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Pitman, N. J.

May 2021

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District 🍀 Grand Lodge of New Jersey

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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 and make your request known. You will be saving the lodge money by doing so.

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 physicallyMasks must be worn when in Lodge.

District Lodge Meetings

Pennsgrove-Excelsior: First Wednesday of the month.

Clarksboro: First Monday of the month.

Williamstown: First and third Tuesday of the month.

Woodstown: The first Tuesday of the month.

Pitman: The second Tuesday of the month

DLI: May 27th Clarksboro Lodge opening 7PM

District Zoom ID: 834 887 7341 Password: 2121

*****Valid on all zoom events in the 21st District.*****

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

“Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.”

Theodore Roosevelt, Our 26th President and a brother Freemason.
Brethren,

“...to dare mighty things.” Our masonic forefathers did just that, they took charge and took action to give rise to our great nation. They dared mighty things. Though failure was a possibility, it was never an option. They grew our nation through principles that Freemasonry teaches. They lived, breathed, died, all the while, exemplifying masonic values and virtues.

From them, we are to continue forward, promoting our fraternity by our actions and deeds. It is each of our responsibilities to demonstrate the Masonic values and virtues which we received as we progressed through the degrees.

“It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things.” – Teddy Roosevelt

Brother Roosevelt had the ability to see intrinsic value - a measurement of what an asset is worth. When he visited Devil’s Tower in Wyoming, Roosevelt understood the intrinsic value of the sight. In 1906 he signed the Antiquities Act which gave the president enormous powers for, “...the protection of objects of historic and scientific interest.” He named Devil’s Tower our Nation’s first National Monument. He understood it’s intrinsic value and the ultimate worth of the investment, and, thus, preserved it for countless generations to come. We need to apply the same principles to Masonry.

“In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing.” - Brother Teddy Roosevelt

We, as Masons, are to remember that we are NOT a for-profit organization, rather, a charitable organization. We are taught, “...every human being has a claim upon your kind offices.” This is not a suggestion. We are to remember that charity starts at home. Supporting Masonic endeavors is our responsibility, providing, we find them worthy and our ability to give will permit. It is part of our DNA. It is up to us to promote Masonry and it’s causes. We all have a stake in the matter. We need to invest in the intrinsic value of promoting Masonry.

Take heed brethren, either we invest in ourselves today or pay dearly tomorrow. Masonry needs our support. Our ranks are getting thinner by the day. We need to sow future Masons and reap the reward of Brotherly Love and Fellowship our nurturing will produce. Come out, get involved. Your brethren look forward to seeing you. I also look forward to seeing you at our communications and events. Until we meet again, I remain, your humble servant.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Vincent L. Baehr

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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The District Zoom link will allow you to enter via the Zoom platform all events that are broadcast throughout the 21st District. It is used by all lodges.

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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

We will soon be gearing up for our annual chicken BBQ.

Anyone wanting to head up the event or organize the work parties please see the Worshipful Master or Secretary. As always this is an “all hands on deck” event.

Lodge Events

May 11, 2021 Our regular communication.

We will have a dinner at 6:30.

We will be voting on several candidates and possibly some other surprises will await. Due to the easing of Covid restrictions our meeting will not be available on Zoom.

We are now allowed up to 25 people in a room at lodge events.

May 27, 2021: District Lodge of Instruction. To be held at Clarksboro 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.
www.newjerseygrandlodge.org

Masonic Birthdays in May

Name	Raised	Years	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Years</u>
Eli A. Berkowitz	05-01-2018		2
William John Camp Jr.	05-20-2014		6
Russell James Cline	05-31-2011		9
James J Daly III	05-21-1991		29
Douglas F Dillon	05-22-1992		28
Larry William Geiger	05-29-1979		41
Raymond Paul Geiger	05-29-1979		41
Richard Warren Holloway	05-27-1997		23
James Robert Kier	05-03-1977		43
Walter Thomas Lafferty	05-27-1980		40
Jeffrey Alan Libert	05-22-1987		33
Justin Thomas Lloyd	05-31-2011		9
Mark W Mezis	05-18-2015		5
Jeffrey William Miller	05-26-1992		28
Rickey Howard Miller	05-03-1977		43
Robin McCurdy Mollenhauer	05-27-1997		23
Michael James Paris	05-11-2001		19
Joseph Dominick Sauro	05-31-2011		9
Joseph F Smith	05-12-1989		31
Hiram Stanger Jr	05-27-1980		40
Joseph Thomas Walker	05-21-1991		29

Masonic Quotes

- **A Lodge is not held together with steel bands, but by the silken ties of brotherhood, woven of interest, friendliness, good times, wholesome fraternal intercourse.**
- **A Mason is not necessarily a member of a lodge. In a broad sense, he is any person who daily tries to live the Masonic life, and to serve intelligently the needs of the Great Architect.**
- **A surprise inspection, by the Grand Architect of the Universe, of the Temple of the Heart of a true Mason will probably find more flaws to be corrected but will never find rust on the Tilers sword of the true Mason**
- **As we continue to improve ourselves in Masonry, we are indeed improving life. We know from history that without ideals to guide us, the garden of a man's life will not grow into**
 - **a place of beauty. - Stanley F. Maxwell**
- **Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promote of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother. - George Washington**

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