

# Third Masonic District

[Third Masonic District Website](#)



## UNIVERSAL ELEMENTS IN MASONRY

*By Charles Henry Stauffacher*



True Masonry is universal. It knows no race but the human race. It recognizes no distinctions of class or divisions of society but the ability to serve mankind. It places humanity above nations and the ranks of royalty. It lifts all men to the high level of the sons of God, the brothers of men.

Masonry by lecture, symbol and drama represents truth, and truth is truth the world around, be it in the great universities of America or on the blood-drenched fields of Europe or in the darkest isle of the sea. Masonry is religious since it readily lends itself to the inculcation of those truths which

bring satisfaction to the universal longing in the hearts of men. Recognizing the Supreme Architect of the Universe as Father and all mankind as one great brotherhood, Masonry places upon every man the sacred obligation of reverencing the Great Deity and of rendering service to his fellows. Thus, in its ideals and purposes Masonry is universal and it is all but universal in its marvelous and benign influence.

Scottish Rite Masonry is the highest and best expression of the universal elements of Masonry. About its altar come men of every nation, of every rank, of every belief, to bow in reverence before the Great Spirit whom we have learned to know as "Our Father in Heaven" and to whom "alone we bow the knee." Here kindred spirits blend as we break bread together in token of our friendship, pledging ourselves anew to the common brotherhood. We drink the common cup symbolical of our mutual needs, binding ourselves again to charity and patience, to self-denial and virtue, to truth and honor. In this fellowship liberty is queen and with her scepter, jeweled with toleration and appreciation, she holds loving sway in every heart.

*Source: The Builder Magazine, Vol.2 No2, February 1916*

## Event Announcements

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

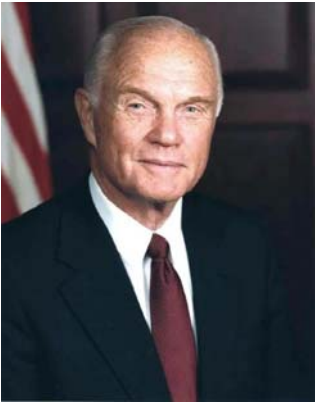
December 19, 2022  
Business of the Lodge  
Incoming Masters

## To the Members of the Grand Lodge

You are hereby requested to attend an Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of Making a Mason at Sight at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on Friday, September 9, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

### Famous Examples of Men Made a Mason "At Sight"



Ill. John Glenn, 33°

In 1978, the Grand Master of Ohio made Glenn a Mason at sight, raising him to the degree of Master Mason. Due to his celebrity status as a Senator and astronaut, the ceremony was a significant event that saw hundreds of Masons attend. Bro. Glenn went on to receive the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Cincinnati and was named Sovereign Grand Inspector General and became a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council.



President William Howard Taft

Taft became a Mason within weeks of his inauguration as President in 1909. The Grand Master of Ohio convened an Occasional Lodge at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati, and 14 Grand Masters of other jurisdictions were in attendance. Given that Taft was President-elect at the time, 800 people attended the ceremony, and more than 2,000 were turned away. Taft went on to petition and join Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, the same lodge where his father and brothers were members.

There is no question that to this day, one of the biggest allures of Freemasonry is the long line of famous leaders and influential figures of history that have found their way into our ranks. Calling these noble men "Brother" is one of the true honors of being a Mason. Several of our most inspiring brethren were made Masons "at sight" in their day, as typically a Mason "at sight" is reserved for someone of high regard or otherwise a pillar of society.

*Source: Scottish Rite NMJ, What is a Mason "at sight"?*

**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!

My favorite time of the year has come, Lodge returns to labor! I hope your summer has been an enjoyable time with friends and family. The stated meeting of your Lodge is just around the corner. If the date is not already circled on your calendar, do it now. You do not want to miss the final couple of meetings conducted by your current Worshipful Master. He is just starting to feel comfortable in the station but his time in the East will soon end. All the Worshipful Masters of District three has done an excellent job handling the responsibilities of being a Master of a Lodge of Freemasons. There have been some bumps, but they were excellent learning opportunities. The incoming Worshipful Masters for 2023 have put together their programs and goals for their term. I will be preparing a district directory again this year. It will be available in print and on the district three website.

The September School of Instruction will be on the September 26, 2022, starting at 7:30 pm at the Big Spring Lodge in Newville. All elected and appointed Lodge officers are requested to attend along with any other Master Masons. Come and view the work being presented so you are ready to go when your Lodge needs officers for an extra meeting. Remember there are a lot of non-speaking roles that need filled during the conferral of a degree.

Your Lodge needs your attendance at the stated meetings. You bring a unique perspective as do all the brethren in attendance. Be a part of the discussions in Lodge. If you have an idea, be sure to discuss it with your Worshipful Master. Take an active role in Lodge. There are many other things to be done besides being an officer. We all need to be the best Mason that we can be. I hope to see you on the Masonic trail 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 you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and were able to get away and do some of those “summer” things we all enjoy. I also hope that at least some of you used the opportunity to work on Masonic ritual, particularly those taking a next step in your Masonic journey to the East.

We had a good school session on August 21<sup>st</sup> with the degree team going over the Master Mason’s Degree in preparation for the Low Vale on September 21, 2022. The Low Vale is always a great time, and there is excellent food and fellowship. It is a special and meaningful way to see a degree. I would particularly encourage those of you who have never been to a Low Vale to attend. Please mark your calendar and sign up [here](#) on the Third Masonic District’s website.

Worshipful Masters are reminded that for the remainder of this Masonic year, someone other than the WM should present the opening and closing charges at the stated meeting. Any elected or appointed officer (other than a past master) may do this. I would encourage WMs to develop a schedule for the remainder of the year to make sure someone is available and prepared to do this.

The DDGM’s Ritualistic Excellence Award Program will resume this fall. The date and time will be announced later; however, I can tell you that the portion of the ritual to be used is the Opening Charge. Given the information in the paragraph above, this would be an excellent time to learn this part of the ritual. Be looking for information soon from your Worshipful Master about the date and time.

Looking ahead, Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will present the Entered Apprentice Degree on September 26, 2022, and Eureka-West Shore will present the Fellow Craft Degree on October 24, 2022. Brother Paul Sutcliffe, Jr. P.M., will be attending the October 24, 2022, meeting for Fall visit.

Lastly, we have changed the date of our November SOI to November 21, 2022. 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 presentation can be viewed [here](#). Upcoming Academy Dates: Saturday, October 22, 2022, and Saturday, March 18, 2023

## The Masonic Nugget

### Why do brethren not pass between the Altar and the East when lodge is at labor?



Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East in a Masonic lodge at labor (except in a degree) because the Master is supposed to have the Great Lights constantly in view. In theory, at least, he draws inspiration from the Altar to preside over the lodge and must not, therefore, be prevented from seeing it at any time.

The custom is but a pretty courtesy, but it is rooted in a fundamental conception of the Craft that the Altar is the center of Masonry, and that from it and from the Great Lights it bears, flow all that there is of Masonic inspiration and truth and light.

English lodges do not have this problem, since in them a pedestal near the Master is the Altar on which lies the Holy Book.

*One Hundred and One 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. A steak dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$35.00 pp payable on the [District 3 website](#). The degree will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dress is business casual. No shorts, jeans, or t-shirts. Cigars are welcome.



## **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>

Fraternal Greetings from George Washington Lodge No. 143,

I hope that all have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Since the past newsletter, GW143 has had several different events. At our last Stated Meeting we invited family members to take part with our dinner and then after the conclusion of business, we had our Strawberry Night. Also in June, we held our Ladies Night Banquet at the Chambersburg VFW. It was a great success and an evening to be enjoyed by all.

We were able to show our support of Jobs Daughters. During June we attended a Bethel 16 Jobs Daughters meeting that honored Master Masons. And then in July, we attended the Jobs Daughters picnic for all masonic organizations. They have been working hard to increase their activity level and it is our honor to continue to support them!

GW143 participated in the Chambersburg Olde Market Days by having a booth and making ourselves available all day to answer questions about the fraternity. In addition to the booth during the Market Days, we also had an open house from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., opening our lodge to the public for tours. Throughout the day, and specifically during the open house, we interacted with more than 100 people, some expressing interest in the history as it relates to the burning of Chambersburg, and others merely looking to gain more information about the fraternity in general. This was a great opportunity to re-integrate ourselves in to the community after the past couple of years and we will look to do this again next year as well. There needs to be an expanded presence and we will extend invitations to other Masonic organizations to join us at future events.

At our next Stated Meeting on September 9, 2022, we will honor our brothers receiving their 25 Year Service Award. We will have a meal prior to the meeting which will include Jamaican Jerk Chicken, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Caesar Salad, and Rice Pudding. We plan to have an extra meeting on September 15, 2022, to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on a new member.

We look forward to seeing all our brethren in the coming month.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Northcott  
Worshipful Master

From the Secretary's Desk:

Welcome back Brothers. September begins the start of Dues for 2023. You will be receiving Dues Statements in the coming days. As seems to be the case, it is time to update contact information. It is very important that you contact your secretary with any changes to your address, email, and home/cell numbers. We are unable to send you your Lodge Notice or for that matter any Lodge Communications if incorrect. Also, if you happen to be on the mailing list and wish to change to having information forwarded by email, let us know. You can have both. We stress this every year, but it is an important reminder.

I hope all have had an enjoyable summer, and hope to see you at our upcoming meetings, both Stated and Extra.

Take care!!

Dennis R. McClanahan PM  
Secretary



**Freemasonry is an institution  
calculated to benefit mankind.**

**Brother President Andrew Jackson**



## **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 hard to believe the summer has come to an end. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time in the sun and made some memories to carry with them. I know I've had lots of moments over the course of the summer; some good, some I wish I didn't have, but that's the best part of life.

The Carlisle Lodge 260 has continued its work helping the community. On Sunday, August 14, 2022, we provided 60 meals to the Salvation Army. It was a great sight to see the brethren helping those in need, and I'd love to see us continue to do more of that. I'd like to thank Brothers Bill Bunt, Seth Steber, Robert Myers, Steven Gotwold, and Brandon Benner for lending a hand, and cooking some really tasty brownies.

Carlisle Lodge 260 is back at our ritual work as well this month. We are conferring two Master Mason degrees on September 23, 2022, starting at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for members to join in. If you would like to help, please contact Brother Ben Bualat, JW, at 717-727-5227.

Finally, Carlisle Lodge 260's Ladies Night Anniversary Banquet is right around the corner. We will be having the event at Fiddler's Bar and Grill (Mayapple Golf Course) on October 15, 2022. Our social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with music from the West Shore Symphony string quartet. The cost is \$30 per person. Please RSVP no later than 30 September to Bro Ben Bualat. We hope to see a great turnout.

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, on Thursday September 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be "What Is A TDICC?" presented by Brother Richard L. Auchey, PM, Patmos Lodge No. 348 in Hanover, Pa.

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 September 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conferring degrees.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Matthew R. Hoch  
Worshipful Master



***From its origin to the present hour, in all its vicissitudes,  
Masonry has been the steady unwearing friend of man.***

***Brother President Theodore Roosevelt***

## **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

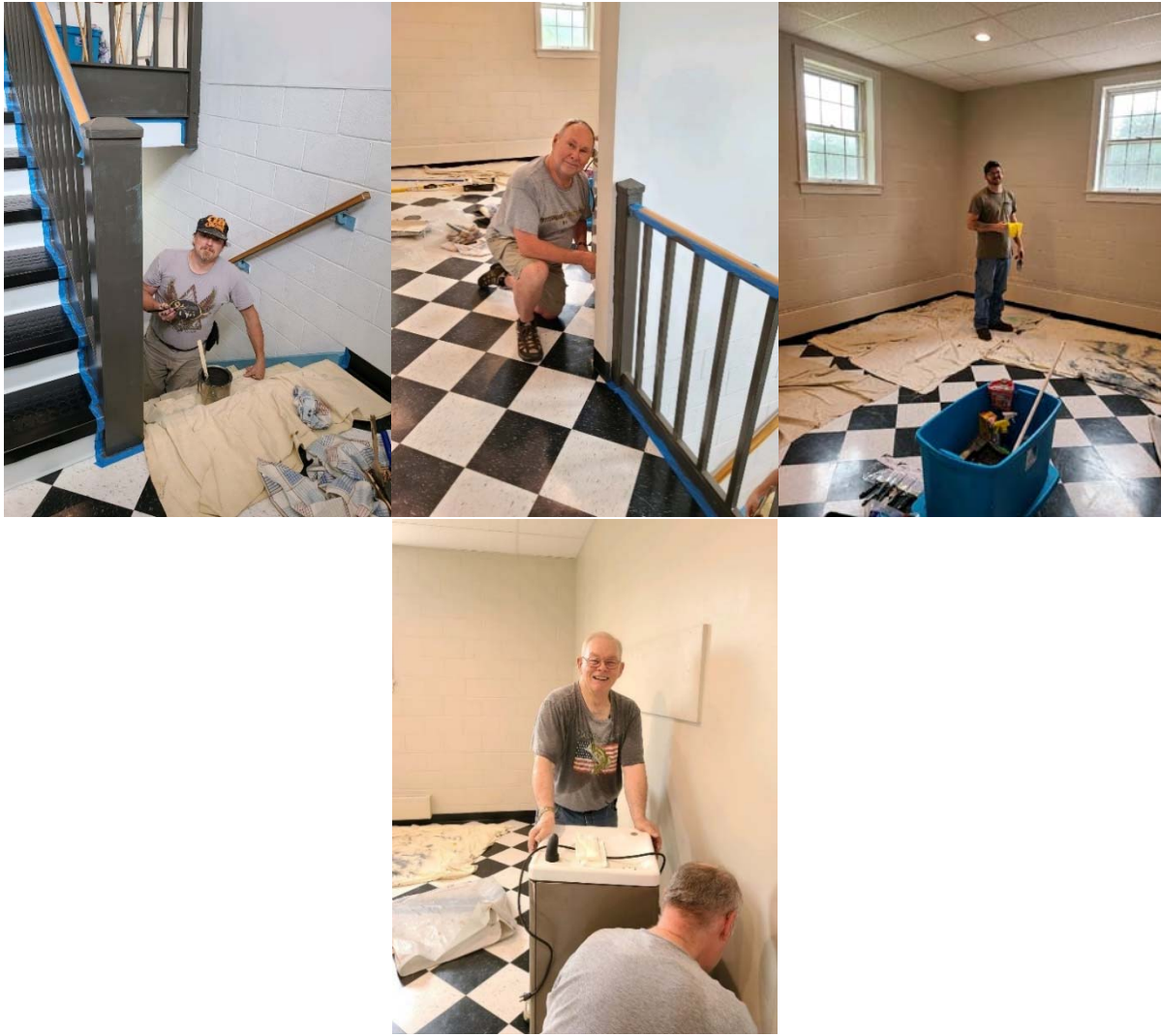
Fraternal Greetings from Eureka-West Shore Lodge!

Summer is nearly over, and we are getting ready to go back to labor at our Lodge. But first a recap of our events of our June meeting and over the summer. Prior to our June Stated Meeting we held a family picnic and pig roast. It was good to see the great turnout, and nobody went away hungry. Kudos to Tom Kehler who did a great job with the pig roast, as well as the rest of our Stewards, who continue to amaze with their culinary talent. At our meeting that evening John Mickle, PM, of Harrisburg Snyder Lodge No. 629 gave wonderful and enlightening talk about the Opening Charge. It was so well done that I have suggested to him that he should submit it for publication.

We had planned to go to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in July, but unfortunately, we had insufficient interest and had to cancel the trip.



Our building entrance project has been completed and looks great! We decided that the Tyler lobby needed to reflect a similar appearance, so several brothers got together and painted the lobby in a matching color scheme. It was another nice improvement. We even had a potential candidate participate, showing his enthusiasm to join our Fraternity, and showing him a good example of brethren working together.



We are looking forward to our September Stated Meeting on Tuesday September 6, 2022. Our meetings are normally held on Mondays, but we typically must move our September meetings to Tuesday because of the Labor Day Holiday. Our speaker for the evening will be Brother Scott Goodhart, PM, who will talk about the Children's Dyslexia Center at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. We will have extra meetings on Wednesday September 7, 2022, to confer a Master Mason Degree, and on Thursday September 8, 2022, to confer a Fellowcraft Degree and an Entered Apprentice Degree. Finally, we are looking forward to our 166th Anniversary Banquet and Ladies Night, which will be held the evening of September 17, 2022, at Visaggio's Ristorante in Enola. It also celebrates 10 years since the merger of Eureka and West Shore Lodges in 2012.

We are approaching another important day for our country, September 11, 2022. Never Forget the almost 3000 souls who lost their lives that day, and all those first responders and service members who served and are continuing to serve in defense of our Great Nation.

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>

Greetings from the East,

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 September 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. A Fellowship meal of peaches and ice cream will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The Program for the evening: *Uber Grotto and The FEZ Museum* presented by Brother Seth C. Anthony, PM.

By special dispensation an Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held in conjunction with the Third Masonic District's 2022 Low Vale on Wednesday September 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon: Collin James Taylor.

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Sincerely and fraternally,

Jesse E. Weller

Worshipful Master

***Masonry superadds to our other obligations the strongest ties of connection between it and the cultivation of virtue and furnishes the most powerful incentives to goodness.***

***J. F. Newton***



## CUMBERLAND VALLEY LODGE #315 FUNDRAISER 2022



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Contact Brother Jesse E. Weller  
Phone: 717-729-2452  
Email: [jweller229@gmail.com](mailto:jweller229@gmail.com)

### **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 September 8, 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.

Fraternal Greetings,

Todd L. Johnson, PM  
Worshipful Master

### **Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443**

Third Floor, Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225  
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.  
Brother Toby A. Stoner  
Worshipful Master

Website: <https://mtpisgah443.org/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Pisgah-Lodge-No-443-668433266645074>

Greetings from the East ,

A stated meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Tuesday September 20, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening to be a short talk presented by the Worshipful Master.

On Wednesday September 21, 2022, Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 and Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will jointly host the District Lodge of Low Vale. The event will be at the Greencastle American Legion picnic grounds, 4274 Williamson Rd Greencastle, PA. A steak dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., cost \$35.00. Tickets are available on the [District 3 website](#), or will be available the door. A Master Mason Degree will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dress is business casual. No shorts, jeans, or t-shirts Cigars are welcome. Admission to the Degree is by current dues card.

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. Our last stated meeting was strawberry night, and we had deli sandwiches and squirrel pot pie prior to our meeting. My lady Jill prepared a riddle-based scavenger hunt for the ladies while we held our meeting in the lodge room. Afterward we joined together and enjoyed ice cream and strawberries. It was a wonderful evening to join along with our ladies as we became called off from labor for the summer.

Even though summer was upon us, I was able to attend many Masonic events throughout the months of July and August. I am sure there were events I could not get to, or were unaware of, but I enjoyed a Masonic Family picnic hosted by Job's Daughters, and the South Penn Scottish Rite picnic. The Franklin County Shrine Club hosted a Dog Days of Summer breakfast, their 43rd Annual Budweiser Open, and a Past President picnic. The latter was also attended by our District Deputy Grand Master as we presented our 60-year member Barry Ensminger with that prestigious service award.



I am really looking forward to getting back to work as we will present 25-year service awards at our next stated meeting, and the icing on the cake will be a presentation on "The contested legacy of Albert Pike" by Josh Gerstenlauer. I hope to see you all at a Masonic meeting or event soon.

Fraternal Greetings,

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>

Greetings from the East,



The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research is a unique occurrence in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as this is the first Lodge constituted within our Jurisdiction solely for the purpose of Masonic study. The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research holds only two Stated Meetings each year, with Special Meetings to be held at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Meetings are held at various Masonic sites throughout the Commonwealth. No Craft Degrees are conferred. The elected Worshipful Master does not receive “the Word of the Chair,” nor does he become a voting member of the Grand Lodge.

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.

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.

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

The December Stated Meeting will be held Saturday, December 10, 2022, at a time and location to be determined.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother James E. Green  
Worshipful Master