



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N.J.*

***December 2022***

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

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

**[www.pitmanmasons.org](http://www.pitmanmasons.org)**

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The lodge is moving to electronic delivery of our trestle boards. If you want a paper copy mailed to you see the article at the end of this newsletter for more information. We will continue to mail paper copies to those who require them.

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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

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#### **DLI's**

The 2023 dates will be in our next tresleboard.

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**December 2022**

Brethren,

It has been an honor to serve as Worshipful Master. I would like all my Brothers to support our incoming worshipful master and the lodge as a whole. I hope to see more Brothers at meetings and functions. Participation is critical for the success of our lodge.

So this is my last address. I look forward to seeing all at Lodge and God bless.

On December 10th we are having our breakfast with Santa, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We're going to need help from start to finish. On December 13th it's installation of officers at our annual Feast of Saints John. It is an open installation; dinner is at 6:30 installation of officers at 7:30. Brothers, that's all from the East. Have a happy Hanukkah, and a Merry Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous New Year. God bless us all.

***“ A brother Mason is one of a kind, please keep that in mind. When we go to work in the quarry we go to keep building our fraternity. The rewards are greater when we do it in unity, that's what makes us a fraternally.”***

***Brian M Kane WM 2022***

Fraternal Greetings  
Brian M Kane, WM  
Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

**Lodge Dues**

**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.....856-742-0151  
SW .... R.W. Kenneth W. Thomas... 609-432-9886  
JW...Joseph Sauro.....856-863-1003  
Tres . Keith Sanders PM.....856-374-2261  
Sec... Michael J. Paris, PM ..... 856- 881-6312  
SD .....Jason M. Rickert.....856-381-6035  
JD..... John Young.....609-820-9888  
SMC . Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591  
JMC. Darin Peters.....609-221-4292  
SS .... Louis Kohn.....856-283-1020  
JS ..... Eli Berkowitz.....609-617-9054  
Chp .. Gerald Montgomery ..... 856- 359-6212  
MAR..Sirr Ransom.....856-372-7680  
TLR .. Michael T. Lowe ..... 856- 589-6612

### Lodge Trustees

RW Joseph A. DiNovi PM.....609-670-7214  
Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591  
WB Vincent Baehr PM.....856-456-2175

### Building Trustees

Keith Lypka.....856-742-0151  
Robert Schaefer.....856-357-2971  
Jason Rickert.....856-381-6035

### Grand Lodge Officers

Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

MW **David L. Tucker**

100 Barrack Street

Trenton NJ 08608

609-239-3937

District Deputy Grand Master

RW **Richard G. Norbuts**

856-498-3539

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District Ritual Instructor

RW **Thomas G. Rathof**

**856-981-8844**

**trathof@gmail.com**

### 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. PM. **609-420-1163**

### Living Past Masters

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	Polonsky, Arthur A.	2015
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Paris, Michael	2017
Marker, David W.	1994	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998	Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999	Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000	Brian M. Kane	2022

### Lodge Events

Nov. 28,2022 EA at Clarksboro Lodge.  
Dec. 5, 2022 Clarksboro Lodge Installation  
Dec. 6, 2022 Woodstown Lodge Installation  
Dec.7, 2022 PennsGrove Lodge Installation  
Dec.8, 2022 Mantua Lodge Installation  
Dec. 10, 2002: Pitman Lodge Breakfast with Santa, 8-11  
Dec. 13 2022 Pitman Lodge Installation, Dinner 6:30  
Dec. 17, 2022 Breakfast with Santa at Woodstown Lodge  
Dec. 18, 2022 Breakfast with Santa at Mantua Lodge

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Lodge dues for 2022 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. Dues for 2023 are out now. Please pay promptly. Thank you.

You may also pay through the PayPal link on the webpage and printed in this paper.

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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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**Masonic Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Allen S. Anderson</b>	<b>12-12-1998</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Ralph Owen</b>	<b>12-02-1960</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Gordon K. Stark</b>	<b>12-12-1998</b>	<b>24</b>

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**Practice!!**

Brethren, we have a practice every Sunday at 10:30 AM. There, we go over ritual work and improve our skills for any upcoming degree work or DLI's. Please make an effort to attend.

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**Grand Lodge Officers for 2023**

**M.W. David L Tucker, GM**

RW Leonard Vander Horn, DGM

RW J. Eugene Margroff, SGW

RW Omar S. Morris, JGW

MW Douglas R Policastro, PGM, Grand Treasurer

MW Roger B Quintana, PGM, Grand Secretary

Mohamad A Yatim, GEO, Grand Educator

George A. Olsen, Jr, GLT

Andrew G. Churney, GAlm

RW Raymond E Foose, GSOL, HTMTR

### Digital Issue!

In an effort to cut costs we are only mailing a paper trestleboard to those who request it beginning in September. We can email them for free and also expand them as it becomes necessary.

So if you want to receive a mailed paper how can you do it?

1. If you have email contact the lodge with your current address and request a paper copy.  
pitmanmasons@gmail.com
2. Call Mike Paris at 856-881-6312, (leave a message if no answer) and request one. Also leave a current address so I can make sure I have a correct one on file.
3. You can also visit the Lodge's webpage at [www.pitmanmasons.org](http://www.pitmanmasons.org) where you'll find not only the current trestleboard but an archive for the last year or so.

As always we are trying to save the lodge money while providing the best membership experience we can.

We succeed with the support of the members.

Thank you for that support!

WM Brian Kane

Secretary, Michael Paris

### Lodge Reservation Donations

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

### Grand Lodge Assessments (per member)

GL Operating Fund:	\$37.00
GL Reserve Fund:	\$12.00
GL Capital Fund:	\$6.00
MCF:	\$6.00
Insurance:	\$5.50.
GW Memorial:	\$1.00
Rainbow:	\$1.00
DeMolay:	\$1.00
Masonic Renewal:	\$0.50
HTMT:	\$3.00
Total per member:	\$73.00

**In Memorium**  
**Deceased Brethren in 2022**

	<b>Initiated</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Deceased</b>
R. Meade Abbot	3/26/48	6/25/48	9/24/48	9/29/22
John W. Decker	4/21/92	6/16/92	11/17/92	3/29/22
William M. Howie III	2/27/68	3/26/68	4/30/68	3/28/22
Brian Taylor	1/31/84	2/28/84	3/27/84	5/1/22
Harry E. Lang	10/17/67	11/21/67	1/16/68	10/25/22
Raymond R. Martin	10/15/85	2/25/86	3/25/86	9/27/22
Frank Pasqua Jr.	3/18/49	5/10/49	6/14/49	5/31/22
Glynn C. Wells	10/30/56	1/15/57	2/21/57	7/30/22
Kenneth G. Wigglesworth	6/18/54	9/18/54	10/29/54	3/3/22

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**“Most glorious God, author of all good and giver of all mercy! Pour down thy blessings upon us and strengthen our solemn engagements with the ties of sincere affection. May the present instance of mortality remind us of our approaching fate and draw our attention toward thee, the only refuge in time of need. That when the awful moment shall arrive, that we are about to quit this transitory scene, the enlivening prospect of thy mercy may dispel the gloom of death, and after our departure hence in peace, and in thy favor, may we be received into thy divine kingdom, to enjoy, in union with the souls of our departed friends, the just rewards of a pious and virtuous life. Amen.”**

