

Third Masonic District

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Some Deeper Aspects of Masonic Symbolism

By Bro. Arthur Edward Waite, England



Living Stones

The Candidate is instructed to work towards his own perfection under the light of Masonry. There is no mystery, no concealment whatever, and it calls for no research in respect of its source. Its analogies and replicas are everywhere, more especially in religious systems. It is a reflection of the Pauline doctrine that man is or may become a temple of the Holy Spirit. But it should be observed in this connection that there is a rather important though confusing mixture of images in the address of the Worshipful Master to the Candidate,

after the latter has been invested and brought to the East. It is pointed out to him that he represents the cornerstone of a building – as it might be, the whole Masonic edifice but he is immediately counselled to raise a superstructure from the foundation of that corner-stone – thus reversing the image. That of the corner-stone is like an externalization in dramatic form of an old Rosicrucian maxim belonging to the year 1629: – "Be ye transmuted from dead stones into living, philosophical stones."

... it is the more important side of the symbolism; it is as if the great Masonic edifice were to be raised on each Candidate; and if every Neophyte shaped his future course both in and out of Masonry, as though this were the case actually, I feel that the Royal Art would be other than it now is and that our individual lives would differ.

Masonry has for its object, under one aspect, the building of the Candidate as a house or temple of life. Degrees outside the Craft aspire to this building as a living stone in a spiritual temple, meet for God's service.

Event Announcements

May 1

Note: The Regional School of Instruction scheduled for this dated has been cancelled/postponed.

May 24

District School of Instruction
Master Mason Degree
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 29

District Three Low Vale

September 27

District School of Instruction
Entered Apprentice
Orrstown Lodge No. 262

October 25

District School of Instruction
Master Mason Degree
George Washington Lodge No. 143

November 22

District School of Instruction
Election/Installation of Officers
Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302

December 20

District School of Instruction
Fellowcraft Mason Degree
Big Spring Lodge No. 361

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!

Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District is buzzing as more of the Brethren venture out. There is no better place to attend during this time than Lodge with your Brothers. As I visited the Lodges in the District for my official visit, I noticed an excitement for Freemasonry that has been lacking for quite a while. Many of the Brethren that I had interactions with were enthusiastic about what the future holds for Masonry. I agree with many of them that the Lodge is a great place to be as they venture out after a long period of stay-at-home time. The official visits were well attended. The Worshipful Masters and other officers accompanied me on the visits as a way of recognizing them for their achievement in their own Lodges. I had the distinct pleasure of giving over 20 awards of gold to the Brethren in the district. It was great hearing what the men had to say after they received their awards. Many of the Brothers were somewhat emotional as they received the award. Several commented that they wished they had gone through the chairs and made the journey to the East in their Lodge. They

expressed that as they matured in age, they realized being a Worshipful Master in District Three is a great accomplishment. It is never too late to become an officer in your Lodge or learn a Degree. You will notice a great sense of pride as you do the work. Contact your Worshipful Master and he will let you know what is required and help you along on your journey!!

The District has several events planned for this year including a trip to Grand Lodge in June sponsored by Eureka-West Shore Lodge. We will be conferring a Master Mason Degree in the Norman Hall along with a private tour of the Grand Lodge. The trip is open to your significant other and there will be activities for them while the Degree is conferred. Be sure to sign up for this exciting event as soon as possible. The District also has a Low Vale scheduled for September co-sponsored by Orrstown Lodge and Carlisle Lodge. Additional details on this event will be in future monthly newsletters.

Brethren, come out to your Lodge this month!! You will surely have an excellent evening renewing your friendship with your Brethren! 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,

The Third Masonic District has resumed scheduling annual Ladies Night and Anniversary Banquets. It has been some time since Lodges have done these banquets, so I wanted to use the newsletter to identify some of the key things you should be thinking about as you prepare for and conduct your Lodge banquet. Much of the guidance in this article comes from the Protocol Manual for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which also serves as a guide for local Lodge banquets.

Worshipful Masters should ensure written invitations go to all who are officially expected to attend. Please make sure the invitation includes the date for the response. If you don't receive a response shortly after it is due, give the invitee a call. For all Brethren, please respond to the invitation by the response date to ensure the host Lodge can fully prepare for evening and avoid any surprises (like not enough seats or food).

Lodge officers should wear Masonic dress for the banquet. A short, or tuxedo coat is acceptable but not required. All other Brethren should be in coat and tie.

Ensure the room for the banquet is properly set up. Seating for the head table should follow the guidance provided in the Leadership Training Handbook provided to Worshipful Masters and Wardens (avoid ladies at the end of the table). There should be an American Flag, a podium, a gavel (use it for all standing and being seated to include introduction of the DDGM), and if at all possible, a podium. If a sound system or other audiovisual equipment is used, **MAKE SURE IT WORKS** before the start of the banquet.

You should have a written program. Most Lodges have a history of banquet programs to use as examples. If you need an example program, please notify one of the SOI Principals. Historically, the program begins with a welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, and introduction of the head table and guests prior to dinner. After dinner, the program should include introduction of past masters, spouses of deceased Brethren, introduction of officers and introduction of visiting Worshipful Masters. The Worshipful Master usually introduces visiting WMs, and other officers introduce Past Masters, spouses of deceased Brethren and Lodge officers. I recommend that officers making the introductions make sure they know who is present for introducing PMs, and when introducing Lodge officers, know which ones are present and acknowledge those who were unable to attend. Officers introducing spouses of departed brethren should also know which of those invited are present. Make sure you know how to pronounce their names and if possible, introduce yourself to them before the banquet starts.

Some Lodges present awards at annual banquets and these should be given prior to the entertainment. It is customary for entertainment to be provided prior to remarks by the DDGM (or RWGM if present) if possible. The Grand Lodge Protocol Guide states that remarks by the DDGM (or RWGM if present) should be the last thing done prior to the benediction.

I hope we are all excited about resuming the tradition of annual Lodge banquets. Good luck with your banquet preparation and don't hesitate to contact the SOI if you need additional assistance.

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, October 23, 2021

Saturday, March 19, 2022

The Quarterly Grand Lodge Communication

To the Members of the Grand Lodge: The June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F&AM will be conducted at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Due to the current situation and restrictions the Communication will be conducted virtually for which you are encouraged to view the streamed event from your location.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

The Masonic Nugget

The Mystic Tie

One cannot hold another down in the ditch without staying in the ditch with him; in helping the man who is down to rise, the man who is up is freeing himself from a burden that would else drag him down. For the man who is down there is always something to hope for, always something to be gained.

– Brother Booker Washington

Around the District

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 waivers as required.

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>

From the desk of the Secretary,

Due to continued COVID-19 restrictions, George Washington Lodge No. 143 Ladies Night Banquet scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2021 has been cancelled per the Worshipful Master.

A Stated Meeting of George Washington Lodge No. 143 Free and Accepted Masons will be held on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be an Oriental Rug Presentation by Brother Frank M. Essis, Sr. Remember, continue to follow Covid-19 and Lodge requirements when attending or visiting.

We will be having two Extra Meetings in May. Both Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Our first will be Thursday, May 20, 2021 with the conferral of three Master Mason Degrees. Our second will be Friday, May 21, 2021 with the conferral of one Fellow Craft Mason Degree and three Entered Apprentice Mason Degrees. Remember, continue to follow Covid-19 and Lodge requirements when attending or visiting.

Take Care Brothers!

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>
Ladies Night Banquet September 11, 2021

Greetings from the East,

Community Activity Spotlight!



On Saturday, April 24th, Brothers J. David McKibben, PM, William R Bunt, PM, Stephen L Gotwols and I delivered breakfast casseroles and orange juice to Community Cares program. With this effort we helped ensure that 35-40 individuals received a fantastic hot home cooked meal. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter this program helps serve some of our most vulnerable community members in getting the services they need to get back on their feet. A special thank you goes out to Brothers David, Bill, and Stephen for their assistance!

Lodge Activities

On April 5th, Brothers J David McKibben, PM, Robert P Myers and myself traveled down to Eureka-West Lodge No. 302 and captured the District 3 Traveling Gavel. Brother Ken Robinson, WM and his lodge put on a great Oyster Feed. A great time was enjoyed by all.



At our Stated Meeting on April 20th, a few brothers from Eureka-West Shore joined us, recaptured the District 3 Traveling Gavel, and took the gavel back up to their lodge. I want to thank those brothers who came down and joined us, we enjoyed having you. I want to encourage my other brothers to come visit us.

Upcoming Events

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On Tuesday, May 18th, at its stating meeting, Carlisle Lodge will be presenting Brother Jeffery R. Miller, DDGM with a gift as a token of our appreciation for this dedication and service to our lodge, our district and Freemasonry across the state. I can assure everyone this is no normal gift and would encourage everyone to come out and see what the surprise is!



On Tuesday, May 18th, at 7pm, Carlisle will be conducting its lodge program online via Zoom. The title of the program is *Brother Benjamin Franklin: Applying the Teachings of Freemasonry*. The program is being presented by Brother Craig Brody, PM of Columbia Lodge No 91.

I want to encourage everyone to bring their favorite snack. This is program is open to everyone including non-Masons.

If you cannot attend in person join us via ZOOM at the link below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75038741533?pwd=eHBpSjNwZW9GMzIrdE9BSGp1QXJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 750 3874 1533

Passcode: ZCYL6x

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

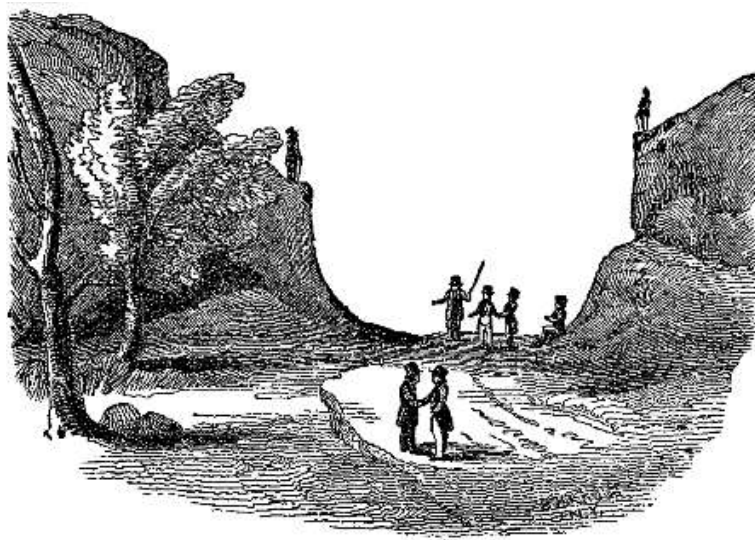
Worshipful Master

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

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

Greetings from the East,

Orrstown Lodge is pleased to announce our Ladies Night Banquet for 2021! The banquet will be held at Tall Timbers Park located at 3159 Orrstown Road, Orrstown, PA on May 1, 2021. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m. Attire is semi-formal. Cost per person is \$25.00. Tickets are available. Contact the Worshipful Master for further details.



Brethren, mark your calendar. On September 29, 2021 Carlisle Lodge 260 and Orrstown Lodge # 262 will be co-hosting the District 3 2021 Low Vale. More details to follow concerning the location, time of the event, and ticketing.

A Stated Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be on Pennsylvania State Police, presented by Brother Walter D. Hoffmann.

On May 8th, Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will be holding a blood drive with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. The blood drive will be held at Tall Timbers Park 3159 Orrstown Road, Orrstown, PA from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m..

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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,

On April 5th the Lodge hosted the annual the District 3 Oyster Feed prior to our stated meeting. We prepared and served approximately 54 diners that evening, with staged seating so social distancing could be observed. Brothers Scott S. Fogle, PM and Richard J. Kellinger did an excellent job planning event and executing the logistics. Brother Thomas R. Kehler did a fantastic job cooking the breaded oysters and making the oyster soup. A hearty thank you for the brethren that stepped up to shuck oysters for a couple hours before the dinner started, including one of our Entered Apprentice Masons, and a father of two others as a stand in. We had a good time shucking it up in the kitchen! The District Deputy brought some guests including the RWPGM and RWPGS to enjoy the food.



Following the Oyster feed we held our stated meeting with the program being the District Deputy's Official Visit and the presentation of 50, and 60 year service awards. We presented 11 total awards to brethren.

Brother S. Eugene Herritt, RWPGM presented two of the service awards! Carlisle Lodge also brought several brethren to capture the District 3 traveling gavel. Congratulations Brother Donald. C. “Chief” Palesky, WM!



Four brethren from the lodge, led by Brother James C. McElhenie, made a trip to Carlisle Lodge No. 260 to recapture the district traveling gavel on April 20th while the elected officers were traveling with the District Deputy to visit with Brother Toby Stoner, WM and Mt. Pisgah Lodge #443.



The lodge has continues to host to our unofficial ZOOM toast meetings once a month on the third Thursday at 9 p.m. Below is the link to the Zoom, feel free to join us.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Our next stated meeting will be on May 3rd. The evening program will be presented by Brother Benjamin Tyler Moyer, PIMC, PSMC of the Order of DeMolay. He will be presenting the DeMolay Ceremony of Lights immediately preceding the Stated Meeting and will follow on with a presentation during the meeting on the status, future and impact of DeMolay. It should be a fascinating evening. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner of roast beef sandwiches tater tots, sweet potato fries, and slaw prepared by our stewards. Cost will be \$12 per person. Reservations are due to Brother James C. Upperman at 717-877-9395 by Friday April 30 at Noon.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Kenneth B. Robinson
Worshipful Master

Eureka - West Shore Lodge
Visit to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
June 19, 2021



Eureka West Shore Lodge No. 302 is planning a visit to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on June 19, 2021. We are leaving by charter bus from the EWS Lodge parking lot (910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA) at 8:00 AM sharp, and leaving the Grand Lodge building (1 North Broad Street, Phila.) at 4:30 PM sharp. During our visit, we will have a tour of the historic Grand Lodge building. We plan to have lunch as a group at a local restaurant (paid separately and individually). Also, after lunch, all Master Masons are invited to change into appropriate lodge meeting attire and attend the Raising of a New Master Mason in the Norman Hall of the Grand Lodge. While that is taking place, others in attendance will be able to tour other local attractions. The price for a bus reservation is \$35.00 per person, payable to EWS-302, by cash or check. Reservations must be made by May 15, 2021 if you plan to participate. We are limited to 100 participants based on bus seating. Priority will be given to Eureka West Shore Lodge members and family, but the event is open to brethren and families in the 3rd Masonic District. All COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event will be enforced.

Name: _____ Lodge No. _____ Number Attending _____
Payment enclosed (\$35 per attendee) _____

Please give or send your reservation request and payment to Brother William A. Northey, SW, at his address: 370 Old Quaker Road, Etters, PA 17319.

Phone number 717-880-5610

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>

Greetings from the East,

Our April extra meeting marked the Passing of two of our newest Brothers, Andrew J. Olds and Kyle M. Stokes, to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason. Brother Jesse E Weller, SW, did a fantastic job conferring the degrees. The lodge officers and guides were exemplary in their work providing our Brothers with a very memorable and impressive experience. It was a fantastic night of Freemasonry!



Brothers Andrew J. Olds and Kyle M. Stokes with the degree team.

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, May 6, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be “*Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol as an Initiatic Journey*” presented by Bro. William L. Britton, PM. A Fellowship meal will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Alexander Stewart Social Hall.

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, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Andrew Joseph Olds and Kyle Matthew Stokes. Please plan to attend this important night as our newest bothers are raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jason E. White

Worshipful Master

Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315
2021 Fundraiser



Worshipful Master Jason E. White
has secured these beautiful
Masonic Challenge Coins
Available for only \$10.00 each.

Help support Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315
& this year's fundraiser by picking one up today!

See the Worshipful Master
or any Lodge Officer
for details.

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241
Second Thursday 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,

Brother Jeffrey R. Miller District Deputy Grand Master, and Worshipful Masters of District 3, honored Big Spring Lodge with an official visit.



On May 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. we will be holding our next stated meeting. There is no formal program for the evening but we will hear the reports of our newly formed Ritualistic Foundation and Masonic Temple committees followed by an open discussion about the future of our lodge. Boring I know, but necessary!

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,

Brother Jeffrey R. Miller District Deputy Grand Master, and Worshipful Masters of District 3, honored Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 with an official visit during our April stated meeting. During his visit the District Deputy Grand Master awarded Brother Richard K. Rice, PM the Mason of the Year Award for his outstanding service as IT manager for the Third Masonic District, and subsequently the Second Masonic Region. Congratulations Brother Rice! Thank you for your outstanding service to the Region and the District.



A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, Third Floor, Tower Bank, Greencastle, PA on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be *Our Masonic Vice Presidents* presented by Brother Glenn Kurzenknabe.

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,

A Stated Meeting of Acacia Lodge No. 586 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The Program for the evening will be a talk about the Mont Alto Forest Academy presented by Past Master C. Edward Bortzfield.

Our Extra Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. We will be conferring the Fellow Craft degree upon Andrew C. Hynes and Nathaniel R. Culp. Please plan on attending to assist in the passing of our newest Brothers to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Competition was tight for the Acacia Lodge #586 Scholarship. But the Scholarship Committee picked Emily L. Malesky for the 2021 Scholarship of \$1,500. Miss Malesky is the granddaughter of Past Master Tony Mullins. She will graduate in May from Delone Catholic High School and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh to study Pre-Med this fall. Thanks to all our members who continue to support the scholarship fund. We continually receive applications from a highly qualified group of applicants.

Our lodge has received an invitation to attend 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.

Our First Chicken BBQ is planned for Saturday, May 8, 2021. We will be set up at the F & M Trust Parking Lot on East Main St, Waynesboro. The BBQ will begin at 7:00 a.m. and will conclude about noon or soon after (when all the chicken is sold). Help is always welcome, either by working the BBQ or buying our very fine chicken. The schedule for the summer includes the following dates for additional Chicken BBQs: June 12, July 17, August 14 and September 11. Please mark these dates on your calendar so you don't miss some wonderful chicken.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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>

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.

Programs

Information about the Craft in general is shared, and at least two research papers are presented, followed by discussion. Of course, good fellowship is also essential to the success of the Lodge of Research!

The Annual Meeting is held late in the year, at which the election and installation of officers is held. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

Anyone, by invitation of the Master, may present. Brethren interested in submitting papers for possible presentation at future meetings of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, or who have Masonic queries they would like answered, should submit them to the Secretary.

How to Join

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 use this link:
<https://palodgeofresearch.org/membership/>

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

Next Meeting

The June Stated Meeting will be conducted on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Fritz No. 308, 1801 Fayette St, Conshohocken, PA 19428, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Reservations for this meeting may be required but are not yet open. Please check the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research for more information closer to the event. Members of the Lodge of Research will receive a notice of meeting via email.