

Third Masonic District

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THE MASONIC CHISEL: A RESOLUTION NOT JUST FOR NEW YEARS

By Jonathan Dinsmore



The Christmas season has drawn to a close and the New Year has just begun bringing with it yet another tradition: New Year's Resolutions. These yearly promises from ourselves to ourselves are taken more seriously by some than others, and we may make jokes about how they only last so long, perhaps only a week. Yet, the idea that we should set goals for ourselves, whether to take on new endeavors or remove unnecessary or unhealthy aspects of our lives is something which we should make last all year, much like the love and generosity of Christmas.

In Freemasonry, the symbol of the chisel represents discipline and education. Just as the chisel removes unneeded stone to reveal the jewel, form, or sculpture within, so can personal discipline remove those things which tarnish and distort our latent potential, and education can likewise chisel away our own ignorance, and reveal our inherent virtues.

Rough and Perfect Ashlars

The journey of a Mason is often compared to the creation of a perfect from a rough ashlar, a polished stone from a rough and imperfect one. The chisel is the primary symbolic tool in that endeavor, in that it is what removes the excess stone until the surface is smooth. An ashlar is a rectangular stone used in walls with a flush face. Just as we are said to be making ourselves into stones in the temple of God, so is the smoothing of the self-meant to make those stones that we are fit perfectly, and serve their purpose in the temple.

The removal of excess stone is the purpose of the chisel, and the removal of excess aspects of ourselves forms a major part of the personal discipline required to excel at life, to fulfill our personal destiny and serve our purpose.

Event Announcements

District School of Instruction

- Jan 24
Reception of DDGM/Balloting
Exemplified by Lodge No. 361
- Feb 28
Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor
Exemplified by Lodge No. 443
- Mar 28
Entered Apprentice Mason Degree
Exemplified by Lodge No. 586
- Apr 25
Fellow Craft Degree
Exemplified by Lodge No. 143
- May 23
Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring
Exemplified by Lodge No. 260
- Aug 22
Master Mason Degree/Low Vale Preparation
Exemplified by Lodge No. 315 & No. 443
- Sep 26
Entered Apprentice Mason Degree
Exemplified by Lodge No. 262
- Oct 24
Fellow Craft Degree
Exemplified by Lodge No. 302
- Nov 28
Election/Installation of Officers
Exemplified by Lodge No. 315
- Dec 19
Business of the Lodge
Exemplified by incoming Worshipful
Masters & District Lodge Officers

The uncivilized or ineffective person is much like the rough stone, with various unnecessary protrusions, such as a tendency to anger, drink to excess, speak with too loose a tongue, or engage in sloth activities such as watching television or scrolling social media for hours.

As we hopefully see from the 24-inch gauge, we have only a certain number of hours in the day, and to fritter them away on excess activities that contribute little to nothing to the labor of our evolution is a waste. Likewise, if we speak or behave in ways that are inappropriate, out of anger or even simple gossiping, excess aspects of our being spill over into the lives and minds of others, leading to unnecessary problems, and more waste of time. These are examples of the kinds of rough, protruding aspects of the self we are meant to chisel away from our lives, through discipline and self-control.

Education Removes Erroneous Beliefs

Informing ourselves with knowledge is likewise an important aspect of our development, yet how does this correspond to the chisel? If we reflect on it a bit, we can see that every piece of knowledge learned is the removal of some ignorance. After all, if we do not know certain things for certain, our minds will surely fill in the blanks, even if only with guesses or superstitions. We cannot help imagining what might be true until we know what is true, and so it is these baseless stray imaginings that are eliminated with the chisel of Masonic education.

We should also find that these two aspects of the chisel go hand in hand, for surely as we educate ourselves, our behaviors will also change. In a sense, it is always the darkness of ignorance which leads us to engage in lazy behaviors, for instance, even if on some level we know we shouldn't. At that moment, at least, we forget or neglect, and simply indulge our baser nature's desire to be stimulated and inert. Likewise for inappropriate anger, gossiping, and similar things. So, going beyond education, it is knowledge and remembrance which are truly required to eliminate these aspects of ourselves.

From New Year to New Day

Why do we choose to make declarations of improvement only once a year? While it's fine to have a day to remind us all of the importance of this practice, we really should be tweaking and making changes to our lives every single day. Such is the evolutionary process, the way to change ourselves into something better than we have been, day by day. In Universal Freemasonry, we are taught to do precisely this, using the working tools as symbolic reminders of what it takes to become our ideal self, or as near to it as can be managed in this life.

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!

Brethren 2022 is upon us!!! I'm writing this shortly after returning home from Pittsburgh after attending the installation of Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling as the 124th Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. His enthusiasm and leadership skills combined will make him an excellent leader of our Fraternity for the next two years! His initiatives are focused on the long-term sustainability of our organization. I will be reviewing these initiatives during my official visits with each Lodge in the district. It will be an excellent time to be a Freemason in Pennsylvania.

Brethren, be sure to attend your Lodge each month and support your Worshipful Master during his term. A lodge room filled with members of the lodge is an indicator to the Worshipful Master of lodge support. He has lots of enthusiasm coming into his year, help him to sustain that enthusiasm throughout his time as Worshipful Master of your Lodge. Attend not only the stated meetings but more especially the extra meetings. Make it a goal

this year to step forward, volunteer, and participate in the conferral of a Degree. There are parts in each Degree that are non-speaking. Our Ritual sets us apart from the many other fraternal organizations. Being part of a Degree conferral is a very rewarding experience in your Masonic journey!!

I look forward to seeing you at my official visits this month. I will be making an official visit to Lodge No. 302 on January 3, 2022 to present the DDGM Lodge of the year. Worshipful Master Kenneth Robinson's leadership during his two-year term as Worshipful Master kept his membership engaged and active even during the pandemic. Congratulations Brother Ken! Thank you very much for your leadership. I will then be traveling to Lodge No. 315 on January 6, 2022 to present the District 3 Mason of the Year award to Brother William Britton. Brother Bill exemplifies what a Freemason is. His dedication to the Fraternity is a shining example that we all can emulate. He is the editor of our District newsletter and does an excellent job for the District in that role. He is his Lodge instructor and is personally responsible for many Brothers advancing in their Ritual work. Congratulations Brother Bill on a job well done. I hope see you at each of these meetings.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!!

Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM
3rd Masonic District



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



*Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal District 3
School of Masonic Instruction*

Brethren all,

We finished a tough year in 2021, made difficult by a health environment that significantly impacted Freemasonry and the School of Instruction. Thanks to the leadership of Worshipful Masters and Lodge officers and the excellent assistance of the Brethren, we are meeting regularly now. New officers have been elected and installed, and I know you are all excited to get started.

I want to let you know what the planned SOI schedule of work is for 2022 and to highlight some annual events.

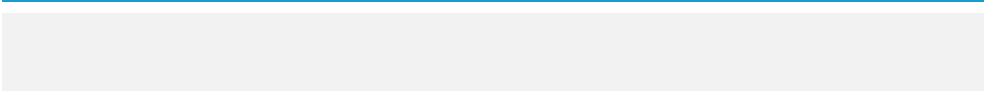
2022 District Three School of Instruction		
Date	Work of the Evening	Lodge
Jan 24	Reception of DDGM/Balloting	No. 361
Feb 28	Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor	No. 443
Mar 28	Entered Apprentice Mason Degree	No. 586
Apr 25	Fellow Craft Degree	No. 143
May 23	Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring Master Mason Degree/Low Vale	No. 260
Aug 22	Preparation	No. 315 & No. 443
Sep 26	Entered Apprentice Mason Degree	No. 262
Oct 24	Fellow Craft Degree	No. 302
Nov 28	Election/Installation of Officers	No. 315
Dec 19	Business of the Lodge	Incoming Masters

The Region Two Sectional School of Instruction will meet on Saturday, March 26th. 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. For 2022, the Second Degree will cover floor mechanics only, while the others will be done in their entirety. No lunch will be served as the work is planned to be completed by noon or shortly thereafter. All Master Masons are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to see some excellent work and have your questions answered.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you at SOI as often as you can attend. Have a safe and healthy New Year.

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.

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. [Click here](#) to enroll. 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.

Upcoming Academy Dates

Saturday, March 19, 2022

Saturday, October 22, 2022

The Masonic Nugget

WHAT IS MEANT BY "WORSHIPFUL"?

Mentor's Manual, Indiana Grand Lodge (1975)

"Worshipful. This word has no necessary religious or sacred implication but usually means only honorable, respectable, or venerable...." -Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia (1961)

"Worshipful. A term meaning honorable or respectable used as part of the title of the Master of a Blue Lodge or Grand Lodge." -Hunter's Masonic Dictionary, 2d ed.

"Why is the Master called Worshipful? Remember, we are talking about an Institution whose roots extend far into antiquity, and which comes to us from the Middle Ages. In medieval English, the term 'Worshipful' meant 'honorable' or 'respected.' To this day, a magistrate in the smallest English village is addressed not as Your Honor, but as Your Worship. Thus, Worshipful is a title of respect for the office of the Brother who presides over the Lodge, and who is, the Brethren believe, possessed of sufficient knowledge, wisdom and integrity to preside over them in the proper manner."

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.

In Memoriam



**Brother Thomas W. Jackson
R.W. Past Grand Secretary
Of**

**The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of
Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdictions Thereunto
Belonging**

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 January, 24, 2022. The work of the evening will be the Reception of DDGM/Balloting. The work will be exemplified by Big Spring Lodge No. 361.

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

George Washington Lodge No. 143

74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

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

Brother John C. Northcott

Worshipful Master

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

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

From the desk of the Secretary,

At our Stated Meeting on December 10, 2021 the following officers for 2022 were elected and installed:

Worshipful Master: Brother John C. Northcott

Senior Warden: Brother Chad G. Reichard PM

Junior Warden: Brother Ray A. Massey

Treasurer: Brother Glen T. Baldwin PM

Secretary: Brother Dennis R. McClanahan PM

Trustee: Brother Kevin R. Hoffman PM

Trustee: Brother Samuel B. Stoner PM

Trustee: Brother Eric C. Weiss

Representative in Grand Lodge: Brother Michael S. Essis

Substitute Representative in Grand Lodge: Brother Robert D. Weaver PM

Our January Stated Meeting will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022 beginning at 7:30 pm. A Fellowship meal will be served prior to the Stated Meeting beginning at 6:30 pm. On the menu will be Pork and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Rolls, and Sweet Potato Pie. The cost of the meal is by donation. The Program will be the Introduction of Officers for 2022, and the Presentation of Plans a Goals for the Year by the Worshipful Master.

An Extra Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 beginning at 7:00 pm. The Fellow Craft Mason Degree will be conferred on Jeremy Michael Jamison.

As a reminder, if you have not paid your 2022 Lodge Dues you “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.

Take care and hope to see you soon,

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 Marc R. Thorne
Worshipful Master
Website: <http://carlisle260.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.Johns.260>

Greetings from the East,

Lodge Activities



Brother Marc Thorne, WM

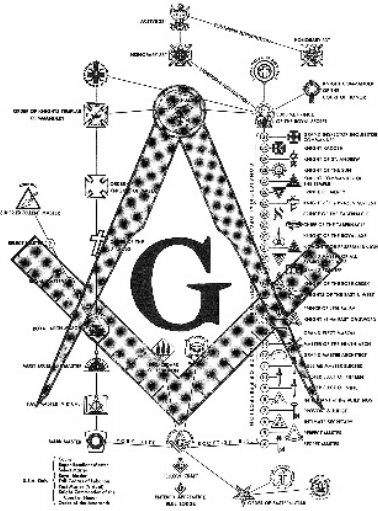
Ringing the Bell!

On December 4, 2021 and December 11, 2021 Carlisle Lodge continued its annual tradition, and rang the bell for the Salvation Army. The brothers and their families rang the bell for a combined 24 hours over the course of the two days to help raise money for those in need in our local community. As you can see the brothers and their families had a great time. Carlisle Lodge takes pride in serving its community. Thank you to all the brothers and their families who participated this year.



*Brother Sir Knight Richard Sebring,
PM and his lady Christine*

Degree Work



On Friday December 17, 2021, Carlisle Lodge was able to raise Brother Charles Leeds to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Brother Richard Auchey, PM presented another outstanding degree and great night of fellowship was had by the brothers. A special thank you goes out to Brother Drew Dewalt, PM and all the other brothers who assisted in the degree work.

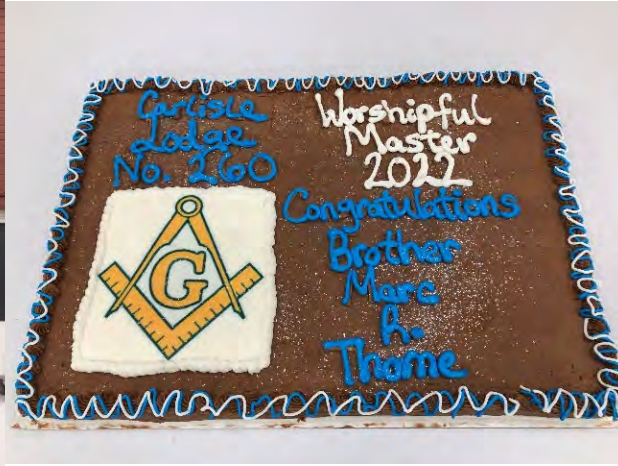
60-year presentation



At Carlisle Lodge's December Stated Meeting, the lodge had the distinct honor to recognize Brother Charles H. Siemer on having achieved the 60-year milestone. This is always a special night not only for our member and the lodge, but also Freemasonry in general. It's our chance to recognize a faithful servant for a lifetime of service. Congratulations Brother Charles on achieving this milestone.

Election and Installation of New Officers!

On December 21, 2021, Carlisle Lodge held its election and installation of new officers to serve Carlisle Lodge in this ensuing Masonic year. Congratulations to Brothers Marc R. Thorne, Worshipful Master, and his other elected and appointed officers. The membership is encouraged to attend our first stated meeting of the New Year, January 18, 2022 at 7:30pm, and learn of the exciting year Brother Marc has planned for the good of our lodge and Freemasonry.



Sincerely and fraternally,

Marc R. Thorne
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,

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 January 13, 2022, 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening will be the Introduction of Officers.

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 William A. Northey
Worshipful Master

Website: <http://eureka302.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EurekaWestShoreLodge302>

Greetings from the East,

November Update

Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 held a stated meeting on December 6th proceeded by a steak dinner prepared by our Stewards. Just after dinner we had a presentation by scouts from Troop 80 in Mechanicsburg, led by Brother Jerry Smith. The Lodge allowed the Troop to use our social hall when they were not allowed to meet at their typical sponsor location due to COVID restrictions. The use of the building for their meetings allowed them to continue to operate as normally as possible and the young men to continue to progress through their rank advancement and develop their leadership skills. At least two scouts were able to obtain the rank of Eagle during this time. They were very thankful. The meeting included a recorded recognition of the Past Masters by the Worshipful Master that was played on the televisions in the lodge room.

Finally, the lodge held its elections and then an open installation of our new incoming Worshipful Master, Brother William A. Northey and Senior Warden, Brother E. Denny Beaver. On December 21, 2021 we held a Special Meeting of the lodge to install Brother Robert E. McCaleb III as Junior Warden. He was unavailable to be installed at our stated meeting. I look forward to the leadership they will provide.



On December 8th the Lodge Entered Brother Don DeGuzman with Brother Gary S. Milbrand conferring the degree.



The lodge started construction on a modest addition to add a new vestibule to the building and enclose the elevator and stairs within the building for a safer more convenient access. The project is expected to take approximately 2 to 3 months to complete, weather permitting.

Recently I was privileged to present two checks of \$3,500.00 each to local EMS stations. The donations were made possible by earnings of the Lodge's Hoopy Fund. One donation was presented to Jonathan Fischer, Paramedic/Battalion Chief for the Mechanicsburg location of the Penn State Health Life Lion. The other donation was presented to Bill Cook, the EMS director of Hampden Township EMS at the Sporting Hill station in honor of Brother Kenny Fetrow who passed away last year.





The lodge will continue to host to our unofficial ZOOM toast meetings once a month on the third Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. The zoom meeting is purely social and a great time for Brethren to enjoy fraternal time. We invite all brethren to join us. Below is the link to the Zoom, feel free to join us on January 19, 2022.

[Click Here to Join ZOOM Meeting](#)

Our next stated meeting will be January 3, 2022 which will include an official visit by Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM. We look forward to seeing all who can join us for this and future meetings.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Kenneth B. Robinson, PM

Note from the Worshipful Master

As incoming Worshipful Master, I first want to commend Brother Kenneth B. Robinson on his leadership over the last two years. With his resolve, he kept our lodge very active in spite of the challenges posed by the pandemic. I look forward to seeing him on the sidelines in the coming year. Finally, I wish everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

William A. Northey
Worshipful Master

Cumberland Valley No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

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

Brother Jesse E. Weller

Worshipful Master

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

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

December 3, 2021 marked was a milestone in the history of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315. Brother Jesse E. Weller was elected and installed as our New Worshipful Master elect. He will assume the East on St. John's Day next at 1201 p.m., when, at the same time we will welcome a new Past Master into the lodge Brother Jason E. White. Also serving as elected and appointed lodge officers for 2022 are: Brother Todd W. West, Senior Warden; Brother Barry A. Martz, acting Junior Warden; Brother David G. Angle, PM, Treasurer; Brother Shannon T. Schake, PM, Secretary; Jonathan Williams Senior Deacon; Michael J. Ervin, Junior Warden; Clinton L. Craig, Senior Master of Cerimonies; Andrew J. Olds, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Donald O. Brown, Persuvant; and Jeffrey L. Trani, Tyler. Congratulations one and all to all our newly elected and appointed officers. Another great year of Freemasonry awaits!



First Row left to right: Thomas M. White, PM, Thomas W Jackson, RWPGS, Jason E. White, WM, Jesse E. Weller WM-elect, Bryan L. Ruth, PM. Second Row left to right: Thomas P. Kennedy, PM, Barry A. Martz, PM, Shannon T. Schake, PM, Ronald P. Madison, PM, and David G. Angel, PM.

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 January 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The Programs for the evening: Official Visitation of Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM, Introduction of Officers and Announcement of Committees for 2022. A program "Our Masonic Path" will be presented by Brother William L. Britton, PM.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jesse E. Weller
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>

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. Thursday January 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be Instructions on the Funeral Service and Examination of a Visitor.

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>

Greetings from the East,

A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, Third Floor, BB&T Bank, Greencastle, PA. Tuesday January 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Program for the evening will be Introduction of Officers.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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 Joshua P. Brown

Worshipful Master

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

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

Ladies Night Banquet October 1, 2022

From the desk of the Secretary,



Joshua P. Brown
Worshipful Master



Jason B. Stains
Senior Warden



David P. Hade
Junior Warden

At Acacia's December Stated Meeting Joshua P. Brown was elected Worshipful Master for 2022. Jason B. Stains, PM was elected Senior Warden and David P. Hade was elected Junior Warden. Jeffrey B. Geesaman, PM and Robert W. Nelson, Jr., PM were allowed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary as were the Three Trustees, John L. Stains, PM, PDDGM, Clinton T. Barkdoll and Richard L. Hovis. Brother Henry A. Martin, PM as Representative to the Grand Lodge and Zachary L. Wilhide, PM as Substitute Representative rounded out the elections.

On Saturday December 18, 2021, a Group of Officers and Members visited Acacia Widows in the Waynesboro Area with Christmas Greetings and a Poinsettia.

Congratulations to Brother Dennis R. McClanahan, PM, a dual member of both George Washington Lodge No. 143 and Acacia Lodge No. 586, and currently is lodge secretary for George Washington Lodge No. 143. Brother McClanahan has presented 100 Masonic Degrees and has been recognized as a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Masonic Century Club. Brother Denny will be honored at Acacia Lodge No.586's January Stated Meeting on January 21, 2022. Please plan to attend.



A Stated Meeting of Acacia Lodge No. 586 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, Third Floor, 33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA., on Friday January 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The Program for the evening will be the Presentation of the Masonic Funeral Service and the Examination of a Visitor by Brother Dennis R. McClanahan, PM.

An Extra Meeting of Acacia Lodge No. 586 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, Third Floor, 33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA, on Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Please come out and show your support as Brother John L. Hasty is passed to the Fellow Craft Mason degree. We will also be conferring an Entered Apprentice Mason degree and initiating Tony W. Gladfelter.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



Pennsylvania Lodge of Research
Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

Brother James E. Green
Worshipful Master
<https://palodgeofresearch.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/92580616988>

A stated meeting of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at the Allentown Masonic Temple, 1524 Linden St., Allentown, PA 18102 at 10:00 a.m. Presentations to the lodge were made by Brother Brendan M. Hickey on *Freemasonry, Illuminati, Psychology & Conspiracy Theories* Worshipful Brother Michael Czech on *Why Do They Hate Us So Much? A Modern Look at Anti-Masonic Sentiment*.

Election and installation of officers was held following the presentations. The following Brothers were elected and installed to serve for the lodge in 2022:

Brother James E. Green, Worshipful Master
Brother Richard F. Muth, Senior Warden
Brother Christopher D. Rodkey, Junior Warden
Brother Allen D. Moyer, Treasurer
Brother Seth C. Anthony, Secretary
All other officers as appointed.

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research is constituted solely for the purpose of Masonic study. Working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A.M., the Lodge of Research meets twice a year in different locations around the Commonwealth. During our meetings, Brothers offer presentations on Masonic topics that further our understanding of our Fraternity, including its history, philosophy, and symbolism.

Membership

Membership in the Lodge of Research is open to all Master Masons who are members of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. To become a member, please use the link above to download and complete the petition of membership.

[DOWNLOAD THE PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP](#)

The joining fee is \$75, and dues are \$25 per year. Both fee and dues (a total of \$100) must accompany the completed petition.

Completed applications should be sent along with the membership fee to the Secretary, at:

Bro. Seth C. Anthony, Secretary
Attn: Lodge of Research
c/o The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A.M.
1 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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

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.

Presenters

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.

Presenters are currently selected by the Master and Senior Warden. The incoming Master is expected to make a presentation of a research paper at the December meeting at which he is installed. Presenters do not have to be members of the Lodge of Research – they only must be invited to speak by the Master.

“What is the purpose of Masonry? One of its most basic purposes is to make good men even better. We try to place emphasis on the individual man by strengthening his character, improving his moral and spiritual outlook, and broadening his mental horizons. We try to impress upon the minds of our members the principles of personal responsibility and morality, encouraging each member to practice in his daily life the lessons taught through symbolic ceremonies in the lodge. One of the universal doctrines of Freemasonry is the belief in the “Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God”. The importance of this belief is established by each Mason as he practices the three principle tenets of Masonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.”

- A Keith Jones, A view to Masonic Education; The Blue House Lodge