

Third Masonic District

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"BY BEING A MAN"

By Bro. H. L. Haywood



The Mason who studies carefully all that is said and done at the entrance to the lodge, when the candidate seeks admission thereto, will find food for long reflection. Indeed, in the whole circle of ideas suggested by the Ritual, not another one is more worthy of the carefulest thought than that which is taught by the entrance ceremony, because in that ceremony the Fraternity declares, in the plainest words and actions, what it requires, by way of qualification, of its devotees. What it requires is much, far more than most Masons perhaps have ever realized, but even so it may be summed up in this, that Masonry demands of candidates sound manhood, nothing more and nothing less.

For consider. It is not demanded that the candidate be rich, or that he be famous, or learned, or that he be of one race rather than another, or that he be old or young: nor is he asked if he believes in any one or the ten thousand creeds which vex men's minds, or if he belongs to this school of philosophy rather than to that. He gains admission by none of these things, but "by being a man," and by possessing the attributes and qualifications which normally go with being a man."

By manhood is meant force of character; good judgment, ability to work, to carry responsibilities, to fulfill one's duties; manhood is the salt of the earth, the hope of the world, the foundation of government, the guarantee of progress, and the salvation of man. the race is not to be saved, if ever it is saved, by opinions, theories, dogmas, and creeds, but by men and women who together know how to use good sense, wisdom, and experience. The special abilities that give men prominence, and the gifts and graces that lend them distinction, are all secondary to that. And what is true of the world at large is true of that world within the world, Freemasonry. The Order can do all that is its mission to do if it has enough manhood within its borders: without manhood it can do nothing.

Event Announcements

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

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!

October is here and Freemasonry is well in the Third Masonic District. All the Lodges in the District are having stated meetings, extra meetings, and other activities. We as Brothers should be attending these activities. Fellowship with your brethren is fundamental for Freemasonry. The District Low Vale is history, but the fellowship kindled over dinner and the conversation around the fire afterward will be remembered well into the future. Read your Lodge notices, they have all the information you need to know so you can plan your monthly Lodge attendance. The District Directory contains information for the meetings at the other Lodges within the District. In it you will find a list of the programs being presented each month.

The School of Instruction is the fourth Monday of each month. There are no limitations on the attendance size. I ask that all Master Masons, not just the officers in the district be in attendance each month. The information presented is essential for your journey in Freemasonry. You will learn details that you may not know even if you are 25-year member. Come out to the next School of Instruction on October 24th.

Your Lodge needs your attendance at all activities held. You bring a unique perspective as does all of 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. Volunteer to take a part in a degree. Each Degree has several non-verbal parts. 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 want to use this month's newsletter to reaffirm one ritual change and to tell you about a change to another part of the ritual you may not know about.

The current ritual for balloting is as follows:

The W.M. votes.

The S.D. carries the ballot box to the Senior Warden.

The S.W. votes.

The S.D. carries the ballot box to the Junior Warden.

The J.W. votes.

The S.D. carries the ballot box to the Treasurer.

The Treas. votes.

The S.D. carries the ballot box to the Secretary.

The Secy. votes.

The S.D. places the ballot box on the altar.

At the beginning of the year, the RWGM considered changing this to eliminate the ballot box from going to the Treasurer and Secretary but decided against it to avoid additional ritual changes. Unfortunately, that word had already gotten out, so some brethren were not aware that there was no change. Please use the ritual above when you ballot. The new change is for part of the ritual that most brethren aren't aware of. Also, currently, in the first line in each of the three Blue Lodge degrees, the WM says, "Brother (name), Retire and prepare the candidate." This is rarely, if ever done in the Blue Lodges, but is demonstrated, and required, in the Regional Schools. We received the following guidance from our Regional Instructor, Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, PM, that says:

Effective immediately the Grand Master has issued a directive that we will no longer send the guide out of the room. On a degree night the guide will be in the preparing room and have the candidate prepared and ready to start the degree. In essence, we are bringing the ritual in line with reality.

Worshipful Masters are reminded once again, 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.

Lastly, given how busy everyone is at this time of year preparing for the next Masonic year, budgets, programs, slate of officers, etc. the Ritualistic Excellence Award Program will not resume until next Spring. Also, don't forget the date of our November SOI is changed 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.

Registration and speaker information for the upcoming symposium, October 22, 2022, can be found [here](#). The speakers are W. Brother Thomas D. Worrel and W. Brother David J. Hosler. W. Brother Worrel's topic will be *An Early Unknown Esoteric Order of American Freemasonry*, and W. Brother David J. Hosler's topic is *Building Servant Leaders*. If you would like to watch the live stream of the symposium, please use this link on the day of the event. Past Academy Presentation may be viewed [here](#). The Spring Symposium is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2023.

The Academy is also 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 Masonic Nugget

"A Means"

Masonry is a means, not an end; and the reception of a degree, whether it be the first or last of a Rite, does not in itself make the recipient any better than he was before. It simply is the medium for broadening his knowledge of his duties, and the application of those duties in his daily walk and conduct.

To put it in another way, the degrees in Masonry are but working tools whereby the man who receives them may shape his course in life, and he is to be judged by the manner in which he has made those tools serviceable and profitable in his own betterment and in assisting those around him to be better and more useful.



The Builder, October 1919

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 October 24, 2022. The work of the evening will be the Fellowcraft Degree exemplified by the Eureka -West Shore Lodge No. 302. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and learn more about our ritual and the Masonic craft.

Third Masonic District Low Vale



On September 21, 2022, the Third Masonic District Low Vale was held jointly by Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 and Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 on the grounds of the Greencastle American Legion.

Prior to convening the Lodge of Low Vale, a well attended sold out fellowship meal was prepared. All attendees enjoyed steak meal and all the trimmings.

The Lodge of Low Vale opened promptly at 7:00 p.m. A Master Mason degree was conferred upon Collin James Taylor. Following the degree Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM introduced the visiting dignitaries, congratulated Brother Taylor on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and

delivered closing remarks, after which the lodge was promptly closed in harmony.

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,

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 month.

At our last stated meeting on September 9, 2022, we were honored to present members with their 25-year service awards. We had a great meal beforehand which included Jerk Chicken, Sweet Potatoes and Rice Pudding for dessert. There was wonderful fellowship before the meeting and then during the meeting we honored Brother's James A Becker II and Joel W George with their Emblems of Service. A great night for all that were present.

On September 17, 2022, we attended the Ladies Night Banquets for Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302. It was a wonderful evening with a great meal, fellowship, and entertainment.

On September 21, 2022, we attended the District Low Vale hosted by Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 and Mt Pisgah Lodge No. 443. Another wonderful evening of fellowship and presentation of a degree in an outdoor setting. Next year the Low Vale will be co-hosted by our Lodge with Acacia Lodge No. 586. Plans have already begun for that event to be held on September 20, 2023.

In October there are several events coming up, including our Stated Meeting on October 14th. It will be an evening to enjoy dinner together and then our meeting where we will honor our Past Masters. We will have an Extra Meeting on October 20, 2022, where we will confer the First Degree. Then we will attend the Acacia Lodge No. 586 Ladies night Banquet on October 1, 2022, and Carlisle Lodge No 260 Ladies Night Banquet on October 15, 2022. Finally, School of Instruction will be held on October 24, 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 Secretary's Desk:

October has arrived and with that only three months left in 2022. I would like to thank those who have paid their Lodge Dues either by check or online. If you wish to pay your dues online and need your member number, please contact me. Also, thank you for updating your contact information. Again, this is important, so we can get you all Lodge Communications. Just as reminder brethren, if "stairs" are keeping you from attending Lodge Meetings, we have a chair lift for your use. It is always good to see you. If you are able, please attend.

Take care!!

Dennis R. McClanahan PM
Secretary

Carlisle Lodge 260

1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA, 17013

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Marc R. Thorne

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://carlisle260.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.Johns.260>

Ladies Night Banquet October 15, 2022

Greetings from the East,

Brethren, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 had a great month of Freemasonry during September, and we look to continue that into the month of October. We will kick things off with our Annual Ladies Night Banquet on October 15, 2022. The banquet will be held at Fiddlers Bar and Grille (Mayapple Golf Course) starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available and are only \$30 per person. We will have entertainment from the West Shore Symphony and a great meal of beef and chicken. Get your reservations in to Brother Benjamin D Bualat, JW by September 30, 2022.

Our stated meeting this month is a combination of Past Masters Night and 25-year Masonic award presentations. We will have a catered dinner of barbeque chicken prior to the meeting. I have a special surprise for the past masters, and you'll want to be in attendance.

On Friday, October 21, 2022, we will initiate a new brother into the lodge. Please come out and celebrate an Entered Apprentice degree with us starting at 6:30 p.m.

Finally, Carlisle Lodge 260 will take part in a Trunk-or-Treat at North Middleton Park. Any brothers who would like to help, are asked to bring a bag of candy to our Stated Meeting on October 18, 2022. More information to come on the event specifics. I look forward to seeing everyone this month.

God Bless!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Marc R. Thorne

Worshipful Master

There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry is the cornerstone of America.

Brother Dave Thomas

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>

Greetings from the East,

Orrstown Lodge would like to express appreciation to all who purchased tickets for our Masonic Fire Ring raffle. The winner of the fire ring is Brother Jason E. White, PM, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315. Congratulations Brother White!

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 October 13, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be *Modes of Recognition: Signs, Tokens, and Passwords* presented by Brother William L. Britton PM of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 in Shippensburg, 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 October 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conferring degrees.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Matthew R. Hoch
Worshipful

The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another, and no man can know it alone.

Brother President William Howard Taft

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/>

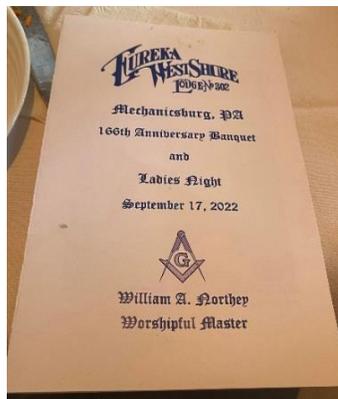
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EurekaWestShoreLodge302>

Fraternal Greetings from Eureka-West Shore Lodge!

It is good to be back to our Fraternal Work! At our September Stated meeting we presented 25 Year Emblems to seven of our brethren in attendance. We also had Ill. Brother Scott Goodhart, 33°, P.M. give us a very informative presentation about the Children's Dyslexia Center at the Harrisburg Consistory. This is one of the great charities of our extended Masonic Family of Organizations. Several of us intend to participate in their Walk-A-Thon on Sunday October 16.



At our Extra Meeting we Passed Brother Joseph Vislocky to the Fellowcraft degree and Raised Brother Nathan Banic to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We were honored to have Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM present at that extra meeting.



On September 17, Eureka-West Shore Lodge held its 166th Anniversary and Ladies Night Banquet at Visaggio's Ristorante in Mechanicsburg. It was a great evening enjoyed by all. We were very happy that several of our lodge widows were able to attend. Musical entertainment prior to and during the dinner was provided by a string ensemble from The West Shore Symphony Orchestra. The event was also the celebration of 10 years since Eureka Lodge No. 302, and West Shore Lodge No. 681 merged. Excellent commentaries about the merger were presented by Brothers Douglas W. Hitz, P.M., Richard W. Fesler, Jr., P.M., and John D. Cook, P.D.D.G.M., all of whom were instrumental in the merger. I also recognized Brother Kenneth B. Robinson, P.M. for his Meritorious Service to our lodge for all he did in the building project at our lodge over the last year.

On September 21, three of our officers (WM, SW, and Secretary) attended the Low Vale presented by Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, and Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 443 at the Greencastle American Legion Grounds. Low Vales are always special events. The dinner prior to the event was great as well as the beautiful weather and degree conferral. Adding to the spectacle were a shooting star and an Owl that flew by to see what was going on. We followed up with six of our brethren attending the Low Vale at Indian Echo Caverns when the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree team conferred a Master Mason's Degree to one of their brethren using the Oklahoma Ritual. It was very interesting, entertaining, and enlightening. We look forward to October when we will have Illustrious Brother Stephen B. Smith, 33°, P.M. of Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781 give a presentation about Masonic Magic and Brother Harry Houdini at our Stated Meeting. At our October Extra Meetings, we look forward to the making of two Masons as well as raising one to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Finally, on October 4, we will be hosting a blood drive at the lodge. We encourage all that can, to please give.

Sincerely & fraternally,

William A. Northey
Worshipful Master

Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles, love of God and love of man.

Brother Joseph Fort Newton

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 No. 315 Free & Accepted Masons was held Thursday September 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Prior to our stated meeting, and customary for the month of September, we had a fellowship meal of peaches and ice cream. Following the meal everyone adjourned to the lodge room. Prior to opening lodge the Worshipful Master was announced the evening Program would follow after lodge was closed due to presentation format. Lodge was promptly opened at 7:30 p.m. Lodge business was conducted and committee reports were made. The Worshipful Master announced the passing of Brother Steven N. Goff, PM which was followed by a prayer and remembrance remarks by the brethren. Following closing remarks the lodge was closed in harmony, after which the program of the evening *Uber Grotto and the Fez Museum* was presented by Brother Seth C. Anthony, PM, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682. The program was well received by the brethren and generated great interest and enlightening discussion..



Brother Seth C. Anthony, PM, and Brother Jesse E. Weller, WM

Under special dispensation, an extra meeting of Cumberland Valley No. 315 Free & Accepted Masons was held in conjunction with the Third Masonic District Low Vale. The Low Vale was jointly hosted with Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Wednesday September 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m. on the Greencastle American Legion grounds, Greencastle PA. A sold out fellowship dinner consisting of steak and all the trimmings was held prior to the opening of lodge.

The Lodge of Low Vale opened promptly at 7:00 p.m. A Master Mason degree was conferred upon Colling James Taylor. The guide for the degree was the candidates father Brother Patrick A. Taylor. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM introduced the visiting dignitaries, congratulated Brother Taylor on his being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, made closing remarks which were well received, after which the lodge closed in harmony. A fire was held afterwards to afford the brethren additional time to gather for fellowship.



Left to Right Brother Jesse E. Weller, WM, Brother Austin Taylor, Brother Patrick Taylor, Brother Colin Taylor, and Brother Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM.

A stated meeting of Cumberland Valley No. 315 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday October 6, 2022, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA. A Fellowship meal will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Alexand Stewart Social Hall at 6:30 PM. Consisting of Herb Baked Chicken, Jasmine and Wild Rice, Carrots, and Apple Pie. The Program for the evening: *"The Widow's Sons"* Presented by Brother Richard E. Kline, PM.

An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA. Thursday October 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Mitchell Lewis Johnston.

Please plan to attend both events and support the lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jesse E. Weller
Worshipful Master

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**Contact Brother Jesse E. Weller
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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 October 13, 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 and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, Third Floor, Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225 on Tuesday October 18, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening to be a short talk presented by the Worshipful Master.

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/acacia586/>

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 met prior and socialized with one another over pizza from Frank's on the square. I always enjoy seeing the brethren spend time together socializing and growing our relationships within the fraternity. Our meeting was eventful as we had a petitioner to ballot on, and another petition was presented. Our program speaker for the evening was unable to attend, so a short talk titled the "Urgency of Civility" was given by the Worshipful Master. It focused on the idea that now more than ever the tenets of Freemasonry are needed in our communities, country, and world. We have all the tools necessary to lead men and their families to help make their lives and communities better for society. We should be making ourselves known in and around our communities and sharing our knowledge with anyone interested that meets the qualifications to be a freemason.

On Tuesday September 20th we raised brother Kenneth Duane Fuss to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Also, that evening we entered Brother Kevin James Barrick into freemasonry as he was made a brother of the craft. I look forward to being a continuing part of their journey's.



I have come to the realization that the real work in Freemasonry as an officer, but also as a member, is not just organizing events, learning the ritual, or showing up at meetings. It is trying to keep new members involved in, and excited about freemasonry. All the things we do as masons should be geared toward growth. Growth of self, growth of fraternal bonds, and thus growth of the lodge. When we become complacent, we stagnate, and others around us will as well. It would seem easy, but often times the hardest thing to do is to make sure that a new member is not left to journey alone, to not lose whatever it was that brought him here

in the first place. It consumes our time. It pushes us out of our comfort zones. But it also will unite us and contribute to the happiness of others while promoting our craft and improving in all that is good and worthwhile.

Fraternal Greetings,

Joshua P. Brown
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.

Brother President Theodore Roosevelt

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