



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N.J.*

***February 2023***

*Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)*

*21st Masonic District-Grand Lodge of New Jersey*

**[www.pitmanmasons.org](http://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

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#### DLI's

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Pitman

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Clarksboro. Grand Lodge of Instruction

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Penns Grove Excelsior

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Mantua

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Woodstown

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Williamstown

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Pitman

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Clarksboro

Greetings my brothers,

I hope that everyone had a nice New Years and holiday season. Well it's time to kick off 2023.

We had our first meeting in January and everything went well. We also had our first All You Can Eat Breakfast in January, The lodge turned a nice profit. I would like to see more brothers come out to support our lodge events. We all work very hard to give the community a great breakfast at a very reasonable price.

In February we will have a short meeting of our regular communication then we will head over to Mantua lodge to support the Eastern Star's Master Mason night.

Finally brothers, never look down on a fellow Mason unless you are giving him a hand to help him up.

Stay safe and healthy and may the Grand Architect of the Universe bless and keep you.

**"Gates of the Temple"**

The Temple of King Solomon had only one entrance or portal, but the walls of the enclosure had a gate at each point of the compass. Freemasonry makes special symbolic use of three of these gates, the one on the east, the one on the west, and the one on the south. The gates are symbols of the progress of the sun rising in the east, reaching its zenith in the south and setting in the west. They also symbolize birth, life and death, as well as youth, manhood and old age.

Washington Lodge #20, CA, Masonic Dictionary

Fraternal Greetings  
Keith M. Lypka WM

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

**Lodge Dues**

Lodge dues are now due. As of now we have 18 members who have not paid their dues for this year. This increases our budget deficit. It is imperative that you make your dues payment in order for the lodge to function. If you are in financial distress please contact the secretary and discuss a solution. Thanks to all.

Please use the link to PayPal if this would be an easier way to pay your dues.



## Pitman Lodge 2023 Officers

WM. Keith M. Lypka.....856-742-0151  
SW . R.W. Kenneth W. Thomas.... 609-432-9886  
JW...Joseph Sauro.....856-863-1003  
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Sec... Michael J. Paris, PM ..... 856- 881-6312  
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JD..... John Young.....609-820-9888  
SMC . Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591  
JMC. Brian M. Knae PM.....856-419-0626  
SS .... Louis Kohn.....856-283-1020  
JS ..... Eli Berkowitz.....609-605-5456  
Chp .. Gerald Montgomery ..... 856- 359-6212  
MAR..Sirr Ransom.....856-372-7680  
TLR .. Michael T. Lowe ..... 856- 589-6612

### Lodge Trustees

RW Joseph A. DiNovi PM.....609-670-7214  
Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591  
WB Vincent Baehr PM.....856-456-2175

### Building Trustees

Robert Schaefer.....856-357-2971  
Jason Rickert.....856-381-6035

### Grand Lodge Officers

Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

MW **David L. Tucker**

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Trenton NJ 08608

609-239-3937

District Deputy Grand Master

RW **Richard G. Norbutts**

856-498-3539

Par4217@aol.com

District Ritual Instructor

RW **Thomas G. Rathof**

**856-981-8844**

**trathof@gmail.com**

### 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. Larry J. McKelvey Jr. GC. **609-420-1163**

## 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		

## Lodge Events

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, Lodge Breakfast

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Regular Communication, Visit the OES at  
Master Mason night at Mantua lodge.

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, DLI hosted at our lodge.

March 4<sup>th</sup>, Table Lodge- Clarksboro

Please see lodge officers for details.

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Lodge dues for 2023 are due. If you haven't paid your dues yet please do so. If there is a financial reason that makes this a problem for you please contact the Secretary for a solution. Please pay promptly. Thank you. You may also pay through the PayPal link on the webpage and printed in this paper.

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## **Lodge Reservation Donations**

**Masonic organizations: \$110**

**Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250**

**Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300**

**Non-members: \$350**

**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](http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org)

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**Masonic Birthdays February**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Frederick Bergmann	02-23-1959	64
David Burgin	02-28-1992	31
Ronald Butcher	02-16-2016	7
William Coblentz	02-22-1977	46
Richard Dott	02-27-1990	33
Dennis Foster	02-26-1980	43
Bruce Johnson	02-15-1972	51
David Little	02-26-1980	43
Thomas Little Jr.	02-26-2022	1
Nicolas Lowe	02-23-2010	13

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**Practice!!**

Brethren, we have a practice every Sunday at 10:30 AM. There, we go over ritual work and improve our skills for any upcoming degree work or DLI's. Please make an effort to attend.

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**Grand Master's Reception**

**Atlantic Lodge No. 221**

**Cordially invites you to attend the official visit and  
reception for**

**M.W. David L. Tucker**

**Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey**

**And Chairman, Masonic Charity Foundation**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington NJ 08016**

**Reception 4:00 PM- Buffet Dinner after Reception**

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**Mail to: William Anderson, 3 Middle Lane east,  
Port Murray, NJ 07865**

**Questions? Contact Bill Anderson@ 201-522-6374**

**Email: [williama134@aol.com](mailto:williama134@aol.com)**

**Deadline: March 10, 2023**

**Check made payable to: "Team Tucker 2021"**

**No tickets will be issued.**

**I would like \_\_\_ reservations@\$70 per person. Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Guest: \_\_\_\_\_**

**District\_\_\_ Lodge:\_\_\_\_\_ Title:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ Check#:\_\_\_\_\_**



### Official Visits of the District Deputy

May 1, 2023	Clarksboro #87
May 2, 2023	Woodstown #138
April 5, 2023	Penns Grove Excelsior #54
April 11, 2023	Pitman #197
June 8, 2023	Mantua #95
June 20, 2023	Williamstown #166

### District Lodges of Instruction

January 19, 2023	@ Williamstown #166 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to conflict)
February 23, 2023	@ Pitman #197
March 23, 2023	@ Clarksboro #87 GRAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.
April 27, 2023	@ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54
May 25, 2023	@ Mantua # 95
June 22, 2023	@ Woodstown #138
September 28, 2023	@ Williamstown #166
October 26, 2023	@ Pitman #197
November 30, 2023	@ Clarksboro- This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict****

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

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### Annual Feasts of Saints John (Installations)

December 4, 2023	Official Visit @ Clarksboro Lodge # 87
December 5, 2023	Official Visit @ Woodstown Lodge # 138
December 6, 2023	Official Visit @ Penns Grove Excelsior Lodge # 54
December 12, 2023	Official Visit @ Pitman Lodge # 197
December 14, 2023	Official Visit @ Mantua Lodge # 95
December 19, 2023	Official Visit @ Williamstown Lodge # 166



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I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations @ \$70 per person Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please write the names of any additional guest/attendees that are part of this reservation on the back of this form or Seating Preference

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_