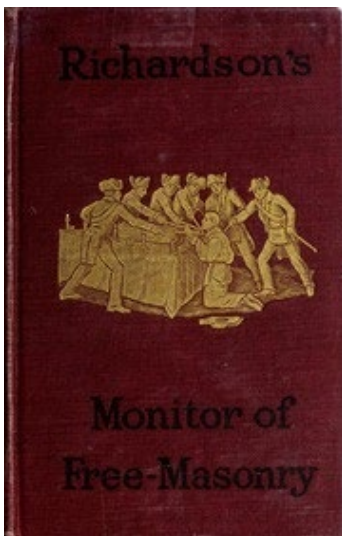


Third Masonic District

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What's The Difference Between a Monitor and a Ritual Book?



Masonic libraries, like the Van Gorden-Williams Library and Archives, have multiple editions of various books that are called "monitors," and which, at first glance, look a lot like books that contain Masonic rituals. So, what's the difference between a monitor and a ritual book?

It might help to start with an analogy. One can think of Masonic degree ritual as a sort of morality play, in which the candidate is the main protagonist and other members of the lodge take on other dramatic roles in the cast. (This is truer of Scottish Rite ritual than other Masonic ritual, but all Masonic ritual is presented in a dramatic form.) Ritual books contain the scripts to these "plays," and contain

material that is considered either secret or not intended for non-members. Monitors, on the other hand, contain the non-secret excerpts of rituals, lectures, and other ceremonies, and are sometimes a bit more like the Cliffs Notes or Spark Notes version of the play. In other words, monitors include extracts of parts of Masonic ritual that, when read, may give the reader a general sense of the ritual while including neither the text of the ritual itself, nor the passwords, signs, grips, etc. that are a part of what Masons pledge not to reveal to non-Masons. Most monitors, however, presume a familiarity with Masonic ritual, so the average reader may still find reading a monitor a somewhat confusing adventure. Historians interested in Freemasonry can use monitors to see how Masonic ritual has changed over time.

Monitors exist for the Craft degrees (i.e., the first three degrees), Scottish Rite, York Rite, and various other degrees. Monitors of Scottish Rite ritual often include descriptions of how the lodge room or stage is decorated and often contain an outline of the narrative story of the degree. Monitors of the Craft degrees usually contain excerpts from the various "lectures" in which the

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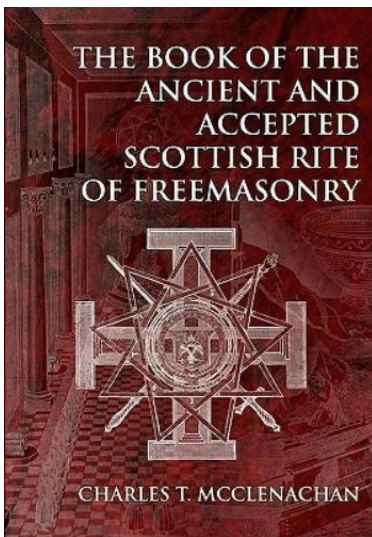
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Election/Installation of Officers
Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302

December 20
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Big Spring Lodge No. 361

metaphorical meaning of various Masonic symbols is explained. An example of this can be found in the description of the plumb, level, and square in a monitor published in 1861:

The Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the Square of our virtue, and remembering that we are traveling upon the Level of time, to that undiscovered country, from whose bourn [i.e. destination] no traveler returns.

Despite the popular impression that Masonic ritual does not change, the fact is that it does - especially in the Scottish Rite's Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The first official Scottish Rite monitor was Charles T. McClenachan's *The Book of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*, which was published in conjunction with the "Union of 1867" when two competing Scottish Rite Supreme Councils merged to form the present day Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.



McClenachan's monitor provides a peek into what Scottish Rite degrees were like almost 150 years ago. It might surprise Scottish Rite Masons today to find that in those days, Scottish Rite ritual was not staged in a theater setting (that innovation came a bit later), but took place in the same kind of rectangular lodge room in which the Craft degrees are held. The illustrations seen here are from McClenachan's monitor and show an artist's rendering of how the lodge room was to be decorated for the Fourth Degree, Secret Master (above, left) and the Ninth Degree, Knights Elect of Nine (above, right). It's worth noting that these depictions don't represent current Scottish Rite ritual in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. In fact, as Arturo de Hoyos has pointed out, ritual in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has changed so often over the years, that a mere three years after the publication of McClenachan's book it was already outdated.

For more information about Scottish Rite monitors, we recommend "Scottish Rite Monitors: A Brief Overview," which can be found in Arturo de Hoyos's *The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide*. C. DeForrest Trexler's *The Degree Rituals of The Supreme Council, 33°, AASR, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction United States of America*, published by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's Supreme Council in 2008, is the definitive overview of the history of the development of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's degrees.¹

¹ The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library Blog

https://nationalheritagemuseum.typepad.com/library_and_archives/2010/08/whats-the-difference-between-a-monitor-and-a-ritual-book.html

Lending a Helping Hand

By Brother William Britton

Recently a call went out to assist a good and worthy Brother in need over course of a recent weekend. Many brethren, including myself responded to our brother's need. Yes, there were many things we all could have been doing over the weekend; however, we all felt our brother's need more important. A lot of work was accomplished in a short period of time. Many hands make light work.

Looking back on our harmonious labors I was reminded of a passage from Brother Elbert Bede's book 3-5-7 Minute Talks of Freemasonry:

"The Wages of a Master Mason are not paid in silver or gold, or articles of commerce and trade that may be stolen or may deteriorate and moulder through the passage of the years. They are paid in those things that the Brother may keep within the repository of the faithful breast. They are paid in those things that are secure in the hearts of his Brethren and his friends. The wages of a Master Mason have no intrinsic value. They cannot be measured by any standard by which the value of intrinsic things is measured. Wages of a Master Mason are measured only by the value placed upon them by the one who has received them."

Brother Palmer Fox best sums up our gentle Craft with this quote, *"The hands that do and the hearts that dare, leave monuments upon the square."*

We came and dared to do our best. We left upon the square a grateful heart.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Charities Appeal

Look for the 2021 annual Masonic Charities appeal letter to arrive in your mailbox. Please read the material and consider the needs addressed by the Masonic Charities.

As a Freemason, you set a high standard for yourself. Freemasonry is more than a fraternity – it is a way of life through kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, pity, and concern for the unfortunate, resistance of the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence, and love for God.

Please support the necessary programs and services we make possible together.

Please contribute online by visiting www.masoniccharitiespa.org and clicking "Our Charities" in the banner. Then, navigate to the charity of your choice and click "Give Now." You may also mail your contribution to:

Masonic Charities of Pennsylvania
Office of Mission Advancement and Development
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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



Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
District Deputy Grand Master

Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

My favorite time of the year has come, Lodge returns to labor! I hope your summer has been an enjoyable time with friends and family. The stated meeting of your Lodge is just around the corner. If the date is not already circled on your calendar, do it now. You do not want to miss the final couple of meetings conducted by your current Worshipful Master. He is just starting to feel comfortable in the station and his time in the East will soon end. All the Worshipful Masters of District Three have done an excellent job handling the responsibilities of being a Master of a Lodge of Freemasons. There have been some bumps, but they were excellent learning opportunities. The incoming Worshipful Masters for 2022 have started putting together their programs and goals for their term. I will be preparing a district directory again this year. It will be available in print, and on the District Three website.

The September School of Instruction will be on the 27th starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Lodge in Newville. There are no restrictions on attendance levels currently in place. All elected and appointed Lodge officers are requested to attend along with any other Master Masons. Come and view the work being presented so you are ready to go when your Lodge needs officers for an extra meeting. Remember there are a lot of non-speaking roles that need filled during the conferral of a degree.

Your Lodge needs your attendance at the stated meetings. You bring a unique perspective, as do all the brethren in attendance. Be a part of the discussions in Lodge. If you have an idea, be sure to discuss it with your Worshipful Master. Take an active role in Lodge. There are many other things to be done besides being an officer. We all need to be the best Mason that we can be. I hope to see you on the Masonic trail soon.

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



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



Brethren all,

It was good to be back at SOI in August after a summer break. I realize a lot of you were still vacationing and dealing with back-to-school issues and other summer rituals. I hope everyone can be back with us on September 27th when Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will do the Entered Apprentice Degree as the work of the evening.

There are a couple of modifications to the SOI schedule and work during the rest of the year. Regional instructors are resuming visits to district SOIs that were suspended during the peak of COVID. Brother Paul Sutcliffe, the Regional Instructor for Region Two, will be with us again at the meeting on October 25th. The work for the evening will be the Master Mason Degree by George Washington Lodge No. 143.

*Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal District 3 SOI*

In November, as is customary, the work will be the election and installation of officers, done by Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302. Incoming WMs should be thinking about whether they intend to do open or closed installations, and we will make sure we cover the ritual you plan to use.

On Monday, December 20th, we will not do the Fellow Craft degree as scheduled but will instead conduct a session on the Business of the Lodge. The work will be done by incoming officers for 2022 (the principals will designate the specific officers). The intent of this session is to review BOL in detail and to make sure incoming officers get a good refresher on BOL and have a chance to ask questions and get clarifications on things they might have forgotten since certification. I would ask that all incoming WMs, SWs and JW's plan to attend and that as many other incoming officers also try to make it. We want you to get off on the right foot for that first meeting of the year.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you on Monday, September 27th.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal District 3 SOI



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.

The academy is a vehicle for 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 Masonic Scholar Certification Program, 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. To enroll in the Masonic Scholar Program, click the following link: [Masonic Scholar Program Enrollment](#). The next academy symposium is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021.

The Masonic Nugget

The Character of a Freemason



“The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle.”²

² Farmer's Almanac, 1823, Andover, Massachusetts

Around the District

COVID 19 Restrictions and Guidelines

As a reminder whenever attending a Masonic meeting or function relaxed COVID 19 restrictions are still in place The Right Worshipful Grand Master has lifted the requirement for the COVID waiver to be signed. He has also removed the mask mandate for any member that has received his vaccination. He asks that anyone not vaccinated or doesn't feel comfortable being around other people to continue to wear a mask.

Be an active member!



3rd Masonic District School of Instruction

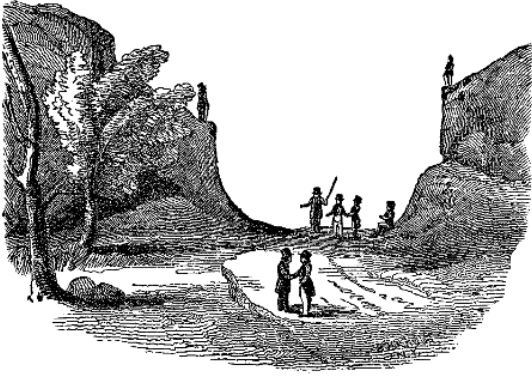
The 3rd Masonic District School of Instruction is scheduled to be held on the fourth Monday of each month (with exception to June and July) at 7:30 p.m. at Big Spring Lodge located at 131 Centerville Rd, Newville, PA, 17241.

The next meeting of the 3rd Masonic District School of Instruction will be on September 27, 2021. The work of the evening will be the Entered Apprentice Degree. The work will be exemplified by Orrstown Lodge No. 262.

Please contact your Worshipful Master or a Lodge Officer prior to attending. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.



Third Masonic District Low Vale



On September 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., Carlisle Lodge No. 260 and Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will be co-hosting the 2021 Third Masonic District Low Vale. The location will be at Maple Lane Farm, 150 Crossroad School Road, Newville Pa., the home and farm of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM. Lodge will open promptly at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree.

Low Vale tickets are only available for purchase on the Third Masonic District website at a cost of \$30 per person. Your ticket purchase includes a Ribeye steak dinner served with a baked potato, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, butter, and drink. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets must be presented to receive your meal. **There is no charge for the meeting.**

Click here for ticket purchase: <https://www.glpad3.org/d3/events/low-vale-2021>

If you one the first fifteen tickets sold you will receive an Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Challenge Coin.

The dress code for the evening is business casual. Either a polo or dress shirt with docker style long pants or slacks. Note: blue jeans and/or t-shirts are not permitted. **Attendees will be required to bring a lawn chair with you.** A time of fellowship will follow the Low Vale around a bonfire. Cigars and pipes are permitted during Low Vale.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Brother Donald C. Palesky, WM Carlisle Lodge No. 260 at 717-968-6544; Brother Matthew R. Hoch, WM, Orrstown Lodge No. 262 at 717-552-7490; Brother Carl F. Calder, Secretary of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 at 717-414-8689; or Brother Jeffery R. Miller, DDGM at 717-462-2669.

What is a Low Vale?

According to Mackey's Masonic encyclopedia the term vale or valley was introduced at an early period into the symbolism of Masonry. Mackey states that "the Lodge stands upon holy ground, or "the highest hill or lowest vale, or in the Vale of Jehoshaphat, or any other secret place. The Lodge, therefore, is said to be placed in a valley because, the valley being the symbol of secrecy, it is intended to indicate the secrecy in which the acts of the Lodge should be concealed." The Low Vale is an excellent opportunity for all the lodges within our district to meet together, under the whole canopy of heaven, laboring together in harmony for the express purpose of raising good men to the sublime degree in Masonry.

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,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer.

Our September Stated Meeting will be on Friday, September 10, 2021. Per the Worshipful Master, a meal will be served prior to the Stated Meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the meal is by donation.

The program for the evening will be the presentation of 25-year Service Awards followed by a program *“Acts of Masonic Kindness at the Battle of Gettysburg.”* The speaker will be Brother William H. Mooney III, a member of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336.

Our Extra Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021. We will be conferring a Master Mason Degree. The Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

As previously mentioned, if you have an interest in “Beginning your Journey to the East” or assisting in any way, contact Brother John C. Northcott, SW, as he is planning his year as Worshipful Master.

Take care, be safe, and I hope to see you in September.

Dennis R. McClanahan, PM.
Lodge Secretary

“Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles, love of God and love of man.”

Brother John Fort Newton

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,

My Brother's Table-Carlisle Salvation Army



On August 22nd, members of Carlisle Lodge No. 260 provided a home cooked dinner to our local community through the My Brother's Table program of the Carlisle Salvation Army. A special thank you goes out to Brother Bill Bunt, PM for leading this effort. I also want to thank Brothers Bob Otto, John Roller, and the entire Torne family. This event truly represented what Freemasonry is all about, brothers and their families giving back and helping our community.

Carlisle Lodge's Annual Banquet



On September 11th, at Carlisle Masonic Center, Carlisle Lodge will be having its annual banquet. The activities start at 6:30pm with dinner being served at 7pm. The dinner will be baked ham, candy sweet potatoes, Caesar salad, vegetable medley and carrot cake and homemade sweet potato pie. The entertainment of the evening will be the Amy Simpson duo who will perform some jazz style music. The cost is \$17.50 per person or \$35.00 a couple. If interested in attending, please reach out to Brother Marc R Thorne, JW at (717) 635-5772

Lodge Activities



A Stated Meeting of Carlisle Lodge No. 260 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Carlisle Masonic Center 1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle PA., on Tuesday September 21, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. A Masonic Program entitled *Freemasonry and the Remaking of America* will be presented by Brother Mark R. Thorne. There will be a meal served beforehand starting at 6:30pm, Brothers Brett Otto, PM and Robert Otto will be making homemade lasagna. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy a great night of fellowship.

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,



On Saturday August 21, 2021, the DDGM, along with officers and members of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 were excited to present Bro. Clarence O. Baker with his 50-year masonic service award.

A Stated Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA., on Thursday September 9, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening is on "The Pennsylvania State Police." The speaker for the evening is A Masonic Program will be presented by Brother Walter D. Hoffmann.

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,

A Stated Meeting of Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA., on Tuesday September 7, 2021, due to the Labor Day Holiday, at 7:30 p.m. Prior to our meeting we will conducting a Table Lodge in conjunction with dinner starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. The meeting and Table Lodge will be held in the Entered Apprentice Degree.



Eureka-West Shore Lodge has remained active throughout the pandemic, and this summer has been no different. Even though the lodge has been 'called off from labor' during the summer, the work of freemasonry continues. We've continued providing support to our brethren in need through our Almoner's Fund. We are continuing to reach out to our widows as well. Throughout the summer, members of the lodge have shared in Masonic fellowship by participating in many social events. As we prepare to return to labor, we are excited about the start of construction on a "new look" to the entrance to our building, which was approved by the members in June.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Kenneth B. Robinson
Worshipful Master

"The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes."

Brother Winston Churchill

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,

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., on Thursday September 2, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. The Program for the evening will be *Veterans and Service Animals* presented by Brother Thomas P. Kennedy, PM. Prior to our stated meeting a fellowship meal will be served, Peaches & Ice Cream.

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., on Thursday September 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Brothers Donald O'Brien Brown and Jan William Bigler. Please come and join us as we raise our newest brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jason E. White

Worshipful Master

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,

A Stated Meeting of Big Spring Lodge No. 361 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA., on Thursday September 9, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. The Program for the evening will be the conferral of a Fellow Craft Mason's Degree on Billy Ray Sheppard.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Todd L. Johnson, PM

Worshipful Master

Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

Third Floor, BB&T 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,

Greetings from the East,

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer with family and friends. A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the above the Tower Bank on the square, Greencastle, PA., on Tuesday September 21, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be *The History of Freemasonry* presented by Brother Larry Miller.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Toby A. Stoner
Worshipful Master

"It is most true, that Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be true, and to seek to find and learn the Truth, are the great objects of every good Mason."

Brother Albert Pike

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,



Brother Joshua D. Laird

R.I.P. Brother Joshua D. Laird, member of Acacia #586, who lost his life in the line of Duty on August 11, 2021.

We would like to thank all the brethren from the Third Masonic District for honoring Brother Laird at the Masonic Funeral Service held at the Knott Arena on the Campus of Mount Saint Mary's University. Over 80 brethren from both PA and MD were in attendance.

At our September Stated Meeting on September 17, 2021, we will be celebrating 100 years meeting at 33 West Main Street, Waynesboro. We hope to have a full house with the whole District represented. We expect a visit from Past Right Worshipful Grand Master Herriott. Come help us celebrate with Cake and Ice Cream after the meeting. The program for the meeting will be the presentation of 25-year Service Awards.

On Tuesday September 21, 2021, we will hold an extra meeting at which time we will be conferring an Entered Apprentice Masons degree and initiating Stacey R. Kimble.

The Acacia Lodge #586 Ladies Night Banquet will be held on October 2, 2021, at the Second Street Event Center, 42 W. 2nd St, Waynesboro, PA 17268, beginning at 6:00 p.m. social time and 6:30 p.m. dinner. Dinner will be Buffet Style and the menu will include a Top Round Carving Station, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Baked Mac and Cheese, Country Green Beans, Roasted Vegetables, Garden Salad w Choice of Dressing, Rolls & Butter, Assorted Pies and Cakes and a Beverage Station with Tea, Lemonade and Coffee. The cost will be \$25.00 per person, payable that night. Please RSVP no later than September 24, 2021. RSVPs can be sent to me, the Secretary, by email robertnelson68@comcast.net or by my home phone (717) 762-6621.

The Masons of Western Maryland will also be holding a Low Vale in September. It will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Clear Spring (MD) American Legion picnic grounds. A good chance to view a Maryland Degree and socialized with brothers to the south. Information will be sent out when available.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert W. Nelson, Jr., PM.
Lodge Secretary

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research
Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations
Brother Yasser Al-Khatib
Worshipful Master

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

Dear Brethren,

I hope you are having a good summer and that you are staying safe as we hear of this rise in COVID cases again. The PA Lodge of Research will meet for its second, and final meeting of the year, on December 11, 2021, at 10 a.m. We would love to be able to come and meet in district 3 in a lodge that has plenty of parking and is willing to host us. If interested in hosting us this year please send me an email at yasser.alkhatib@gmail.com with your lodge name, number, and address.

Who said there are no women in Freemasonry? See the PALoR medallion:



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.

Fraternally,
Yasser Al-Khatib, WM

“What nobler thing can be accomplished than the illumination of ignorance.”

Brother Manley P. Hall