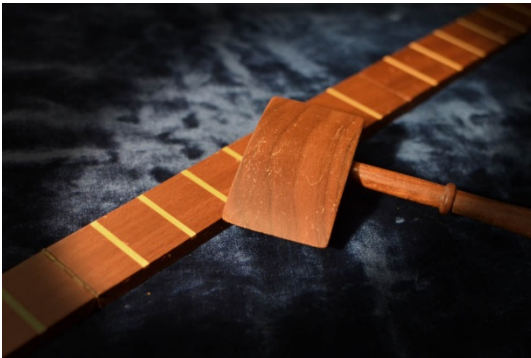


# Third Masonic District

Third Masonic District Website

## The Entered Apprentice Working Tools

*Sourced from ... and There was Light, Grand Lodge of Washington*



The Working Tools represent moral and spiritual virtues, habits, and forces by which a man reshapes the crude and often stubborn materials of his nature to adjust himself to the requirements of human society. To become a Mason, a man who has lived planlessly, carelessly, without aim or ideal, must learn to systematize his life, as signified by the Twenty-four Inch

Gage. If he has traits of temper, habits of speech, or defects of character that disturb or injure others, and interfere with his proper place in the Brotherhood, as "corners of rough stones" interfere with putting them into their allotted places in the building, he must rid himself of them with the Common Gavel.

### 24 Inch Gauge

We are familiar with this symbol of the Entered Apprentice Degree and the relation of twenty-four inches to twenty-four hours is plain enough. But when we examine just what it is that is divided into twenty-four parts, the explanation becomes difficult.

The operative workman measures his stone with his gauge; if the ashlar is too long, he shortens it. If it is too broad, he narrows it. If it is not straight, he corrects it. If it is too crooked to make square, he casts it on the rubbish heap and begins anew with a rough ashlar.

But the Speculative Mason, measuring his time with the twenty-four-inch gauge, has no such latitude. The ruined minute is forever away; the crooked hour can never be made straight. The day unfit for the Building Not Made With Hands can never be set in the Eternal Wall, nor can the workman find in any quarry a new day to mold.



## Event Announcements

February 28, 2022  
Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor  
Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

March 5, 2022  
RWGN Open House/Town Hall  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

March 26, 2022  
Regional School of Instruction  
Carlisle Masonic Center

March 28, 2022  
Entered Apprentice Mason Degree  
Acacia Lodge No. 586

April 25, 2022  
Fellow Craft Degree  
George Washington Lodge No. 143

May 18, 2022  
Past Master's Club Dinner  
Carlisle Masonic Center

May 23, 2022  
Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring  
Carlisle Lodge No. 260

September 21, 2022  
District 3 Low Vale  
Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315  
& Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

September 26, 2022  
Entered Apprentice Mason Degree  
Orrstown Lodge No. 262

October 24, 2022  
Fellow Craft Degree  
Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302

November 28, 2022  
Election/Installation of Officers  
Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315

Time is the very substance of life, its golden minutes the only stones we have with which to build. Every accomplishment of man, be it temple of marble or temple of character, act of selfishness or selfless giving to others, building a nation or building a house, must be accomplished with time. Without time nothing is ever done. Hence, he who wastes either his time or another's squanders that which he cannot replace; which comes from we know not whither, to go we know not whence; which, once gone, is gone forever.

### Common Gavel

The Master always retains possession of the Gavel and never allows it beyond reach. He carries it with him when he moves about the lodge in process of conferring a degree. When the lodge is in the charge of the Junior Warden at refreshment it is the Junior Warden who uses a Gavel to control the lodge. The Gavel is the master's symbol of authority and reminds him that although his position is the highest within the gift of the brethren, he is yet but a brother among brethren.

Like all great symbols the Gavel takes upon itself, in the minds of the brethren, something of the quality of the thing symbolized. As we revere the cotton in stripes and stars which become the Flag of our country; as we revere the paper and ink which become the Great Light in Masonry, so, also, do Freemasons revere the Common Gavel which typifies and symbolizes the height of Masonic authority, the majesty of power, the wisdom of Light which rest in and shine forth from the oriental Chair.



*The Entered Apprentice is himself a symbol, one of the noblest in the emblematic system of the Craft. He represents youth, typified by the rising sun; trained youth, youth willing to submit itself to discipline and to seek knowledge in order to learn the great Art of Life, the real Royal Art, represented and interpreted by all the mysteries of Masonry. ~ Grand Lodge of Washington*

**Town Hall Meeting and Open House**  
**Right Worshipful Grand Master Jeffrey M. Wonderling**

Saturday, March 5, 2022  
Scottish Rite Cathedral  
2701 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110  
Blue Room & Dining Room)  
Open House 9am - 11am  
Town Hall 1pm - 3pm



Brethren,

I wish you and yours a very happy and healthy 2022!

I ask you to invite any quality men whom you believe would make excellent brothers to the Open House. I will be providing a presentation about our fraternity, as well as an opportunity for potential candidates to ask questions and learn how they can begin the membership process.

In addition, I look forward to meeting you in person at my upcoming Town Hall Meeting. I will provide an overview about current topics within our fraternity and offer time for questions and answers. No RSVP required.

Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling  
Right Worshipful Grand Master

## 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, Freemasonry is thriving in the Third Masonic District. The Lodges in the district continue to do the work at the highest level. The ritual is what sets Freemasonry apart from the many other fraternal organizations. There is a part for each member if you want it. There are several non-verbal roles in each degree that your Worshipful Master would enjoy you taking part in. Step forward and let your Worshipful Master know that you are ready, willing, and able to contribute to the Lodge's work.

2022 will be a challenging time not only for your Blue Lodge but also for the appended bodies. Support Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the other bodies attached to Freemasonry. If you are not a member of these organizations now is the time to join. They offer additional insight to the Craft as we travel on our personal journey in Freemasonry! Remember that you must be current in your Blue Lodge dues to continue your membership or to join any of the bodies mentioned above.

Please mark your calendar for March 5, 2022. The Grand Master will be hosting an open house for perspective members for the fraternity from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Following the open house, the Grand Master will be conducting a town hall meeting for all current Freemasons from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. These meetings will take place at the Valley of Harrisburg Scottish Rite building. Please contact your Worshipful Master or secretary for additional information.

I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel the Masonic trail throughout 2022. I will be attending a lot of extra meetings throughout the year. The Worshipful Masters of District 3 know that I love good Degree work! I enjoy a good extra meeting and supporting the brethren who confer and receive the Degrees. Until I see you, please be safe in your travels.

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



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



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

Brethren all,

I'm pleased to report that the 3rd Masonic District School of Instruction is off to a great start in 2022. At January's well-attended session, we covered the reception of the DDGM and balloting on petitions. With the installation of the new Right Worshipful Grand Master, some minor tweaks to the ritual are to be expected; specifically, we will be getting clarification in the coming months on tweaks to balloting on petitions. The School of Instruction staff will communicate and demonstrate this clarification, as well as any other clarifications received at a later session of School. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM had a meeting with the 2022 Worshipful Masters before School of Instruction and shared some information and updates from Grand Lodge, as well as his own expectations and plans for officers in the district. I encourage you to speak with your Worshipful Master if you'd like to learn about this information.

By the time you're reading this newsletter, all the Lodges in the District will have had their first Stated Meeting of 2022. While the new team of officers are getting settled, please know that the School of Instruction staff are happy to assist with anything related to the ritual that may be needed by the Blue Lodges - all you have to do is ask. As a friendly reminder, if you have Brethren in need of certifications, please let us know so we can get someone to your Lodge to take care of the certifications.

I hope that you will join us at February's session of School of Instruction. Lodge No. 443 will be demonstrating the Funeral Service and Examination of a Visitor.

Be safe, stay warm, and as the DDGM says, "have a great day in Freemasonry"!

Sincerely & fraternally,

Brother Daniel K. Confer  
Asst. 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

During the recent holiday season, many fund-raising commercials on television were seen for St. Jude's Hospital. A scene often showed a picture of the hospital building, with the large words: St. Jude's Hospital, Danny Thomas, Founder.

Danny Thomas founded St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in Memphis in 1962. St. Jude's Hospital is not associated with the Masonic Fraternity. However, its founder was a Master Mason.

Born in Dearborn, Michigan, Brother Thomas grew in Toledo, Ohio. He was best known for his television portrayal on "Make Room for Daddy," in addition to many other films and television shows. Brother Thomas's initiation into Gothic Lodge in Hamilton Square, New Jersey, on March 15, 1984, led to a brief withdrawal of recognition by the Grand Lodge of California between August 19 and October 19, 1984, since Danny Thomas was a resident of California at the time. Some information later describes the situation as Brother Thomas receiving the degrees in New Jersey as a courtesy for his mother Lodge, Palisades Lodge in Santa Monica, California.

Regardless, Brother Thomas went on to be a Scottish Rite and Shrine Mason and to speak before many large audiences across the continent, many of them Masonic groups.

## 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 February 28, 2022. The work of the evening will be the Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor exemplified by Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

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>  
Ladies Night Banquet June 18, 2022

Fraternal greetings and Happy New Year from George Washington Lodge No. 143,

On December 27, 2022, we hosted a live stream of the RWGM installation in our lodge room. Several Brothers were in attendance and enjoyed the opportunity to view the proceedings without having to drive to Pittsburgh. The Lodge will be hosting several live events throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our next scheduled event is a live stream of the Academy of Knowledge on March 19, 2022.

I traveled twice during the first week of January with Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM and other Worshipful Masters on official visits. The first was to Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302 to celebrate their winning the 2021 District 3 Lodge of the Year award; then to Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 to honor Brother William Britton, PM, who received the 2021 District 3 Mason of the Year, and to share in a celebration of the life of Bro Thomas Jackson, PM, RWPGS.

Our first stated meeting was held on January 14, 2022. The Worshipful Master's evening program included the introduction of the officers, detailing plans for the year, and a video presentation on the origins of our National Anthem the Star-Spangled Banner.

On January 15, 2022, the Worshipful Master and Brother Jefferey R. Miller, PM, DDGM traveled together to present a 60-year service award to Brother Donald C. Craig, PM at his home. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize our brother for his many years of Masonic Service. The visit was greatly appreciated by our brother, and his wife.

We held an extra meeting was held on January 20, 2022, when we conferred the Fellowcraft Mason degree upon Brother Jeremy Michael Jamison.

On January 21, 2022, we traveled to Acacia Lodge No. 586 to support our own Brother Dennis R. McClanahan, PM as he received the "Century Club" award from Grand Lodge for delivering one hundred Masonic degrees! This is a rare achievement, and we are proud of his accomplishment. Congratulations!

Our next stated meeting will be held on February 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. A meal will be served prior to the meeting. The menu will include Baked Chicken, Succotash, Mashed Potatoes and Cherry Pie for dessert. Our program will be *Our Masonic Path* presented by Brother William L. Britton, PM, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315.



An extra meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred on Brother Jeremy Michael Jamison, and the Entered Apprentice Mason Degree will be conferred on Brad Austin Keese.

We look forward to seeing all who choose to join us for any of our upcoming events.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Northcott  
Worshipful Master

**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>  
Ladies Night Banquet October 15, 2022

Greetings from the East,

Carlisle Lodge 260 will hold its Stated Meeting on February 15, 2022, at 7:30 pm. Prior to the meeting there will be a game of trivia to create fellowship and test the intellectual prowess of the members. Please feel free to join us for refreshments, and an evening of fraternal fellowship.

On Friday February 18, 2022, at 6:30pm, Carlisle Lodge 260 will hold an extra meeting. Brother Benjamin D. Bualat will be conferring his first Entered Apprentice Mason degree, and Brother Marc R. Thorne, WM will confer a Fellow Craft Mason degree. I encourage all the brethren to get involved, come out, and show their support.

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>

Ladies Night Banquet May 7, 2022

Greetings from the East,

Orrstown Lodge No. 262 would like to congratulate Brother Samuel W. Sleighter on his initiation into Freemasonry.

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 February 10, 2022, 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening will be presented by Brother Michael G. Oyler, PM, District Deputy Grand High Priest of District 12 York Rite.

An Extra Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA, on Thursday February 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Please come support Brothers Michael R. Lloyd and Samuel W. Sleighter as they are passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Sincerely and fraternally,

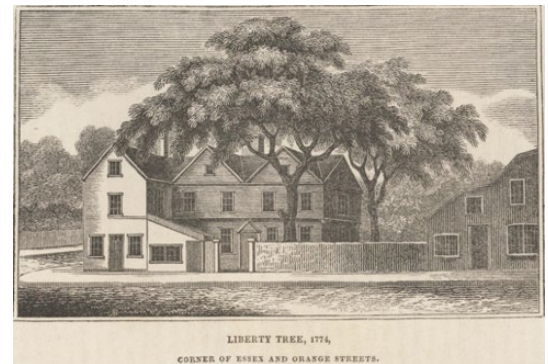
Matthew R. Hoch  
Worshipful Master

From the desk of the Secretary,

### **Liberty Trees and America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

At the January Stated Meeting of Orrstown Lodge #262, Brother Robert Thomas, PM #443 gave a great presentation regarding the Liberty Tree Program and America 250 PA.

What is a "Liberty Tree"? The Liberty Tree (1646–1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston, Massachusetts near Boston Common, in the years before the American Revolution. In 1765, colonists in Boston staged the first act of defiance against the British government at the tree. The tree became a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of Britain over the American colonies, and the ground surrounding it became known as Liberty Hall. The Liberty Tree was felled in August 1775 by Loyalists led by Nathaniel Coffin Jr. or by Job Williams.<sup>1</sup> Thomas Jefferson did the most to make the Liberty Tree a lasting metaphor, with his



<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia

1787 letter that declared, “*The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots & tyrants.*”<sup>2</sup>

The last known Liberty Tree was the 400-year-old tulip poplar on the front lawn of St. John's College in Annapolis, MD, and was the nation's last surviving Liberty Tree of the original 13 -- one in each of the colonies -- under which colonists gathered in the 1770s to incite rebellion against the British. It was damaged by Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and felled after. To observe the 250th Anniversary of our nation's founding in 2026, Pennsylvania Freemasons have partnered with the PA Semiquincentennial Commission (America250PA) to sponsor the planting of a Liberty Tree in each of the 67 counties across the Commonwealth. Seedlings from the last remaining tree in Annapolis, Maryland, have produced hundreds of descendants that will be planted throughout Pennsylvania over the next several years.

Each tree will have a plaque indicating it was sponsored by Pennsylvania Freemasons, in cooperation with America250PA. Currently, one is in the process of being approved in Franklin County with the proposed location being in Chambersburg, at Chambers Fort Park, pending final approval. Brother Thomas, PM, spoke in depth about the program and planting in Franklin County. This will be a Grand Lodge Masonic event. Orrstown Lodge is excited about the program and looks forward to the dedication.



To learn more about the Liberty Tree Program, America250 PA, or to have Brother Thomas, PM, speak at your Lodge, contact him at 717-496-6156 or via email at [bobtom72@gmail.com](mailto:bobtom72@gmail.com)

Sincerely & fraternally,

Brother Carl F. Calder  
Secretary, Orrstown Lodge #262

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<sup>2</sup> Smithsonian Magazine

**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>

Ladies Night Banquet September 15, 2022

Greetings from the East,

January is always an interesting time in a lodge, with the changeover in leadership. Our January meeting was doubly so as we had an Official Visitation by District Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey R. Miller who honored our lodge as the Lodge of the Year for 2021 and presented plaques of recognition to both our lodge and Past Master Kenneth B. Robinson. Brother Ken's leadership and enthusiasm over the past 2 years while faced with a pandemic was outstanding. His leadership, and the participation of the brethren, kept our lodge safe, and active in several unique ways including the Zoom Toast to Our Absent Brethren, picnics, and Lodge Meetings with social distancing when needed.



This month our lodge Secretary, Brother Tim Dedman, PM, presented a Members Perspective and Use of Grandview, Grand Lodge's Membership System. At our Extra Meeting, the Fellowcraft degree was conferred upon Brother Donato T. DeGuzman. Later that week, we took a team of seven brethren to capture the Traveling Gavel from Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315. We look forward to seeing who will try to take it next.



Our lodge entry improvements are well under way despite the weather. We look forward to the completion in the coming months.



Some upcoming events to mark on your calendars:

Monthly Zoom “Toasts to Our Absent Brethren” on February 16, and March 16 starting at 9:00 p.m. (room opens at 8:15 p.m.) [CLICK HERE](#)

March 7 Stated Meeting - Kilt Night – Come wearing your favorite Tartan

April 4 – **DISTRICT OYSTER FEED** – **Save the date!** Price is TBD – more details to follow.

Sincerely & fraternally,

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>

Ladies Night Banquet April 23, 2022

Greetings from the East,

On January 6, 2022, Brother Jesse E. Weller, and the 2022 Officers of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, conducted their first stated meeting after enjoying a fellowship meal of Pork and Sauerkraut in the Alexander Stewart Social Hall.

Once lodge was opened we received Brother Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM of the Third Masonic District accompanied by Brother S. Eugene Herritt, PM, RWPGM; Brother Darrin D. Catts, DDGM of the Forty-second Masonic District; Most Worshipful Brother Mikel J. Stoops, MWGM of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas; and Worshipful Masters of the Third Masonic District.

After introductions, and prior to the business of the lodge, Brother Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM presented the District 3 Mason of the Year Award to Brother William L. Britton, PM. Following the presentation and lodge business we were saddened to read the Masonic records of the following three brethren who had passed since our last meeting: Brothers Thomas D. Mathna, Richard E. Railing, and Thomas W. Jackson, P.M., R.W.P.G.S. Remembrances were offered for all three brethren. Brother Richard D Railing, PM, son of Brother Richard E Railing was present at the meeting and thanked the lodge for the outstanding support, and work performed at the Masonic Funeral Service. Brother S. Eugene Herritt, PM, RWPGM delivered a remembrance in honor of Brother Thomas W. Jackson, P.M., R.W.P.G.S.

Following the remembrances of our dearly departed brethren Worshipful Master Jesse E. Weller introduced all the committee members and lodge officers for 2022. Prior to closing the lodge the Worshipful Master inquired if anyone had anything to offer. MWB Mikel J. Stoops, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas congratulated everyone on a fine meeting and was grateful for the hospitality shown him while visiting. MWB Stoops presented the Worshipful Master with a Grand Master's Challenge Coin and then shared some personal remembrances he had of Brother Thomas W. Jackson, P.M., R.W.P.G.S. He finished with a short program on the relationship of the Beehive to the Masonic Lodge, and the effects of external influences.



After the conclusion of all remarks one last order of business was handled. Worshipful Master Jesse E. Weller was happy to acknowledge that the District 3 Traveling gavel was captured by Worshipful Master William A. Northey and the visiting brethren of Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 who accompanied him. Congratulations brethren on capturing the Gavel!



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 February 3, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening will be ... presented by ...

**There are no extra meetings scheduled for the month of February.**

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>

Ladies Night Banquet October 8, 2022

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 February 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

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 April 30, 2022

Greeting from the East ,

A stated meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Tuesday February 15, 2022, at 7:30. The Lodge Audit Report will be presented at this meeting.

An extra meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday February 17, 2022, at 7:00. The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred upon Brother Garry L Fix and Jason A Latta. Please come out and support our newest brother as he is passed to the the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!

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 Worshipful Master,

I bring you greetings from Acacia Lodge No. 586. We had a wonderful evening of fraternal fellowship at our last stated meeting. We were joined by the District Deputy Grand Master as we honored a devoted brother of the craft, Dennis R. McClanahan, PM, who joins a prestigious group, the “Century Club.” We all know one of the best things we can do as Masons is to learn the degree work and confer it on men desiring to enter the craft. It is the only way we continue to exist, and the first three steps in making a good man better.



Brother McClanahan also offered a two-part program for the evening, which exemplified two particularly important tasks for us as Masons. First, the examination of a visitor. This is an important duty, to examine fellow Masons we have never sat with in lodge; to know how to examine them, so they may participate in our meetings. It prepares us to know what to expect when visiting lodges in and out of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania’s jurisdiction. With this knowledge we should feel empowered to visit lodges as we travel, without hesitancy. Secondly, the funeral service. There is no greater honor that can be conferred upon a recently deceased brother. We all should have a working knowledge of this ritual so we can take part in it. Thank you to Brother McClanahan for exemplifying these within our lodge.

At our February meeting, we will once again join to strengthen the fraternal bonds and acquire more knowledge in Freemasonry. The evening will begin with social time, where deli sandwiches, drinks, and other snacks may be enjoyed. The program for the evening will be given by Brother William L. Britton, PM. The title of his talk is *Our Masonic Path*. I am filled with anticipation, and am looking forward to delving into the philosophical, symbolic, and esoteric parts of the craft. Following the meeting we will again join for fellowship over desserts and snacks.

On February 22, 2022, we will again be convening to confer both the Master Mason degree, and Fellowcraft degrees. Please come out and show your support as Brother John L. Hasty is raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We will also be conferring a Fellow Craft Mason degree upon Tony W. Gladfelter. These men have shown excitement about joining our fraternity. I hope that we have many supporters on the sidelines to participate and encourage them through these steps of their journey. If we are uninterested in their entrance into our fraternity, how can we expect them to maintain a significant desire to be a part of it? This apathy on our part would surely cause them to develop a similar indifference and could understandably metastasize as a reason for why so many never return once they have acquired that once sought-after Master Mason degree.

I hope to see many of you throughout the district both in and out of lodge. Remember, we can only remain the greatest fraternity in the world if we continue to take part in it.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joshua P. Brown  
Worshipful Master





**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>

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](mailto: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.