

Third Masonic District

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District 3 Low Vale 2020

By William L. Britton, PM



Under the canopy of heaven, within the hills and vales of the Cumberland Valley, the 3rd Masonic District of Pennsylvania held its annual Low Vale. The Low Vale Lodge was tucked away, and duly tyled within a corn maze situated on Maple Lane Farm located in Newville, PA., the home of Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy of the 3rd Masonic District.

This years Low Vale was jointly hosted by two lodges, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 and Orrstown Lodge No. 262. The Lodge Officers from Carlisle Lodge 260 and Orrstown Lodge 262 worked together as a joint lodge and were outstanding in their execution of the work of the evening. Brother Jeremy B. Miller, WM of Carlisle Lodge No. 260 officiated the opening of the lodge, Brother Ronald W. Harshman, PM and Brother Marc R. Thorne Carlisle Lodge No. 260 did an excellent job delivering the degrees to the candidates, Charles Hart from Orrstown No. 262, and Brandon Benner from Carlisle Lodge No. 260. When you see our newly entered Brothers give them a hearty congratulations.

Prior to the evening's work a fellowship meal of BBQ chicken, baked beans, apple sauce, and water were served by the members of Big Spring Lodge No. 361. Many thanks to Bro. Lloyd G. Bier, PM for rendering his skills at the BBQ pit. They were instrumental to the start to a great evening of Freemasonry.

In attendance were Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM District 3, Brother Lynn B. Baker, DDGM District 46, Brother Thomas W. Jackson, RWPGS, and Brother John D. Cook, PDDGM. There were approximately 35-45 members in attendance from various lodges within District 3 as well as others who had travelled from distant jurisdictions.



Event Announcements

Monthly School of Instruction

The Fellowcraft Degree
October 26, 2020
Big Spring Lodge No. 361

Election of Officers
23-November 2020
Acacia Lodge No. 586

Business of the Lodge
21 December 2020
2021 Incoming Officers

Prior to concluding the evening's work Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM District 3 awarded Orrstown Lodge No. 262 the District 3 Traveling Gavel for having 15 members in attendance, . The evening concluded with a bonfire, refreshments, and best of all, Masonic fellowship. I will note that all decorum and protocol was followed, despite COVID 19 Freemasonry moves forward making good men better every day.

From the Desk of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District



Fall is upon us, as the temperature changes so does the Fraternity. These changes are for the good of all Brethren. The protections from Covid19, directed by our Grand Master, is for all Brothers that attend the stated and extra meetings. We will continue to observe these safety precautions until farther notice from Brother Thomas Gamon IV Right Worshipful Grand Master.

With the start of the month of October the Grand Master has given authorization to resume the conferral of all degrees. Several candidates and Brethren in our District now can proceed in their journey to become a Master Mason. Many of these Brothers have participated as Entered Apprentice Masons

and Fellow Craft Masons in the activities that have occurred during the moratorium on Degree conferral. I commend them for their interest in the Fraternity and urge them to continue to grow their knowledge in Freemasonry!

The District 3 Low Vale proceeded as planned in September with many Brothers in attendance. Thank you very much to Carlisle Lodge 260 and Orrstown Lodge 262 for hosting the event. Everyone that precipitated as an officer did a superb job especially the two Worshipful Masters that conferred the Degrees. It was a very special night for the two Brothers who received the Degrees. We will be having a Low Vale in 2021. Watch for the date in future newsletters.

Get to your Lodge's stated and extra meetings. Renew your relationships with your Brothers. Please be safe as you travel to the meetings and follow the guidelines set forth by our Grand Master and other Government officials. I will see you soon as we all hit the Freemasonry trail.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!!
Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM03



From the Desk of Brother Kenneth W. Womack, PM Principal, Third Masonic District School of Instruction



Brethren all,

As of this writing of the newsletter, we hope to have met on September 28th for our first SOI since February 2020. Unfortunately, we still be under the restriction for 25 Brethren or less for SOI and our Lodge Stated and Extra Meetings. Hopefully, this will be a start for us, and we can return to a full school before too long.

Brethren who progress through the chairs perhaps have an opportunity to learn more about the intricacies of Masonic ritual than Brothers who don't. For this reason, we encourage all new Masonic Brethren to consider taking an appointed office in the Lodge to expand your knowledge of ritual and other aspects of Freemasonry. I want to point out something that most Masons, unless they have been the Senior Master of Ceremonies, or have gone through the chairs, may not be aware of. We are all familiar with the Senior Master of Ceremonies tending the Three Great Lights in Freemasonry, the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses. In particular, the SMOC opens the Bible, and places the Square and Compasses in the appropriate place and in the appropriate configuration for the given meeting. One thing Masons need to be aware of, is that when opening the Holy Bible, if it is opened to a page that is torn or has a picture, the SMOC should turn to another page so that a torn page, or a page with a picture is not visible.

Brethren may also not be aware that there are specific Bible selections for degrees. The Exemplar, A guide to a Mason's Actions*, was written by Brother William A. Carpenter, Past Right Worshipful Grand Master, and published in 1985. In that publication, Brother Carpenter identifies the specific Bible selection for each degree. They are: Entered Apprentice degree, Ruth 4:7; Fellowcraft degree, Judges 12:6; and the Master Mason's degree, I Kings 7:13. If you have not done so already, take a look at these passages, and the adjacent scripture.

Many Masonic Altar Bibles come with three integrated ribbon page markers. Some Lodges place one of the ribbons at each of the appropriate Bible selections. If your Lodge uses a Bible with the ribbons, you may want to consider doing that. I have been to a Prince Hall Masonic Lodge where placing one of the ribbons at each of the Bible selections is part of the opening ritual for tending the Three Great Lights.

Finally, the RWGM has now approved doing all three degrees subject to complying with his guidance on Covid-19 restrictions. We plan to address some of these issues at the SOI. Since attendance remains restricted for the present, please let you Worshipful Master or Lodge instructor know if you have questions and they can pass them to us, and we will try to address them.

* For Lodges that present new Masons with a Master Mason edition of the Holy Bible, The Exemplar is reprinted at the beginning of the Bible. It is an excellent source of Masonic knowledge.

Masonic Humor



The Masonic Information Corner

RAINS



It was a custom among the English Freemasons of the middle of the eighteenth century, when conversing together on Freemasonry, to announce the appearance of a profane by the warning expression *it rains*. The custom was adopted by the German and French Freemasons, with the equivalent expression, *Es regnet and II pluie*. Baron Tschoudy, who condemns the usage, says that the latter refined upon it by designating the approach of a female by *II neige*, the French for *it snows*. Doctor Oliver says (Revelations of a Square, page 142) that the phrase *It rains*, to indicate that a

Cowan is present and the proceedings must be suspended, is derived from the ancient punishment of an eavesdropper, which was to place him under the eaves of a house in rainy weather, and to retain him there till the droppings of water ran in at the collar of his coat and out at his shoes.

Source: Mackey, Albert Gallatin. An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Science: Comprising the Whole Range of Arts, Sciences and Literature as Connected with the Institution. Revised ed., vol. 2, Masonic History Company, 1966.

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George Washington Lodge No. 143

74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

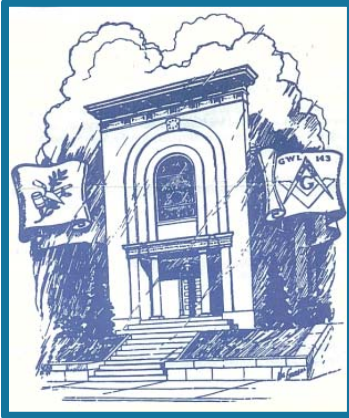
Second Friday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother Michael S. Essis

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://gw143.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/georgewashingtonlodge143>



Gun Raffle

George Washington Lodge No. 143 is holding a Gun Raffle. See below for details.

Date: December 25, 2020

Ticket Price: \$10.00

Afternoon Drawing – Choice of Gun

Evening Drawing – Remaining Gun

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Brother Michael S. Essis, Worshipful Master, at 717-648-7378.

Carlisle Lodge 260

1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA, 17013

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother Jeremy L. Miller

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://carlisle260.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.Johns.260>



At the September Stated Meeting, Carlisle Lodge members donated numerous items for Community Cares support for the homeless. A \$250 donation was also presented to the organization. The Lodge's next community project will be assisting the Salvation Army with their annual holiday Kettle Bell Ringing Project. This will take place on two Saturdays in either November or December. The project is being coordinated by Brother Bill Bunt, PM.

The Lodge's October meeting will be a Table Lodge and the Lodge tentatively will be conferring its first degrees at the Lodge, (two Master Mason and one Fellow Craft degree) in October since February.

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Orrstown Lodge No. 262

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother Drew S. DeWalt
Worshipful Master

Website: <https://orrstown262.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OrrstownLodgeNo262>



Brethren, it was nice to see so many of you at our Annual District Low Vale! It was a huge success. Lodge Officers from Carlisle Lodge 260 and Orrstown Lodge 262 worked together as a joint lodge and were outstanding in their execution of the work of the evening. Brother Jeremy B. Miller, WM of Carlisle officiated the opening of the lodge, Brother Ronald W. Harshman, PM and Brother Marc R. Thorne Carlisle Lodge No. 260 did an excellent job delivering the degrees to the candidates.

We will be raising two Brothers on Monday October 5th at 7pm at 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA.

A Stated Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday October 8, 2020 at 7:30 PM. The speaker for the evening will be Brother Lynn B. Baker, Jr., DDGM of the 46th Masonic jurisdiction. The program of the evening will be on Lewis and Clark.

Monday the 12th will be our practice at 6:45pm.

An Extra Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday October 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Three Fellowcraft Mason Degrees and one Entered Apprentice degree will be conferred.



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Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302

910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

First Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother Kenneth B. Robinson

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://eureka302.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EurekaWestShoreLodge302>



The lodge held a stated meeting on September 8th following the Labor Day weekend. The weather was perfect for our outside dinner and program with about 25 brethren and guests. Bro. Rick Mauro gave a wonderful presentation on winemaking and a short, stated meeting followed. September 16th, we conferred Fellowcraft degrees for Bro. Rick Kellinger and Bro. Freddy Lebron. We are looking forward to being able to raise them to the sublime degree of a Master Mason soon.

On September 17th we continued with our unofficial ZOOM toast meeting at 9PM. It was a pleasure to see the many brethren that had joined us in our nightly ZOOMs again.

A Stated Meeting of Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple located at 910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA. Monday October 5, 2020 at 7:30 PM. The speaker for the evening will be Brother William L. Britton, PM Cumberland Valley Lodge 315. The program of the evening will be “Reflecting on the Reflections of a Newly Made Master Mason.”

Cumberland Valley No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

First Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother Bryan L. Ruth

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://lodge315.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Cumberland-Valley-Masonic-Lodge-No-315-1386129258366656>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1486480571653567>



A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday October 1, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Program for the Evening: Bro. S Eugene Herritt, RWPGM, will recall his experiences as Grand Master of PA. The Stated Meeting is limited to a 25 member capacity once this capacity is reached no one else will be allowed entry. You are encouraged to RSVP if you plan to attend. You may RSVP by calling the Worshipful Master at 717-377-8867. Leave a message that you plan to attend.

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An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday October 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The Fellowcraft Mason Degree will be conferred.

Consider the Lodge Fundraiser for 2020 a Standard or Custom Designed 20 ounce Masonic Tumbler. Includes a sliding splash proof lid with straw, stays cold for 24 hours or hot for 8 hours! See any Officer or the Worshipful Master for Details!

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother J. Wheeler Hammontree

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://bigspringlodgeno361.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bigspring361>



A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday October 1, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Program for the Evening: Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" and its possible Masonic relationship.

Saturday October 10, Big Spring Lodge No. 361 will be holding our Autumn Chicken BBQ. We had to cancel our spring BBQ, so please share this with your friends and help us make this one a double-success. All meals must be pre-ordered. Chicken dinners will be \$10 (1/2 chicken - minus the wing, a roll, beans, applesauce and water). By popular demand we will also have ribs again: Rib dinners are \$12. And last but not least, the wings for \$5.00/dozen. Call/text your pre-orders to our Secretary at: 717-372-4120. Meals will be ready for parking-lot pickup starting at noon. We will bring your order out to you.



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Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

Third Floor, Tower Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother Toby A. Stoner

Worshipful Master

Website: <https://mtpisgah443.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Pisgah-Lodge-No-443-668433266645074>



A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple located on the Third Floor of the Tower Bank in Greencastle, PA. on Tuesday October 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM. The program for the evening will be on Brother Harry S. Truman, presented by Brother Glenn Kurzenknabe.

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

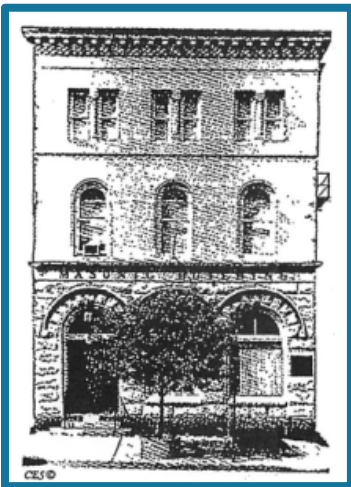
Third Friday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother Zachary L. Wilhide

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://acacia586.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2580660782177324>



Third Degree Conferral

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With the Grand Master's order that the conferral of the Master Mason degree may resume beginning October 1, 2020, two Brothers will finally be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at an Extra Meeting of Acacia Lodge #586 on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Robert A. Lighty and Gregory R. Culp were within days of receiving their third degree back in March when the Lodges were shut down by the Pandemic. The brothers spent a good bit of the time since March to learn more about their first and second degrees and looking forward to becoming Master Masons.

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Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

Brother Richard L. Wenner

Worshipful Master

<https://palodgeofresearch.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/92580616988>



The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research is a unique occurrence in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as this is the first Lodge constituted within our Jurisdiction solely for the purpose of Masonic study.

Meetings

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research holds only two Stated Meetings each year, with Special Meetings to be held at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Meetings are held at various Masonic sites throughout the Commonwealth. No Craft Degrees are conferred. The elected Worshipful Master does not receive “the Word of the Chair,” nor does he become a voting member of the Grand Lodge.

Symbolism

The medallion of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research depicts a classical female allegorical figure holding a manuscript in one hand and a square and compasses in the other. The sunburst represents Enlightenment. Its symbolism is obvious in depicting the purposes of the Lodge of Research as sharing Masonic Light with others who are following a planned approach to personal character-building and self-improvement, and to encourage an organized process of formal education of the Craft at large.

Membership

Although warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, this Lodge will work differently than any other Lodge within the jurisdiction. This Lodge’s membership is divided into three categories: Full Member, Associate Member, and Fellow.

Full membership is extended to those who are members in good standing of a symbolic Lodge, constituted under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Associate membership is extended to Brethren who are members of a Lodge outside our Jurisdiction, which is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Fellows are distinguished members, elected for their outstanding scholarship.

Membership in the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research does not constitute dual membership.

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Membership in the Lodge of Research is open to all Master Masons who are members of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. To become a member, please click on this to download and complete the petition of membership. <https://palodgeofresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/PA-LoR-Petition.pdf>

The joining fee is \$75, and dues are \$25 per year. Both fee and dues (a total of \$100) must accompany the completed petition.

Completed applications should be sent along with the membership fee to the Secretary, at:

Bro. Seth C. Anthony, Secretary
Attn: Lodge of Research
c/o The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A.M.
1 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Questions regarding membership can be emailed to: Lodge.of.Research@pagrandlodge.org

Future meetings:

Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Masonic Temple in Sunbury, PA. This date is tentative and subject to change.