



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N. J.

June 2022

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

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

www.pitmanmasons.org

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The lodge is moving to electronic delivery of our trestleboards. If you want a paper copy mailed to you see the article at the end of this newsletter for more information. We will continue to mail paper copies to those who require them.

District Lodge Meetings

Mantua: Second Thursday of the month.
Pennsgrove-Excelsior: First Wednesday of the month.
Clarksboro: First Monday of the month.
Williamstown: First and third Tuesday of the month.
Woodstown: The first Tuesday of the month.
Pitman: The second Tuesday of the month

DLI's

June 23, 2022 Woodstown #138

Brethren,

We are about to enter the month of June but as Memorial Day ends the month of May, let us remember the fallen heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Our June 4th yard sale has been postponed possibly until September.

On June 11th we will be having our all you can eat country breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and we are going to need help.

June 14th is our regular business meeting, we will have a ballot for restoration and a demit, plus our usual business. We will also be talking about the chicken barbecue that will happen on Jul 30th, the last Saturday of the month.

On Saturday, June 25th Pitman will be hosting the mentoring class. It is an all day class, from 8AM to about 4PM. We will have coffee and donuts in the morning and hoagies and chips for lunch. Each lodge is requested to have 2 people to be mentors. Participants in this event are instructed by members of the Grand Lodge.

July 30th is our chicken barbecue it's an all hands on deck event.

August 11th there will be a blood drive at Pitman from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 registration is online at the Red Cross, no walk-ins at this time.

What we need more than ever is participation in all these events. A lodge is only as good as its participating members.

“Nowhere does one become more convinced of the stronghold which Freemasonry takes upon the minds and lives of those aging workers in The Craft, who have attained its highest honors and their firm belief in the power of its teachings to purify the soul of men and raise them to a new dignity and to greater heights of spirituality and practice morality.”

George Washington

Fraternal Greetings

Brian M Kane, WM

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

Lodge Dues

Lodge dues are now due. As of this mailing there are still 25% of our members who have not paid their dues for this year. This increases our budget deficit to over \$7000. 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.



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Practice !!

Brethren, we have a practice every Sunday at 7PM.
There, we go over ritual work and improve our skills for any
upcoming degree work or DLI's. Please make an effort to
attend.

Living Past Masters

Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Lang, Harry E	1975	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2005#
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#	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2013
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Polonsky, Arthur A.	2015
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		
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000		

Lodge Events

June 11th, 2022. All You Can Eat Breakfast, 8-11 AM
Please come out and support the lodge and get a great breakfast too. Cost \$10-adults, \$5- Children.

June 14, 2022 Regular Communication.
Vote on John Sweeney for reinstatement.
(Pending approval from Grand Lodge)

June 23, 2022 DLI, Woodstown, starts at 7PM.

June 25th, 2022 Mentoring class at Pitman Lodge, 8AM-4PM

June 16th, 2022. The 18th and 21st Districts are hosting the official visit of M.W. Richard V. Monacelli, Grand Master of the State of new Jersey. Tickets are \$55pp. Last day to register is June 8th. Contact Mantua Lodge for tickets.

July 30th, 2022 Chicken BBQ, Tickets \$15

See an officer for tickets or buy via PayPal. A link is on our web page www.pitmanmasons.org

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 in June

Name	Raised	Years
Harold Atkinson Jr.	06-23-1998	25
James Baehr	06-24-2017	6
Vincent L. Baehr	06-26-2012	11
James H. Blose	06-17-1975	48
Ronald L. Brant	06-12-1981	42
Matthew W. Fisler	06-24-2003	20
Wayne G. Fox	06-23-1981	42
Mark E. Hicks	06-24-2017	6
Jason A. Hoffman	06-24-2017	6
Jonathan L. Hughes	06-28-2016	7
Edward Hyndman	06-23-1981	42
John W. Keller	06-23-1981	42
Robert A. MacAuley	06-26-2012	11
Thomas R. McCormick	06-22-2017	6
Jay M. Mecouch	06-25-1976	20
Frank Pasqua Jr.	06-14-1949	74
Jason M. Rickert	06-22-2017	6
James E. Scholtz	06-12-1981	42
John J. Siciliano	06-28-2016	7
William M. Willet	06-21-1985	38

The Last Issue???

In an effort to cut costs we are only mailing a paper trestleboard to those who request it beginning in September.

Our monthly cost to mail about 190 trestleboards is about \$170. Every month we get 3-4 back because of address changes or wrong addresses etc. 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 will 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!

WM Brian Kane

Secretary Michael Paris

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Return Service Requested

Pitman Lodge Hall Rentals: members of Pitman Lodge \$250.00 donation — Non-members with masonic affiliation
\$300.00 donation — Non-members no affiliation \$350.00 donation

EDICT

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 8, Part 1 provides that a member may be suspended for non-payment of dues; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 8, Part 2 provides that a member may be suspended after conviction of Masonic Charges; and

WHEREAS, under Rutledge v. Gulian, 93 N.J. 113 (1983), the Grand Master is empowered to suspend a member pending the disposition of masonic charges “to prevent disharmony within the fraternity”; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 8, Part 3 provides that a “[s]uspension does not relieve the suspended brother from his Masonic obligations, nor does it deprive his lodge of jurisdiction over him”; and


WHEREAS, to provide for clarity as to whether a suspended mason is allowed to attend a lodge meeting or a masonic event inside or outside of a lodge building throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, the enactment of an edict is necessary for the peace and harmony of the craft;

NOW THEREFORE, for the good of the Craft, by virtue of the authority in me vested as Grand Master of Masons for the State New Jersey, it is this **23** day of May, 2022, **EDICTED AND ORDERED** as follows:

1. A brother of this jurisdiction whose membership is suspended for any reason is expressly prohibited from entering any Masonic Building for any reason, unless ordered to do so by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master of the suspended brother’s Masonic District at the direction of either the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master. This prohibition includes, but is not necessarily limited to, buildings owned and operated by a blue lodge, a temple association, a masonic club, a Scottish Rite Valley, a Shrine Center, the Masonic Villages at Burlington, the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, and any space owned or leased by a masonic organization for any lodge or social purpose (a “masonic building”).
2. A brother of this jurisdiction who is suspended for any reason is prohibited from holding himself out as a Freemason in good standing in any public or private setting. Such examples shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, marching with a lodge or masonic organization in a parade, participating in a masonic funeral, or wearing anything which indicates that you are a mason in good standing.
3. A brother of this jurisdiction who is suspended for any reason is expressly prohibited from holding Masonic communication with a Mason - under any circumstance - in any private or public setting. Any Mason in good standing who engages in Masonic communication with a brother suspended for any reason may be charged with un-masonic conduct.
4. A brother of this jurisdiction who is suspended for any reason further includes suspension of his membership in all appendant and concordant bodies of which he may belong to in this Grand Jurisdiction.

5. A brother of this jurisdiction who is suspended for any reason is prohibited from receiving any masonic relief.

Dated this 23 day of May, 2022


Robert V. Monacelli, Grand Master of Masons
For the State of New Jersey

Attest: 
John S. Ryan, PGM, Grand Secretary

- c. Elected Line
Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of All Lodges
New Jersey Appendant and Concordant Bodies