

Third Masonic District

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The Gavels of Freemasonry

By Brother Elbert Bede 33°, KT



(The recent shutdown of our lodges, as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, had delayed the election and installation of officers within our Masonic Jurisdiction. Now those labors are complete. Let's take a glimpse at "The Gavels of Freemasonry".)

Freemasons have two Gavels. One is the Master's Gavel, Symbol of authority that must be wisely used to preserve harmony within the Lodge. The other is the Working Tool of the Entered Apprentice. In either sense the Gavel is of ancient origin and honorable history.

As a symbol of authority, the gavel always has ruled deliberative assemblies. From the gathering of a neighborhood sewing club to legislatures, congresses, supreme courts, presidents and monarchs, the gavel brings order and obedience. Handing the gavel to another transfers for the time the authority of the one who originally wielded it. A Master of a Lodge is an autocrat while in possession of his Gavel. The Grand Master does not actually take over a Lodge until the Master yields his Gavel.

Our other Gavel, that of the Entered Apprentice, is for the workmen to employ in their labors. It approaches in importance the Gavel of authority. In one sense it is as important as the other Gavel, for no Master may open a Lodge unless the workmen are present. He cannot preside and supervise the work unless the workmen are at their labors. He cannot be successful in his conduct of the Lodge and his supervision of the work unless the workmen are willing ones. He cannot drive them to their labors, autocratic as his powers may be, even when they are there at his bidding or summons.

The Master's term in office, his supervision of the work, must all fail unless the workmen are interested in their labors, unless they have pride in the kind of work they present for inspection, unless each proudly presents a Master's Piece to be set into the Temple, unless each workman is able to vision the completed work and voluntarily uses his Gavel to produce a finished Ashlar of service, that Ashlar to either support or surmount the Perfect Ashlars of other Brethren.

Event Announcements

- March 20
Ritualistic Excellence Program
Carlisle Lodge No. 260
- March 22
District School of Instruction
Entered Apprentice
Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315
- April 26
District School of Instruction
Fellow Craft
Mt. Pisgah No. 443
- May 1
Regional School of Instruction
Carlisle Lodge No. 260
- May 24
District School of Instruction
Master Mason
Acacia Lodge No. 586
- May 19
District Three Past Masters Club Dinner
Carlisle Masonic Temple
- August 23
District School of Instruction Funeral
Service/Examination of a Visitor
Carlisle Lodge No. 260
- September 22
District Three Low Vale
- September 27
District School of Instruction
Entered Apprentice
Orrstown Lodge No. 262
- October 25
District School of Instruction
Master Mason
George Washington Lodge No. 143
- November
Election/Installation of Officers
Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302

**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, Freemasonry is roaring into March like a lion! All of the lodges in the district are open for stated meetings this month. Several of our lodges have held extra meetings in February and will do the same in March. There is nothing better than an impressive night of work at an extra meeting. The new brethren surely deserve the support of their Brothers sitting on the side lines when they receive their degrees. Several of our incoming brethren, and candidates, have waited quite a long time for their degrees. I love degree work, and will be in attendance at many extra meetings this year!

As the Lodges in the district open backup, we will continue to follow all of the COVID 19 guidelines set forth by our Grand Master and our Commonwealth. The Grand Master has had to make many difficult decisions over the last year. He has stepped forward and has been the leader that our Fraternity needed for these difficult times. I personally commend him on a job well done and I hope all of the Brethren support

him in these decisions!

The district has several events on the calendar this Masonic year. We will be holding an oyster feed in April, District 3 Past Master dinner, District 3 family picnic, a trip to the Grand Lodge, and a Low Vale to mention a few. Please review the District newsletter each month for details as they become available. The Worshipful Masters and other officers are working hard to present interesting programs at the stated meetings. Come out and support them as they enjoy the satisfaction and pride during their "Year in the East." I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel the Masonic trail throughout 2021. Until we meet again, 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 were able to conduct the School of Instruction again in February, though with only limited participation due to COVID-19 restrictions. Brethren from Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 did an excellent job exemplifying the Business of the Lodge, to include the optional ways to receive the District Deputy Grand Master and the ritual for voting on petitions, which must now be done by the ballot box. All Brethren and Lodge Instructors should be aware that the current procedures for the ballot box require the Senior Deacon to carry the ballot box to elected officers before it is placed on the altar for other Brethren to vote. This is a change directed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master and is different from that described in the current ritual book.

At SOI on March 22nd, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will exemplify the Entered Apprentice Degree. At this time, I expect the restrictions on attendance to remain in effect through March. Given these restrictions, we can only have 31 Brethren in attendance with twenty-four seats available for the Lodges, or roughly three each. Worshipful Masters should consider which Brethren in their Lodge would best benefit from being at this SOI with its focus on the EA Degree. Also, Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, Jr., Regional Instructor for Region 2, will be making his spring visit at this meeting.

DDGM official visits begin in March and hopefully banquets will resume in April. If your Lodge would like to have a principal attend one of your rehearsals in preparation for the DDGM visit, your banquet, or for any reason, please let us know and we will have one of the principals at your rehearsal.

Brethren, I am hopeful that the health environment will improve soon, that restrictions on attendance at all Masonic functions can be lifted, and we can resume gathering as we did before the restrictions. Please continue to be safe.



Academy of Masonic Knowledge

<https://pamasonicacademy.org/>

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. All Pennsylvania Masons are eligible to participate in the Academy's Certification Process, culminating with the designation as a Master Masonic Scholar. External studies programs are currently the fastest growing of all educational methods and the most diverse. The Committee of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge will attempt to provide to you the basic tools and principles for your study. How well you use these tools in your pursuit of Masonic knowledge will be analyzed and determined through your Evaluation Reports. It is important to your success that you not only know the subject, but that you demonstrate an ability to identify and apply the Masonic principles you have learned. The best ideas are those that work and the best scholars are leaders who set the pace for putting their thoughts and knowledge into action.

[Masonic Scholar Program Enrollment](#)

Upcoming Academy Dates

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Saturday, October 23, 2021

The Masonic Nugget – Old Time Masonry

By Brother Dewey H. Wollstein



Many Brothers refer to Masonry of another generation as "Old Time Masonry." The next generation, too, will refer to Masons of our day, using the same expression.

It is true that we are living in what seems to be the "efficient age." Yet when we yearn for a type of Masonry that we believe existed in another day, and when we feel some anxiety about Masonry of today, we are looking at scenes rather than events.

Scenes change. Customs change. But the character of man does not change. The principles of Freemasonry, founded upon the irrevocable Laws of the Creator, do not change. The Mason placed in any period of history would be the same Mason.

The Mason who attends lodge regularly, who comes to know the members of his lodge as brothers and friends, understands "Old Time Masonry" is a living, vital factor in the present, just as it has been through the centuries.

A crisis arises. From our lodges throughout the world, Masons, men who know the value of freedom, and the sacrifices necessary to preserve it, come forth and willingly offer their lives in defense of Masonic principles. In spirit they are the same as those Masons of Washington's days

Masonry and the Mason are "Old Time" whether of yesterday or today

COVID 19 Restrictions and Guidelines

As a reminder whenever attending a Masonic meeting or function COVID 19 restrictions are still in place with masks, social distancing, and wavers as required.

The following procedures are being implemented to assess members' health status prior to entering the Lodge.

1. Officers, Members, & Guests must not attend Lodge or Lodge functions if they are ill or have other health issues that may make them more susceptible to contracting the disease.
2. Officers, Members, & Guests must not attend Lodge or Lodge functions for a minimum of 14 days post travel overseas, been tested positive for Covid, or are awaiting test results.
3. Individuals that are noticeably ill will not be permitted entrance into the Lodge or its facilities.

Members and visitors that they are not permitted to attend Lodge or Lodge functions if they meet criteria in items 1, 2, or 3.

Lodge Hall occupation will be restricted to 75% in the "Green Phase" until the restrictions are lifted.

- Chairs may be placed on the floor to expand seating capacity provided that the 6 foot rule is maintained.
- Members will maintain a distance of a minimum of 6 feet between themselves.
- Officer stations may be moved within reason to accommodate the distancing rule.
- Elevator use (if applicable) is to be limited to no more than one or two individuals at one time.

Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines

- Wear a mask — indoors and outdoors — whenever you leave home or have people who do not live with you in your space.
- Keep your distance from those you don't live with and avoid crowds.
- Download the COVID Alert PA mobile app to get alerted if you've been near someone who has tested positive, and to alert others if you test positive.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands!
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Clean high-touch surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, remotes, and other frequently touched items.
- If you are sick — even if your symptoms are mild — stay home until you are feeling better.

Around the District

Be an active member!



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>

Ladies Night Banquet May 8, 2021

From the desk of the Secretary,

In our Lodges, March is the month when names are read for those who still owe dues. Some may have read the names in February to get an extra jump on this. Please check your dues card and verify that it has “Expires December 31, 2021” on the card. If it does not, contact your respective secretary. He will also be mailing letters to notify those who have not paid. If not paid by the April Stated Meeting, those who have not paid will be suspended. Also, if you are not now “In Good Standing”, you don’t belong to any appendant body that requires membership in Lodge. I know that the mail is terrible at this time, so if you are not current, take care of this ASAP.

The program scheduled for March 12, 2021 Stated Meeting will be “How Many Masons Does It Take To Screw In A Light Bulb” presented by Brother Robert C. Snyder II PM, PDDGM.

We will also be having an Extra Meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm when we will be conferring (4) Entered Apprentice Mason Degrees and an Extra Meeting on Friday, March 19, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm when we will be conferring (2) Master Mason Degrees and (1) Fellow Craft Mason Degrees.

If you are planning to attend, remember that Covid-19 requirements are still in force; the wearing of masks, social distancing, and waver sheets as needed.

Be Safe Brothers!

Dennis R. McClanahan, PM
Secretary

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>

Ladies Night Banquet September 11, 2021

Greetings from the East,

Community Activity Spotlight



This month Carlisle Lodge No. 260 ran a donation drive for the Community Cares program. This program assists those in the area that are homeless or near homeless with a variety of things including shelter, food, employment service etc. The brothers of the lodge did an outstanding job in collecting supplies. We also made a financial monetary donation of additional \$250 to the program. Thank you to all the brothers and their families that participated.

Election and Installation of Officers

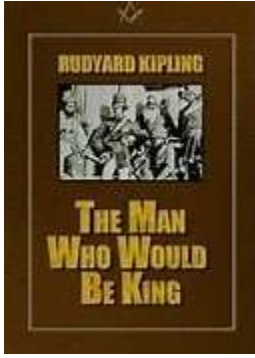
On February 9th, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 held a special meeting for the purpose of electing and installing its current set of officers. It was special night for Carlisle Lodge No. 260, and myself. I want to thank those who were in attendance for sharing it with me. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to serve our lodge and the fraternity.

I also want to congratulate Brother Marc Thorne on being elected and installed as Junior Warden. I look forward to working with you and the other officers this year to help continue the strong tradition of excellence that Carlisle Lodge No. 260 has come to represent.



Finally, I want to thank Brothers Ken Robinson, WM, Bill Northey, SW and Denny Beaver Jr, JW from Eureka West Shore Lodge No. 302 for coming out and supporting me and Carlisle Lodge No. 260. I also want to thank them for the fantastic head gear, it almost makes me look normal!

Lodge Program



This past month, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 hosted its first ever online lodge program. We had the great pleasure to enjoy “The Man Who Would Be King” presented by Brother Yasser Al-Khatib. In addition to those in attendance in the lodge, we were joined by brothers on-line as well including Brother Brian Ellis all the way from Maine! It was a great presentation. Thank you to Brother Yasser for the fantastic presentation, we very much enjoyed it.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Donald C. Palesky
Worshipful Master

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>

Ladies Night Banquet May 1, 2021

Greetings from the East,

Orrstown Lodge No. 262 is pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual Official Visit and Dinner at our March 11th meeting. This year's event will be held at Tall Timbers Park in Orrstown PA. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.). Due to limitations from COVID this past year, an Elk meal will not be possible, but we will be featuring a special meal prepared by Chef Willie. Dinner will be Jamaican Jerk Chicken, Honey Glazed Chicken, Rice and Peas, Corn, and Dinner Rolls. Dessert will be Pineapple-Upside-Down Cake. An attendance limit of the first 100 people to RSVP will be required due to limits on facility accommodations, so reservations with the Lodge Secretary are required.

A Lodge of Master Masons will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. with an official visit by Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM District 3 and the presentation of Masonic service awards. Suit and tie, or tux for officers is required. All Grand Lodge COVID safety rules will be observed at all times, and the meal will be served buffet style with servers to prevent cross contamination. Please join us on this exciting day and enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers in Freemasonry!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Matthew R. Hoch
Worshipful Master

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>

Ladies Night Banquet: September 25, 2021

Greetings from the East,

The lodge had a stated meeting scheduled for February 1st, however The Great Architect of the Universe had other plans for us. We were able to open and close the lodge, but unfortunately, due to a significant snowstorm, no business or program was done. We were able to confer our degrees on February 3rd and 4th. On the 3rd, Brother Rick Kellinger was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Four new candidates, two of whom are brothers, were entered into the Craft between the two evenings. Interestingly, we have had some excellent fellowship and conversations after the extra meetings upon retiring to the new lodge annex, Brother Kellinger's basement for cigars and drinks.



The lodge has returned to our unofficial ZOOM toast meetings once a month on the third Thursday at 9:00 p.m. [Click here](#) and feel free to join us.

Our next stated meeting will be held on March 1st, preceded by a dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage in honor of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day. We will be limited to 24 at dinner and 40 in the lodge room. The evening's program will be presented by Brother William L. Kingsbury, about Masonic Villages COVID experience, the vision for Masonic Charities, an exciting project being done at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. It should be a fascinating evening.

On March 3rd we will be conferring two Fellowcraft Mason's degrees. Brother Denny Beaver will be the conferring master for the degrees.

On March 8th, the Lodge will be holding a blood drive with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Like our blood drives last year, donations will be by appointment only and social distancing will be practiced and COVID regulations followed. Brother Harry Woods has done a tremendous job heading up our blood drives and we, and the community, are indebted to him for his efforts.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Kenneth B. Robinson
Worshipful Master

OYSTER DINNER



2021 District 3 Stag OYSTER DINNER

Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 is pleased to host the District 3 Annual Oyster Dinner on **April 5, 2021** at 5:30 pm in the Lawrence I. Widders Social Room of the Masonic Temple located at the corner of Market Street and Cedar Avenue in Mechanicsburg, PA.

- Raw Oysters
- Fried Oysters
- Oyster Stew
- Oven Roasted Potatoes and a cooked vegetable
- \$30.00 per person with Proceeds going to the Lodge Scholarship Fund



Contact Jim Upperman with RSVP and choice of raw oysters, fried oysters, or both at 717-877-9395 or via text or voicemail before 3/29/2021

***Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this event will be limited to 45 brethren.



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>

Ladies Night Banquet: April 17, 2021

Greetings from the East,

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 March 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m... A Fellowship meal will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. Programs for the evening will include an Introduction of Lodge Officers for 2021, a Masonic Short Talk, and announcement of Committee Members for 2021.

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 March 18, 2021. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Michael J. Ervin. The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred upon Andrew J. Olds and Kyle M. Stokes.

Reminder if you have not paid your 2021 Dues!

Your dues for the Masonic Year 2021 are now past due. Checks should be made payable to: Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Dues may be mailed directly to: Secretary Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA 17257. You may now pay your dues online @ <https://pamasons.force.com/community/login> If you are having any trouble or need assistance with online payments please contact the Secretary at 717-816-1633 Or via email at SECY0315@pagrandlodge.org.

Help, Aid, and Assistance

Brother Marlin Johnson has recently experienced a home fire. Anyone interested in provide assistance to our bother may do by donating to the Marlin Johnson Fire fund at Orrstown Bank at 77 East King Street Shippensburg, PA 17257. Cards can be mailed to PO Box 544, Shippensburg, Pa 17257.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jason E. White
Worshipful Master

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>

Ladies Night Banquet October 9, 2021

Greetings from the East,

On March 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. we will be holding our stated meeting. In addition to the report of the Audit Committee, Brother Robert E. Lindsay, Jr., PM, will be presenting a short “Rusty Trowel” program so we can brush up on lodge room ritual – especially balloting.

Fraternal Greetings,

Todd L. Johnson, PM

Worshipful Master

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>

Ladies Night Banquet TBA

Greetings from the East,

I hope each and every one is doing well. A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.. The Program for the evening will be a Masonic Short Talk presented by Brother Toby A. Stoner, WM.

An Extra Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held on Thursday March 18, 2021. The Fellowcraft Mason Degree will be conferred upon James Michael Norwood. Please come out and show your support.

Fraternal Greetings,

Toby A. Stoner

Worshipful Master

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>

Ladies Night Banquet October 2, 2021

From the desk of the Secretary,

Acacia Lodge No. 586 has been committed to its community for the past 6 or 7 years. Our Lodge members put up the US Flags along Main Street, Waynesboro, PA, for all the Holidays. Flag Raising on Main St Waynesboro has begun for 2021 with putting up and taking down the flags on President's Day, Monday, February 15th and will continue on for Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day. Our Members meet about 7:00 AM each Holiday morning to start putting up the Flags up on Main Street and then again at about 5:00 PM to take them Down.

February 23, 2021 marked the first degree conferred we had conferred on a new member for some time. We conferred the First Degree on Brandon Richard Clevenger who is now the newest Brother in Acacia Lodge No. 586. We also read two new petitions for men indicating their desire to become Masons at our February Stated Meeting.

Applications for the Acacia Lodge #586 Scholarship Fund's 2021 Scholarship of \$1,500.00 are now available. The Scholarship is for a grandchild or child of a current or deceased member of Acacia Lodge for their first year of study at a college or a post high school graduate school.

We have received an invitation to a history lesson with Masonic overtones which will include a walk/ride at the Gettysburg Battlefield on May 16, 2021. As we receive further information we update everyone within the District and Area.

On March 19, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Acacia Lodge No. 586 Free and Accepted Masons will be holding our stated meeting and will be honored with an official visit by Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM.

On Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Acacia Lodge No. 586 Free and Accepted Masons will be holding and extra meeting for the conferral of the Fellowcraft degree on Brandon R. Clevenger.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Robert W. Nelson, Jr., PM
Secretary

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>

Greetings from the West,

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
Senior Warden

Correction Notice: January and February editions of the 3rd Masonic District have noted Brother Yasser Al-Khatib as Worshipful Master in error. Brother Richard L. Wenner is Worshipful Master of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research.