



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

May 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 10th All You can Eat Breakfast, 8-11AM. Adults \$10, Children \$5.

May 13th, Our regular communication.

Vote on Brother Robert Nichol森 for affiliate membership.

Possible vote on 3 candidates; Philippe Klein, Stephen Gallagher, and Ryan Goehringer for initiation and membership. Pending committee reports.

Dinner at 630, Lodge opens at 730PM.

May 17th, 2025 Pitman Craft Fair, parking fundraiser event. Show is 9-3, we set up around 5AM and are done about 2 PM. Come anytime between those hours.

(Rain date May 18th).

May 22nd, DLI at Woodstown Lodge. Opening at 7PM.

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

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

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,

In the Star Wars universe, "The Force" is a mysterious, ubiquitous energy field that binds all living things together and connects them to the universe. It is a source of power and spiritual strength, wielded by Jedi Knights and Sith Lords alike, who can use it for a variety of abilities like telekinesis, mind control, and enhanced senses.

"May the Force be with you" is a familiar phrase to anyone who has seen a *Star Wars* movie. It is a sentiment expressed when friends depart. It encourages someone in impending danger.

In Freemasonry the word *force* alludes to the ancient word of recognition of an Apprentice Mason, and comes to us via French rituals, as do most of the Scottish Rite Degrees. In French rituals the word force appears where the word strength occurs in English rituals—the latter having a long-standing Masonic tradition through a connection to King Solomon's Temple. The entrance porch of the temple was flanked by two large freestanding brazen pillars, one on either side, each of which had a particular name.

The use of the word force is a synonym for strength, power, energy, might, vigor, and effort. It is the act of making change. The Force is strong at Pitman Lodge.

Your Lodge is doing well. Our breakfasts are well attended with guests and workers alike.

At our May meeting, R.W. Craig Applebaum will be giving a presentation and I encourage all to attend.

Practices will be the first and second Sunday starting at 7 PM. The goal is for one hour unless there are Brothers that want to stay to work on something specific. We can add the fourth Sunday if needed. Practices are open to all members. Officers are required to attend. If you need anything, please reach out.

My brothers, "May the Force be with you".

Fraternally, Michael Paris Jr., Worshipful Master
Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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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

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| 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

21 st DISTRICT DATES FOR 2025

District Lodges of Instruction ~ 7PM Start Time

May 22, 2025 @ Woodstown No. 138

June 26, 2025 @ Pitman # 197 *** Picnic ***

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)

May 5, 2025 Clarksboro #87

June 3, 2025 Woodstown #138

April 2, 2025 Penns Grove Excelsior #54

May 20, 2025 Williamstown #166

Pitman Lodge TBA

Annual Feasts of Saints John (Installations)

December 1, 2025 Official Visit @ Clarksboro Lodge # 87

December 2, 2025 Official Visit @ Woodstown Lodge # 138

December 3, 2025 Official Visit @ Penns Grove Excelsior Lodge # 54

December 9, 2025 Official Visit @ Pitman Lodge # 197

December 11, 2025 Official Visit @ Mantua Lodge # 95

December 16, 2025 Official Visit @ Williamstown Lodge # 166