



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N. J.*

***February 2024***

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

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

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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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**February 29, 2024 @ Mantua # 95 Conflict with the 22nd**

**March 26, 2024 @ Clarksboro #87 GRAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**

**April 25, 2024 @ Woodstown No. 138**

**May 23, 2024 @ Williamstown # 166**

**June 20, 2024 @ Pitman # 197**

**September 26, 2024 @ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54**

**October 24, 2024 @ Mantua # 95**

**November 21, 2024 @ Clarksboro- This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict\*\*\*\***

**Date for qualification meetings TBA.**

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

**Brethren,**

I trust that all is safe and well, hoping all are enduring the cold weather and conditions. Reach out to each other and help one another if needed. This is what we are.

On February 1st there is a blood bank at the lodge. At our stated meeting, we will be opening early to conduct business. Then we will travel to Mantua Lodge to attend Master Masons Night with the Ladies of Fairfield Chapter of Eastern Star. All masons are welcome. ALSO, DON'T FORGET THE MONTHLY BREAKFAST.

“As a final note, remember the first night as masons???

    "Let there be light!" The great Creator spoke,  
And , at the summons. Slumbering nature woke,  
    While from the east the primal morning broke,  
        Back rolled the curtains of night,  
    And earth rejoiced to see the light.

    "Let there be be light" the Master's lips proclaimed,  
    And heart and hand unite in glad acclaim,  
    "To hail the enrollment of a Brothers name,  
    While he beholds with ravished sight,  
        The glories of the perfect light.”

Thomas W. Davis

Fraternally, Kenneth W. Thomas,  
    Worshipful Master  
Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

## Pitman Lodge 2024 Officers

WM . R.W. Kenneth W. Thomas.... 609-432-9886  
SW...Joseph Sauro.....856-863-1003  
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JD..... John Young.....609-820-9888  
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JMC. James Hall.....210-799-8180  
SS .... Girard Falzon.....609-647-1806  
JS ..... Christian Petty.....856-628-6916  
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MAR...William McNair.....302-740-9430  
TLR .. Michael T. Lowe ..... 856- 589-6612

### Lodge Trustees

Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591  
Keith M. Lypka.....856-361-4625  
Thomas Little Sr,.....856-881-5535

### Building Trustees

Vacant

### Grand Lodge Officers

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RW Christopher J. Roethke

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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)

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

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R.W. Lenard Rust, 856-404-3191, [lenrust@gmail.com](mailto:lenrust@gmail.com)

## Living Past Masters

Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Kier, James R.	1981	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Paris, Michael	2017
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
Marker, David W.	1994	Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Brian M. Kane	2022
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998	Keith M. Lypka	2023
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999		
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000		

## Lodge Events

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 DLI: Penns Grove 7PM start.

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Blood drive at Pitman Lodge. 1-6PM.

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 All You Can Eat, Country breakfast. 8-11AM

Adults: \$10, Children: \$5.

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Communication. The lodge will seek dispensation to open early so that members can attend the OES Master Mason Night at Mantua Lodge. Please stay tuned for further details. 6:30 PM opening. Also a vote on the budget will be held.

Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 DLI, Mantua, 7PM start. (note this is a change from the usual date).

## Lodge Dues 2024

Please use the Paypal link to pay your dues online. Dues For 2024 are \$150, same as last year.



**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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**February Masonic Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Frederick J. Bergmann	02-23-1959	65
David S. Burgin	02-28-1992	32
Ronald K. Butcher	02-26-2016	8
William W. Coblentz	02-22-1977	47
Richard C. Dott	02-27-1990	34
Dennis P. Foster	02-26-1980	44
Bruce L. Johnson	02-15-1972	52
David F. Little	02-26-1980	44
Thomas S. Little Jr.	02-26-2022	1
Nicolas C. Lowe	02-23-2010	14

**Lodge Reservation Donations**

**Masonic organizations: \$110**

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

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

**Non-members: \$350**

# NEW ORLEANS



*Join RW Bruce C. Golway, Junior Grand Warden and his lady Margie for a night of fun, food and music of the Crescent City!*

*The food of New Orleans!  
Gumbo, Jambalaya, Pasta with White Sauce, Ham and Peas, Wings with Assorted Sauces, Muffuleta (A famous New Orleans sandwich) and Bread Pudding for dessert!*

*Held at Crescent Shrine, Westampton  
February 24th from 6:00 to 10:00 PM.*

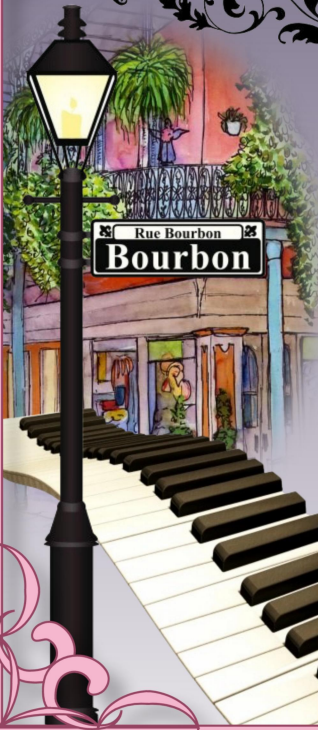
*\$37.50 per person. Cash Bar!*

*Make Check Payable to  
"Team Golway Staff Account"*

*Mail To: 2314 Jefferson Ave. Vineland 08361*

*Reserve your spot by emailing  
([njsgm2026@gmail.com](mailto:njsgm2026@gmail.com))*

*No cash at Door!*





*Fairview Chapter #219  
Order of the Eastern Star of NJ  
Cordially invites you to attend "Master Masons Night"*

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:30pm  
at Mantua Masonic Lodge  
45 Mantua Blvd., Mantua, NJ 08051*

*Hosted by  
Sister Diane Capel, Worthy Matron  
Brother James Earle, Worthy Patron*

*A brief business meeting followed by  
Presentation about West Hill Manor  
By Joe and Judy Rival  
Refreshments to follow.*

*For additional information or to RSVP contact*

*Diane S. Capel, WM  
[grquebec@hotmail.com](mailto:grquebec@hotmail.com) 856-478-4086*

*or*

*James Earle, WP  
[James.earle@att.net](mailto:James.earle@att.net) 856-845-1216*





GLASSBORO FOREST #1 TALL CEDARS OF LEBONANON

LADIES NIGHT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024

STARCROSS FIRE DEPARTMENT

4231 TUCKAHOE ROAD

WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ 08094

(GPS- TUCKAHOE RD AT BIRCH AVE, FRANKLIN TWP, NJ)

7 PM TO 11PM, \$30 PER PERSON

Catered Buffet Dinner with Wine and Beer included

**Music and Dancing provided**

**THE MIDNIGHTSUN**

Contact WB James Earle- (856) 845-1216, RW Joseph DiNovi- (609) 670-7214

Bro. Keith Lypka- (856) 361-4625, Bro Andrew Zeugner- (609) 875-7910

## Proposed Lodge Budget 2024

### Income

Lodge Dues	(155x\$150)	23250.00
Gifts and Donations		660.00
Dividends		2800.00
Interest and other dividends		2720.00
Fund Raisers		6000.00
Breakfast and dinner income		8000.00
Other Fund raisers		2000.00
Total Income		\$45430.00

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### Expenses

Funeral Expenses		100.00
Charity		5000.00
Gifts and Honoraria		400.00
Meeting costs		1000.00
GL Assesment		11850.00
Insurance		2000.00
Admin		5550.00
Utilities		3780.00
Repairs and Maintenance		4000.00
Food(Breakfasts and dinners)		6000.00
Savings and investments		3000.00
Total Expenses		\$45430.00

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### Investments as of Jan 1, 2024

Newfield CD	704.00
NRG Stock, 2 shares	103.00
Newfield Bank, stock 4152 shares	161928.00
Southern Company, stock 1051.769 shares	73750.04
Total investments	236485.44

# Grand Master's Reception



## Clifton Lodge No. 203

Cordially invites you to attend the official reception of

# M.W. Leonard Vander Horn

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey  
and Masonic Charity Foundation Chairman

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Fellowship Center 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016

Social Hour 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Reception 7:30 pm

Mail To: R.W. William Anderson 3 Middle Lane East, Port Murray, NJ 07865

Questions? Contact R.W. Bill Anderson @ [wjg134@gmail.com](mailto:wjg134@gmail.com) or (201) 522-6314 **Deadline:** March 8, 2024

Checks made payable to: "Clifton Lodge No. 203" *No tickets will be issued*

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.

Tables of 10 may be reserved by listing **all** the names of those attending on the back of this form.

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

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

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