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Pitman, N. J.

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Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District  *Grand Lodge of New Jersey*

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District Events

February 2, 2021 Woodstown Lodge, regular communication
February 2 and 16 , 2021 Williamstown Lodge, regular communication
February 3 Pennsgrove-Excelsior #54, regular communicaton
February 8, 2021 Clarksboro #87, regular communication
February 9, 2021 Pitman #197, regular communication. (Zoom meeting)
February 11, 2021 Mantua #95, regular communication
February 25, 2021 DLI at Mantua Lodge

* All lodge meetings are to be conducted using Covid restrictions ordered by edict of the Grand Master until further notice. Please check with your lodge officers for ongoing details.

“Freemasonry assists men in applying the divine moral law...to be the rocks in which positive civil societies are built.” – Charles M. Harper Sr.

Brethren,

Now is the time for us as Masons to be the rocks, the foundation, in which positive societies are built. Now is the time for us use the trowel to spread the cement of Brotherly Love that unites us.

As Masons, we should be ever applying the divine moral law and praying for the blessings of Heaven to rest upon us and all regular Masons, insuring that brotherly love prevails. As Brother Benjamin Franklin stated: “Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.” Peace and harmony being the strength and support.

We are to be:

DILIGENT: Having or showing care and conscientiousness in one’s work or duties

PRUDENT: Acting with or showing care and thought for the future

TEMPERATE: Showing moderation or self-restraint

DISCREET: Careful and circumspect in one’s speech or actions, especially in order to avoid causing offense or to gain advantage

Now is the time for us to grant everyone access to our kind offices. Do good unto all men. Embrace one another, acknowledging not only our differences, but more importantly, our similarities. We all answer to the Grand Architect of the Universe, perfect ashlar we are not, but, BROTHERS we are.

These are tumultuous times. Remember, the world is watching. Now is the time to set the example and collect our wages. Now is the time to labor in the quarry. As Brother Franklin reminds us, “Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.” Brethren, we are well paid. Our wages are priceless. Look out for one another. Share a kind word, or, better yet, keep an unkind word unsaid. Seek to accomplish random acts of kindness, be it for a stranger or a Brother; both will be rewarded.

Freemasonry is not about how good of a man you are...It’s about how good of a man you want to be. Now is the time for us all to strive to be better men than we were yesterday. Now is the time for us to extend a helping hand to any Brother who may be in need. Now is the time for us to check in on our elderly Brethren, our widows, and our orphans. Now is the time for us to venture in the quarry and earn our wages. Remember, there is no better time than now. Until we meet again, I remain your humble servant.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Vincent L. Baehr, WM

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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Dues Card Information

The Grand Lodgewants members to use the virtual dues card that is posted on the members portal. The exceptions to this is that a member be 80 years old, infirmed, or lacks internet/smart phone access. In this circumstance I can submit names to Grand Lodge and they will print and mail a paper dues card. The web address for Grandview is

https://nj.grandview.systems/users/sign_in

Living Past Masters

Wigglesworth, Kenneth	1961
Sharp, Jay H.	1971#
Lang, Harry E	1975
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#
Martin, Fredrick H.	1986
Cooper, Danny L.	1989
Stowman, Robert A.	1990
Leap, Wayne E.	1991
Collier Jr., John Clark	1992
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993
Marker, David W.	1994
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#

Stranger Jr., Hiram	1998
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999
Bradley, Theodore B.	2000
Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Anderson, Allen S.	2003
Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2005#
DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Sanders, Keith S.	2011
Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2013
Polonsky, Arthur A.	2015
Marek, Peter A.	2016
Paris, Michael	2017
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Baehr, Vincent L.	2020

Lodge Events

February 9, 2021. Only 10 members may attend according to the Governor's orders. The individuals who are asked to be there are Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplin, Tyler, District Deputy Grand Master and District Ritual Instructor.

Zoom ID# 563 880 1678 Password 1234

This will be a Zoom meeting. After the lodge is opened in due and ancient form the Zoom portion of the meeting will commence. When Business is done the Zoom meeting will close and the officers will do a live closing. This is per direction from the Grand Lodge.

February 25, 2021: District Lodge of Instruction. To be held at Mantua lodge.

Passing Brethern

Richard Sowers: Passed to Lodge on High on December 18, 2020

Brother Sowers was Past Master of Glassboro Lodge #85 in 1992.

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.

www.newjerseygrandlodge.org

2021 Lodge membership cards are now available online.

You may obtain one and view all your information at:

<https://nj.grandviewsystems/users/signin>

Pitman Lodge officers meet every Sunday at 7 PM for practice.

Masonic Birthdays for February

Frederick J Bergmann	02-23-1959	62
David S Burgin	02-28-1992	29
Ronald Kirk Butcher	02-16-2016	5
William Wadsworth Coblentz	02-22-1977	44
John Clark Collier Jr	02-27-1956	65
Richard Carl Dott	02-27-1990	31
Dennis Preston Foster	02-26-1980	41
Bruce L Johnson	02-15-1972	49
David Forrest Liddle	02-26-1980	41
Nicolas Craig Lowe	02-23-2010	11
William Charles Porch	02-22-1977	44
John Nathan Ruth	02-22-1977	44
Glynn Clarence Wells	02-21-1957	64

Rudyard Kipling
The Mother-Lodge

There was Rundle, Station Master,
An' Beazeley of the Rail,
An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;
An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent,
Our Master twice was 'e,
With 'im that kept the Europe-shop,
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside -- "Sergeant! Sir! Salute!
Salaam!"

Inside -- "Brother", an' it doesn't do
no 'arm.

We met upon the Level an' we
parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my
Mother-Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,
The Roman Catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep', per'aps, it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,
We'd all sit down and smoke
(We dursn't give no banquits,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),
An' man on man got talkin'
Religion an' the rest, An' every man
comparin' Of the God 'e knew the
best.

So man on man got talkin',
An' not a Brother stirred
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird;
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,
An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
Accordin' as commanded
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an' brown,
With the trichies smellin' pleasant
An' the hog-darn passin' down;
An' the old khansamah snorin'
On the bottle-khana floor,
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more!

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Salaam!"

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Note:

This poem by Brother Kipling was
written in phonetic English used by
common Englishmen of the time. It
speaks to the Brotherhood of man and
how Freemasonry lifts the boundaries
we impose on ourselves.

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