



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

November 2021

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District ● Grand Lodge of New Jersey

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District Lodge Meetings

Mantua: 2nd Thursday of the month.

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 *****November 30th, due to Grand Lodge Annual Communication*****

DLI: Woodstown Lodge, Monday November 22, This DLI is form Past masters and current Masters only***** opening 7PM***Note day change, due to Thanksgiving holiday*****

Brethren,

As the Tyler guards the Lodge against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers from the outside, the ballot box protects the Lodge against the inclusion of those who may not belong on the inside. There are good and upright men who may not fit the mold as Masons. They may pass all the preliminary screenings, yet, not possess the qualifications and characteristics of a Mason.

This is where the cube establishes its position as the guardian of the Lodge. It is taught in our Entered Apprentice Charge, that a man who is within a Mason's circle of acquaintance and is desirous of being initiated into Masonry, that we are charged to be particularly careful not to recommend him, unless convinced that he will conform to our rules.

Masons are just men. Fallible. Sometimes, unworthy men slip through our defenses. However, we as Masons, are to guard the honor and reputation of the Institution. That it may be established and the world at large convinced of its good effects. The cube is our defense. We, as Masons, are the caretakers of our beloved fraternity. It is our duty to protect it from infiltration of those who are not likeminded.

We must follow our by-laws set forth in Title Four, Section 4, part 3, (a): Bona Fide Vote. It is unmasonic to ballot against a petitioner EXCEPT upon conscientious belief in his unworthiness. We are obligated by our Grand Lodge By-Laws to protect our beloved fraternity. Only if we possess a conscientious belief, a reliable, thorough, and meticulous belief that a candidate is unworthy, a cube may be dropped.

This must be for a Masonic reason. Not a personal reason. Should a candidate appear to be unworthy, a brother must do everything in his power to inform the Worshipful Master of his conviction BEFORE a ballot is spread. Of course, in reality, there are times when proper notification is not an option. In those cases, one must vote his conscious and live with the decision. When a cube is deployed its effects are immeasurable. Therefore, we, as Masons, should do everything in our power to avoid its use, and never use it because of personal feelings, rather, strict Masonic reasoning.

Remember, that every human being has a claim upon our kind offices. I remain you humble servant.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Vincent L. Baehr

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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Around the District

November 9th, Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in Atlantic City.

November 22, Monday, DLI at Woodstown Lodge, opening at 7PM.

*****Past Masters and current Masters only at this DLI*****

Living Past Masters

Wigglesworth, Kenneth	1961#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
Lang, Harry E	1975	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2005#
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
KIER, James R.	1981	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2013
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Polonsky, Arthur A.	2015
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Paris, Michael	2017
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Marker, David W.	1994	Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
Stranger Jr., Hiram	1998		
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999		
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000		

Practice !!

Brethren, we have a practice every Sunday at 7PM. There we go over ritual work and hone our skills for any upcoming degree work or DLI's. Please make an effort to attend.

Lodge Events

November 22, Monday, DLI for Past Masters and current Masters only, at Woodstown Lodge***Note day change due to the Thanksgiving holiday*****

November 30th, 2021: Regular communication. ***Note the day and date change due to Grand Lodge Annual Communication on November 9th.

Agenda: We will be voting on officers for 2022.

Computer raffle drawing.

Vote on SIRR Ranson. Pending the outcome of the investigation committee.

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 October

Sean Angelinni	25 years
Bradley Bowers	11 years
Theodore Bradley	26 years
Michael Capelli Sr.	28 years
Warren Carr	53 years
Scott Clark	8 years
Danny Cooper	39 years
Mark Cunard	30 years
John Decker	29 years
Edward Lewis	61 years
Thomas Little	15 years
Paul Martin	45 years
Pasquale Mungiole	34 years
John Nolan	39 years
William Porch Jr.	38 years
Wielaw Jack Puchalski	2 years
George Sabol	30 years
Charles Straud	29 years
Reuben Starr	10 years
Jeffrey Thomas	44 years
RW Kenneth W. Thomas	51 years

Dues for 2022

At our September meeting we voted a passed a motion to raise the dues to \$150 for the coming year. This increase was due to the increase in costs to run the lodge and serve the members. Grand Lodge assessment this year is going up to \$63.50 (tentatively).

The new dues structure is still a deficit budget. Out of approximately 200 dues paying members we have 30 who are behind at least 1 year. This further impacts our budget.

We are trying to hold down costs. Many other lodges charge \$180 to \$200 per year. In an effort to make it easier on you to pay your dues you can now use PayPal and charge it to your credit card. Just follow the link on the webpage:

www.pitmanmasons.org

Or

Use the QR code below on your mobile device.



_In the past year we have made many improvements in the lodge. We have two large screen TV's that we use for presentations and degree work. We are in the final phase of completing the kitchen and expansion project.

As always our officers are working to improve the experience of being a Mason. We need your help and support in making it so.

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