



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N. J.*

***April 2021***

*Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)*

*21st Masonic District*  *Grand Lodge of New Jersey*

Pitman Lodge #197  
Free and Accepted Masons  
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An email list of current members is being compiled. All those on the list will receive an electronic version of this newsletter. If you are happy with that and wish to be taken off paper mailings, please email us at [pitmanmasons@gmail.com](mailto:pitmanmasons@gmail.com) and make your request known. You will be saving the lodge money by doing so.

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\*\*\*Please note: The Grand master's new edict states that 25 members can now be present in the lodge at one time. Please use the district zoom ID's to attend virtually if not physically\*\*\*

#### District Events

- April 6, 2021 Woodstown Lodge, regular communication.
- April 6 and 20 , 2021 Williamstown Lodge, regular communication.
- April 7 Pennsgrove-Excelsior #54, regular communicaton.
- April 12 Clarksboro #87, regular communicatio.n
- April 13, 2021 Pitman #197, regular communication.
- April 27, Pitman Lodge Emmergent Communication, FC degree
- April 15, 2021 Mantua #95, regular communication.
- April 22, 2021 DLI at Williamstown Lodge, 7PM opening.

District Zoom ID: 834 887 7341 Password: 2121

\* All lodge meetings are to be conducted using Covid restrictions.

**“FREEMASONRY – A BELIEF IN GOD & A BROTHERHOOD AMONG MEN...ALL MEN, A UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.” – Geo. A. Newbury**

**Brethren,**

First we must be brothers. “It takes two men to make one brother” – Zangwill. MW Kenneth Roy, Grand Master of Indiana, had a pin struck with the words, **MASONS – BROTHERS BY CHOICE**, on the outer band. This is to remind us all that the fraternity means far more than any other type of mere social club. It is a Brotherhood in the truest meaning of the word because it is made up of men who are committed to each other’s growth, welfare, and well-being.

We as Mason’s chose to be brothers. It is our mantra. Our learned predecessor’s words of wisdom remind Masons of their basis; “...a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love...” According to Claudy, “Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power.” It is ever present in our ritual and should be in our daily lives.

Masonry is not naïve, of course, just like in families, brothers do not always get along. However, at the end of the day, we should look out for and love one another. Dylan Thomas writes, “It snowed last year too; I made a snowman and my brother knocked it down and I knocked my brother down and then we had tea.” William Howard Taft explains, “The real secrets of Masonry are never told, not even from mouth to ear. For the real secret of Masonry is spoken to your heart and from it to the heart of your Brother. Never the language made for tongue may speak it, it is uttered only in the eye in those manifestations of that love which a man has for his friend, which passeth all other loves.”

Naturally, differences between Brothers which arise need to be settled. It is how we settle them that distinguishes us as Masons. MLK reminds us, “We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers.” Masonry teaches that a universal brotherhood of men can and do walk the earth like brothers. For this simple act, I am forever grateful to the Craft for perpetuating that intangible commodity, Brotherly Love, into a dynamic, tangible, power. It is awe inspiring to look back on the man of yesterday and see the Brother of today. Tomorrow is even more promising if we strive to exhibit Brotherly Love not only amongst Masons, but to all mankind. After all, every human being has a claim upon your kind offices.

Brethren, as Masons, we are to continue dispersing Brotherly Love, and, more importantly, extend the olive branch to those of whom we differ. We exist in a Brotherhood of Men - May Brotherly Love prevail! I remain your humble servant.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Vincent L. Baehr

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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**Pitman Lodge Information**

**Dues Card Information**

On Saturday April 17 we will have a Grandview sign up day at the lodge. You can come in and we will get you online and help you print out a dues card. We will be at the lodge from 12 to 4PM. Please come out and sign up.

**Emergent Communication**

Tues. April 27<sup>th</sup> we will be conferring the Fellowcraft degree on at least one brother. Please make every effort to attend keeping in mind Covid restrictions

## Living Past Masters

Wigglesworth, Kenneth	1961	Stranger Jr., Hiram	1998
Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999
Lang, Harry E	1975	Bradley, Theodore K.	2000
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
KIER, James R.	1981	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2005#
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
Martin, Fredrick H.	1986	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2013
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Polonsky, Arthur A.	2015
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Collier Jr., John Clark	1992	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

**The lodge is looking to acquire another refrigerator. If you have one in good working condition or wish to make a donation we would be happy to receive it.**

## Lodge Events

April 13, 2021. The next lodge meeting will fall under the recent changes as per the Grand Master's Edict. We can now have 25 people per room, and all must wear masks. The meeting will also be on Zoom, between the opening and closing so all may attend.

Zoom ID#834 887 7341 Password 2121

The Zoom id will be good at all 21<sup>st</sup> District lodges and events. So if you want to attend another lodge you may do so via Zoom. We will continue to make Zoom an integral part of our communications until the pandemic is over.

April 22, 2021: District Lodge of Instruction. To be held at Williamstown Lodge opening 7PM.

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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**Masonic Birthdays in April**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Joseph Gardner Burrough Jr	04-30-1991	30
Mark Celio	04-25-1989	32
Robert Preston Davis	04-20-1971	50
Joseph Anthony Dinovi	04-25-1978	43
Richard Lawrence Eckenroth	04-29-1986	35
Paul H Hostler	04-23-1954	67
William Melvin Howie III	04-30-1968	53
Brian M Kane	04-22-2010	11
Jarrod Benjamin Lafferty	04-20-1999	22
David William Marker	04-21-1987	34
Frederick Hugh Martin	04-18-1981	40
Carl Wayne Milley	04-24-1999	22
Lawrence Robert Parks	04-29-1947	74
Willy Beno Pfeiffer	04-22-2010	11
Lawrence Walter Potts	04-30-1996	25
Keith Scott Sanders	04-30-1991	30
William Eric Shepherd	04-25-1978	43
Glen Scott Smith	04-24-1999	22
Kenneth Edward Smith	04-30-1996	25
John James Stewart	04-24-1956	65
Thomas A Stewart	04-24-1970	51
Arthur Neil Stone	04-25-2000	21
Eric Wilfred Straub	04-22-2008	13
Donald Joseph Terch	04-21-1987	34
Thomas Van Horn	04-07-1949	72
James Edward Wilt	04-25-1972	49

**The Grand Master's Edict March 11, 2021**

**EDICT**

**WHEREAS**, the current worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, which has necessitated the prior Edicts, continues; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has continued to operate under the Executive Orders of the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is still in the process of re-opening America under Guidelines issued by the White House and the Center for Disease Control; and

**WHEREAS**, the suspension of the operation of any section of the Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which is not a Landmark, as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of protection of our members during the ongoing pandemic, remains in effect, as previously ordered.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is on this 11th day of March 2021, **EDICTED** and **ORDERED** as follows:

1. All prior Edicts relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, which are not modified or superseded by this Edict are incorporated herein and shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Attendance at any indoor Lodge meeting, or function, shall be limited to the numbers as prescribed by the current limits placed in force by the most recent Executive Order from the Governor of New Jersey, and shall be permitted to increase as the numbers permitted in the Executive Orders increase. As of March 19, 2021, that number is 25 persons per room, regardless of the maximum capacity of the room. The same limits shall hold true for any outdoor gatherings, as governed by the ten current Executive Order. The serving of food before or after Lodge meetings or functions is now permitted.
3. Visitation by a Brother to a Lodge, other than one in which he is a member, is no longer discouraged, unless that attendance would cause the number of Masons present to exceed the number permitted under the then current Executive Order, and potentially exclude regular members of that Lodge. In that case, the visiting Brother is encouraged to yield to the attendance of the members of said Lodge.
- 4..Lodges may resume balloting upon petitions for Membership, affiliation, and all restorations, effective March 19, 2021.
- 5 .The conferral of the Masonic Degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft may resume, effective March 19, 2021. Master Mason Degrees shall remain suspended until further notice.
- 6 .Lodges are encouraged to continue the utilization of the ZOOM component of Lodge Meetings, in accordance with the previously issued guidelines for Blue Lodge ZOOM Meetings, with the provision that balloting shall now be permitted, including ballots that require secret balloting, and that ZOOM participants shall be permitted to ballot, using the Polling feature of the ZOOM platform.
7. All Lodges shall continue to comply with the requirements of the Executive Orders of the Governor and the requirements of the CDC. This Edict shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked or modified by a subsequent Edict.

**SO ORDERED.**

**Dated: March 11, 2021**

**ROBERT V. MONACELLI,**

**Grand Master**

**of Masons for the State of New Jersey**

**Attest: JOHN S. RYAN, Grand Secretary**

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