



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

December 2023

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District-Grand Lodge of New Jersey

www.pitmanmasons.org

Pitman Lodge #197
Free and Accepted Masons
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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

Lodge Reservation Donations

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

Dear Brothers,

I hope all is well. My year as Worshipful Master is coming to an end. I hope the Lodge is a little better than I found it. A special thanks to our secretary and senior warden for their guidance and counsel. Thank you to the rest of our officers for helping to increase attendance at our monthly breakfast, and all the other fundraisers that keeps our lodge running.

The brothers also put on three outstanding degrees, bringing in four new members, who are very excited to be Masons and are excited to be involved with the running of the Lodge. This enthusiasm is what ensures the future of our beloved Pitman Lodge.

I've learned in the last year what makes a good man better; it's the company he keeps within the lodge. I have learned compassion, self sacrifice and devotion from my brothers. These moral qualities are what set us apart from the outside world. Wishing all of you a very safe and happy holiday from my family to yours, it has been an honor to serve.

Yours truly, Keith M. Lypka WM.

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

Lodge Dues 2024

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to PayPal if this
would be an easier
way to pay your
dues.



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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

R.W. Keith M. Lypka 856-361-4625

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	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	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
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998	Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999	Brian M. Kane	2022
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000	Keith M. Lypka	2023

Lodge Events

Nov. 30th, 2023. DLI Clarksboro Lodge, 7PM start.

Dec. 4th, 2023. Clarksboro Feast of St. Johns and Installation
Dinner 6:30, Lodge opens at 7:30. Official Visit.

Dec. 5th, 2023. Woodstown Feast of St. Johns and Installation
Dinner 6:30, Lodge opens at 7:30. Official visit.

Dec. 6th, 2023. Pennsgrove Feast of St. Johns and Installation
Dinner 6:30, Lodge opens at 7:30. Official Visit.

Dec. 9th, 2023. Our All you Can eat, Breakfast with Santa.
8-11 AM, Bring the children to meet Santa Claus.
\$10 adults, \$5 Children.

Dec. 12th, 2023. Pitman Feast of St. Johns and Installation
Dinner 6:30, Lodge opens at 7:30. Official visit of the
Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of New Jersey,
Leonard Vander Horn.

Dec 14th, 2023. Mantua Feast of St. Johns and Installation
Dinner 6:30, Lodge opens at 7:30.

Dec. 19th, 2023. Williamstown Feast of St. Johns and Installation
Dinner 6:30, Lodge opens at 7:30.

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

December Masonic Birthdays

Name	Raised	Years
Allen S. Anderson	12-12-1998	25
Ralph E. Owen	12-02-1960	63
Gordon K. Stark	12-12-1998	25

This month, Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 9th, 8-11



Pitman Masonic Lodge #197

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
BREAKFAST**

Second Saturday every month *(except July & August)*
8am - 11am | \$10 for adults - \$5 for kids

Start your day off right with this tasty menu:
Eggs, pancakes, omelets, bacon, sausage, biscuits, sausage gravy, and home fried potatoes
Coffee and orange juice, too.



AM 332 Lambs Rd. in Sewell, NJ across from the old Sony Records.



The Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey offers these scholarships to students interested in pursuing higher education.

For complete details about each scholarship's eligibility requirements, or for an application, visit www.njmasonic.org or www.newjerseygrandlodge.org

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2024.

Chairman of the Board Scholarship **\$10,000**

(\$2,500 per year for 4 years)
For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major – 2 Available
GPA: B or 3.0 | SAT: 1290 | ACT: 27
Must be relative of NJ Mason*

Taylor Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major – 2 Available
GPA: B or 3.0 | SAT: 1090 | ACT: 21
Must be relative of NJ Mason*
Must perform 30 hours of community service at Masonic Village each summer prior to fall semester

Patterson Engineering Scholarship **\$16,000**

(\$4,000 per year for 4 years)
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Engineering
GPA: C+ or 2.5** | SAT: 930 | ACT: 17
Relative of NJ Mason preferred*, not required
Emphasis on teacher recommendation and student's statement

Culver DeMolay Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major – 3 Available
GPA: B or 3.0** | SAT: 1090 | ACT: 21
Active DeMolay preferred

Serewitch DeMolay Scholarship **\$20,000**

(\$5,000 per year for 4 years)
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major – 1 Available
GPA: C+ or 2.2** | SAT: 960 | ACT: 18
Active DeMolay required
Emphasis on teacher recommendation and student's statement

Asbury Jordan Lodge Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)
For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major – 1 Available
GPA: B or 3.0** | SAT: 1030 | ACT: 20
Relative of NJ Mason preferred*, not required
Scholarship in honor of Christian Mogensen and John D. Post

Burk-Townley Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)
For Graduating High School Seniors in Any Major – 1 Available
GPA: B or 3.0 | SAT: 1290 | ACT: 27
Must be relative of NJ Mason*

John H. Critchley, Sr. & Emma F. Critchley Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 per year for 4 years)
For Graduating High School Seniors in Engineering or Related Sciences – 1 Available
GPA: B or 3.0 | SAT: 1090 | ACT: 21
Unmarried sons or grandsons of NJ Mason*

Sol & Reba Serewitch Scholarship **\$5,000**

(\$5,000 for 1 year)
For Graduating NJ High School Seniors in Any Major – 1 Available
GPA: C or 2.2** | SAT: 960 | ACT: 18
Must be relative of NJ Mason*

William Mayer Memorial Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$2,000 per year for 2 years)
For High School Graduates 2 Available
GPA: C+ or 2.5** | SAT: N/A
For NJ Masons & their relatives (see application)
Must be postmarked by May 30, 2024
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William Mayer Memorial Scholarship **\$4,000**

(\$2,000 per year for 2 years)
For College Graduates 2 Available
GPA: B+ or 3.25** | SAT: N/A
For NJ Masons & their relatives (see application)
Must be postmarked by May 30, 2024
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**The applicant must be the child, step-child, grandchild or step-grandchild of a living or deceased Master Mason in good standing in a Masonic Lodge of the Grand Lodge of NJ. **Over last two years.*

