



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N.J.*

## **March 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**

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025; All You Can Eat Breakfast. \$10 adults \$5 children. 8-11AM.

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025; Official visit of the DDGM. Dinner 630, Lodge opens 730PM.

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025; DLI at Mantua Lodge. Opening 7PM.

March (TBA); Fellowcraft Degree on 2 brothers. Date and time pending.

Place to be announced.

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 a fundraiser currently underway.

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 welcome March, we also welcome a season of balance. The Vernal Equinox is on March 20th which marks a moment of perfect balance, when day and night are both equal. It's a reminder of the balance we seek in our own lives and in our Masonic journey. Spring is also a time of renewal—nature begins to wake up, and so can we. It's the perfect opportunity to reflect, refresh, and renew our commitments, both to ourselves and to each other.

With the days getting longer and the air warmer, let's take inspiration from the season and strive for balance. Like the changing seasons, we also have moments to grow and evolve. Let's use the coming of springtime to pause, appreciate the progress we've made, and look forward to the possibilities ahead.

Last month we welcomed 2 new brothers into our lodge. Pitman Lodge had 4 brothers attend the mentoring workshop. These brothers will help strengthen our mentoring program. Our Breakfasts have become busier and are a great place to meet new and old friends. We still have baseball chances tickets as well. They are \$10, please see the secretary or officers to purchase tickets. For every ticket sold the lodge makes \$6.50. Our goal is to sell 200 tickets.

This month will be our official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master Thomas Rathof. Please come out and support your lodge. This month at our breakfast I would like to welcome all Pitman Past Masters for breakfast, on us. The breakfast will be at 8-11 AM followed by a meeting at 11 AM. On May 13, 2025 R.W. Craig Applebaum will be presenting on the lambskin Apron. And it is never too early to start talking Chicken BBQ. Practices will be the first and second Sunday starting at 7 PM. The goal is for one hour unless there are Brothers that want to stay to work on something specific. We can add the fourth Sunday if needed. Practices are open to all members. Officers are required to attend. If you need anything, please reach out.

Once again, I want to say welcome to our new members, and welcome back to the members that are coming to support. You will always be welcome at Pitman Lodge.

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

Pitman Lodge 2024 Officers

WM . Michael Paris Jr.....856-236-7598  
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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)

RW Evan W. Boggs

[evanrude1@gmail.com](mailto:evanrude1@gmail.com)

856-285-4694

## **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

March 27<sup>th</sup> @ Mantua Lodge.

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 Allueto'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

**THE 18<sup>th</sup>& 21<sup>st</sup> MASONIC DISTRICTS**  
Cordially invite you to attend the official visit of  
**Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff**

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey  
An open reception in honor of

Right Worshipful Scott P. Vicari  
Aide to the Grand Master – USS New Jersey Lodge No. 62

Right Worshipful Evan S. Boggs  
Grand Chaplain – Woodstown Lodge No. 138

Right Worshipful Alfred Huston  
Grand Chaplain – USS New Jersey Lodge No. 62

Right Worshipful Keith A. Herman  
Grand Orator – Rising Sun Lodge No. 15

Right Worshipful Vicent M. Capone  
District Ritual Instructor 18<sup>th</sup> District – Rising Sun Lodge No. 15

Right Worshipful Kenneth F. Carpenter, Jr.  
District Deputy Grand Master 18<sup>th</sup> District –Collingswood Cloud Lodge No. 101

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Saffire Grand Catering, 1849 Cooper St., Almonesson NJ 08096-3808  
Social Hour 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm Reception 7:00pm

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Mail Payment to: USS New Jersey Lodge, PO Box 772 Cherry Hill NJ 08003-0772  
Checks made payable to USS NJ Lodge **Cutoff date March 30th** \*No tickets will be issued at



door.

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ reservations @65.00 per person, total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Tables of 8 may be reserved by providing a list of all guest's attending, see reverse

Contact RW Thomas Rathof at (856) 981-8844