

Constituted 1912 Pitman, N.J.

# May 2024

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.

May 23, 2024 @ Williamstown # 166

June 20, 2024 @ Pitman # 197

September 26, 2024 @ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54

October 24, 2024 @ Mantua # 95

November 21, 2024 @ Clarksboro- This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict\*\*\*\*

Date for qualification meetings TBA.

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

#### **Lodge Reservation Donations**

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

### Brethren,

I trust that all are doing well.

I would like to address several things this month.

This is your lodge and not just a handful. There are almost 200 members on the roster. But only a few attend meetings and the fundraisers throughout the year. I understand that life can get in the way at times, but I am inviting you out to a lodge meeting and the monthly breakfasts. Come on out and make new friends or renew the friendships with your brothers. There is nothing more disheartening to the officers, who have worked hard to see empty sidelines. I would like to invite you to the practices on Sunday evenings. You are more than welcome.

Practices will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month starting at 7pm. Put them into your schedule. We have monthly breakfasts on the second Saturday of the month. Please come on out with your families and support the lodge. We can also use your help putting them on, only if you can devote an hour or two, would be greatly appreciated.

We also have coming up, the parking project for the Pitman Spring Craft Show, the 4th of July Pitman Parade, and our annual Chicken Bbq. The lodge can always use the members time for these projects.

Fraternally, Kenneth W. Thomas, Worshipful Master Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

#### Pitman Lodge 2024 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)

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#### **Living Past Masters**

Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Kier, James R.	1981	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Paris, Michael	2017
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
Marker, David W.	1994	Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Brian M. Kane	2022
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998	Keith M. Lypka	2023
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999		
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000		

## **Lodge Events**

May 4<sup>th</sup>: All You Can Eat Breakfast, 8-11. Adults \$10, Children \$5.

May 14th: Regular Communication

May 18th: Pitman Craft Fair Parking fund raiser.

Please plan to help out anytime from 7AM to 2PM.

Rain date Sunday May 19th.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>. DLI Williamstown Lodge, 7PM start.

### **Upcoming Events**

July 27th, Saturday. Our annual Chicken BBQ.

Sept. 21st: Pitman Craft Fair Parking Fund raiser.

Rain Date Sunday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# Lodge Dues 2024

Please use the Paypal link to pay your dues online. Dues For 2024 are \$150, same as last year.



# Mission Statement of the Grand Lodge Of New Jersey

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds likeminded 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
Eli A. Berkowitz	05-01-2018	6
William J. Camp Jr.	05-20-2014	10
Douglas F. Dillion	05-22-1992	32
Larry W. Geiger	05-29-1979	45
Raymond P. Geiger	05-29-1979	45
Richard W. Holloway	05-27-1997	27
James R. Kier	05-03-1977	47
Louis J. Kohn	05-22-2021	3
Walter T. Lafferty	05-27-1980	44
Justin T. Lloyd	05-31-2011	13
Mark W. Mezis	05-18-2015	9
Jeffrey W. Miller	05-26-1992	32
Ricky H. Miller	05-03-1977	47
Robin C. Mollenhauer	05-27-1997	27
Michael J. Paris	05-11-2001	23
Joseph D. Sauro	05-31-2011	13
Joseph F. Smith	05-12-1989	35
Hiram Stranger Jr.	05-27-1980	44
Joseph T. Walker	05-21-1991	33
John M. Young	05-22-2021	3
Joint W. Tourig	03-22-2021	3





# "UNVEILING THE CLANDESTINE LODGE: UNDERSTANDING ITS ORIGINS AND IMPACT"

THIS PRESENTATION BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL OMAR
MORRIS, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, EXPLORES
CLANDESTINE FREEMASONRY'S HISTORY AND EFFECTS.
IT EXPLAINS ITS ROOTS AND MASONIC DIFFERENCES.
DEBUNKING CLANDESTINE FREEMASONRY
MISCONCEPTIONS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS
ASSOCIATED WITH FREEMASONRY.



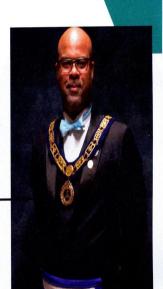
MAY 9, 2024 DINNER AT 6:30 PM GAVEL AT 7:30 PM

**DISTRICT 21** 

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RW Omar Morris
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