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Pitman, N. J.

June 2021

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District 🍀 Grand Lodge of New Jersey

www.pitmanmasons.org

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***Please note: The Grand master's new edict states that 50 members can now be present in the lodge at one time. *Masks must be worn when in Lodge.

District Lodge Meetings

Mantua: 2nd 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: June 24th Pitman Lodge opening 7PM

District Zoom ID: 834 887 7341 Password: 2121

*****Valid on all zoom events in the 21st District.*****

* All lodge meetings are to be conducted using Covid restrictions.

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress." – Frederick Douglas

Brethren,

Struggle abounds; this signifies progress. Growth and change can cause strife. To alleviate negative reactions, we must remember, who we are. Freemasons!

What do we represent? Good and honest men.

What is our purpose? Making good men better.

Our ritual reminds us of who we are, what we represent, and our purpose. We need to remember our roots, our base, our foundation. Sometimes during the hustle and bustle of our daily lives we may overlook **that oath we took, on yonder Book**. Let's get back to basics...

Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality. Truth is its center. It is **FOUNDED** (established) *on the purest principles of*

MORALITY, (Principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior),

BROTHERLY LOVE, (Feelings of humanity and compassion toward one's fellow humans), and

CHARITY, (The voluntary giving of help, typically in the form of money)

Charity starts with Altruism; the belief in or practice of impartial and selfless concern for the well-being of others. Effective altruism is the use of evidence and reasoning to determine the most effective ways to help others.

AT ITS PUREST FORM MASONRY IS AN ALTRUISTIC CHARITY

MASONS REALIZE THERE ARE BIGGER THINGS THAN THEMSELVES!

According to our ritual, regarding our Masonic base, **the Entered Apprentice Degree**, Jacob's ladder is mentioned. It has seven rounds. The three principal rounds are:

FAITH – In God **HOPE** – Of immortality **CHARITY** – Towards mankind

The greatest of these is **CHARITY**, because **CHARITY** extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity.

"And one day everything will be left behind that you have gathered, and you will take only that which you have given." Sw. Chidananda Tirtha

Our charge is to leave Masonry as good or better than we found it. As its heirs, we are custodians and it is our duty to honor our benefactors; those others who have gone this way before. Masonry is a rough ashlar in many ways, causing the craftsmen to continue their labors in the quarry to find, in the rough, the perfect ashlar.

Masonry is not a "FOR PROFIT" organization; rather, it is a fraternity founded upon **MORALITY, BROTHERLY LOVE, & CHARITY.**

Do good unto all men.

We need to become the benefactors for tomorrow heirs if Freemasonry is to survive and prosper. Please unite with me and rededicate yourself to contributing to Freemasonry's future.

"I would unite with anybody to do the right thing and nobody to do wrong." - Frederick Douglas

Brethren, I look forward to working with you. Look out for one another and our widows and orphans. I remain your humble servant.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Vincent L. Baehr

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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Living Past Masters

Wigglesworth, Kenneth	1961#	Stranger Jr., Hiram	1998
Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999
Lang, Harry E	1975	Bradley, Theodore K.	2000
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
KIER, James R.	1981	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2005#
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2013
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Polonsky, Arthur A.	2015
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Marker, David W.	1994	Paris, Michael	2017
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
		Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
		Baehr, Vincent L.	2020

Practice !!

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

Lodge Events

June 8, 2021 Our regular communication.

We will have a dinner at 6:30.

We will be having guests that night. MW Gregory Scott Past Grand Master of New Jersey, and RW Dave Tucker. RW Tucker will have a presentation. It will be a jam packed night of Masonic light.

June 24, 2021: District Lodge of Instruction. To be held at Pitman Lodge opening 7PM.

June 29th: EA Degree on Mr. Thomas Little Jr.

Dinner 6:30, Degree starts at 7:30.

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 June

<u>Name</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Harold Raymond Atkinson Jr	06-23-1998	23
James Steven Baehr	06-24-2017	4
Vincent Lee Baehr	06-26-2012	9
James Henry Blose	06-17-1975	46
Ronald L Brant	06-12-1981	40
Joseph Allen Canning	06-24-2017	4
Matthew Warren Fisler	06-24-2003	18
Wayne George Fox	06-23-1981	40
Mark Edward Hicks	06-24-2017	4
Jason Anthony Hoffman	06-24-2017	4
Jonathan Louis Hughes	06-28-2016	5
Edward Hyndman	06-23-1981	40
John William Keller	06-23-1981	40
Robert Alan MacAuley	06-26-2012	9
Thomas Robert McCormick II	06-22-2017	4
Jay Miller Mecouch	06-25-1976	18
Frank Pasqua Jr	06-14-1949	72
Damon Shane Quigley	06-24-2017	4
Jason Michael Rickert	06-22-2017	4
James E Scholz	06-12-1981	40
John James Siciliano	06-28-2016	5
William M Willett	06-21-1985	36
James B Wolffbrandt	06-22-1962	59

By-Laws Committee Forming

We are currently looking for members to form a by-laws committee. The lodge by-laws have not been revised or changed in many years, clearly there may be a need for a current review and proposals if any are deemed necessary. If interested in joining the committee or just letting us know what changes you would like to see please contact us at pitmanmasons@gmail.com or call 856-881-6312.

BBQ Committee

Now is the time to take the bull (or maybe I should say chicken) by the horns and volunteer to head up the yearly BBQ fund raiser we are having this summer. It will be our only fund raiser so far this year and the proceeds will go far to enrich our charitable endeavors. No help is too little and no job too small. Use the email or phone number above to contact us and get the ball rolling.

Masonic Quotes

“The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other.” – *Vasilios Karpos*

“There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you’ve yet to meet.” – *Author Unknown*

“To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.” – *George Washington*

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