

# Third Masonic District

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**Notice from the Editor:** The Third Masonic District Newsletter will call off from labor and will not be issued during the months of July and August. Look for your next issue in September.

## Modes of Recognition: Signs, Tokens, and Passwords

*By Brother William L. Britton, PM*

Modes of recognition are not unique to Freemasonry. The concept of human identity is something which has existed for thousands of years. Before we proved our identities with plastic cards or on our mobile devices, people proved their identity in several ways, such as language, physical identifiers, or objects. Today, biometric authentication is a constant feature in our lives, with many smartphones utilizing facial or fingerprint recognition as a security measure. This has not always been the case. There were times in human history that modes of recognition were crucial to one's survival, and very existence.

Modes of recognition are used to prevent non-Masons from infiltrating our lodges; to assist us in guarding against the admittance of all cowans and eavesdroppers. Our Masonic signs, tokens and passwords are one of the secrets that we as Freemasons are obligated to keep. Traditionally they were used to verify whether a stranger from another land was a Mason. So, what are these? I will explain the various signs, tokens and passwords, nature of these, and how they are used.

### The Due Guard

On due guards, in his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Dr. Albert Mackey gives us this brief explanation:

*"A mode of recognition which derives its name from its object, which is to duly guard the person using it in reference to his obligations, and the penalty for their violation. The Due Guard is an Americanism, and of comparatively recent origin, being unknown to the English and continental systems. In some of the old rituals of the date 1757, the expression is used, but only as referring to what is now called the Sign."*

Each degree has a due guard that is accompanied by a sign. It has its reference to the manner in which the hands are placed while taking the obligation. I did not know that the due guard was particular to American Freemasonry prior to writing this article. This goes to show that there is always something more to learn.



## Event Announcements

August 22, 2022  
Master Mason Degree/Low Vale Preparation  
District 3 Low Vale Team

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

## The Sign

A sign is a physical gesture referencing the penalty a mason must face if he were to fail to live up to his obligation. Preston calls them “the keys of our treasure.” Some Masons believe that signs are universal, and, in most cases are correct, however they do have the potential of differing from jurisdiction to jurisdiction; but this is an exception and not the rule. Each degree has at least one sign.

## Tokens (Grips)

Tokens are not unique to Freemasonry. A token is literally a physical manifestation of identity and/or of authority. In Masonry, a physical gesture done by two people composes a token. The purpose of this token is to allow both Masons to identify themselves to each other as such. If I initiate this token with a fellow Mason, I have a part to do, and he has a part to do; each degree also has at least one token. Most tokens are associated with, and at times, accompanied with a password.

## Passwords

This leads us to passwords. Let’s again refer to Mackey’s Encyclopedia:

*“A word intended, like the military countersign, to prove the friendly nature of him who gives it and is a test of his right to pass or be admitted into a certain place. [...] the author of the life of the celebrated Elias Ashmole says, ‘Freemasons are known to one another all over the world by certain passwords known to them alone; they have Lodges in different countries, where they are relieved by the brotherhood if they are in distress.’”*

When a token is being exchanged between two Masons, they have speaking parts that go along with it; a portion of it is the password. However, one does not simply say the password; after all, what if the person whom you are proving yourself to is not a Mason? Instead, you give a portion of the password in a certain order and so does he. That way, even if someone has blurted the password to him before, he will not know how to convey it to you correctly unless he has been taught it by a Mason.

## Worshipful Masters and Past Masters

I will note here that most regular grand lodge jurisdictions have a sign, token, and password that is specifically for Worshipful Masters and Past Masters; some do not. We in Pennsylvania call it “The Word of the Chair.”

## History of Masonic Signs, Tokens, and Passwords

What historical circumstances created the origin and necessity of our signs, tokens, and passwords? In medieval times, most professions did not require one to travel, with one exception, stonemasonry. Operative stonemasons were responsible for the construction of Europe’s cathedrals, castles, and other grand buildings. However, there was rarely, if ever, any need for more than one of any such building to be built in the same local community at the same time. After finishing one grand project, stonemasons would travel to other lands, oftentimes foreign ones, in search of work.

Most people during this time, including stonemasons, were illiterate. How, then, would a man prove that they were apprentices, journeymen, or masters of stonemasonry without the use of written credentials? For this reason, a system of signs, tokens, and passwords were developed. These became the credentials that stonemasons would use to prove their proficiency in their profession. These were to be kept secret,

otherwise, someone who was not proficient at a certain level within Masonry could have used these modes of recognition to appear as a true craftsman.

## Conclusion

In commemoration of our ancient, operative brethren, we speculative Masons continue to use such modes of recognition today to ensure that we do not accidentally allow non-Masons or irregular Masons into our private lodge meetings. Though these modes of recognition may have worked well in medieval times among operative masons, the secrets of speculative Masonry have been exposed since the 1720s. Fortunately, or unfortunately, however you look at it, these secrets have been obscured by the lies, gossip, and rumors that have surrounded the Craft. If one looks in the right places, one can easily learn the secrets of Freemasonry, including modes of recognition. For this reason, a Mason who is traveling to foreign jurisdictions should have his traveling papers or, in other words, a letter of good standing from his secretary and grand lodge secretary to present ahead of time to the secretary of the lodge he is visiting. The best practice today is to transmit this letter ahead of time. This will help to better secure our lodges against those who try to fake their way inside, and against those who do not belong to recognized grand lodge jurisdictions.

Lastly, as we view the lodge as a building or room, the true lodge is that house not made by hands that will become eternal in the heavens, ourselves. We must guard against eavesdroppers, and cowans who try to spread false information which would create chaos and discord within our own temples. We must protect our individual sanctum sanctorum by guarding our west gate. If there allow discord into our temple, we will surely bring it into the larger temple to which we belong.

As you can see, this tradition regarding a portion of the secrets of Freemasonry have a long history, spanning back to before history records the first speculative Masonic lodge meeting. It is a wonderful tradition that we continue to preserve today.



## 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!

The month of May has been an excellent month for Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District. The stated meetings have been well attended. My official visits are completed and were well attended. The Worshipful Masters of the District attended the official visits to support their Brother Worshipful Masters. Cumberland Valley Lodge had the honor of hosting the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The work of the evening was the presentation of service awards. The Grand Master presented Brother S. Eugene Herit Right Worshipful Past Grand Master his 50-year award of gold along with his gold membership card. What a great evening for Freemasonry especially for Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 and the officers there of.

Now is the time to let yourself be known to your Worshipful Master or a Past Master of your Lodge if you have interest in becoming a Lodge officer or learning a degree. Any Master Mason is allowed to confer a degree in their Lodge after receiving proper instruction. Get involved in your Lodge. It will be one of most rewarding experiences of your life. "It is only one night a month."

The District Three Past Master's dinner was well attended with over 70 Past Masters from across the district in attendance. The keynote speech was presented by The Grand Master. A good time was had by everyone in attendance!! Thank you very much to everyone who helped make the evening a success. For you long range planners the dinner will May 17, 2023 at the Carlisle Masonic Temple. The speaker for the evening will be Brother PJ Rupp Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.

The District Three Low Vale will be held in September. The degree team will be conferring a Master Mason Degree that evening. There will be a time of fellowship following the Low Vale. Plan on attending this event and renewing your fraternal relationships with your Brothers. Yes, cigars will be allowed. Additional information to follow.

Brethren have a safe and enjoyable summer off from labor and return refreshed at you Lodge's September stated meeting!!! I'm hoping to see you on the Masonic trail very soon.

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



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



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

Brethren all,

I hope that many of you were able to attend SOI on May 23<sup>rd</sup> when the work of the evening was The Table Lodge Ceremony exemplified by Brethren of Big Spring Lodge No. 361. When I ask, I find that many Brethren have never been in a Table Lodge, and I sense that some Worshipful Masters are reluctant to do one because they have never seen one and don't know "exactly how it works." Hopefully this SOI addressed that and encouraged all Lodges to conduct a Table Lodge on a more regular basis so that we remain familiar with this part of our ritual and history.

Brethren, we are about to call off from labor for June and July. I hope you all have a great summer and get in some of those activities we all like to do when the good weather comes. As you travel and go about all those summer things, please be safe.

Hopefully you can find a little time for some personal Masonic growth during the summer and do it at your own pace. If you are an officer, think about spending some time on ritual. Line officers know what is expected of them as they move through the chairs, so begin to familiarize yourself with the ritual in that next step. For those of you who are not line officers yet, consider trying to learn an opening or closing charge and then offering to do it for your Worshipful Master during a stated meeting. Think about learning the oath of examination or even the funeral service and be ready to assist in doing that if an opportunity in the Lodge presents itself. Whether or not you make the journey to the East, always seek to grow Masonically. As the home page on the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge web site says, "It takes a big man to believe in something bigger than himself." Masonic education and growth are how Freemasonry makes a good man better.

Lastly, we have changed to date of our November SOI to November 21st. Please mark your calendars and govern yourselves accordingly.

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.

Past Academy Presentation can be viewed [here](#). Upcoming meetings and presentaion can be viewed [here](#). Upcoming Academy Dates: Saturday, October 22, 2022, and Saturday, March 18, 2023

### The Masonic Nugget

*Why are candidates hoodwinked?*



Blindfolding a candidate is symbolical of that state in which he has "long been in darkness and now prays for light."

It is not to keep him from seeing the lodge room, or the officers, or the brethren, but to make a deep and lasting impression on his mind, that Masonically, he has no, or but partial, light, and that only by the consummation of the ceremonies for which he has asked and which the lodge has granted, may he receive that Masonic light which will enable him to "travel in foreign countries and receive Master's wages."

That the conclusion of parts of Masonic degrees be accompanied by unexpected sight and sound is a very old and very effective way of making an event memorable.

*Source: One Hundred and Questions About Freemasonry*

## Around the District

**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 August 22, 2022. The work of the evening will be the Master Mason Degree/Low Vale Preparation exemplified by the District 3 Low Vale Team.

### Third Masonic District Low Vale



Brethren, mark your calendar. On September 21, 2022, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 and Mt. Pisgah Lodge # 443 will be co-hosting the Third Masonic District's 2022 Low Vale will be held at Greencastle American Legion grounds, 4274 Williamson Rd., Greencastle, PA. Cost for the meal is \$35.00 pp payable on the District 3 website. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. The degree will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**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, events, and looking forward to seeing more District Brethren as we continue to plan for new events for the upcoming month.

At our stated meeting on May 13, 2022, we were honored with an Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master and other Officers of the District. We had a great meal beforehand which will included Meatloaf, Roasted Potato's, Broccoli Florets, and Coconut Cake for dessert. There was wonderful fellowship before the meeting and then during the meeting we honored four 50 year members, and one 60 year member, with their Emblems of Service. A great night for all that were present.

In May, we participated in three other Official Visits. We traveled with the DDGM to Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 on May 5, 2022, then on May 17, 2022, to Mt Pisgah Lodge No. 443, and finally on May 20, 2022, to Acacia Lodge No. 586.

Finally, we had representation at the Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Ladies Night Banquet for a fine evening of food and entertainment.

In June there are several events coming up, including our final Stated Meeting on June 10, 2022, before we call off from labor for the summer. It will be a family evening to enjoy dinner together and then after a short meeting, a strawberry and ice cream night. We will also attend a Masonic family event on June 12, 2022, hosted by Bethel 16 of Jobs Daughters.

And finally, our big event of the year, our Ladies Night Banquet to be held on June 18th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for a social hour with dinner following at 6:00 p.m. It will be a great evening of entertainment, food and fellowship for our Members and their Ladies or Guests, but also for any other Brother and Guest that wish to attend.

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

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Northcott  
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the Secretary's Desk,

We have now arrived at the halfway mark in 2022.

As we are now more able to travel, be with family and friends, shop, and so many more things we are able to do, we miss you at Lodge. Many have returned, but we hope that more will attend and begin to enjoy the fellowship we all have enjoyed before COVID. The Meals and Refreshments are good, the Programs are good, and the Fellowship is "Great". Hopefully, when you are able, more will return.

Remember, as I have mentioned before, if the stairs are an issue, a new chair lift has been installed and has been used.

During the summer months of July and August, our neighboring states, Virginia, and West Virginia, continue to have meetings. If that would be of interest to you, please let us know. I wish you and your families a great summer and hope to see you at Lodge when we return.

Take care!!

Dennis R. McClanahan PM  
Secretary



***Masonic ideas are the precious jewels of Speculative Masons; they should be kept bright and sparkling for all the brethren to see and to admire. As such, they should be the special care of Masonic leaders particularly those who teach and interpret the philosophy of Freemasonry.***

***- Conrad Hahn***

**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,

June is both a happy and sad month for the lodge. It's sad to think we are halfway through the year, and about to break for two months; however, its strawberries and ice cream at every lodge, which is one of the best treats on earth. There's no better time of year to enjoy visiting with other lodges.

Carlisle Lodge 260 will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and, of course, strawberries and ice cream. This is a family night, so please bring everyone. Dinner will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. Please make sure you get there on time. We know there's a lot of brothers that like seconds, or even thirds on that night. We'll keep the meeting short and sweet to get everyone in and out. Please plan to join us at this meeting prior to calling off from labor for the summer.

God Bless!  
Sincerely and fraternally,

Marc R. Thorne  
Worshipful Master

***Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice, and its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race.***

***- George Washington***

## **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

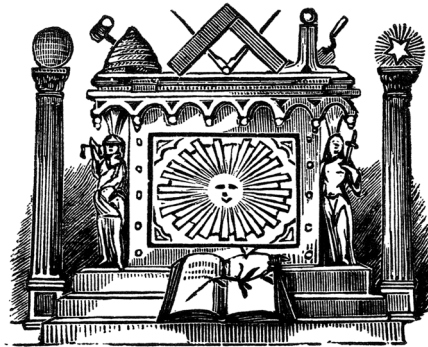
Greetings from the East,

A Stated Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA, on Thursday June 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening will be the presentation of 25 year Service Awards. Please join us afterwards for ice cream and strawberries!

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 June 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Please come support candidate Rick L. Gutshall as he is initiated into the fraternity, and Brother Samuel W. Sleighter as he is raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Matthew R. Hoch  
Worshipful Master



*Freemasonry is an institution founded on eternal reason and truth; whose deep basis is the civilization of mankind, and whose everlasting glory it is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars, science and morality.*

*- Dr. John Dove*

# Masonic Fire Ring Raffle!

## Presented by Orrstown Lodge #262

### \$10/per ticket

### Drawing to be held August 31, 2022

Orrstown Lodge #262 will be raffling off this one-of-a-kind Masonic Fire Ring. 3' diameter with log rack, 3 legs to keep it off the ground, swing out cooking grate, and swing out hanger!

This beautiful fire ring is adorned with cut outs of the Square & Compass, as well as the jewels of each office around its sides.

Raffle ticket sales will begin by mid-June with pre-orders for tickets being taken now. If you're interested in a chance to win this awesome Masonic Fire Ring, contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary of Orrstown Lodge #262 at:

Matthew R. Hoch, Worshipful Master: [matthew81hoch@gmail.com](mailto:matthew81hoch@gmail.com) - 717-552-7490

Carl F. Calder, Secretary: [secretary@orrstown262.org](mailto:secretary@orrstown262.org) - 717-414-8689

Details available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OrrstownLodgeNo262> or our website at <http://www.orrstown262.org>



## **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 May Stated Meeting featured an interesting presentation by Brother Glenn Kurzenknabe about the Masonic Vice Presidents. The meeting was preceded by a wonderful meal of stuffed pork chops, and mixed vegetables prepared by our Lodge Stewards. At our Extra Meeting the Fellowcraft degree was conferred on Brother Nathan Banic by Brothers Rob McCaleb, JW, and Gary Milbrand.

It has been a busy month for our Lodge officers. The Pillar Officers attended Official Visitations with District Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey R. Miller at Cumberland Valley, George Washington, Mount Pisgah and Acacia Lodges where it was great to see 50-, 60- and 75-year service awards presented to honored brethren. Of special note was the presentation of a 50-year Award of Service to Past Right Worshipful Grand Master S. Eugene Herritt at Cumberland Valley Lodge in Shippensburg. The Presentation was done by Right Worshipful Grand Master Jeffrey M. Wonderling. We had several members in attendance, and we retrieved the Traveling Gavel, which was in their possession. We later presented the Traveling Gavel to Mount Pisgah Lodge at their official visitation night.

On May 18, 2022, we held our traditional Zoom Toast to Absent Brethren. Several of the participants joined the call which occurred just after the Past Masters Banquet at Carlisle Lodge. We were honored by the presence of Right Worshipful Grand Master Jeffrey M. Wonderling's participation in the call.

We are looking forward to our Stated Meeting on June 6, 2022 which will be preceded by a family picnic and Pig Roast, and of course strawberries and ice cream for dessert. Our appeal for donations for Ukraine has exceeded \$2000 and is slated to go to the Red Cross Ukrainian Relief Fund. I thank all who have donated to this worthy cause. By the time this is read, Memorial Day will have passed. Make sure you continue to honor those brave service men and women, as well as the first responders who have given their lives for our great country and our wellbeing. May they always be remembered!

Some upcoming events to mark on your calendars:

June 6, 2022 – Family Picnic/Pig Roast and Strawberry Night. Stated Meeting – Brother John Mickle, PM presentation – “The Opening Charge”

June 7, 2022 - Quarterly Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

June 15 2022 - Monthly Zoom “Toast to Our Absent Brethren” starting at 9:00 p.m. (room opens at 8:15)  
[CLICK HERE](#)



July 16 – Lodge trip to the George Washington Masonic Memorial

[CLICK HERE](#)

Sincerely & fraternally,

William A. Northey  
Worshipful Master



**Freemasonry must stand upon the Rock of Truth, religion, political, social, and economic. Nothing is so worthy of its care as freedom in all its aspects. "Free" is the most vital part of Freemasonry. It means freedom of thought and expression, freedom of spiritual and religious ideals, freedom from oppression, freedom from ignorance, superstition, vice and bigotry, freedom to acquire and possess property, to go and come at pleasure, and to rise or fall according to will of ability.**

**-Theodore Roosevelt**

## **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,

Brethren, at the May stated meeting Thursday May 5, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., a 70-year Masonic Award was presented to Brother Robert L. Florig, and a 50-year Masonic Award was presented to Brother S. Eugene Herritt, RWPGM, by Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling, RWGM.

Prior to the meeting a fellowship meal was served in the Alexander Stewart Social Hall at 6:30 PM. We enjoyed a meal of Shrimp Cocktail, Prime Rib au jus, Green Beans, Duchess Potatoes, Ceaser Salad, Carrot Cake, and Ice Cream. Chef Willie, as always, did a spectacular job preparing and serving the meal. Following the fellowship meal, we all adjourned to the lodge room when a 70-year Masonic Award was presented to Brother Robert L. Florig prior to the lodge opening. This was done to afford the opportunity for Brother Florig's wife to be present. Following the award presentation, and Brother Florig's remarks, everyone, with exception to the membership retired, including the Grand Lodge officers.

The Worshipful Master then opened a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons. The Grand Master was announced, and the procession formed. Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling , RWGM, Brother Larry A. Derr, RWDGM, Brother Robert D. Brink , RWSGW, Brother Adam C. Heese, RWGT , Jay Smith, RWPGM, District Deputies , Past District Deputies, and other appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge honored Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 with a visit.



Grand Lodge Officers with all the Officers from the Third Masonic District

Brother Jesse E. Weller, WM, welcomed the Grand Master and his party and invited Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling, RWGM to the East. The Worshipful Master turned the lodge over to the Grand Master. The Grand Master thanked the Worshipful Master, and the Lodge, for the hospitality and meal. He then introduced all the Grand Lodge Officers, and District Deputy Grand Masters, and Past District Grand Master. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller introduced all the district 3 Worshipful Masters, who in turn introduced their officers.

The Grand Master presented a 50-year Masonic Award to Brother S. Eugene Herritt, RWPGM. Following remarks by Brother Herritt, the Grand Master delivered some remarks to the lodge, presented the lodge with his medallion, and some personal presentations to the Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master in kind presented the Grand Master with a donation to the "Blue Slipper" Charity. The Grand Master then returned the lodge back to the Worshipful Master, the procession formed, and the Grand Lodge departed. Following some brief business, the lodge was closed.



(L to R) Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM, Brother Robert L. Florig and his wife, Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling, RWGM, Brother S. Eugene Herritt, RWPGM.

An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons was held Thursday May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Master Mason Degree was conferred upon John R. Ridgway and Mahmood M.J. Saand. Both Brothers were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Following the Raising of Brothers Ridgway and Saand the Entered Apprentice Mason Degree was conferred upon Collin J. Taylor who was entered into our lodge as our newest member. When you see these brethren extend them a hearty congratulations on reaching these key Masonic milestones.



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 June 2, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. the Program of the evening will be the “Widows Sons” presented by Brother Richard E. Kline, PM. Strawberries and Ice Cream will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The 25 Yr. Masonic Awards that were scheduled for presentation this month have been rescheduled to a later date in the Autumn timeframe.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jesse E. Weller  
Worshipful Master

*Toleration, holding that every other man has the same right to his opinion and faith that we have to ours; and liberality, holding that as no human being can with certainty say, in the clash and conflict of hostile faiths and creeds, what is truth, or that he is surely in possession of it, so everyone should feel that it is quite possible that another equally honest and sincere with himself, and yet holding the contrary opinion, may himself be in possession of the truth.*

*- Albert Pike*

# **CUMBERLAND VALLEY LODGE #315**

## **FUNDRAISER 2022**



### **SCREEN PRINTED MASONIC T-SHIRTS**

#### **SIZES**

**SMALL - XL \$20.00 EACH**

**2XL \$22.00 EACH**

**3XL \$23.00 EACH**

**4XL \$24.00 EACH**

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**CAROLINA BLUE**

**HEATHER GREY**

**KELLY GREEN**

**ROYAL BLUE**

**RED**

**GOLD**

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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,

A stated meeting of Big Spring Lodge No. 361 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday June 9, 2022, at 7:30. There is no formal program for the evening but we will hear continuing reports from our Ritualistic Foundation Rebuilding Team and Masonic Temple committees.

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 June 21, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening to be determined, however, there will be strawberries and ice cream!

Mt.Pisgah has the traveling gavel and we are looking forward to see how many lodges will be after it!

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

Brethren of District 3,

I bring you greetings from Acacia Lodge No. 586. At our last stated meeting we hosted the District Deputy Grand Master along with a few Masters and Officers of the district. Pizza was served prior to the meeting. Even though it was also the same evening as the first night of the reunion at the Valley of Harrisburg Scottish Rite, we had 27 brothers in attendance.

We were able to honor Brother Duane L. Thomas with an award for 50 years of service.



The evening was full of information as the DDGM informed the brethren of their rights and privileges. It is astounding how few of us know what Masonry offers outside of ritual and fraternity. Also the Widows Guild, or as some know it as the Blue Slipper Program, is another important benefit to our widows of deceased brethren and the District Deputy spoke on this subject. The Worshipful Master also gave a talk on the symbolism of the rough and smooth ashlar.



On June 18, 2022, the lodge will be taking part in the Mainstreet Waynesboro Father's Day Car Show by hosting an Open House and selling food along the street in front of the lodge.

Our stated meeting in June will be our annual Strawberry Night. A program hosted for our ladies and children will be held in the Social Room while the brethren hold a Master Mason meeting in the lodge room. A short talk on "What should a Mason know about Masonry" will be given by the Worshipful Master. Deli sandwiches, snacks, and drinks will be available prior to the meeting; and cake, ice cream, and strawberries will be had after.

Fraternal Greetings,

Joshua P. Brown  
Worshipful Master

***Masonry is an art, useful and extensive, which comprehends within its circle every branch of useful knowledge and learning and stamps an indelible mark of preeminence on its genuine professors, which neither chance, power, nor fortune can bestow.***

***- William Preston***

**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>

Greetings from the East,

A stated meeting of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at the Carbon Lodge No. 242, 501 Center St., Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, beginning at 1:00 o'clock post meridian, Eastern Time. [Click here to review the summons.](#)

A luncheon will be held prior to the meeting, at approximately 11:30 AM. Cost is \$10 per person, payable to the Secretary the day of the meeting. Cash or check is acceptable. Checks should be made out to the "Pennsylvania Lodge of Research."

The December Stated Meeting of Pennsylvania Lodge of Research is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2022. Location to be determined.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother James E. Green  
Worshipful Master

***Freemasonry has promoted fellowship, it has nurtured brotherhood, and it has practiced charity. It has education, it has been founded on truth and the cardinal virtues. But what is Masonry's greatest mission in life today? What should be the thrust of modern Masonry? Those are the answers we are presently seeking, and on our success in finding the answer depends the future of our Fraternity.***

**- L. L. Williams**