



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

April 2025

Regular meetings, 2nd Tuesday of the month.
(except July and August).

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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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Lodge Events

April 6, 2025: Ritual Practice 7PM.

April 8th, 2025: Regular Communication, Dinner 630PM, Lodge opens 730 PM.

April 12th, 2025: All You Can Eat Breakfast. Adults \$10, Children \$5. 8-11 AM.

April 13th, 2025: Passover. No ritual practice.

April 14th, 2025: 18th and 21st District Reception at Sapphire in Deptford.

(See the flyer at the bottom of this news letter, registration deadline is Fast approaching).

Future Dates: Please mark these on you calendar and give the lodge your support.

May 17th, 2025 Pitman Craft Fair, parking fundraiser event.

(Rain date May 18th).

Sept. 20th, 2025: Pitman Fall Craft Fair, parking fundraiser event.

This is the bigger of the 2 and we need support to work it.

This is an easy money event for the lodge, basically we just have to show up.

(Rain Date: Sept 21st).

Please see the attached district calendar for all upcoming district dates.

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.

Lodge Reservation Donations

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

PitmanLodge News

The Baseball Mania fundraiser will start on March 31st. We will have a winner each week from our pool of tickets. It could be you, oh that's right, you didn't buy a ticket did you. Well the good news is we still have them left and we can still sell you one. So see an officer before the deadline to get yours.

Good Day Brothers,

April is here, but before we get the nice weather and the flowers, we have April Fools' Day. The story goes back to the 1500s in France when the Julian calendar (established by Julius Caesar) was replaced with the Gregorian calendar (introduced by Pope Gregory XIII and still used in most parts of the world). In the old Julian calendar, the new year began on April 1, but with the new Gregorian calendar, the new year was set to begin on January 1.

News did not always travel fast in those days so not everyone got the word that the start of the New Year changed to January 1. They kept celebrating it on April 1, and they were widely mocked as April Fools.

The reason I share this story is we can still learn from this lesson today. As the world changes around us we can change with it or be the fools. We are not going to be able to stop it, but we can be at the forefront. Embrace the changes, lean on our brothers, and know Masonry will always rest on two basic principles, love of God and love of man.

Your Lodge is doing well. Our monthly Breakfasts are well attended both with guests and workers. I want to thank all the Past Masters that came out, said hello, and offered words of wisdom. Thank you to all that helped support the Pitman Lodge baseball fundraiser by buying and selling tickets. I wish you all good luck on your tickets.

Practices will be the first and second Sunday starting at 7 PM. The goal is for one hour unless there are Brothers that want to stay to work on something specific. We can add the fourth Sunday if need. Practices are open to all members. Officers are required to attend. If you need anything, please reach out.

Fraternally, Michael Paris Jr., Worshipful Master
Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

Pitman Lodge 2025 Officers

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Sick and Distressed Brothers

If you know of any sick and distressed brothers, or anyone that has passed,
please contact our Grand Chaplin(s)

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Living Past Masters

Sharp, Jay H.	1976
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#
Cooper, Danny L.	1989
Stowman, Robert A.	1990
Leap, Wayne E.	1991
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993
Marker, David W.	1994
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000
Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Anderson, Allen S.	2003
DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Sanders, Keith S.	2011
Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Marek, Peter A.	2016
Paris, Michael	2017
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
Brian M. Kane	2022
Keith M. Lypka	2023
Thomas, Kenneth W.	2024

Lodge Dues 2025: Your dues are now due if you have not paid as of yet. Dues for 2025 are \$150 and may be paid using the same QR code.

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/62F6ALWNXHDSQ>



21 st DISTRICT DATES FOR 2025

District Lodges of Instruction ~ 7PM Start Time

March 27th @ Mantua Lodge.

April 24, 2025 @ Clarksboro #87 *** Grand Lodge of Instruction ***

May 22, 2025 @ Woodstown No. 138

June 26, 2025 @ Pitman # 197 *** Picnic ***

September 25, 2025 @ Williamstown # 166

October 23, 2025 @ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54

November 21, 2024 @ Mantua # 95 - This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict***

TBD` There will be 2 mandatory dates for qualification. PM only Oct-Nov

RECEPTION 18 th & 21 ST DISTRICT April 14 th, 2025

To be held at Sapphire (formerly Allueto's), in Deptford.

ARC WALK JUNE 7, 2025

Gold Token Luncheon JUNE/ JULY TBD

Official Visits of the District Deputy (Top 3 officers are to attend)

May 5, 2025 Clarksboro #87

June 3, 2025 Woodstown #138

April 2, 2025 Penns Grove Excelsior #54

May 20, 2025 Williamstown #166

Annual Feasts of Saints John (Installations)

December 1, 2025 Official Visit @ Clarksboro Lodge # 87

December 2, 2025 Official Visit @ Woodstown Lodge # 138

December 3, 2025 Official Visit @ Penns Grove Excelsior Lodge # 54

December 9, 2025 Official Visit @ Pitman Lodge # 197

December 11, 2025 Official Visit @ Mantua Lodge # 95

December 16, 2025 Official Visit @ Williamstown Lodge # 166

THE 18th& 21st MASONIC DISTRICTS
Cordially invite you to attend the official visit of
Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff
Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey
An open reception in honor of

Right Worshipful Scott P. Vicari
Aide to the Grand Master – USS New Jersey Lodge No. 62

Right Worshipful Evan S. Boggs
Grand Chaplain – Woodstown Lodge No. 138

Right Worshipful Alfred Huston
Grand Chaplain – USS New Jersey Lodge No. 62

Right Worshipful Keith A. Herman
Grand Orator – Rising Sun Lodge No. 15

Right Worshipful Vicent M. Capone
District Ritual Instructor 18th District – Rising Sun Lodge No. 15

Right Worshipful Kenneth F. Carpenter, Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master 18th District –Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101

Monday, April 14th, 2025
Saffire Grand Catering, 1849 Cooper St., Almonesson NJ 08096-3808
Social Hour 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm Reception 7:00pm

Mail Payment to: USS New Jersey Lodge, PO Box 772 Cherry Hill NJ 08003-0772
Checks made payable to USS NJ Lodge **Cutoff date March 30th** *No tickets will be issued at



door.

I would like _____ reservations @65.00 per person, total enclosed _____
Name _____ Guest _____
Email _____ phone _____
District _____ Lodge _____ Title _____

Tables of 8 may be reserved by providing a list of all guest's attending, see reverse

Contact RW Thomas Rathof at (856) 981-8844