



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N.J.*

## **February 2025**

Regular meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: (Sunday), Officers Practice, 7PM. All members (Master Masons), are welcome.

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: All You Can Eat Breakfast, 8-11AM, Adults \$10, Children \$5.

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>: No Practice, Super Bowl Sunday.

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>: Regular Communication, 6:30 opening \*\*\*\*\*NOTE TIME CHANGE\*\*\*\*

We will open early, conduct business, and go to Mantua Lodge for the OES Master Mason night. (The Chili Contest will be postponed until June).

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>: (Sunday), Officers practice. All members (Master Masons), are welcome.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>: (Thursday), EA courtesy degree at Mantua Lodge for 2 Pitman candidates.

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>: (Sunday), Officers practice. All members (Master Masons) are welcome.

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>: DLI at Pennsgrove Lodge. 7PM start time.

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

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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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## **Lodge Reservation Donations**

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

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## **Pitman Lodge News**

The lodge has 2 fundraisers currently underway.

The first is a raffle for a new “bomber” type jacket with the Masonic emblem on it. The jacket looks to be very warm for the rest of the winter season. Tickets are \$5 and the winner will be picked at our February communication.

The second is the Baseball Mania tickets we are selling. These give you a chance to win over the course of the first 10 weeks of baseball season. You can check your ticket each week online to see if you are a winner.

They are \$10 each and are being sold up to March 30<sup>th</sup>, for the season start on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please see an officer of the lodge if you are interested.

Good Day Brothers,

As we enter February, I would like to thank all that came out to our last meeting. We had another successful blood drive. Our Breakfasts have become busier and a great place to meet new and old friends.

Our meeting this month will open at 6:30. This is so we can go to the Master Mason Night and to support the OES. The Chili cook-off will be moved to June. We are selling tickets for a Masonic bomber jacket. They are \$5 a ticket, and we have baseball chances tickets as well. They are \$10; please see the secretary or myself to purchase tickets.

At work I was doing some research on a dinner and demo and found this quote. I feel that it gives some great advice to live by. "The greatest pleasure is CHOCOLATE!" The only part I would change is to substitute family or brotherhood for chocolate.

The greatest Emotion is Love.

The greatest quality is seeking to serve others.

The greatest gift is your own Life.

The greatest pleasure is CHOCOLATE. (Family, Brotherhood).

The greatest thing you'll ever learn is that there's always something new to learn.

The greatest virtue is temperance.

The greatest meditation is a peaceful mind.

The greatest practice is to be Kind.

The greatest challenge is to let go.

The greatest wisdom is to be in the NOW. -Pablo

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

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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

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**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

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District Lodges of Instruction ~ 7PM Start Time

January 23, 2025 @ Pitman # 197

February 27, 2025 @ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54

March 27, 2025 @ Mantua # 95

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

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

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

Further information will be distributed soon.

ARC WALK JUNE 7, 2025

Gold Token Luncheon JUNE/ JULY TBD

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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

March 11, 2025 Pitman #197

Mantua #95 TBA

May 20, 2025 Williamstown #166

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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