operate.

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
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Lodge Trustees

RW Joseph A. DiNovi PM.....609-670-7214
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WB Vincent Baehr PM.....856-456-2175

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Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

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RW **Thomas G. Rathof**

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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

R.W. Larry J. McKelvey Jr. GC. **609-420-1163**

Living Past Masters

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|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| 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

April 27, 2023: DLI Mantua, 7 PM start time.

*****May 10th, Regular Communication.*****

Vote on Mr. Hall if approved by Grand lodge.

****Note Day Change to Wednesday*****

May 13th, All You Can Eat Breakfast 7-11AM.

May 20th, 2023 Pitman Craft Fair parking fund-raiser.

We could use help from 7AM to 2PM.

May 25th, DLI, Pennsgrove Lodge.

May 30th, Tuesday. EA on 3 candidates. Mr. Eberle, Mr. Falzon and Mr. Petty.

Future dates:

Sept. 16th, 2023 Pitman Craft Fair parking fund-raiser.

Aug. 10th, 2023 Blood Drive at Pitman Lodge.

Oct. 23rd, 2023 Blood Drive at Pitman Lodge.

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.

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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May Masonic Birthdays

| Name | Raised | Years |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Berkowitz, Eli | 05-01-2018 | 5 |
| Camp Jr., William John | 05-20-2014 | 9 |
| Dillon, Douglas | 05-22-1992 | 31 |
| Geiger, Larry William | 05-29-1979 | 44 |
| Geiger, Raymond Paul | 05-29-1979 | 44 |
| Holloway, Richard Warren | 05-27-1997 | 26 |
| Kier, James Robert | 05-03-1977 | 46 |
| Kohn, Louis J. | 05-22-2021 | 2 |
| Lafferty, Walter T. | 05-27-1980 | 43 |
| Lloyd, Justin T. | 05-31-2011 | 12 |
| Mezis, Mark W. | 05-18-2015 | 8 |
| Miller, Jeffrey W. | 05-26-1992 | 31 |
| Miller, Rickey H. | 05-03-1977 | 46 |
| Mollenhauer, Robin M. | 05-27-1977 | 26 |
| Paris, Michael J. | 05-11-2001 | 22 |
| Sauro, Joseph D. | 05-31-2011 | 12 |
| Smith, Joseph F. | 05-12-1989 | 34 |
| Stanger Jr., Hiram | 05-27-1980 | 43 |
| Walker, Joseph T. | 05-21-1991 | 32 |
| Young, John M. | 05-22-2021 | 2 |

May Regular Communication

Our regular communication for May will be on Wednesday May 10th. This is a change so that members can attend the town meeting at Shicana Lodge.

Attached to this trestleboard are copies of the lodge's by-laws. One of the copies is the last known original by-laws, voted on by the members and passed in 2000.

The second by-laws are a proposed new set that are updated and meant to replace the old ones.

We are asking you to please read both carefully then attend the May meeting and make your thoughts be heard.

There may be a vote on approval of either set.



Official Visits of the District Deputy

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| May 1, 2023 | Clarksboro #87 |
| May 2, 2023 | Woodstown #138 |
| April 5, 2023 | Penns Grove Excelsior #54 |
| March 14, 2023 | Pitman #197 |
| June 8, 2023 | Mantua #95 |
| June 20, 2023 | Williamstown #166 |

District Lodges of Instruction

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| April 27, 2023 | @ Mantua #95 |
| May 25, 2023 | @ Pennsgrove |
| June 29, 2023 | @ Clarksboro |
| September 28, 2023 | @ Williamstown #166 |
| October 26, 2023 | @ Pitman #197 |
| November 30, 2023 | @ Clarksboro- This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict**** |

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

Annual Feasts of Saints John (Installations)

- December 4, 2023 Official Visit @ Clarksboro Lodge # 87**
- December 5, 2023 Official Visit @ Woodstown Lodge # 138**
- December 6, 2023 Official Visit @ Penns Grove Excelsior Lodge # 54**
- December 12, 2023 Official Visit @ Pitman Lodge # 197**
- December 14, 2023 Official Visit @ Mantua Lodge # 95**
- December 19, 2023 Official Visit @ Williamstown Lodge # 166**