

Third Masonic District

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George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

by Midnight Freemasons Contributor

W. B. Gregory Knott

The third installment of Gregory Knott's Freedom Trail series.

Written by George Washington in 1789, this was the first official Presidential Proclamation made in the United States. Shortly after the Thanksgiving Proclamation was written, it was lost for 130 years. It was probably misplaced when the US Capitol moved from New York to Washington, D.C. It now resides in the Library of Congress. And it reads:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to “*recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:*”

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this



Event Announcements

Monthly School of Instruction

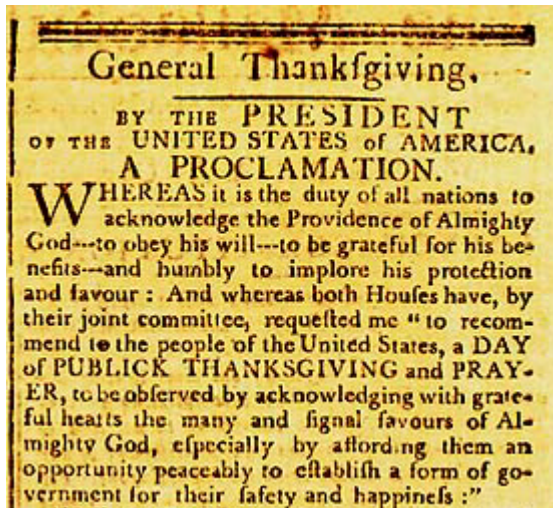
Election of Officers
23-November 2020
Acacia Lodge No. 586

Business of the Lodge
21 December 2020
2021 Incoming Officers

Virtual Grand Lodge Communication

02 December 2020
7:00pm – 8:00pm

country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.



And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the

increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "George Washington".

WB Gregory J. Knott is the Past Master of St. Joseph Lodge No. 970 in St. Joseph (IL) and a plural member of Ogden Lodge No. 754 (IL), and Homer Lodge No. 199 (IL). He's a member of both the Scottish Rite, and the York Rite, and is the Charter Secretary of the Illini High Twelve Club in Champaign-Urbana. He's also a member of the Ansar Shrine (IL). Greg is very involved in Boy Scouts--an Eagle Scout himself, he serves the Grand Lodge of Illinois A. F. & A. M. as their representative to the National Association of Masonic Scouters.

Source: midnightfreemasons.org

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



Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

As we resume our labors in this fall holiday season, we need remember the widows of our deceased Brethren. They supported their spouses as they practiced the Craft. There were many evenings they remained home while their husbands attended Lodge. We as Freemasons should not forget the sacrifice they made. A short phone call from the Lodge would show that we care for them and demonstrate the respect for their departed husband, our Brother. Better yet deliver a fruit basket or some flowers to brighten their day!

After a long delay in conferring the Master Mason Degree they have resumed. I have been able to attend several extra meetings in the last month and the work performed by the Lodges of the district has been excellent. This is truly a testament to the individual Lodges, Worshipful Masters, and their Instructors. The dedication to learning the work demonstrated by the Worshipful Masters has been second to none!

Saint John's Day next is rapidly approaching. The incoming of Masters are getting ready to start an exciting year in their lives. Being a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, especially in District 3 is one of the most rewarding experiences in a man's life. I'm sure each incoming Master has put together his plan for his term and how they are going to execute this plan. They need to concentrate on one or two items they want to complete in their term and do them well. When they leave the East, their name will be listed among the Worshipful Masters that have went before them as part of the Lodge history. The Lodge will be better for having them as Worshipful Master!

Be safe as you travel to the different Lodge activities and follow the guidelines set forth by the 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



I know all of us are excited to be conferring degrees again in the Lodges, to include the Master Mason degree. I had the opportunity to see some of these, and despite the long layoff since last conferring degrees (8-9 months for many Lodges), the degrees I saw were done in the same meaningful way and with the decorum they were conferred before the pandemic required some changes. I am convinced that we can continue to provide meaningful degrees while complying with the Right Worshipful Grand Master's stated adjustments to ritual and mechanics and making sure we remain safe in the Lodge Room.

I want to highlight some of those stated adjustments to ritual and mechanics here (though not in detail; that will be covered at the SOI).

For all degrees, the candidate must wear gloves and a mask, and the WM and Wardens are required to wear gloves (rubber gloves recommended) and masks throughout the degree, to include demonstration of the grips. Masks should be worn by everyone in the Lodge based on general guidance provided earlier. The WM and the candidate may remove masks during the obligation (if comfortable) provided social distancing is maintained. Social distance when presenting the apron is recommended. Questions on how these can be done should be addressed to the SOI.

For the Fellow Craft Degree, a modified dialog and position is recommended for placing the candidate in the proper position to receive the obligation. This will also be covered in the SOI, but don't hesitate to ask if you have questions.

The RWGM and the Director of Work identified three specific things as "recommendations" for the MM Degree:

The candidate should be spoken to advising him as to the close proximity to the Master that he will be placed in when being raised.

Gloves and masks should be worn when raising the candidate and the word is given.

Gloves should be worn when forming the circle. When the circle stops, safe distancing should be observed. You are free to limit the number of participants in the circle.

The District Deputy Grand Master has made these mandatory for all Lodges in District Three.

Some of you have already figured this out, but the time to advise the candidate on "close proximity" is not after you just prepared him to enter the Lodge room, but well prior to that. Consider advising the candidate for the MM degree at the education meeting prior to the degree night so he has time to fully consider this. This may be particularly important given the age or health of the candidate.

Brethren, with your help, we can continue to confer meaningful degrees while making sure we reduce risks for our members and degree candidates. Please don't hesitate to contact the SOI if you have questions or need clarification.

Virtual December Quarterly Communication

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 AT 7 PM EST – 8 PM EST



All members are invited to attend a live YouTube livestream of the Annual Grand Quarterly Communication. Your District Deputy Grand Master may be setting up a location(s) near you to attend. Physical attendance may be limited by COVID-19 restrictions. You can also view from your home on any device that can access YouTube videos: computers, smartphones, tablets and smart/internet access TVs.

Visit <https://youtu.be/ucPjzbzi5Q> to watch on the day and time of the event.

Academy of Masonic Knowledge



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the October 2020 Symposium has been cancelled. Stay tuned to this page for information on the March 2021 Symposium.

Upcoming Academy Dates

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Saturday, October 23, 2021

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Charities Annual Fall Appeal



Do you know your Masonic Charities encompass various charities, each one with its own unique mission? With the 2020 universal pandemic, each charity of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has felt the impact of this crisis. Supporting your favorite Masonic Charity is needed now, more than ever. There is still so much to do! Visit

www.masoniccharitiespa.org for more information on each of these Pennsylvania Masonic Charities: The Masonic Library and Museum; Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation; Masonic Children's Home; and the Masonic Villages. Please support the 2020 Masonic Charities Fall Appeal. Send a check to the Masonic Charities, Office of Gift Planning, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or by visiting www.pagrandlodge.org and clicking "Masonic Charities" in the banner and navigating to the charity of choice and clicking "Donate Now".

If you are age 70 ½ or older, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) this year to your favorite Masonic charity – tax free! For the charitable distribution to be tax-free qualified, please have the check payable directly to the charity and not you, the owner.

Thank you for your continued support!

Veterans Day 2020



The Masonic Information Corner



All Seeing Eye

A perpetual and permanent symbol in the Lodge and work of Freemasonry, signifying the omnipresence of God. An emblem reminding us that we are constantly in God's presence.

What is the source of this symbol and its meaning? An important symbol borrowed by the Freemasons from the nations of antiquity. Among the Egyptians, Osiris, their chief deity was symbolized by an open eye. "The eyes of Jehovah are in every place," beholding and watching, the evil and the good. The "All-

Seeing Eye" is a symbol of watchfulness and the eye of the Grand Architect. It is the symbol of his Divine watchfulness and care of the Universe. The All-Seeing Eye, whom the Sun, Moon, and Stars obey, and under whose watchful care even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits. The "Rays" represent "Light". Freemasons

are emphatically called "The Sons of Light" because they are entitled to be in possession of the true meaning and knowledge of this symbol. It is in fact the first of all symbols presented to the initiate and continues to be presented to him in various forms throughout his Masonic career. But as Light not only came from God, but it also makes man's way clear before him, so it is employed to signify moral truth.

Source: Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Vol 1, McCoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., 1966.

Masonic Humor



Around the District

George Washington Lodge No. 143

74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

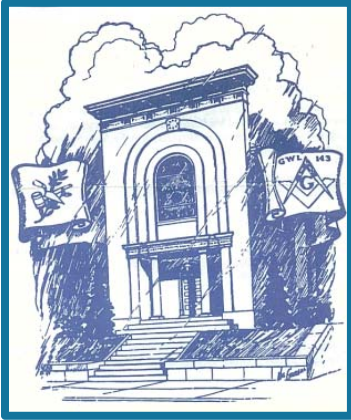
Second Friday of each month at 7:30pm.

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.

From the Secretaries Desk

As we begin the Dues Campaign for 2021, let me again remind the membership that it is important to contact your respective Secretaries of any changes to your address, phone numbers, both home and cell, and email addresses. Contact information has become even more important during these trying days. Updates are received from the Grand Master and the District Deputy with changes needed to operate our Lodge's. Call-em-all's from the Worshipful Master are the best means to communicate any current updates. If you would like to receive information by using email rather than regular mail, contact your Secretary as well. It is just a quicker way of communicating.

I hope that all is going well with you and your families and enjoy the upcoming Holiday seasons.

Stay Safe!

Dennis R. McClanahan PM

Secretary

George Washington Lodge No. 143

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>



Carlisle Lodge successfully held a Table Lodge with all the traditional toasts prior to its October Stated Meeting. Brother Brandon Benner who received his EA degree at the District Low Vale in September attended his first Lodge meeting in October. The Lodge conferred three degrees, two Master Mason degrees and a Fellow Craft Masons degree at its October 23 Extra Meeting with 16 brethren in attendance.

The November 17th Stated Meeting will be the Official Visit of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM for

District 3.

Ringling the bells for the annual Salvation Army's Kettle Drive will take place on Saturday December 12th and Saturday December 19th. The lodge will be manning twelve 1 hour slots each Saturday.

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>



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 November 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Our speaker, Deborah Luffy will present a family Veteran program at 7 pm prior to our meeting.

Lodge Practice will be held Monday November 09, 2020 at 6:45 pm.

An Extra Meeting of Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Monday November 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Two Master Mason

Degrees will be conferred.

A second Extra Meeting of Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm. One Master Mason Degree and one Fellow Craft degree will be conferred.

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 Monday October 5th with a presentation by Bro. William A. Britton, PM of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 on “Reflecting on the Reflections of a Newly Made Master Mason. Bro. Britton proposes that each and every morning we wake and we are newly made with an opportunity to be better men than the day before, share our Light, and Labor to practice the Masonic Arts. On a personal note, the WM was pleased to have his father, Bro. Gerald D. Robinson Jr. in attendance, all the way from Jackson Lodge No. 1 in Tallahassee, FL. The program was well received by the approximately 22 brethren in attendance. On Wednesday October 14th Bros. Jeffery

Severance and Freddy Lebron were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason! Bro. David L. Gerstenlauer, PM and WM Kenneth B. Robinson conferred the degrees.

On October 15th we continued with our unofficial ZOOM toast meeting at 9PM. We seemed to have a great deal to commiserate about and enjoyed the remote fellowship once again. The WM enjoyed his 55th birthday on October 16th and had a nice gathering at a bonfire in the back yard on the 17th to celebrate. Our next stated meeting will be on November 2nd, the day before Election Day. Get out and vote. Bro. William A. McQuade will offer a presentation on Masonry in World War I, in honor of Veterans Day upcoming.



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 November 5, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Program for the Evening: Official Visitation of Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM, 50 Year Service Emblems will be presented if able, and Veterans Recognition. Prior to our meeting the J. Sheldon Van Scyoc Memorial Dinner to be held in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm.

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 November 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The Master 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>



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>



Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

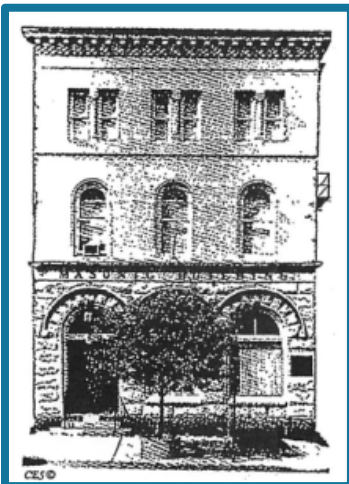
Third Friday of each month at 7:30pm.

Brother Zachary L. Willhide

Worshipful Master

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

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



Acacia Lodge No. 586 will be putting up the US flags along Main St, Waynesboro one more time for 2020. Veteran's Day, Wednesday November 11, 2020 will be the final day for flags for the year. Even with the Pandemic the brothers worked hard to put up and take down the flags along Main Street for the major US Holidays without missing a single day. On Veteran's Day they will meet at 7:00am and 5:00pm at the VFW to complete the task. Anyone interested in helping, just show up. The more help the better.

For November our Stated Meeting is on Friday November 20, 2020. The program for the evening will be a presentation by Brother Matt Atkinson, "Masonic Brotherhood at Gettysburg". Brother Atkinson works for the US Park Service at Gettysburg and a member of Acacia Lodge #586. We will also be honoring Veterans in Attendance. We will also have an Extra Meeting on Tuesday November 24, 2020 when we will be initiating a new Brother, Brandon Richard Clevenger.

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.

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 and Lodge Notice

Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 10:00am at the Masonic Temple in Sunbury, PA. Lodge Notice attached below.

OFFICERS OF PENNSYLVANIA LODGE OF RESEARCH

Worshipful Master	Richard L. Wenner
Senior Warden	Yasser A. Al-Khatib
Junior Warden	James E. Green
Treasurer	Allen D. Moyer
Secretary	Seth C. Anthony
Senior Deacon	Richard F. Muth
Junior Deacon	Christopher D. Rodkey
Senior Master of Ceremonies	Jack H. Speece, PDDGM
Junior Master of Ceremonies	Jerome J. Phillips
Pursuivant	Jason F. Craig
Chaplain	William L. Britton
Tyler	Local Tyler

Trustees

Darrin Catts, DDGM 42
James E. Flemming
Albert L. Kappeler, Jr., PM

Editorial Committee

Theodore W. Schick, PM, Chairman
John W. Postlewait, PDDGM
Aaron R. White, PM
William L. Birton
Roy L. Spancake
Richard L. Wenner*
Yasser A. Al-Khatib*
Gerald W. West, Jr., *Emeritus*

Inquiry Committee

Jerry J. Hamilton, PM, Chairman
Yasser A. Al-Khatib
James E. Green

Finance Committee

Richard L. Wenner, Chairman
Yasser A. Al-Khatib
James E. Green
Allen D. Moyer*

Fellows

2004 - Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., RWPGM
2005 - Thomas W. Jackson, RWPGS
2005 - David P. Mellow, Jr.
2008 - Gerald W. West
2010 - Charles S. Canning (*Deceased*)
2011 - James L. Seiber (*Deceased*)
2012 - Theodore W. Schick, Jr.
2014 - John W. Postlewait
2014 - E. Oscar Alleyne
2015 - S. Brent Morris
2016 - Paul D. Fisher

**Ex-Officio*

THE PENNSYLVANIA LODGE OF RESEARCH

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA

R.W. Grand Master:	Bro. Thomas Gamon IV
R.W. Deputy Grand Master:	Bro. Jeffrey M. Wonderling
District Deputy Grand Master	Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller
for the Third Masonic District:	150 Crossroad School Road, Newville, PA 17241 P: (717) 776-3054 E: ddgm03@pagrandlodge.org



WARRANTED DECEMBER 27, 2000

Worshipful Master:	Bro. Richard L. Wenner 8056 Manada Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112 P: (717) 856-3631 E: dicwen@aol.com
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Treasurer:	Bro. Allen D. Moyer PO Box 142, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 P: (717) 209-0619 E: admoyer142@comcast.net
Secretary:	Bro. Seth C. Anthony 1901 Mountain View Road, Middletown, PA 17057 P: (717) 421-4546 E: sethant@gmail.com

SUMMONS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You are hereby summoned to a stated meeting of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research to be held on **Saturday, December 12, 2020, at the Sunbury Masonic Temple, 220 Market St., Sunbury 17801, beginning at 10 o'clock ante meridian, Eastern Time. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, only the first 40 Brothers to register with the Secretary are permitted to attend, including officers. Deadline for registering is December 1, 2020.** A luncheon will be held following the conclusion of the meeting, at approximately 12:00 PM. Cost is \$15 per person, payable to the Secretary the day of the meeting. Cash or check is acceptable. Checks should be made out to the "Pennsylvania Lodge of Research."

THE BUSINESS OF THE LODGE

- Item 1,** Brothers will assemble in the Lodge room.
- Item 2,** The Lodge be opened in Ancient Form.
- Item 3,** The minutes of our last stated meeting be read and approved.
- Item 4,** Communications be received.
- Item 5,** Petitions and demits be received and acted upon.
- Item 6,** The Treasurer's report be received and approved.
- Item 7,** Sickness and distress be shared.
- Item 8,** Presentation by R.W. Bro. Moises I. Gomez, Grand Historian, GL of NJ; Speaking on "Freemasonry in the Pandemic: 1918 vs. 2020"
- Item 9,** Unfinished business be addressed.
- Item 10,** New business be brought before the Lodge.
- Item 11,** The bills of the Lodge be paid.
- Item 12,** The officers for the year 2021 be elected and installed.
- Item 13,** Good of the Order.
- Item 14,** The Lodge be closed in Ancient Form.

PETITIONS FOR PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

John Joseph Hetherson, currently a member of Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423. Age 45 years. Residing at 16 Springwood Ave, Stewartstown, PA 17363.

Walton Van Winkle, III, currently a member of University Lodge No. 51. Age 67 years. Residing at 621 S. 9th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147-2027.

Robert Emerson Hughs, currently a member of Wilkes Barre Lodge No. 61. Age 48 years. Residing at 394 E. Washington St., Nanticoke, PA 18634.

Timothy James Cagle, currently a member of Newtown Lodge No. 427. Age 50 years. Residing at 672 Tomlinson Lane, Yarldey, PA 19067.

Christopher Daniel Reed, currently a member of Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423. Age 48 years. Residing at 12 East Pennsylvania Ave., Stewartstown, PA 17363.

FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brothers,

Welcome to the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research (LOR) December, 2020 Stated Meeting! Let me begin by saying what you already know...it has been an extremely challenging year. Like many other Masonic bodies, we were compelled to cancel the June meeting in the best interest of our member's health and well-being. Covid-19 has caused many inconveniences in our social and Masonic lives, yet we refuse to lie down and quit; we persevere and we continue to move ahead!

This year was also monumental in that prior to this year, we have had no direct reporting channel. The Grand Master has placed us under the watchful eye of the District Deputy Grand Master of the 3rd Masonic District, Jeff Miller. DDGM Jeff has really dug in to see that we are on track with our mission.

Much is being done to rejuvenate the operation and structure. We have begun efforts to grow the lodge but we need your help and suggestions. Your attendance today reinforces your concern for our LOR. It is your determination and participation that will insure the continuation of the LOR.

I hope you will relax and enjoy the presentation by our speaker and the installation of officers today. I know the program will be of interest to all. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master. I am grateful to each and every one of you who serve with me and make my responsibilities less demanding.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Bro. Richard L. Wenner
Worshipful Master

PAST MASTERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LODGE OF RESEARCH

2001 - Thomas W. Jackson, RWPGS

2002 - Paul D. Fisher

2003 - James L. Seiber (*Deceased*)

2004 - John W. Postlewait, PDDGM

2005 - Theodore W. Shick

2006 - William L. Kingsbury, PDDGM

2007 - Charles S. Canning (*Deceased*)

2008 - Rev. William D. Hartman

2009 - Joseph F. Acton, PDDGM

2010 - Kenneth J. Faub (*Deceased*)

2011 - S. Eugene Herritt, RWPGM

2012 - Albert L. Kappeler, Jr.

2013 - Jerry J. Hamilton

2014 - Aaron R. White

2015 - Larry D. Horath, DDGM 31

2016 - George R. Haynes

2017 - George F. Morrow

2018 - Drew R. Reed

2019 - S. Robert Marziano, Jr., PDDGM