

Third Masonic District

<https://www.glpad3.org/>

Happy New Year 2021!

Ring out the old and ring in the new.

By Brother William L. Britton, PM



Roman God Janus

For millennia civilizations have celebrated the New Year in one way or another. The earliest celebrations took place in Babylon nearly 4,000 years ago. It was celebrated in late March following the vernal equinox and heralded in a new year with a massive 11 day religious festival called Akitu. In ancient Egypt the New Year began with the annual flooding of the Nile coinciding with the rising of the Dog Star Sirius. The ancient Chinese lunar calendar, placed the first day of the Chinese New Year with the second new moon after the winter solstice. Ancient civilizations throughout antiquity have developed sophisticated calendars which usually focused the first day of the year around an agricultural or astronomical event.

The earliest Roman calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days. Later King Numa Pompilius is credited with adding the months Januarius and Februarius creating a 12 month calendar. Over the course of a few centuries this calendar fell out of sync. It was during the reign of Julius Caesar that the Roman calendar was once again reformed. After adding an extra 90 days to the calendar in the year 46 B.C. Caesar introduced his new Julian calendar designating January 1 as the first day of the year. January 1 also coincided with a festival in honor of the Roman god Janus. In Roman mythology, Janus was the god of doors, gates, and transitions. The unusual aspect of the god Janus is his iconic image. He is portrayed with two faces. One face is looks to the past, and the other looks to the future. Janus holds a key in his right hand symbolizing his protection.

So why do we ring out the old, ring in the new? Ringing bells was once even considered an effective way to ward off evil. An 1823 Encyclopedia Britannica [entry](#) states "passing bells" were once rung when a person died to "drive away the evil spirits who stood at the bed's foot, and about the house,



Event Announcements

By order of Thomas Gamon IV, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, all lodge activities be cancelled, including, but not limited to: extra, special and/or stated lodge meetings; social functions; schools of instruction, etc., as well as youth groups and community meetings/events that may be scheduled in your lodge building. (See Page 2 of this notice)

ready to seize their prey or at least to molest and terrify the soul in its passage.” Ringing bells was deemed to be an appropriate way to ward off the evils of the old year and the start of a fresh and clean new year.

In retrospect, maybe it would be a good idea to get out our bells this New Year’s eve. With all challenges we have faced in 2020; the COVID-19 pandemic, intensifying political division, widening economic inequality, and the climate crisis to name a few, we may need to drive evils of 2020 in hopes for a happy, healthy, safe, and prosperous 2021. Let the light of Freemasonry shine brightly within us brethren as we journey into a new year.

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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Corona Virus Notice

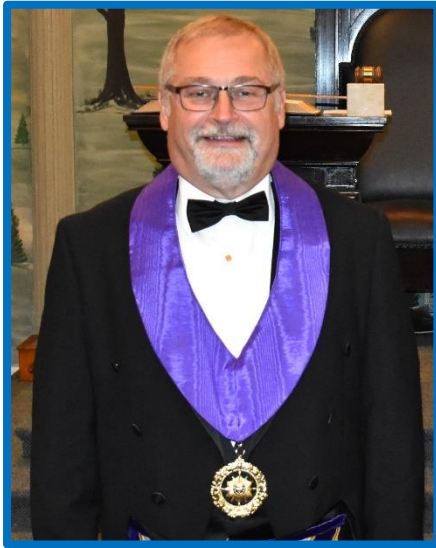
Due to the unfortunate rapid and severe spike of the Coronavirus in Pennsylvania, effective immediately and until further notice, I am directing any and all lodge activities be cancelled, including, but not limited to: extra, special and/or stated lodge meetings; social functions; schools of instruction, etc., as well as youth groups and community meetings/events that may be scheduled in your lodge building. Lodge officers may continue to pay lodge bills in the ordinary course without lodge approval. This will be in effect through January 31, 2021. We will evaluate the situation and provide additional guidance by January 15, 2021.

While it is extremely disappointing to once again cancel events, these measures are being taken out of an abundance of caution to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our brethren, our loved ones and our communities.

Please continue to reach out to your fellow brethren, their families and widows and offer assistance and support. We are all in this together!

Thomas Gamon IV
R.W. Grand Master

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



Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
DDGM District 3

Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren 2021 is upon us!!! We find ourselves not being able to meet per the Right Worshipful Grand Master's direction. The Grand Master will be reviewing the pandemic conditions through the state on January 15th and deciding if it is safe for the membership to resume in-person Lodge meetings. The decision will be made with the best interest of all Brethren in the Fraternity. Remember always, even if we are not meeting in person there is still much that can be done as a Brother of the craft. Remember the widows and shut-ins of your Lodge. They could really use a call or a card to remind them that the Lodge still cares for them. Do it today and brighten their day. To all of the elected officers in the Lodges of District 3, keep your enthusiasm up even though your January stated meeting was canceled. Take this period of time to make sure that you are absolutely word perfect on your work for the next stated meeting of your Lodge. You may work with your mentor via the phone on your degree work. Establish small goals when learning Ritual and when you and your mentor reach a goal feel the satisfaction of a job well done. Your mentor will also get a great feeling of satisfaction when you

accomplish a goal! Ritual can be a challenge but I know that each elected officer can excel in it if you put your mind to it. Remember that our Ritual is what separates us from the many other fraternal organizations that you could be a member of.

I look forward to the date when our Lodges open back up. I will be traveling to each Lodge for not only my official visits but also for extra meetings when we get back to work. I'm sure by this time the Worshipful Masters of District 3 know that I love Degree work. I enjoy a good extra meeting more than a stated meeting. Until I see you, please be safe in your travels.

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



Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal District 3 SOI

Brethren all,

We are finishing a tough year that significantly impacted Freemasonry and the School of Instruction. Unfortunately, we must start 2021 with many of the same restrictions in place as at the end of 2020. But thanks to the leadership of Worshipful Masters and Lodge officers and the excellent assistance of the Brethren, the district was still able to have some stated and extra meetings and to confer degrees. I hope we will be back to that again soon.

The 2021 SOI schedule has been published.

Date	Work of the Evening	Lodge
Jan 25	BOL/Reception of DDGM	No. 302
Feb 22	Protocol/Mentoring/Guiding/Balloting	No. 361
Mar 20	Ritualistic Excellence Program	
Mar 22	Entered Apprentice	No. 315
Apr 26	Fellow Craft	No. 443
May 1	Regional School of Instruction	
May 24	Master Mason	No. 586
Aug 23	Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor	No. 260
Sep 27	Entered Apprentice	No. 262
Oct 25	Master Mason	No. 143
Nov 22	Election/Installation of Officers	No. 302
Dec 20	Fellow Craft	No. 361

Already it looks like we will not be able to have the January meeting, so we will continue to adjust as required. When we are first able to meet again, we will cover Business of the Lodge/Reception of DDGM and will adjust the schedule after that.

At 9:00 am Saturday morning, March 30, 2021 we will conduct the District Three Ritualistic Excellence Program. Additional information is available from your WM. I encourage you to participate in the program to improve your ritualistic skills. This is also a good opportunity for those who want to start learning ritual to “ease” your way into mastering Masonic ritual.

The Region Two Sectional School of Instruction will meet on Saturday, May 1st. District Three will host the regional school at the Masonic Temple in Carlisle. Because District Three is the host, we will not be responsible for any of the work that morning. Business of the Lodge and all three degrees will be presented, though only Business of the Lodge and the Second Degree will be done in their entirety, while the First and Third degrees will cover floor mechanics only. No lunch will be served as the work is planned to be completed by noon or shortly thereafter.

Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, Jr., the regional instructor for Region Two, will visit the District Three SOI at our regular meeting on Monday, March 21st. While this visit is ordinarily meant to assist the different districts with their work for the regional school, Brother Paul still plans to visit even though we have no specific work for the regional school. Regardless of our work for the evening, we want to do it well when Brother Paul visits.

Brethren, I look forward to getting back to a regular schedule as soon as possible. Please let me, or the assistant principals know if you need certifications or assistance with the installation of officers.

District 3 Mason of the Year



Brethren, as District Deputy Grand Master of District 3 I'm honored to announce that Brother Richard Rice, PM from Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 443 has been chosen as the District 3 Mason of the year. I have included the letter of recommendation I received nominating Brother Rick for the award. When you read this letter, you will understand why he is the recipient of the award for 2021. The date for the presentation of the award will be announced when we resume our Labors.

Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM 03,

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Bro. Richard K. Rice, PM for the D-3 Mason of the Year Award for 2021. Rick has been an invaluable asset to the District since 2012. When I became the DDGM in 2012 he helped me build the system for training Secretaries and Treasurers that has evolved into the statewide system that is employed by the Grand Lodge in use today. He was the writer of the RIT program and was the first RIT named by the GL. He did all of this while serving as WM of Mt. Pisgah Lodge 443, 2 times and also as Secretary. Rick has never said no when asked to assist with any task requiring his skill sets. He truly exemplifies the character of men we seek out for entry to our beloved Fraternity. I am honored to nominate Rick and I sincerely hope that you agree and honor Rick with this most prestigious award.

*S&F
John D. Cook
PDDGM 03*

Please join me in congratulating Brother Richard Rice, PM as the recipient of the District Three Mason of the Year Award!!!!

Jeffrey R. Miller
DDGM03

Third Masonic District Directory 2021

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BIG SPRING No. 361
MOUNT PISGAH No. 443
ACACIA No. 586
LODGE OF RESEARCH

Brethren, you can access the Third Masonic District Directory for 2021 by clicking on the following link <https://www.glpad3.org/d3/district-3/district-directory/>.

The Third Masonic District Directory includes School of Instruction Schedule, Monthly Lodge Programs, and contact information for all the district lodge officers.

Third Masonic District Virtual Secretary/Treasurer Training Seminar



The Annual Secretary and Treasurer training for District 3 will take place on Saturday, January 16. Due to restrictions because of COVID-19, the training will take the place via Zoom and will begin promptly at 9:00 am at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81112090718>

All District 3 Secretaries and Treasurers are required to participate in this training. Worshipful Masters and Wardens are invited to attend. Other Districts may be invited to join us via the DDGM.

All participants must complete the following 2 pre-requisites BEFORE the training:

- 1). Ensure you can log in to Salesforce with privileges for your office. (Contact your lodge secretary if you do not have this access)
- 2). Test your ability to login to zoom with a working camera and microphone by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81112090718>

On Saturday, January 16, 2000 use the same link to enter the zoom room that will open about 30 minutes prior to the session. This event is BYOC (Bring your own coffee)

The Masonic Information Corner

Did you know that Daddy Warbucks was a Freemason?

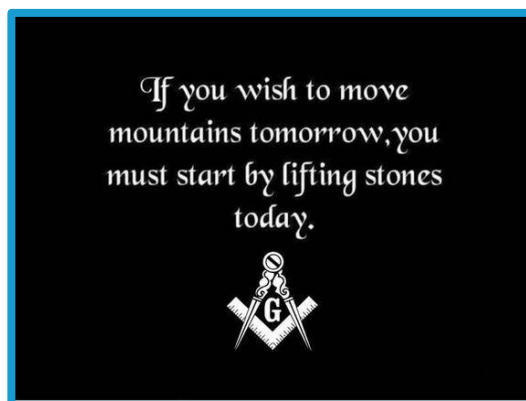
Harold Gray, the creator of the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," was a charter member of Lombard Lodge No. 1098 AF&AM, Lombard, Illinois. "Little Orphan Annie" was syndicated in at least 250 newspapers and reflected not only Brother Gray's political beliefs but also his fraternal associations as well. The character "Daddy" Warbucks was a Freemason and served as Worshipful Master of his lodge.

Harold Gray Cartoonist and creator of Little Orphan Annie was born January 20, 1894 in Kankakee, Ill. He graduated Purdue University in 1917. He joined the staff of the Chicago Tribune as an artist in 1917 and entered the Army in 1918. Discharged as a second lieutenant in 1918, he returned to the Tribune. In 1920 he started his own commercial art studio and was assistant to Sidney Smith on "The Gumps" cartoon. He began drawing his famous "Little Orphan Annie" strip in 1924 with its first appearance in the New York News and Chicago Tribune newspapers.



Bibliography

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2. "Daddy Warbucks." Wikipedia, Wikimedia Foundation, 15 Nov. 2020.



[Around the District](#)

George Washington Lodge No. 143

74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

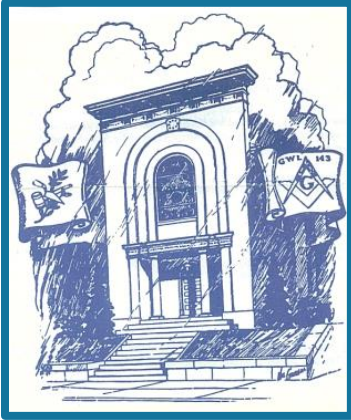
Second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Michael S. Essis

Worshipful Master

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

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



George Washington Lodge No. 143 Gun Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Mr. John Shepard and Brother Chester Dabrowski PM, winners of our December gun raffle.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother Michael S. Essis, WM, George Washington Lodge No. 143

From the desk of the Secretary

Greetings Brethren and Happy New Year!

As we have now began a new year, I hope all is going well with you and your families.

If you have paid your Lodge Dues for 2021, “Thank you”. If not, let me remind you that your Dues are now past due, and you are not “In Good Standing”. Your membership in Lodge is required to belong to other Masonic Bodies. If you are not “In Good Standing” you cannot attend Meetings of your Lodge or belong or attend Meetings of Appendant Bodies requiring membership in Lodge. Many of us belong to Scottish Rite, Shrine, Tall Cedars, and other organizations requiring membership in Lodge. If you want to visit and your Lodge Dues Card is not current, you will not be able to attend. This would also apply to out-of-district and out-of-state visitations.

If you are having problems, contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary of your respective Lodge.

Remember, we are here to help, aid, and assist if needed.

Check your card and make sure you are current.

Thank you and be safe until we are able to meet again.

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 7:30 p.m.

Brother Donald C. Palesky

Worshipful Master

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

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



Community Activity Spotlight!

Carlisle Lodge members every year participate in bell ringing for the Salvation Army. This year the lodge helped raise \$1,158.90 over the course of two days, which is AMAZING!!! I want to thank all the brothers who assisted with the event this year. A special shout out goes to William R. Bunt, PM for his continued leadership in coordinating and leading this event.

Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, January 19th, at 7:30pm, Carlisle Lodge will be hosting an online Jeopardy game. This event will be conducted through our Zoom room. The event is open to all brothers and prospective members. So, join us, have some fun and maybe learn a new fact or two!!! If you wish to join us, please contact Don Palesky, Worshipful Master at 717-968-6544 or by email at dpalesky@gmail.com for further details.

Orrstown Lodge No. 262

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Matthew R. Hoch

Worshipful Master

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

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



Keeping Busy During a Closed Lodge

What is a Mason to do while the Lodge is closed, and you are home on end of year vacation? One way is to pay respects to those that served Orrstown Lodge as Worshipful Masters. Being the Lodge Secretary requires not only knowledge about the workings of the Lodge, but also the history of the Lodge. You're expected to know everyone's name, address, dues paid, and when they were in what office. Being a NY transplant to PA is bad enough, but also being raised in another Lodge just makes that even harder. Not long after transferring to Orrstown Lodge, I accepted the position of Secretary. The basics of the position were not that difficult to learn, but all the rest that comes with years in a Lodge is still a work in progress.

One of the many tasks I have taken on is to update the Past Masters pictures, and to digitize them for our website. After bringing home the photos from the old Lodge, I set out to start scanning them into the PC. After lots of sneezing from all the dust, I found the task even more difficult. Since many of the pictures had

no names or years of service, I had to figure out who they were (this is where the years of Lodge membership would have paid off). Since I do not know many of the PM's during those years, I had to rely on help from my Brothers. Through many text messages, several phone calls, and plain old sleuthing, I was able to identify the missing. I am now 99.9% sure that they are all correct but welcome other Brothers to review them for accuracy and will make changes if needed.

Through this, I have found some gaps in the PM timeline that still need some investigating. This will require some white gloves though, since the dates are from the late 1800's and early 1900's, and I will get to read through the original minute book from that time period. I'm looking forward to it though, it is a reality trip back in time to the early workings of Orrstown Lodge.

Please browse our website and review our list of Past Master photos. You can find it here:
<https://orrstown262.org/orrstown-lodge-officers/past-masters/>

Brother Carl F. Calder
Secretary, Orrstown Lodge #262

Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302

910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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 December 7th. The program for the evening was recognition of the Past Masters, with a heartfelt video prepared in advance by the Worshipful Master. It was also forwarded to all the Past Masters who were unable to attend. We also had the honor of having Saint Nicholas join us for the meeting (We are pleased to have him as a Brother in our Lodge). Lastly, we held elections for officers for the ensuing year beginning on St. John's Day next. All of the elected officers are remaining in their current positions. The appointed officers were then introduced and thanked for their willingness to step forward. Unfortunately, on December 9th, just hours before we were to hold an extra meeting to raise Brother Rick Kellinger to the sublime degree, as well as entering two new brothers, the Grand Master closed all masonic activities. It seems Brother Kellinger is destined to take the long rout to becoming a Master Mason.

In response to the closing of all masonic buildings and cancelling all masonic activities until January 31st, we decided to renew our unofficial ZOOM toast meetings twice a week. The ZOOM meetings are being held on Monday and Thursday nights at 9PM. Below is the link to the Zoom, feel free to join us.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Finally, the Lodge used the Almoners Fund to send Edible Arrangements to the Widows of our deceased brethren that we have accurate information on. The arrangements were well received. Thank you

to our Almoner, Brother Mathew C. Hood, PM for his work on this wonderful recognition to bring a little joy to these ladies.

Happy New Year to all. Let it be peaceful, prosperous, and harmonious.

Fraternally,
Kenneth B. Robinson, WM, Eureka West Shore Lodge No. 302



Eureka- West Shore No. 302 Past Masters



Eureka-West Shore No. 302 Officers for 2021



Brother St. Nicholas was in attendance for our meeting

Cumberland Valley No. 315
41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257
First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Brother Jason E. White
Worshipful Master

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

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



One of the most important events within the life cycle of a Masonic lodge is the election and installation of its elected officers. One of the most important and rewarding events to occur during a Mason's Masonic journey is to be elected and installed as one of those officers. To serve both the Craft and the Lodge.

This year was no exception here at Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315. After a fine meal we adjourned to the lodge room, conducted business, and then proceeded with our election and installation of lodge officers. Congratulations are in order to the following Brothers who were elected to serve Cumberland

Valley Lodge No. 315 beginning Saint John's Day next:

Worshipful Master: Brother Jason E. White
Senior Warden Brother Jesse E. Weller
Junior Warden: Brother Todd West
Secretary: Brother Shannon T. Schake, PM
Treasurer: Brother David G. Angle, PM

On December 27, at 1201 pm. Brother Bryan L. Ruth, PM on a successful and challenging year in the East as the gavel is passed to Worshipful Master Jason E. White. Congratulations to both men as the strength in leadership continues to emanate from the East.



Brother Bryan L. Ruth, PM passing the Gavel to Brother Jason E. White, WM.

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Todd L. Johnson, PM

Worshipful Master

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

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



Happy New Years, and by the way brethren, you look marvelous

Brother Lloyd G. Bier, PM

Secretary, Big Spring Lodge No. 361

Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

Third Floor, Tower Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Toby A. Stoner

Worshipful Master

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

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



Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 congratulates Brother Richard Rice on his selection as Master Mason of the Year for the Third Masonic District! Brother Rice has done a lot for me as Worshipful Master, our lodge, and for the fraternity. An award well deserved. Congratulations my Brother!

S and F
Worshipful Master
Toby Stoner

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

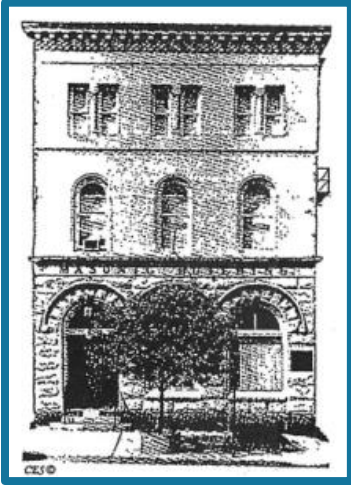
Third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Henry A. Martin

Worshipful Master

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

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



Acacia Lodge #586 has been for the last several years purchasing fruit baskets and delivering them to Lodge Widows. Because of the Virus, it would not been responsible to do this in 2020. So we purchased gift cards and mailed them in a Christmas card to our Widows. It seam to work well because we heard back from many and they seem to really enjoy it.

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

Brother Yasser A. Al-Khatib

Worshipful Master

<https://palodgeofresearch.org/>

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



Dear Brethren,

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research (PALOR) was constituted in 2001 and as of 2020 is proud to be part of the Third Masonic District. We thank you for accepting us to your family and look forward to strengthening our bonds of brotherhood and fellowship. The PALOR meets twice a year across various locations within our jurisdiction and dedicates its work to Masonic Study. For 2021, we ventured to plan three meetings for a multifold purpose: 1) to account for any possible COVID related cancellations or shutdowns 2) to make up for 2020 as we could not meet and 3) to spread more Masonic Light. All Pennsylvania Master Masons are welcome to take membership in PALOR. To do so reflects your commitment to Masonic Education and to the improvement of self and others. To become a member you must fill a petition, pay the joining fee (\$75) and the annual dues (\$25) for a \$100 total. All members receive the PALOR Pocket Jewel, Lapel Pin, and the subsequent transactions of the Lodge of Research when published. Our meetings feature Masonic Speakers/Programs with diverse topics that aim at educating, engaging and empowering Masons from across all walks of life. You do not have to be a member of

PALOR to attend our meetings. All Master Masons are welcome. However, we hope that you take the step to join us in 2021 to support the tradition of Masonic exchange of light.

All our meetings conclude with a lunch banquet and this year our projected program is as follows:

- Saturday, June 5, 2021, 10 AM-1 PM at the Johnstown Masonic Temple (Installation of officers followed by 2 Speakers)
- Saturday, September 4, 2021, in or near Reading (2 Speakers)
- Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the Allentown Masonic Temple (1 Speaker and Installation of Officers)

As the WM, I welcome the opportunity to receive you at our meetings and to share with you our passion for Masonic Education. To get more information about the history and membership of PALOR please visit our website at <https://palodgeofresearch.org>.

Fraternally Yours,

Yasser Al-Khatib, WM

[Academy of Masonic Knowledge](https://pamasonicacademy.org/)

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The Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge strives to create an environment that encourages Masons to seek a greater understanding of the nature and purposes of Freemasonry in all its many aspects – past, present, and future – and to share that understanding with others.

To this end, the Academy offers learning opportunities in which Masons may participate in dialogues with similarly inclined brethren, witness prominent Masonic scholars discussing various aspects of Freemasonry, and pursue home study at their own pace and in their own areas of interest, through publications on Masonic subjects recommended by the Academy.

In addition to providing a learning experience for Freemasons, the Academy is a vehicle affording recognition to Masons who share their knowledge of Freemasonry with fellow Masons or the public by the written or spoken word.

Upcoming Academy Dates

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Saturday, October 23, 2021