



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

January 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

DLI's

January 19th, 2023 Williamstown

February 23rd, 2023 Pitman

March 23rd, 2023 Clarksboro. Grand Lodge of Instruction

April 27th, 2023 Penns Grove Excelsior

May 25th, 2023 Mantua

June 22nd, 2023 Woodstown

September 28th, 2023 Williamstown

October 26th, 2023 Pitman

November 30th, 2023 Clarksboro

Greetings my brothers,

This is my first communication as Worshipful Master. I have a very heavy heart. Our beloved Past Master Arthur Polonsky (aka) Bear passed on Dec 17th before the holidays. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family.

This year we want to get family more involved with our lodge. We are going to schedule events throughout the year that involve our kids and grandchildren.

We are also honoring our veterans with a special luncheon and dedication ceremony.

If any Brother has a problem driving at night to make our meetings please contact us so that we may make arrangements to pick you up.

The true secret of Freemasonry is the light of virtue and morality that we get from each other's company. Let's all come back to Lodge and enjoy a night out with our Brothers!

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

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Lodge Trustees

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

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Grand Lodge Officers

Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

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RW **Richard G. Norbuts**

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RW **Thomas G. Rathof**

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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. Larry J. McKelvey Jr. PM. **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

Jan. 10th Regular Communication

Jan 14th All You Can Eat Country Breakfast

Jan 19th DLI at Williamstown

Note this is the third Thursday

Upcoming

Feb. 11th, Lodge Breakfast

Feb. 14th, Regular Communication

Feb. 23rd, DLI hosted at our lodge.

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.

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

Masonic Birthdays

Name	Raised	Years
William Albert Datz	01-28-1986	37
Jozsef Leopold Dekovacs	01-26-2010	13
John Estelow Frie	01-17-1984	39
Kent Steven Johnson	01-30-1968	55
Matthew Steven Johnson	01-25-2022	1
Ronald Edward Kayser	01-17-1984	39
Raymond Scott MacDowell	01-28-1986	37
Peter Alfred Marek	01-26-2010	13
Anthony Joseph Martin	01-28-1992	31
Richard Scott Martin	01-28-1992	31
Joseph William Miller	01-25-1966	57
Michael James Paris Jr.	01-08-2013	10
Ralph S. Polhamous Jr.	01-28-1992	31
Jeffrey C. Scholtz	01-13-1984	39
Mark J. Silverstein	01-18-1978	45

Digital Issue!

In an effort to cut costs we are only mailing a paper trestleboard to those who request it beginning in September. We can email them for free and also expand them as it becomes necessary.

So if you want to receive a mailed paper how can you do it?

1. If you have email contact the lodge with your current address and request a paper copy.
pitmanmasons@gmail.com
2. Call Mike Paris at 856-881-6312, (leave a message if no answer) and request one. Also leave a current address so I can make sure I have a correct one on file.
3. You can also visit the Lodge's webpage at www.pitmanmasons.org where you'll find not only the current trestleboard but an archive for the last year or so.

As always we are trying to save the lodge money while providing the best membership experience we can.

We succeed with the support of the members.

Thank you for that support!

Keith Lypka WM

Secretary, Michael Paris

Lodge Reservation Donations

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

Grand Lodge Officers for 2023

M.W. David L Tucker, GM

RW Leonard Vander Horn, DGM

RW J. Eugene Margroff, SGW

RW Omar S. Morris, JGW

MW Douglas R Policastro, PGM, Grand Treasurer

MW Roger B Quintana, PGM, Grand Secretary

Mohamad A Yatim, GEO, Grand Educator

George A. Olsen, Jr, GLT

Andrew G. Churney, GAlm

RW Raymond E Foose, GSOL, HTMTR



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 rd 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

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