



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N.J.*

***March 2024***

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

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

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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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**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**

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#### **Lodge Reservation Donations**

**Masonic organizations: \$110**

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

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

**Non-members: \$350**

**Brethren,**

This is the time of the year when the days get longer and weather starts to get warmer. I trust that all my brothers have faired well in those long cold days and nights. As the days and weather start to change, life starts to be more busy, nature starts to revive itself and becomes beautiful again. It is also the time to start growing and flourishing as a band of brothers and friends. Come on out and support your officers and lodge, make it a great place to be. We will be working on many projects and need everyone's assistance. Come on out and enjoy the great fellowship as friends and brothers. Without you, the lodge could not exist.

As Fellowcraft Masons, we are given the tools and taught how to use them. We learn to hone our skills as builders. Let's hone those skills to build a bigger and better brotherhood in our Lodge.

**"But I am given strength and skill**

**To do the work assigned to me;**

**Whatever my task, it is Gods will**

**That I perform it worthily,**

**A living stone make fit to grace**

**The Temple's walls, and help them rise -**

**Although it fill but humble place-**

**A little nearer to the skies."**

**- George H. Free**

**Fraternally,**

**R W 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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SD .....Brian Kane PM.....856-419-0626  
JD..... John Young.....609-820-9888  
SMC . Matthew Johnson.....856-417-3591  
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  
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Thomas Little Sr,.....856-881-5535

### Building Trustees

Vacant

### Grand Lodge Officers

Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

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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)

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### 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

March 7<sup>th</sup>, GLI Rehearsal @Clarksboro Lodge. 7PM

March 9<sup>th</sup> Lodge All You Can Eat Breakfast, 8-11 AM.

\$10 adults/ \$5 Children.

March 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Communication.

Vote on re-instatement of 2 members.

Joseph Williams, James Daly III.

March 25<sup>th</sup>, GLI rehearsal @Clarksboro Lodge. 7PM

March 26, GLI at Clarksboro Lodge. Start time 6PM.

All officers are expected to be in attendance.

(Please note that this is a Tuesday).

### Lodge Dues 2024

Please use the Paypal link to pay your dues online.

Dues for 2024 are \$150.



**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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**March Masonic Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Raymond J. Angelini	03-29-1983	41
Kyle J. Beemer	03-02-2013	11
Fred W. Beeson	03-27-1973	51
Charles W. Bowers III	03-29-1983	41
John R. Burd	03-19-2005	19
James E. Cassidy	03-12-1968	56
Len E. Clark	03-19-2005	19
Richard G. Dantine Jr.	03-29-2011	13
Alan A. Davis	03-23-1973	51
Scott B. Gant	03-19-2005	19
Gregory E. Geiger	03-29-2017	7
Raymond W. Groff Jr.	03-19-2005	19
Mark J. Haines	03-28-1995	29
Eric L. Henderson	03-02-2013	11
William R. Hunt	03-29-2006	18
John R. Kelley III	03-27-1984	40
Wayne E. Leap	03-26-1985	39
Gregory Meranshain	03-01-2005	19
William C. Pennell	03-19-2005	19
Darin M. Peters	03-29-2017	7
James R. Peterson	03-25-1969	55
William J. Riff	03-19-2005	19
Robert B. Schaefer	03-23-2004	20
Richard J. Sowers	03-23-1984	40
Sebastiano A. Tomarchio	03-23-2004	20

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Final call for tickets to this multi state event.  
45th. Annual Brotherhood Night.**

**Friday – March 15, 2024**

**Location: NUR Shrine Center  
[198 S. DuPont Highway](#)  
[New Castle, DE 19720-4149](#)**

**Social Hour: 5:30 p m  
Dinner: 6:30 p m**

**Ticket Cost: \$ 50.00 ea.  
Need a Final Head count by no later than March 1,  
2024.**

**Tickets are purchased through the Grand Lodge  
Office . Contact MW Larry Plasket at [609-239-3950](tel:609-239-3950).  
Credit Cards accepted with small convenience fee.  
If you have already purchased your ticket, please go  
to the link below and let us know you are coming.**

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHmLx  
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onixvgZjNQQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHmLxWj2V_lqX6CqiNDFVKrIAr1Bx3JEp16T-onixvgZjNQQ/viewform)**





### HOW TO KILL YOUR LODGE

*Don't come.*

*When you do come, come late.*

*Never accept an office. It is better to stay out  
side and criticize.*

*The officers asked for the job, let them do all  
the work.*

*Never pay your dues in advance. Wait until you  
get your moneys worth and then wait a while  
longer.*

*It is good to tell your officers failings to visitors,  
as as they may not discover them on their own.  
If there are a few zealous workers in the Lodge  
inform everyone the Lodge is run by a clique.*

*Disagree with established rules and regulations,  
let people know you have mind of your own.*

*Keep talking to the brother next to you in Lodge  
it makes for good fellowship.*

*If one brother has said or done something you  
don't like, be mad at the whole Lodge.*

JOIN US!

## "UNVEILING THE CLANDESTINE LODGE: UNDERSTANDING ITS ORIGINS AND IMPACT"

THIS PRESENTATION BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL OMAR MORRIS, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, EXPLORES CLANDESTINE FREEMASONRY'S HISTORY AND EFFECTS. IT EXPLAINS ITS ROOTS AND MASONIC DIFFERENCES.

DEBUNKING CLANDESTINE FREEMASONRY MISCONCEPTIONS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH FREEMASONRY.



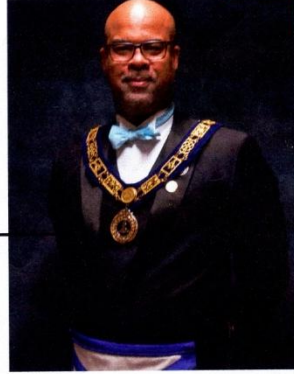
MAY 9, 2024  
DINNER AT 6:30 PM  
GAVEL AT 7:30 PM

DISTRICT 21

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**RW Omar Morris**  
Senior Grand Warden

