

Third Masonic District

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The Masonic Equinox

By Brother Greg Stewart



The spring equinox is upon us, and in this present age, the tilt of the planet is of little concern. But in this period of the equinox, an interesting thing happens. For the briefest moment of time the planet becomes suspended in place. A point when the earth is neither closer to nor further away from the sun.

The equinox's, vernal (spring) and autumnal (fall) are the middle points to the summer and winter solstice. This is an echo to the balance of all points, and from each of those compass points, there is a center, a middle aspect of the compass from which the needle point pivots.

The middle space is similar to the point in which a pendulum on its back-and-forth motion for the briefest of instances touches an absolute 0 point, the moment between the furthest of its arc's reach. At that middle point, some say, is where miracles happen, where for the briefest of moments the motion of balance is in perfect harmony before the plumb line swings away in its motion. It also suggests that at these instances of the pendulum 0 point are the high (or low) points of our lives, the punctuated moments of transition between two periods.

From a Masonic perspective, we can equate this time of year, this equinox to the measuring of our point within a circle, the plumb line achieving that zero center point in its swing up to its furthest reaches. Tradition tells us that the plumb measures our vertical, but when given motion, even something so slight as the earth's rotation, it can also demonstrate the path of our circumference, our diameter, and our rotational motion around our axis (see Foucault's Pendulum). As the plumb traces its circumference, in the space of the sphere, the plumb also orients back through the center of the circumference, when marking the furthest points of our radius.



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In a more metaphysical aspect, the idea of the equinox could be viewed as a more than the transition point, but the idea of the position movement, the transition from one place to another, from one idea to another. And in an even more profound way, this can be seen as at once not being initiated, to being initiated encompassing the start of transition from one inner idea to another, the growing path of our thought and its sway of our own internal gravity. In this point of view, we can easily see the similarities to the ideas of alchemy and the changing of states.

One caution, however, is that there is no definition of what the states are, or if they are up into a higher realm or down into a lower attitude. Remember, Jacob's ladder was both a way to ascend to heaven and a way to descend to earth (and possibly sub-terra). In reflecting on this, it is good to keep in mind that your mental state defines your position, and with some exertion, you can manifest the power of your position.

In more traditional celebration, the Equinox is as much a means to reflect on our relative state as it is a means to celebrate our resurrection and means to create life (fertility). Following close behind the first day of spring is the celebration of Palm Sunday, Passover, and Easter, and in the months to come the celebrations of Beltaine, Walpurgis, and Floralia, each of which from Pagan (Roman era) celebrations of the blossoming spring renewal and the return of the sun.

Whatever your celebration, welcome to the spring, and the renewal of life. Welcome the vernal equinox and our changing of states.

The Liberty Tree America250PA

<https://www.america250pa.org/>

by Brother Carl F. Calder



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.

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.

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future.

America250PA hopes to engage all citizens of the Commonwealth, from all 67 counties, to bring the Commonwealth's history into the conversation so Pennsylvanians can better understand the origins and multiple perspectives of issues facing our Commonwealth and nation today, use history to encourage and inspire future leaders, celebrate the contributions of Pennsylvanians to our Commonwealth's history but also to our Nation's history, leave a lasting impact on the next generation and to spark an interest in which will ignite the drive for them to appreciate all the triumphs, trials and tribulations to which contributed to the Commonwealth for which they are now writing their own history.

During the month of February all the Masonic Lodges located in Franklin County banded together and raised enough in donations to ensure Franklin County would receive a Liberty Tree. Each county raising \$1,000.00 in donations will receive one tree for planting. A marker will be placed with the tree indicating it was sponsored by Pennsylvania Freemasons, in cooperation with America250PA.

To learn more about the Liberty Tree Program, America250 PA, or to have Brother Robert L. Thomas, PM, speak at your Blue Lodge, or other Masonic appendant body, contact him at 717-496-6156 or via email at bobtom72@gmail.com.

Blue Slippers

Our Fraternity Has a True Obligation to Assist Our Widows *Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*

The Widows' Guild program recognizes and assists all widows of Pennsylvania Masons. Widows are given a Masonic Blue Slipper Pin, which is universally recognized among Masons as identifying the wearer as the widow of a Mason, and a personalized membership card to the Widows' Guild. On the back side of the membership card is the toll-free number for the Masonic Outreach Program. The program provides financial assistance, attorney/legal support, durable and medical equipment and a variety of educational information and referral services for widows and others in need.

The pin's history comes from the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament. During the time of Boaz, the next of kin were to look after the widow and offspring. In Ruth's case, the next of kin refused to honor this requirement for Ruth, so Boaz agreed to take up the task. When Boaz met with the next of kin to seal the deal, the next of kin drew off his shoe and handed it to Boaz as a token for the bargain to take care of Ruth. Boaz held the shoe up for all to see as witnesses of the deal. To this day, the blue slipper symbolizes our duty to care for our widows of the fraternity.

One obligation Masons vow to uphold is to serve and support the widows of their fraternal brothers. Many wives have been proud supporters of their husbands' Masonic traditions. They, too, have devoted their time and talents to enrich the bonds formed within the Fraternity. By honoring a Masonic widow with a Blue Slipper Pin, remembering her husband, and making her feel special, you are easing the minds of all brethren, as they too realize their loved ones will never be alone.

Events to honor Masonic widows with a pin presentation may include hosting a dinner, brunch, tea or simply a meet and greet at an already stated lodge meeting.


If you know a widow who would be interested in receiving a Masonic Blue Slipper Pin, becoming a member of the Widows' Guild and receiving the "Blue Slipper Stories" newsletter and invitations to special events that bring Masonic widows together, please contact the Masonic Outreach Program, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, call 1-800-462-7664, email outreach@masonicvillages.org, or visit <https://masonicvillages.org/care-support/outreach-program/>.



She supported her husband on his Masonic journey.

Now, it's time to support her.

Services for Widows of Pennsylvania Masons
Widows' Guild | Masonic Outreach Program | Masonic Villages



Hello, I'm Linda Jackson.


One of the obligations Masons vow to uphold is to support the widows of their fraternal brothers. The Masonic Widows' Guild is available to honor and assist Masonic widows through events, communications and by connecting them with each other, as well as to supportive services they may need (see below).

Members of the **Widows' Guild** receive a Masonic Blue Slipper Pin, which is a universal symbol among Masons that identifies the wearer as the widow of a Mason. Members also receive a personalized membership card, invitations to events, newsletters and access to the Guild's directory.

The **Masonic Outreach Program** provides financial assistance for eligible widows, access to legal and financial counsel, medical equipment and information about local, state and federal programs that can provide assistance.

Masonic Villages provides an array of services including retirement living, nursing and personal care, rehabilitation and home-based care. Services vary across five Pennsylvania locations.

If you know a Masonic widow who would benefit from these services, learn more by visiting MasonicVillages.org. For the Masonic Outreach Program, you may also call 1-800-462-7664 or email outreach@masonicvillages.org. For more information on the Masonic Widows' Guild, or for questions, contact me, relations administrator and coordinator of the Guild, at 717-367-1121, ext. 33497 or LMJackson@masonicvillages.org. I look forward to hearing from you!



The Masonic Widows Pin

"This pin was created as an emblem to symbolize our continued concern and honor for the widows of a Brother Master Mason, a Brother whose name added luster to the Craft as he labored with us in The Quarry.



Now that his name has been entered upon the Roll of the Celestial Lodge, we cannot forget those things which he loved so deeply, nor can we be unmindful of our duty to him.

- 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 roaring into March like a lion!!! All of the Lodges of District Three are having an excellent start to the year. I have visited six of the Lodges in the District this year and look forward to being in the other two Lodges shortly. I have also attended one extra meeting. The work of the evening was excellent and was representative the caliber of the work in District Three. All members of the district should be proud of the Degree work presented in the district! I look forward to attending many other extra meetings in the coming months.

The district has several events on the calendar this Masonic year. We will be holding an oyster feed in April, District 3 Past Master dinner in May, a trip to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and a Low Vale to mention a few. Please review the district newsletter each month for details as they become available. The Worshipful Masters and other officers are working hard to present interesting programs at the stated meetings. Come out and support them as they enjoy the satisfaction and pride during their “Year in the East.”

I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel the Masonic trail throughout 2022. Until we meet again, please be safe in your travels.

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



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



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

Brethren all,

I was absent from SOI in January, February, and March, primarily as a result of having to deal with health issues for my 98-year-old mother who lives in Missouri. I also had COVID in mid-January, despite both shots and a booster. So, please remain careful! Hopefully, COVID is waning.

Many of you expressed your concern about my mother and wishes for her recovery. I very much appreciate your comments and thoughts. She has recovered remarkably well.

I understand that there was some uncertainty about where the ballot box goes during balloting at the January SOI. We have confirmed that the ballot box will be taken to the Treasurer and Secretary after first being taken to the Senior Warden and Junior Warden, and then placed upon the altar for the brethren to vote. We will touch on it again at our next meeting. Please let us know if you have questions.

This is a quick reminder that the Region Two Sectional School of Instruction will meet on Saturday, March 26, 2022. 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. As the work is planned to be completed by noon or shortly thereafter, no lunch will be served. All Master Masons are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to see some excellent work and have your questions answered. I urge you to attend if you can.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next SOI.

Sincerely & 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.

The Academy's next symposium will occur on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, Freemasons Cultural Center, located at One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. You must pre-register for the event at the link below. Masks are mandatory at all times for all attendees. Registration opens at 8:30 AM. The program will begin at 9:30 AM. [Register of the Symposium here](#). If you would like to watch the live stream of the symposium, please use this link on the day of the event. [Watch the Live Stream](#).

The following speakers and topics will be featured at the March 19, 2022 Spring Symposium:

Brother Chuck Dunning

Topic: *Compassion & Gratitude in Masonry, Psychology, and Contemplative Practice*

Chuck Dunning is an advocate, facilitator, trainer, and consultant in contemplative practice, with more than 30 years in the professional fields of higher education and mental health, as well as in Masonry, Rosicrucianism, and other currents in the Western esoteric traditions. Chuck's consistent commitment is to the actual practice of contemplative disciplines to facilitate and enhance experiences of personal growth, social wellbeing, and spiritual initiation and transformation.

With that aim, as a Mason he has authored *The Contemplative Lodge: A Manual for Masons Doing Inner Work Together* (2021), and *Contemplative Masonry: Basic Applications of Mindfulness, Meditation, and Imagery for the Craft* (2016). Chuck was also a contributing author in *The Art and Science of Initiation* (2019). He is the founding Superintendent of the Academy of Reflection, which is a chartered organization for Scottish Rite Masons wanting to integrate contemplative practice with their Masonic experience. Chuck

is also a co-founder, trainer, and facilitator for the Masonic Legacy Society, which freely introduces the inner work of Masonry through online documents and facilitated activities and training.

In 2021, Contemplative Masonry was recognized as third in the Top 10 Masonic Books of the New Millennium (so far) by the readers of Fraternal Review magazine. In 2019, the College of Freemasonry in Rochester, New York presented Chuck with the Thomas W. Jackson Masonic Education Award for fraternal leadership in Masonic research and esoteric study. In 2018, the Southern California Research Lodge recognized him as being among the Top Ten Esoteric Masonic Authors. Chuck's Masonic Craft Lodge memberships include Haltom City-Riverside #1331 (Texas), and Albert Pike #162 (Oklahoma). He is also an honorary member of Sophia #767 (North Carolina) and Ancient York #89 (New Hampshire). Chuck's Scottish Rite memberships are in the Valleys of Fort Worth, Texas and Guthrie, Oklahoma, and his York Rite memberships are in Texas Chapter #362 and Texas Council #321, both in Fort Worth. He is also a Full Member of the Texas Lodge of Research, a member of the Philalethes Society, the Masonic Society, and the Scottish Rite Research Society.

As a professional, Chuck retired in 2018 from serving as a student affairs administrator and adjunct faculty member at Texas Christian University (TCU). His student affairs work at TCU focused on student development in leadership, mentoring, and holistic wellbeing. As an adjunct faculty member, he taught and supervised in the master's program in counselor education. In 2017, Chuck's work in dialogue training at TCU was honored with the prestigious Michael R. Ferrari Award for Distinguished University Service and Leadership. He currently works part-time as a counselor and psychotherapist in private practice. Chuck also still serves on the steering committee for CALM (TCU Contemplative Studies), and is a member of the Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education. He holds a master's degree in counseling and a bachelor's in psychology, both from the University of North Texas.

Brother Mohamad A. Yatim

Topic: *Freemasonry and the Mystic Schools of the East*

R.W. and Illustrious Mohamad A. Yatim, 33°, MSA, HGA is the immediate past Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America.

R.W. Yatim is a Past Master of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 F&AM and currently serves as the Grand Educator of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

In the Scottish Rite, Illustrious Yatim is a Past Most Wise Master of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Northern NJ and was coroneted 33° Mason in 2019. He is one of founders and board members of the Hauts Grades Academy, Supreme Council AASR NMJ's premier education program.

In the York Rite, Mohamad serves as Grand Historian of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of NJ and Grand Director of Education for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Mohamad is an active member and serves in leadership positions in various other Appendant and Invitational Masonic Bodies.

Upcoming Academy Dates
Saturday, October 22, 2022

The Masonic Nugget

Point within the Circle



The point within a circle is a common symbol used in Freemasonry. As with many masonic symbols the origin of the point in the circle is unknown. In carvings from Ancient Egypt the Alpha and Omega symbols representing God often had a circle with a point in between them. In the case of the Egyptian symbol the two vertical lines are replaced with snakes.

Regardless of the symbol's origin, Freemasonry has adopted it to represent what is, in the opinion of this writer, one of our most important ideas in Freemasonry. In all interpretations of this image, the point in the center represents the individual man or mason.

Taking just the circle it is a reminder we are all circumscribed with a circle in our lives and those who enter the circle, both in a literal (people we see) and figurative sense (people who our actions may impact), have a claim on our kind offices. Our good will to our fellow man and our fellow mason is paramount to the moral ideals behind Freemasonry. It can also be said the same circle is a dividing line between our internal passions and a mason's duty to God and his fellow man. A mason should never allow his internal passions, prejudices and selfish interests to pass outside the circle.

There are many other references to the circle with the point in its center, there are also just as many interpretations of it's meaning throughout history and in the masonic fraternity. As an example some say it is in reference to the candidate circumambulating the masonic altar.

The two lines on either side of the circle, for Freemasons, represents St. John the Baptist on the left and St. John the Evangelist the right. Two prominent Saints revered in Freemasonry because of their connection with what is deemed the Mother Lodge in Jerusalem. St. John Lodge of Jerusalem was first believed to be dedicated to St. John the Baptist and then to St. John the Evangelist. The Feast of St. John the Baptist falls on the Summer Solstice, the Feast of St. John the Evangelist falls on the Winter Solstice, so the lines are also often said to represent the Summer and Winter Solstice.

Regardless of its origin or interpretation the symbol is a reminder to Freemasons everywhere to remain true to our obligations to those around us and to ourselves.

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!



Regional and 3rd Masonic District Schools of Instruction

The Regional School of Instruction (SOI) will be on Saturday March 26, 2022, at the Carlisle Masonic Center, 1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle PA, 17013. District 3 is hosting the event.

The 3rd Masonic District School of Instruction (SOI) 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. Our next SOI will be on March 28, 2022. The work of the evening will be the Entered Apprentice Degree exemplified by Acacia Lodge No. 586.

All Master Masons and Lodge Instructors are highly encouraged to attend both SOI sessions.

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 from George Washington Lodge No. 143,

It has been a busy past month of travel and events and looking forward to seeing more District Brethren as we continue to plan new events for the upcoming months. The Worshipful Master and Senior Warden traveled with Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM and other Master's for an official visit to Big Spring Lodge No. 361 on February 10, 2022. It was a great evening of fellowship!

Our stated meeting was held on February 1, 2022, with a program presented by Brother William L. Britton, PM on "Our Masonic Path". We were also presented with an update on the Liberty Tree program from Brother Robert L. Thomas, PM. Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443. The Trustees also presented their report.

Our Extra meeting was held on February 17, 2022 when the Worshipful Master conferred the Master Masons degree on Brother Jeremy Michael Jamison, and Brother Ray Massey, JW, conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on Brad Austin Keesee.

On February 18, 2022 we traveled to Acacia Lodge No. 586 to successfully take the Traveling Gavel from them that evening. We are looking forward to those who wish to come to our next stated meeting to keep this gavel moving throughout the District!

We will be attending the RWGM Open House with some prospective members as well as the Town Hall on March 5, 2022.

Our next stated meeting will be on March 1, 2022 and will include a meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread and Key Lime Pie for dessert. Our program will be presented by the Jobs Daughters of Bethel No. 16. An Extra Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. when a Fellowcraft Mason Degree will be conferred on Brad Austin Keesee.

Finally, on March 19, 2022 we will host a Live Stream of the Academy of Knowledge. The lodge will be opened at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts, the live stream will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 3:00 p.m. with a pizza lunch break sometime around noon. Attire is same as for the District 3 School of Instruction and is open to all Masons of the District. Come enjoy the fellowship! Stay for everything, or as much as you can without the need to travel Elizabethtown. We look forward to seeing all who wish to join us for any of our events.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Northcott
Worshipful Master

From The Desk of the Secretary,

Brethren, as a reminder, if you have not paid your 2022 Lodge Dues you are “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, nor belong to or attend Meetings of Appendant Bodies which require membership be in good standing. At the March Stated Meeting, the names of those who have not paid their 2022 dues will be read. At the April Stated Meeting, those who have not paid their dues will be suspended. If you are suspended, you will no longer belong to Lodge, nor any appendant body which you currently may belong to. To avoid this, contact the Secretary to remedy the situation.

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>
Ladies Night Banquet October 15, 2022

Greetings from the East,

Brethren, it's been a fun month of Masonry. Carlisle Lodge No. 260 held a family trivia night last month that saw members and their families compete to show their intellectual prowess. I'm happy to report our 5th grade table tied team mustaches, who only had one person with a mustache, when the score was finally settled. After the event, the Lodge used the remaining pizza to feed the nurses at Carlisle Hospital. They were very appreciative of the gesture.

March brings with it the return to spring. As the weather warms and our cases of COVID subside we continue our push to bring back our members. Prior to our stated meeting on March, 2022, Brother Brandon Benner will present a program on the Carlisle Indian School. His extensive research and subject matter knowledge will surely interest and excite the neural synapses. A dinner of Corn beef and cabbage will begin at 6:30 p.m. Brother Brandon's program will follow at 7:00 p.m. Families are welcome to come.

On March 18, 2022, we will confer a Master Mason and Fellow Craft Mason degree. Please join us as we watch a brother get raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Degrees start at 6:30 pm. It is always a special time in Masonry, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

God Bless!
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,

A Stated Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday March 10, 2022 at 7:30 The Program for the evening: *"Pennsylvania DeMolay"* presented by Brother Michael Larkin, Director of Membership for PA DeMolay.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Matthew R. Hoch

Worshipful Master

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Dist 3 Ritualistic Excellence Program
DDGM's Ritualistic Excellence Award Program When: Saturday, June 12th, 2021 Where: Big Spring...

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,

As February is coming to a close, I am thankful for another active month at Eureka-West Shore Lodge. At our February Stated Meeting, and as it was National Boy Scout week, we recognized those among us that were Boy Scouts, where Boys are taught by way of its principles to be good men, and then went on to be made better men in Freemasonry. By dispensation the officers and brethren were permitted to wear the badge of their Boy Scout rank at the meeting. Our speaker for the evening was Brother William L. Britton, PM, who gave an excellent presentation on the Academy of Masonic Knowledge, and the Lodge of Research. Our Trustees Report and Grand Lodge Quarterly reports were presented as well. Among the visitors was Brother Tommy L. Long, PM, from Chosen Friends Lodge No. 43 Prince Hall Lodge. Finally, we were visited by a group of Brothers from Acacia Lodge No. 443, who successfully retrieved the District 3 Traveling Gavel from our possession.



At our Extra Meeting, Brother Donato Torres DeGuzman was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Brother Kenneth B. Robinson, PM, was his mentor, and performed a fine job as Worshipful Master for the degree.



On February 22, 2022, six of our brethren visited an extra meeting of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown. Our Senior Warden, Brother Denny Beaver, was the guide for one of his friends, Larry Webster, who received his Third Degree. It is always interesting to see other lodges and their ritual. Eureka-West Shore represented about one quarter of the sidelines in attendance.

Our lodge entry improvements are moving along nicely and we look forward to the completion in the coming months.

Some upcoming events to mark on your calendars:

March 7, 2022

Stated Meeting - Kilt Night – Come wearing your favorite Tartan! Our speaker is Brother Bryan L. Hill, PM. His topic: “Real Men Wear Kilts”

March 16, 2022 Monthly Zoom “Toast to Our Absent Brethren” at 9:00 PM (room opens at 8:15) [CLICK HERE](#)

April 4, 2022 (Save this date!)

DISTRICT OYSTER FEED [Click here for a Flyer to share and RSVP info](#)

DDGM Official Visitation, 50, 60, and 70-year Masonic Service Awards

July 16, 2022

Lodge trip to the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

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,



Our February stated meeting and Ground Hog's Day are now in the history books. Despite the forecast delivered by Punxsutawney Phil we met in the Alexander Steward Social Hall for a tasty dinner of Oven Fried Chicken, Long Grain & Wild Rice, Standard Mixed Vegetables, and Apple Crisp topped with friendship and Brotherly Love.

Following dinner and our normal business the Worshipful Master called upon Brother Jeffrey L. Fox, PM, who presented a wonderful and informative program on the "*The York Rite of Pennsylvania*." Prior to closing the lodge Brother Thomas M. White PM, presented his son Brother Jason E. White his Past Master's jewel. It was a wonderful Lewis moment in lodge; a father, and Past Master, passing his Masonic legacy to his son, that of becoming a Past Master.

A Stated Meeting Of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday March 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The Program for the evening: "*Pennsylvania DeMolay*" presented by Brother Alex Fizz who will be assisted by members of DeMolay. A Fellowship meal will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. Corned Beef and Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes Key Lime Pie.

An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday March 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Fellowcraft Mason Degree will be conferred upon Mitchel Lewis Johnston. The Entered Apprentice Mason Degree will be conferred upon John Russel Ridgway and Mahmood M.J. Saand.

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 March 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. There is no formal program for the evening, but we will hear continuing reports from our Ritualistic Foundation Rebuilding Team and Masonic Temple committees. There will also be a presentation of a symbolic "Ritualistic Stone" for rebuilding the lodge foundation.

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

Greetings from the East ,

A stated meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Tuesday March 15, 2022, at 7:30. The program of the evening "How many masons does it take to change a lightbulb" will be presented by Brother Robert C. Snyder II, PDDGM, District 34.

An extra meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday February 17, 2022, at 7:00. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Brothers Garry L Fix and Jason A Latta. Following the conferral of the Master Mason degrees the Fellowcraft degree will be conferred upon Brother Jason Koons. Please come out and support our newest brothers on their special night.

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. With Thirty-Two Masons in attendance, it was one of our largest meetings since the pandemic began. There were eleven guests, most of whom were apparently in search of the traveling gavel. Mt. Pisgah No. 443 had two members traveling along with Brother Toby A. Stoner WM. George Washington Lodge No. 143 took the gavel with them as they had seven total in attendance. Brother John C. Northcott is ready to hand it off to another lodge as we all share in the friendly competition.

Brother William L. Britton, PM offered a program titled “The Masonic Path”. A thought-provoking talk on how our masonic paths often start well beyond the preparing room door. I know that mine surely did, as I was 13 years old when I first became interested in Freemasonry and even before that when my experiences were preparing me to be someone who the fraternity may consider a worthy candidate, even though I had no Masonic ties through my immediate family.

We presented Brother Robert L. Thomas, PM with a check for \$200 toward the Liberty Tree project. Our district is whole heartedly supporting this endeavor.

At our March 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 Michael Smith Potentate of Zembo Shrine. He will be speaking about Zembo and the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Following the meeting we will again join for fellowship over desserts and snacks.

On March 22, 2022, we will also be conferring a Master Mason degree on Tony Wesley Gladfelter. I encourage members of our lodge, and guests from others, to attend and celebrate the addition of another Master Mason to our fraternity. 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.

Symbolism

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.

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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.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Brother James E. Green
Worshipful Master

***“It has been said that wisdom lies not in seeing things,
but in seeing through things.***

- Brother Manly P. Hall