



Constituted 1912

Pitman, N.J.

May 2022

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District  Grand Lodge of New Jersey

www.pitmanmasons.org

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An email list of current members is being compiled. All those on the list will receive an electronic version of this newsletter. If you are happy with that and wish to be taken off paper mailings, please email us at pitmanmasons@gmail.com and make your request known. You will be saving the lodge money by doing so.

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

May 26, 2022 Mantua #95

June 23, 2022 Woodstown #138

Brethren,

We are now heading into the month of May and we still have work in the quarry to do. We have our All You Can Eat Breakfast coming up.

The Pitman Craft Show on the 21st of May, where we do the parking, is one of our best fundraisers.

We are possibly having a yard sale on the 4th of June at the lodge; this will be a part of Pitman garage Sale day. Then our breakfast on June 11th and before we know it, it's chicken barbecue time. If you can Brothers, please try to attend a regular business meeting so all are aware of upcoming events and remember- participation is key.

If any brother knows a good candidate for Masonry please try to get them to join our fraternity. It is always good to have more brethren as our ranks are thinning.

Masonic Wages

“Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another, sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness and these are the wages of a mason.”

Benjamin Franklin, Grandmaster of Pennsylvania 1790.

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.



Pitman Lodge 2021 Officers

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SS James Baehr.....(609) 636-2260
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Chp .. Gerald Montgomery (856) 359-6212
MAR..Michael Robinson.....(609)221-3136
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Lodge Trustees

RW Joseph A. DiNovi PM
WB Keith S. Sanders PM
WB Vincent Baehr PM

Building Trustees

Keith Lypka
Robert Schaefer
Jason Rickert

Grand Lodge Officers

Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

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RW **John Stephenson**
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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

May 10, 2022 Regular Communication.

Vote on John Sweeney for reinstatement.

(Pending approval from Grand Lodge)

May 14, 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.

May 26, 2022 DLI Mantua, starts at 7PM.

June 4th, 2022 tentative date of Yard Sale

June 11th, 2022 All You Can eat Breakfast

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. Please refer to the notice on the last page for more information, or see your lodge secretary.

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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Masonic Birthdays in April

Name	Raised	Years
Eli Berkowitz	05-01-2018	4
William J Camp Jr.	5-20-2014	8
Douglas F. Dillon	05-22-1992	30
Larry W. Geiger	05-29-1979	43
Paul R. Geiger	05-29-1979	43
Richard W. Holloway	05-27-1997	25
James R. Kirk	05-03-1977	45
Louis J. Kohn	05-22-2021	1
Walter T. Rafferty	05-27-1980	42
Justin T. Lloyd	05-31-2011	11
Mark W. Mezis	05-18-2015	7
Jeffrey W. Miller	05-26-1992	30
Rickey H. Miller	05-03-1977	45
Robin M. Mollenhauer	05-27-1997	25
Michael J. Paris	05-11-2001	21
Michael E. Robinson	05-22-2021	1
Joesph D. Sauro	05-31-2011	11
Joseph F. Smith	05-12-1989	33
Hiram Stranger Jr.	05-27-1980	42
Joseph T. Walker	05-21-1991	31
John M. Young	05-22-2021	1

The 18th and 21st Districts

Cordially invite you to attend the official visit of

M.W. Robert V. Monacelli

Grand Master of the State of New Jersey
And Masonic Charity Foundation Chairman

And reception in honor of

RW Keith Herman

RW Richard Norbuts

RW Scott Vicari

RW Kenneth Carpenter

RW David Frankel

RW Kenneth Thomas

RW Barry Stube

RW Nelson Moyer

Thursday June 16th, 2022

**Aulettos Catering, 1849 Cooper St. Almonesson,
NJ 08096**

Social Hour 5PM Dinner 6PM Reception 7:30PM

Tickets are \$55 each.

PayPal: www.mantualodge.com/Event.htm

(Note: The E in Event must be capitalized)

Mail to: 2022 Reception Committee

C/o Mantua Lodge #95

45 Mantua Blvd., Mantua NJ 08051-1448

Checks payable to, "Mantua Lodge No. 95"

(No tickets will be issued)

Deadline June 8th

I would like _____ reservations at \$55 per person.

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____ Guest _____

District _____ Lodge _____ Title _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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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

The Grand Lodge



Most Ancient and Honorable Society
of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey

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GRAND MASTER
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EDICT

WHEREAS, Title Four, Article VII, Section 9, Part 4(b) permits certain publications, and the distribution of items, advocating the election of any brother to office, under specific conditions; and

WHEREAS, negative campaigning, and the publication of anything which demeans or attacks the person or qualifications of any other candidate, is absolutely forbidden; and

WHEREAS, prior to the distribution of any allowable publications or items, the By-Laws required that person wishing to do so must first obtain the approval of the Grand Master; and

WHEREAS, it is my perception that the peace and harmony of the Grand Lodge was greatly disturbed by the electioneering activities of the recent election campaigns, which failed to adhere to the four express conditions of the above cited Grand Lodge By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, it is my perception that to endeavor to heal this Fraternity, and to prevent further disruptions of the Peace, Harmony, Brotherly Love and Good Will of the Fraternity, action is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby EDICTED and ORDERED, that by virtue of the authority in me vested, as Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey, the provisions of Title Four, Article VII, Section 9, Part 4(b) are hereby suspended, and for the 2022 Grand Lodge year and election cycle, offensive means of electioneering are prohibited.

Among the practices which shall be expressly prohibited are:

- (1) No member of the Elected Grand Lodge Officers shall openly endorse, nor promote, the election of any candidate as such conduct would serve to unfairly undermine the candidacy of any competing candidates.
- (2) No candidate shall create any website, nor utilize any social media platform, hashtag, or similar electronic medium, advocating the election of that candidate; nor authorize nor condone the creation and utilization of any such medium by any Mason, or other person, to advocate the election of that candidate. No Lodge, District, or Appendant Body shall create or utilize any such medium for the purpose of advocating the election of one candidate over another.

- (3) Invitations for personal appearances, by any Masonic Body, inviting a candidate to speak in regard to advocating their candidacy, shall be extended to all candidates competing for the same office, in order that "equal time" and "equal opportunity" shall be afforded to all candidates, and to avoid the appearance that the body extending the invitation is promoting a preference of one candidate over another.
- (4) All of the existing restrictions and requirements of Title Four, Article VII, Section 9, sub-Parts 4(b) (1) (2) (3) & (4) shall remain in full force and effect.
- (5) The Grand Master shall be the sole arbiter as to whether election conduct violates the letter and spirit of this edict. Any violation of the parameters of this edict shall constitute un-Masonic conduct.

So Ordered, this 11th day of March, 2022

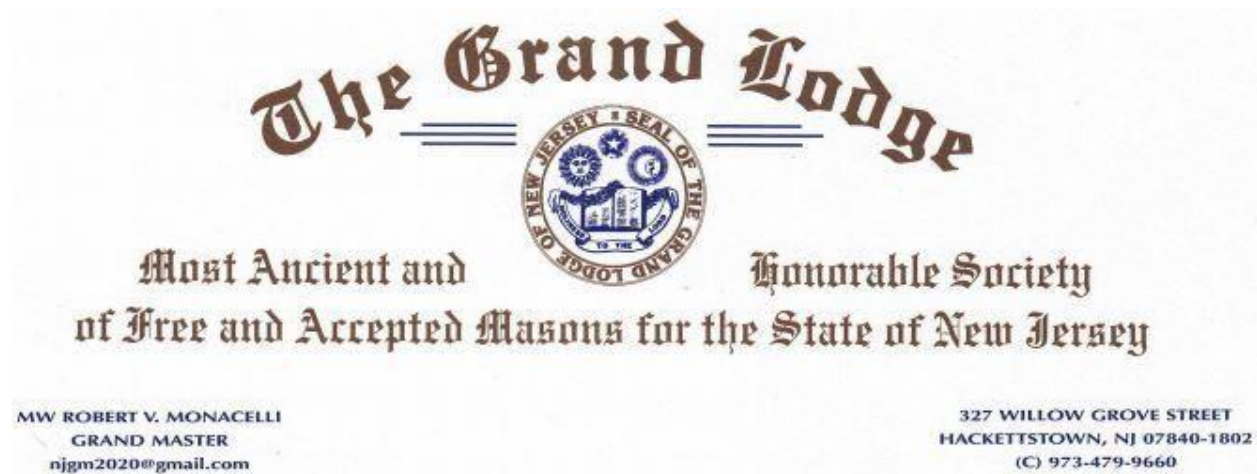


Robert V. Monacelli, Grand Master

ATTEST:



John S. Ryan, Grand Secretary



EDICT

WHEREAS, R.W. BROTHER GARY J. OLSEN has engaged in conduct that has been perceived to have menaced the peace and harmony of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Charges of Unmasonic Conduct have been filed with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, which relate to affairs of the Grand Lodge, which charges have been received and accepted; and

WHEREAS, it is my determination, as Grand Master, that in order to restore, and preserve, the peace and harmony of the Fraternity, which would be further jeopardized should any local lodge assume jurisdiction over what are essentially offenses against, and involve the affairs of the Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, a trial of these charges in which the accuser may present evidence of the alleged Unmasonic Conduct; and in which **R.W. BROTHER GARY J. OLSEN** may have the opportunity to defend against such charges, is necessary; and

WHEREAS, R.W. BROTHER GARY J. OLSEN has a reasonable expectation of being treated fairly;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the Authority in me vested as Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey, **IT IS EDICTED AND ORDERED** that the provisions of Title Four, Article XI, "The Code for Trial of Charges", be and hereby is suspended to the extent necessary, and that a Special Lodge of Judgment is hereby created to conduct such trial and to determine that guilt or innocence of **R.W. BROTHER GARY J. OLSEN**; and if found guilty, the appropriate penalty relating thereto; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Trial Panel of said Lodge of Judgment shall consist of members of the Grand Lodge Committee for the Trial of Charges who shall be so designated by the Chairman of that Committee who is designated to preside over said trial, and he may apply so much of the rules from the Code for the Trial of Charges as he shall deem appropriate for the conduct of the trial; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trial shall proceed with as much dispatch as the Chairman shall determine is appropriate to afford **R.W. BROTHER GARY J. OLSEN** the full opportunity to defend the charges filed against him; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Edict, together with a copy of the charges, shall be immediately served upon **R.W. BROTHER GARY J. OLSEN** who shall have 20 days thereafter to serve upon the Grand Secretary, his answer and defenses to the charges in writing. A copy of this Edict shall also be served upon every lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction.

SO ORDERED, this 22nd day of April, 2022.



Robert V. Monacelli, Grand Master

ATTEST:



John S. Ryan, Grand Secretary