

Third Masonic District

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Hawaii's Freemason Kings

Why Hawaii's 19th-century kings were so drawn to Freemasonry.

By Frank J. Karpel, Jr.

In the mid-nineteenth century, European imperial powers were all over the Pacific, and Hawaii's leaders knew they were under threat. Historian Frank J. Karpel, Jr. writes that one source of strength for the nation's monarchs came from a distinctly Western source: Freemasonry.



King Kamehameha IV

In 1857, King Kamehameha IV became the first reigning Hawaiian monarch to join the Masons. His brother, Prince Lot Kamehameha, who would later become Kamehameha V, had joined four years earlier. Both men had received their educations at schools run by Calvinist missionaries and had traveled through Europe and America with Gerrit Judd, a missionary doctor from New England who served in the cabinet of their uncle, Kamehameha III. As young men, both rejected Judd's puritanical rules. They hosted luaus, sponsored hula demonstrations, and embraced Western pastimes like card games and billiards. Judd later said of Kamehameha IV that, "having been compelled to be good when a boy, he is determined not to be good as a man."

Karpel writes that part of the attraction for the kings may have been that Freemasonry echoed their issues with missionaries, decrying church hypocrisy in failing to feed the hungry and help the poor, and criticizing religious superstition as a threat to liberal thought. The order also offered connections, parallel to the Church's, with Western elite society. Members of Honolulu's lodges in the 1850s included legal and medical professionals, farmers, ranchers, and mariners from Europe, the United States, and South America.

With the support of the reigning family, the Masons helped build hospitals, public buildings, and civic improvements around the islands for



Event Announcements

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

December 19, 2022
Business of the Lodge
Incoming Masters

decades, beginning in the 1860s. Meanwhile, Kamehameha IV served as “Worshipful Master,” or executive officer, of his local lodge, and most of his cabinet members were Masons.



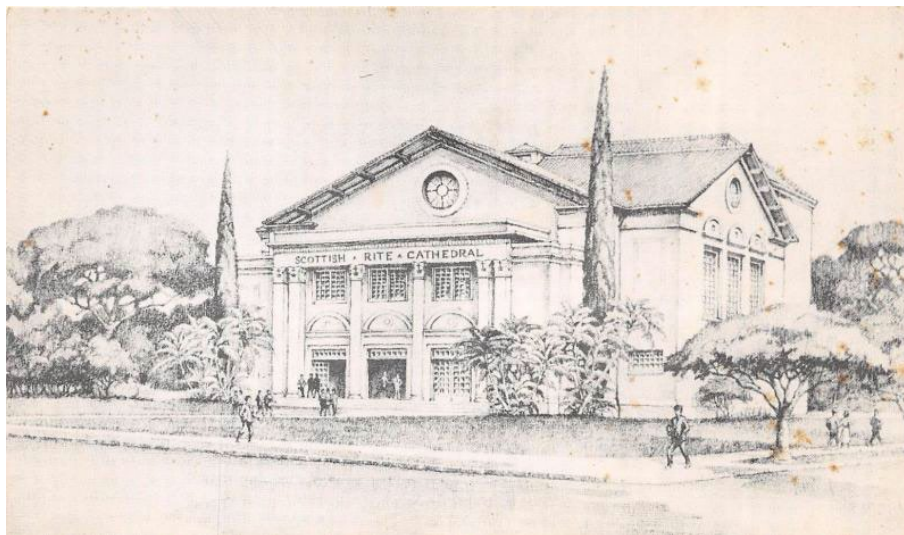
King Kalākaua

When Kamehameha V inherited the throne, he was somewhat less invested in Masonry than his brother had been. His successor, William Lunalillo, wasn't a Mason at all. But the king who followed next, Kalākaua, was deeply involved in the order. Kalākaua was a skilled politician, elected to the throne in a controversial vote by Hawaii's legislature in 1874, rather than inheriting it through his family. Having advanced as a Mason and as a public servant in the 1860s, the new king used his membership in the order to help him carry out state business. At public events, he mixed traditional Hawaiian imagery and rituals with Masonic symbols. Traveling abroad, he visited Masonic temples and met with politicians who were also members of the order.

Kalākaua's political skills and connections helped him in discussions with foreign leaders, leading to a long-sought free trade deal with the U.S. in 1876. The agreement boosted Hawaii's agricultural export industry, but ultimately it was bad news for Kalākaua and Masonry on the islands. Karpel writes that the economic boom drew technicians and managers with little knowledge of Hawaiian culture: “These newcomers would provide a ready audience for the king's most dedicated opponents, the sons of the missionaries who had contested Kamehameha IV's rule thirty years earlier.”

Ultimately, the strength of that coalition contributed to Kalākaua's fall. The Bayonet Constitution of 1887 relegated him to figurehead status. A few years after his death the U.S. annexed the nation in 1898.

Source: Mystic Ties of Brotherhood: Freemasonry, Ritual, and Hawaiian Royalty in the Nineteenth Century, Pacific Historical Review, Vol. 69, No. 3 (Aug., 2000), University of California Press, pp. 357-397.



Honolulu Scottish Rite Cathedral

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, is it winter or spring??? Either way Freemasonry is heating up in District 3. Official visits are progressing in the district. The officers of the District Lodges have been traveling with me on the visits and have enjoyed excellent fraternal fellowship. The work of the officers receiving the District Deputy Grand Master has been exceptional. The Lodge instructors have done well in the preparation of them. I will be conducting four official visits in April. Please come out and be a part of this important event in the life of each Lodge.

Planning has started for the District 3 Low Vale in September. We will again be providing a steak dinner along with conferring a Master Mason Degree. Additional information will be forth coming in future District Three Newsletters. The District Newsletter is for all of the membership in District Three. Brother William Britton, PM is the editor of the newsletter and does a fine job in his labor. Each member may submit articles for in the newsletter to Brother Britton and he will include them as there is space. The articles must be Masonic of nature.

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,

A quick look at the Lodge notices for the past couple of months appears to indicate that the number of degrees being conferred and planned to be conferred is growing, and that is great news, not only for us in District Three but for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. As the number of degrees continues to grow, so too we need to increase the number of Brethren who are certified to give the degrees. I encourage you to get involved in Masonic Ritual, and I especially ask those who are continuing your journey to the East not to delay the work you need to certify to avoid the end-of-year stress. Your principals are ready to help you any way we can so don't hesitate to ask.

We are beginning the official visits and ladies night and anniversary banquets. As the SOI principal, I would ask that you make a special effort to get the protocol right for these events (visitor introductions, table seating, location of podium/speaker's position, American Flag in the proper place, use of the gavel, introduction of Lodge officers, PMs, spouses of departed brothers, etc.). I think you can see from this list that there are a lot of details, and it is taking care of those details that make a good impression and an enjoyable event, be it a banquet or official visit. If you would like, we can attend a rehearsal or just meet with you in your Lodge to provide guidance and suggestions. Please don't hesitate to call on one of the principals if you have questions.

Brethren, we look forward to seeing you at SOI on April 25th!

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 following presentations were made at the Academy's March 2022 symposium:

Bro. Mohamad A. Yatim, *Freemasonry and the Mystic Schools of the East*

Bro. Adam Goldman, *The Feasts of the Holy Saints John and Freemasonry's Dark North*

Click here to view the live stream of the [March 2022 Symposium](#).

Upcoming Academy Dates

Saturday, October 22, 2022

Saturday, March 18, 2023

The Masonic Nugget

Who was the Masonic author who conducted his own funeral?



Harold Van Buren Voorhis died on May 23, 1983. He had been the founder and supporter of many of the "little Masonic bodies" meeting annually in the District of Columbia. For over 50 years he had been a ham radio operator and had used tape recorders since they were first invented. By way of a tape recorder, he conducted his own funeral! And not only in the church, but at his grave side! He said he was taking away this burden from his survivors, and he had conducted his own prayers and made his peace with God.

Source: Roberts, Allen E. *Masonic Trivia (and Facts)*. Anchor Communications, 1994.

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!



Third Masonic District Schools of Instruction

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 April 25, 2022. The work of the evening will be the Fellowcraft Degree exemplified by George Washington Lodge No. 143.



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 another busy month of travel and events, and looking forward to seeing more district brethren as we continue to plan new events for the upcoming months.

On March 5, 2022 we attended the Open House and Town Hall meeting presented by the Right Worshipful Grand Master at the Valley of Harrisburg. Both events were very informative and I am looking forward to receiving the presentations for future use with both prospective members, as well as the membership.

Our stated meeting was held on March 11, 2022. A program was presented by Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 16, and their Guardians. The meeting was well attended by brethren from around the district on a quest to secure the Traveling Gavel. Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302 won the honors with an even dozen brethren traveling with their Worshipful Master. Congratulations to them, and thanks to the brethren from both Mt Pisgah Lodge No. 443 and Acacia Lodge No. 586 for attending as well.

Our Extra meeting was held on March 17, 2022. Brother Ray Massey, JW, conferred the Fellow Craft Masons Degree on Brad Austin Keese.

On March 19, 2022 we had several officers attending the Wardens Training, while at the same time we were live-streaming the Academy of Masonic Knowledge meeting at our lodge. We enjoyed refreshments of coffee and donuts prior to the start of the Academy's meeting, then had the opportunity to listen to the two speakers give their presentations. After a lunch break for some pizza, the meeting reconvened with a question and answer period. This was a great way to participate in the Academy's meeting without the extra travel. We will look to do this again soon!

On March 26, 2022 we traveled to Carlisle Lodge No. 260 for the Regional School of Instruction.

Coming up, we will travel for an Official Visit and the District Oyster Feed on April 4, 2022 at Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302.

Our next stated meeting will be on April 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., and will include a meal of Baked Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Corn Bread and Carrot Cake for dessert. The program of the evening will be presented by Brother Dan Confer titled *A Comparison between Masonic and College Fraternities*.

On Thursday April 14, 2022 we will be holding an Extra Meeting at 7:00 p.m. when a Master Mason Degree will be conferred on Brad Austin Keese. Additionally, the same evening, we will arrange a traveling party to accompany the DDGM on his official visit to Orrstown Lodge No. 262.

We will attend another Official Visit at Carlisle Lodge No. 260 on April 19, 2022; and finally, at the end of the month, we will exemplify the Fellow Craft Mason Degree at the District School of Instruction on April 25, 2022.

We look forward to seeing all our Brethren at the many events being held this month.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Northcott
Worshipful Master

From The Desk of the Secretary,

As the month of April approaches, Lodges are continuing to contact those who have not paid their 2022 dues. Again, your membership in Lodge is required to belong to other Masonic Bodies. If you are “Not in Good Standing”, you cannot attend Meetings of Appendant Bodies requiring membership in Lodge.

At the April Stated Meeting, those who have not paid will be suspended. At that time, memberships in Appendant Bodies will also stop.

There are many benefits included with your membership. The Masonic Outreach Program provides information, referrals, education, and other supports to guide and assist those in need to include: Adult Day Care, Caregiver support, Legal Assistance, Nursing Home Care, Transportation, Senior Centers, and many other services and resources. Most importantly, the life-long friendships, and fellowship, in your Lodge.

Please contact your respective Secretaries concerning continuing your membership.

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,

April is a very busy month for Freemasonry. There are 3 official visits this month including Carlisle Lodge No. 260 on April 19, 2022. We hope you will join us to welcome the District Deputy Grand Master and the Worshipful Masters of District 3. We will present 50 year emblems to Brothers Harold A. Bretz, Edward F. Brookens, Gerald W. Cline, Walter M. Eckman, Robert L. Lloyd, Michael G. Oyler, PM, Charles L. Stoup Jr, Clyde A. Trayer, Paul E. Treon and John S. Ward; 60 year emblems to Brothers Lloyd E Penner, Sr, Charles R Leeds, and Darryl G. Marwitz; and 70 year emblems to Brothers Thomas L. Fletcher, Jr., and Hampton P. Corson. Prior to the meeting a catered dinner of ham, green beans, and mashed potatoes will be served in our reception hall. Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 and Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will also have official visits on April 4, 2022, and April 14, 2022 respectively. The month ends with the Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 443 holding its annual ladies night on April 30, 2022.

Additionally, we are welcoming in a new Master Mason and two new Entered Apprentice Masons. Brother Robert H. Otto will finally get his chance to confer his first degree and fulfill one of my objectives for the year. I hope all will join us on April 22, 2022 to see him confer the degree and to meet our new brothers.

Finally, save the date, Carlisle Lodge 260's annual banquet will be held on October 15, 2022 at Mayapple Golf Course in Carlisle. Additional information is forthcoming.

I look forward to spending another great month of Freemasonry with all of you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

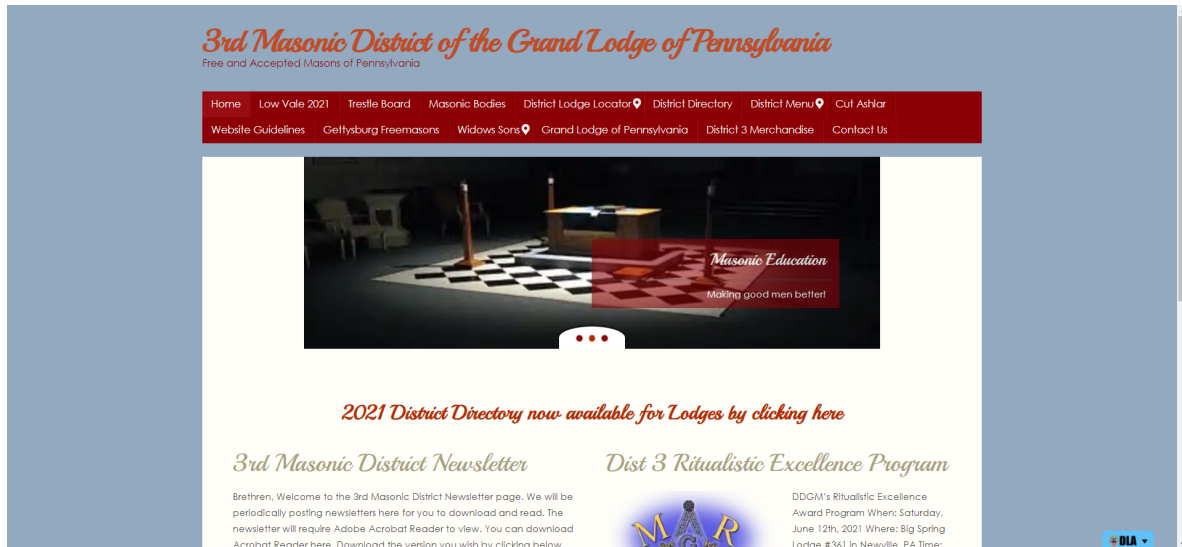
Marc R. Thorne
Worshipful Master



3rd Masonic District Website

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[3rd Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania](#)



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 is pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual Official Visit and Dinner at our April 14, 2022 meeting. This year's event will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be Jamaican Jerk Chicken, Rice and Green Beans with Onions and Basil. Dessert will be Key Lime Pie. A Lodge of Master Masons will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. with an official visit by Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM District 3 and the presentation of Masonic service awards. Suit and tie, or tux for officers is required. Please join us on this exciting day and enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers in Freemasonry!

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>

Ladies Night Banquet September 15, 2022

Greetings from the East!

Our March stated meeting celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Scottish Masonic Poet Brother Robert Burns. By dispensation, any of those in attendance, who dared to, wore their finest kilts. The featured speaker was Brother Bryan L. Hill, PM, whose topic was "Real Men Wear Kilts". He did a fine job, as always, and his talk was both enlightening and entertaining. Prior to the meeting we had a wonderful feast of Corned Beef and Cabbage prepared by our Lodge Stewards.



On March 11, we mustered 12 brethren to travel to Chambersburg to visit George Washington Lodge No. 143 to see their program on the Job's Daughters, and of course to acquire the District 3 Traveling Gavel. Our April Meeting is sure to be full as not only will other lodges be vying to retrieve the gavel from us, but there will be an official visit by District Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey R. Miller, and it will also be preceded by the District Oyster Dinner in our social hall.



Our Lodge entrance is nearing completion and is certainly a welcome addition to our building.



Some upcoming events to mark on your calendars:

April 4 – Stated Meeting, Official Visitation, 50- & 60-year awards, and the DISTRICT OYSTER FEED! RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – [Click here for a Flyer to share and RSVP info](#)
April 6 – Extra Meeting – Conferral of Entered Apprentice Degree
April 20 - Monthly Zoom “Toast to Our Absent Brethren” starting at 9:00 PM (room opens at 8:15)
[Monthly Zoom Meeting](#)
July 16 – 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,

On March 3, 2022 we held our March Stated meeting. Our fellowship meal started right on time. Chef Willie served a fantastic meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes and Key Lime Pie in honor of Saint Patrick's Day. This was top by a healthy heaping of Masonic fellowship and good cheer.

After such a good meal we all adjourned to the lodge room, where at 7:30 p.m. the gavel fell and our lodge opened in Ancient form. Having dispensed with the usual business Brother Robert L. Thomas, PM, Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 spoke about the Liberty Tree Program, its importance, and the contributions made by all the Masonic Lodges in Franklin County, including ours, ensuring a tree would be planted in Franklin County.

Following Brother Thomas, Brother Alex Fizz, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, presented a splendid, and thought provoking program on the *Pennsylvania DeMolay*. Brother Fizz enlightened us about DeMolay, and how the program opens doors to its members by developing civic awareness, personal responsibility, life skills, and brotherhood. Following the presentation a donation was made to Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation by the lodge.



Prior to closing Brother Jesse E. Weller, WM, presented a plaque to Brother Jason E. White on behalf of the Lodge Officers in commemoration of his year as Worshipful Master. Following the presentation the

Worshipful Master introduced Brother David. L. Gerstenlauer, Most Wise Master, Body of Rose Croix, Valley of Harrisburg, who delivered a few remarks, after which the lodge was duly closed in Ancient form.



After the lodge was closed Brother Thomas Gsell took a few photos to preserve the memory of the evening. Thank you Brother Tom!

On March 17, 2021 Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons was held and started promptly at 7:00 p.m. The Fellowcraft Mason Degree was conferred upon Brother Mitchel Lewis Johnston, and he was passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason. Following the conferral of the Fellowcraft Mason Degree the Entered Apprentice Mason Degree was conferred upon John Russel Ridgway and Mahmood M.J. Saand. Both entered into our lodge as our newest members.



Congratulations brethren on your being passed and entered into our lodge and our fraternity!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jesse E. Weller
Worshipful Master

CUMBERLAND VALLEY LODGE #315

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TO ORDER CONTACT BROTHER JESSE E. WELLER, WM

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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

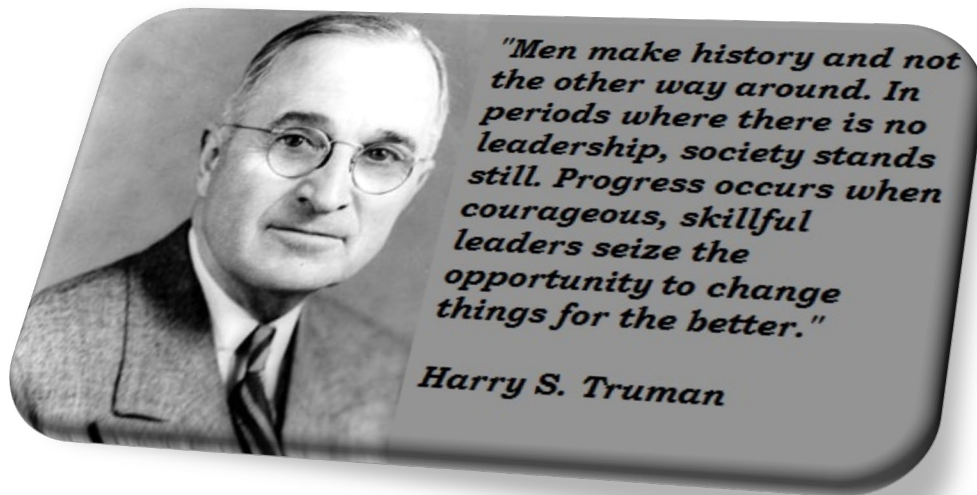
Greetings from the East,

On April 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. we will be holding our next stated meeting. There is no formal program for the evening but we will hear 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 which will be the exemplification of a portion of the First Degree.

Fraternal Greetings,

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 April 19, 2022, at 7:30. The program of the evening will be A Masonic Short Talk.

An extra meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday April 21, 2022, at 7:00. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Brothers Garry L Fix and Jason Koons. Please come out and support our newest brothers on their special night.

We will also be at Twin Bridges Campground April 24, 2022 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. running the French fry stand. Come out for some fellowship.

Our Ladies Night Banquet is April 30, 2022 at the Williamson Ruritan Club, 5583 Kennedy Ave St. Thomas 17252. Cost is 25.00 per person. The meal is beef and chicken served family style.

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. The program for the evening was by Ill. Sir Michael J. Smith, Potentate of Zembo Shrine Harrisburg. I became a Shriner almost immediately after I was raised, so having the current Potentate come and talk about the origins of Shriner's International, Zembo Temple, and Shriners Children's was near and dear to my heart.

On March 22, 2022 we raised Tony Wesley Gladfelter to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. I want to thank John Northcott , WM, George Washington Lodge No. 143 for filling in as Junior Warden, and of course Dennis McClanahan, PM, Secretary, George Washington Lodge No. 143 for performing the degree. It really shows that when needed a brother will set aside time in their own busy schedules to assist another.



We continue to have food, and drinks prior to our meetings and desserts following. This coming month we will have fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, and stewed tomatoes. We encourage our brethren to attend more regularly, as those of us who are regularly attending lodge are greatly enjoying the fraternal bonds and masonic education each month.

At our April meeting, we will once again join to strengthen those fraternal bonds and acquire more knowledge in Freemasonry. April is our Past Master Night, and the program for the evening will be given by Brother D. Lamar Sease, PM. He will be regaling us with "Masonic Stories", and I am greatly looking forward to them.

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.

Regalia

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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