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The Origins of Veterans Day

U.S Department of Veterans Affairs



In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans. Similar ceremonies

occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed to Honor All Veterans

The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a



Event Announcements

November 21, 2022 Election/Installation of Officers Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315

December 19, 2022 Business of the Lodge Incoming Masters bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. Weeks' local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. The remains from Vietnam were exhumed May 14, 1998, identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, and removed for burial. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

National Ceremonies Held at Arlington National Cemetery

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington and elsewhere are coordinated by the President's Veterans Day National Committee. Chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the committee represents national veterans organizations. Governors of many states and U.S. territories appoint Veterans Day chairpersons who, in cooperation with the National Committee and the Department of Defense, arrange and promote local ceremonies.

Additional Information

Additional information on the history of Veterans Day, the Veterans Day National Committee, the national ceremony, a gallery of Veterans Day posters from 1978 to the present and a colorful and informative Veterans Day Teacher's Resource Guide can be found on the Internet here.





"Giving Thanks" by Author Unknown

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped, For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped, For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb, For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home - Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest, For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest, For our country extending from sea unto sea; The land that is known as the "Land of the Free" - Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

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!

November is a month of giving thanks! We as Freemasons need to remember our departed brethren and their widows. They supported their spouses as they practiced the Craft. There were many evenings they remained home while their husbands attended Lodge. We as Freemasons should not forget the sacrifice they made. A short phone call from the Lodge would show that we care for them and demonstrate respect for their departed husband, our Brother. Better yet deliver a fruit basket or some flowers to brighten their day.

Saint John's Day next is rapidly approaching. The incoming Worshipful Masters are getting ready to start an exciting year in their lives. Being a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, especially in District 3 is one of the most rewarding experiences in a man's life. Each incoming Worshipful Master has put together his plan for his term and how he is going to execute this plan. When they leave the East, their name will be listed among the

Worshipful Masters that have went before them as part of the Lodge history. The Lodge will be better for having them as Worshipful Master!

Now is the time to submit your letter of recommendation for District 3 Mason of the year. Any member may submit the name of any Brother and reason why they should be the Mason of the year. Letters should be submitted to me at ddgm03@pagrandlodge.org.

Be safe as you travel to your various activities and functions. Have an excellent Thanksgiving! I will see you soon along the Freemasonry trail.

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,

First Brethren, just a reminder that our November SOI will be on Monday, November 21st, or the third Monday night of the month (note that the District Directory still says it will be on November 28th) to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday and the subsequent week when many sportsmen go deer hunting. The work of the evening will be the election/installation of officers. For incoming Worshipful Masters, please let me know as soon as possible if you plan on an open or closed installation, and we will try to tailor the instruction accordingly.

The December SOI will meet on Monday, December 19th, also the third Monday of the month, to avoid meeting the day after Christmas. This date is correct in the District Directory. The work of the evening for this December meeting will be Business of the Lodge (BOL) and is specifically for incoming WMs and officers to review BOL and to make sure you are ready for that first Lodge meeting in January. For those new WMs and incoming officers, please make a special effort to attend this meeting.

At our last meeting on October 24th, Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 did an excellent job exemplifying the Fellow Craft Degree. Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, Jr., Regional Instructor for Region 2, was present for his fall visit. In addition to observing the degree, he answered questions about ritual and procedures when more than one candidate receives the same degree and the proper way to transition between different degrees during Extra Meetings.

Brother Paul also let us know that the Sectional School of Instruction for next year will be on Saturday, April 22nd at Manheim Lodge No. 587 in Manheim. District 3 will exemplify the Fellow Craft Mason's Degree (mechanics only). Brother Paul will visit the District 3 SOI on Monday, March 27th to help our team prepare for the sectional school. If you are interested in being part of this team, let us know. It is a good experience and an opportunity to show the kind of work we do in District 3.

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.

During the October 22, 2022, academy symposium speakers W. Brother Thomas D. Worrel and W. Brother David J. Hosler presented diverse and thought-provoking topics; *An Early Unknown Esoteric Order of American Freemasonry* and *Building Servant Leaders* respectively. You can view them here. The spring symposium will occur on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Details TBA.

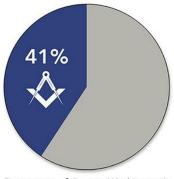
The Academy is also a vehicle affording recognition to Masons who share their knowledge of Freemasonry with fellow Masons or the public by the written or spoken word. All Pennsylvania Masons are eligible to participate in the Academy's Certification Process, culminating with the designation as a Master 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

More than half of Bro. George Washington's generals were Freemasons.

https://scottishrite.org/scottish-rite-myths-and-facts/george-washingtons-generals/



Percentage of George Washington's generals who were Freemasons

Myth, but it's close! The number of general officers in the Continental Army who were Masons is often exaggerated—by Masons and anti-Masons alike! Well-meaning Masons want to claim as many as possible to show the positive influence of Freemasonry from the country's first days. Anti-Masons want to claim as many as possible to show the "sinister" influence on Freemasonry from the country's first days. Here are the facts. There were 81 general officers in the Continental Army, and 33—or 41%—of them are Freemasons. This is an impressive number of Masons in service to their country. It's probably not enough to satisfy over-enthusiastic Masons or conspiracists, but it has the advantage of being the truth.

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 November 21, 2022. The work of the evening will be Election/Installation of Officers exemplified by Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and learn more about our ritual and the Masonic craft.



The <u>Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program</u> promotes Masonic blood drives throughout Pennsylvania, heightens awareness and provides educational materials on sharing the gift of life through blood and organ donation.

All Pennsylvania Masons are eligible for membership in the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program. To become a member complete the <u>New Member Form</u>.

We no longer require dues for membership in the Blood and Organ Donor Program; however, we still have operating expenses. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this vital program.

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 prior to the holiday.

At our last stated meeting on October 14th, we honored our Past Masters with a special program. We had a great meal beforehand which included Salisbury Steak, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad and Ice Cream and Cake for dessert. A great night for all that were present. On October 15th we attended the Ladies Night Banquets for Carlisle Lodge No. 360. It was a wonderful evening with a great meal, fellowship, and entertainment.

In November there are several events coming up, including our Stated Meeting on November 11th. It will be an evening to enjoy dinner together and then our meeting where we will honor our Veterans. We will have an Extra Meeting on November 17th where we will confer the First Degree. Finally, School of Instruction will be held on November 21st.

Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing all our brethren at the events being held this month.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Northcott Worshipful Master

From the Secretary's Desk:



As we approach a New Year in Freemasonry, let me mention a few things that you can do to get involved. I am sure that I may be "talking to the choir", but here goes. Obviously, it would be great if you were able to take part in the Officer line. But if that is not for you, just coming to our Stated and Extra Meetings would be a start. You may be interested in becoming a Guide, being a Mentor, and taking a part in Lodge activities. You could learn the process involved in the Examination of a Visitor. None of the above mentioned requires you to be a Past Master.

Another way to enjoy your membership is visiting other Lodges both in District No. 3 as well as any Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Take it from me that you will enjoy some "Great Fellowship". Their work may be different, but not wrong. Any questions on Lodge locations can be addressed thru the Lodge Secretary.

You had a desire to become a part of this Great Organization. It is up to you to enjoy the fellowship. You may wish to go further in your Masonic Journey by joining one of the many Appendant Bodies that are available to you. It is your decision, but "ENJOY" the many benefits of your membership.

As we are approaching the beginning of the holiday season, I want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. It is a great time to enjoy it with family, or however you celebrate.

Hope to see you soon. 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,



November brings a time of reflection and sharing. Carlisle Lodge 260 will host our annual Veterans Appreciation dinner on November 15th starting at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all the veterans and honoring their service. As a veteran, I know how special it is to host this event, and it is always one of my favorite nights in the lodge. Please join us and invite anyone who you might know. There is no charge for the dinner, but donations are always welcome. We will hold our monthly Stated meeting starting at 7:30 pm. The program of the night is Veteran Appreciation by Brother Benjamin D Bualat, JW.

The lodge will confer a Fellow Craft degree on Friday, November 18th starting at 6:30 pm. This is our last Extra meeting for the year, and we would love to see members on the sideline. Please come support our new brother as he makes his way through his journey in Freemasonry.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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



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 November 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. A Thanksgiving Dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

There will be No Extra Meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume the conferring of degrees in December.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Matthew R. Hoch Worshipful



Freemasonry has endured not because of its antiquity, its influence, or its social standing, but because there have been so many who have lived it. The effectiveness of Masonic teachings will always be the measure by which the outside world judges Freemasonry; the proof of Freemasonry is in our deeds, and it is in our deeds that Freemasonry is made known to non-Masons. The only way that the Craft can be judged is by its product. The prestige of Freemasonry lies squarely on the shoulders of each of us.

- Bro. G. Wilbur Best

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!

Our October Stated meeting was a magical event, literally. Illustrious Brother Stephen B. Smith, 33°, PM, who also happens to be a professional Magician, gave a very informative and entertaining talk about Brother Harry Houdini and several other magicians who were Freemasons. He performed a few tricks as well that kept us intrigued. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the evening!





At our Extra meetings we conferred Entered Apprentice degrees on Caleb David Cawthern and Bradley Mark Craig. It was the first time that by Jr. Deacon Freddy Lebron and Sr. Deacon James McElhenie performed as Worshipful Master. Congratulations not only to the candidates, but also to Brothers Freddy and Jim. Also, we conferred the Master Mason Degree on Brother Joseph Vislocky.

On October 4 we held one of our quarterly Blood Drives. The Blood Drive contributions provided 40 units of blood to the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. Thanks to all who helped to make this a very successful event.

As Worshipful Master I represented our lodge at both the Acacia and Carlisle Lodges Annual Ladies Night Banquets. Senior Warden E. Denny Beaver and his family attended the Carlisle Banquet as well. Both events were very enjoyable.

I represented Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 Valley of Harrisburg Children's Dyslexia Center Walkathon on October 16th. It is a worthwhile cause which helps area children overcome this learning and reading disorder.

Brothers Jack Vickery, PM, Walter Daniels, PM, and I attended the Academy of Masonic Knowledge symposium October 22 at the Masonic village in Elizabethtown. W. Brother David J. Hosler presented *Building Servant Leaders* and W. Brother Thomas A. Worrel presented *An Early Unknown Esoteric Order of Freemasonry*. Both were interesting presentations. I highly recommend attending the academy symposiums. The academy has much to offer as we continue our Masonic Journey.

Our upcoming events include:

- November 7 Stated Meeting Veterans recognition and a presentation by Brother Rodney Miller of Perry Lodge No. 458 about the Family Action Center of the Pennsylvania National Guard.
- November 9 Extra Meeting Fellowcraft Degree conferrals
- November 18-19 Harrisburg Consistory Fall Reunion
- November 24 Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely & fraternally,

William A. Northey Worshipful Master



Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it of taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort.

- Carl H. Claudy

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,

Our October stated meeting is now behind us and in the history books. Prior to the start of our October meeting, we enjoyed a fellowship dinner in the Alexander Steward Social Hall. After dinner we adjourned to the lodge room where we conducted our normal lodge business, after which Brother Richard E. Kline, PM, and President of the Marked and Hewn Chapter of the Widows Sons International Masonic Riders Association presented a fantastic program about the Association. Brother Kline spoke at length, informing us that the Widows Sons was founded in 1998 and is truly an international organization with chapters in 24

countries including the United States. The Widows Sons is the world's largest and fastest growing International Masonic Riders Association. It is open to all Master Masons who enjoy the sport of motorcycling and have a desire to ride and associate with their fraternal brothers. The Widows Sons aid and assist the widows and orphans of Master Masons, raise Masonic Awareness while attending public motorcycling events, and support the Blue Lodges through regular attendance, and assisting with or attending lodge events.

Following Brother Kline's program, the Worshipful Master directed all the Past Masters in attendance to assemble around the altar of Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master then recognized each Past Master for his Masonic service. Upon returning to the East the Worshipful Master seated the Past Masters, thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and after closing remarks closed the lodge.

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 November 3, 2022, 7:30 p.m. The J. Sheldon Van Scyoc Memorial Dinner will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Alexander Stewart Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The Program of the evening will be a *Veterans Recognition* presented by Bro. R. Clem Malot, PM. An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will be held November 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Mitchel Lewis Johnston.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jesse E. Weller Worshipful Master

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241 Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Brother Todd L. Johnson, PM Worshipful Master

Website: https://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 November 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be the recognition of Veterans.

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 November 15, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening to be the presentation of 25 yr. service awards.

An extra meeting will be held on Thursday November 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the conferral of the Fellowcraft Mason Degree on Jason Latta.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!

Toby A Stoner Worshipful Master

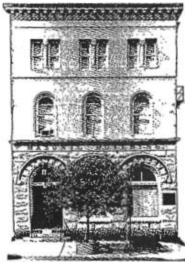
Acacia Lodge No. 586

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 to socialize and enjoy a bowl of Past Master Larry Gates' Famous Chili and cornbread muffins. We had many in attendance, and the adage "the more the merrier" is certainly witnessed when Freemasons gather in fellowship with one another. Afterward, we held our stated meeting in due form.

For the first time in what seems to be years now, we had 10% of our members in lodge at a stated meeting. For us that number was 25 members, and although I still want to see more, it was encouraging to see my lodge sidelines filling up with brothers who truly desire to apply themselves with zeal to the practice and profession of Freemasonry. The program for the evening was a short talk on "Our Masonic Responsibilities" and I encourage each of you to

visit our webpage https://acacia586.org/ to read and/or download. You will find it on the homepage by clicking on Lodge News in the menu.

Our lodge, like others, is struggling a bit with attendance and participation. In recent months, however, we have seen interest in men to join our fraternity. This past meeting, we approved a petition for membership and read a petition for transfer. I will note that the transfer is not from within our district, but from someone who has been living here for a while now, approximately 100 miles from their lodge, and wants to be a part of our lodge. This too is encouraging as it shows that we are being seen, and men want to be a part of who we are.

An example of being seen by men who may be encouraged to join our fraternity in general, or our lodge, is through actions by the lodge like one that occurred at our last meeting. We were sent a request by an assistant scout master for a local BSA troop requesting a donation for a new leadership program they are starting for young men who have completed their Eagle Scout achievement. The lodge unanimously approved a generous donation to this endeavor, and as I stated during discussion, I truly believe that reaching out to these young men at this level reveals who we are and what we are about and potentially plants a seed in their minds as to maybe one day desiring to be a part of Freemasonry. We can do this through supporting our Masonic Youth organizations as well. I encourage everyone to investigate their local DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls organizations and consider supporting them.

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.

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 of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research please use this <u>link</u> to download a petition. 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 petitions should be sent along with the membership fee to the Secretary, at:

Bro. Seth C. Anthony, Secretary Attn: Lodge of Research c/o The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A.M. 1 North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

Questions regarding membership can be emailed to: Lodge.of.Research@pagrandlodge.org.

The December 2022 Stated Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at Carlisle Masonic Center, 1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA 17013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will be held following the meeting, at approximately 12:00 PM. 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 Lodge Summons and meeting information can be downloaded here.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother James E. Green Worshipful Master