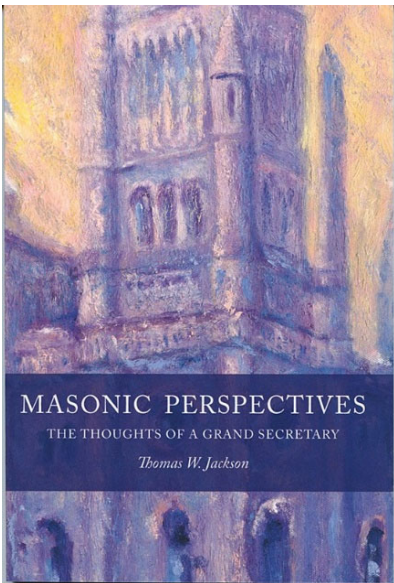


Third Masonic District

Third Masonic District Website

Why You Joined Freemasonry

By Brother Thomas W. Jackson RWPGS, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Masonic Perspectives



No one joins any organization without some reason for doing so, be it a church, social club, civic organization, union, or any other. A reason was there. Have you ever given time to think about why you joined Freemasonry?

In some cases, it might've been a passive reason, i.e., affiliation with the same religion or church in which you were raised. In others, an active stimulus might have been the factor, as in a political affiliation, but the cause was there. Now, my brothers, why did you become a member of our Craft?

Some years ago, an old man was being honored for having been a Freemason for 70 years. When asked to respond that night, he said that when he was a boy growing up in a small village, he observed a group of men in the community who were leaders with outstanding reputation and character. He learned that these men were Freemasons, and because of them. He reasoned that Masonry must be good and set his sights on becoming a Freemason.

I just finished reading a new book, *Revolutionary Brotherhood* by Steven C. Bullock, which emphasized reasons for joining Freemasonry during more than 100 years of American history. I was somewhat amazed to learn the changes Freemasonry went through during those years, not only in its structural composition and operation, but also in its emphasis on different of its operation. I knew that the Craft was static; but I did not know enough of its evolution, which, in turn, produced different stimuli affiliation.

One constant denominator that did vary, however, all its evolution was the emphasis on the quality of its membership, which in turn, probably has been the primary reason for affiliations.



Event Announcements

March 25, 2023
One Day Class (Harrisburg Consistory)
District 3 Degree Team – EA Degree

March 27, 2023
District 3 SOI
Fellow Craft Mason Degree

April 3, 2023
Oyster Feed
Eureka-West Shore No. 302

April 22, 2023
Sectional School of Instruction
Manheim Lodge No. 587

April 24, 2023
District 3 SOI
Entered Apprentice Mason Degree

May 17, 2023
District Three Past Masters Club Dinner
Carlisle Masonic Temple

May 22, 2023
District 3 SOI
Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring

August 28, 2023
District 3 SOI
Master Mason Degree/Low Vale
Preparation.

September 20, 2023
District Three Low Vale
Entered Apprentice Mason Degree

October 23, 2023
District 3 SOI
Fellow Craft Degree.

December 18, 2023
District 3 SOI
Business of the Lodge

Today we are greatly concerned with the decline in our membership. Yet, by the simple practice of Freemasonry, we would aid in the reduction of declining membership.

If we became Freemason with no or other improper motive, we said we did; and, if we truly have made an effort to understand our obligation, then we would know that we owe to the and comprehend our obligation to the future.

Our late brother Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, the German author and philosopher, wrote, “That which has been bequeathed to us must be earned anew if we would possess it.” It would be well to remember that. I wonder how small boys are watching us and reasoning that Masonry must be good and by that observation and reasoning are setting their sights on becoming Freemasons.

The Wait Monument

By Brother Bernard Schaffer



In 1762, Freemason Joseph Wait was travelling from Springfield to Boston when he was caught in a blinding snowstorm that left him wandering in the woods for hours and nearly dying. To spare others from the same ordeal, he ordered the construction of a monument to mark the path of Boston Road.

The Wait Monument displays several Masonic symbols, including a sun, moon, stars, twin pillars, and seven steps.

In 1787, a group of farmers, made up mainly of ex-Revolutionary War soldiers, rebelled against their state’s unfavorable economic policies. Shays’ Rebellion, as it now called, began with them attacking The Springfield Arsenal. Grapeshot fired during their assault struck the Wait Monument and left one-inch craters that are still visible.

With its enduring Masonic symbols and evidence of bullet fire, the Wait Monument is the only existing artifact from the attack on Springfield Arsenal.

(A replica of the Wait Monument can be found at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, PA.)

**From the Desk of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District**



*Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
District Deputy Grand Master*

Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren, Freemasonry has sprung back to life!!!! All the Lodges of District Three are having an excellent start to the year. I have attended several stated and extra meetings so far this year. The work of the evening at each meeting was excellent and was representative the caliber of the ritual work in District Three. All members of the district should be proud of the ritual presented in District 3! I look forward to attending many other stated and extra meetings in the coming months. If you have never taken part in a degree at an extra meeting step forward and do so. Each Degree has several non-verbal roles that your Worshipful Master would love to have you take part in.

The district has several events on the calendar this Masonic year. We will be holding an oyster feed hosted by Lodge No.302 in April, District 3 Past Master dinner in May, and a Low Vale in September to mention a few. Please review the district newsletter each month for details as they become available. The Worshipful Masters and other officers are working hard to present interesting programs at the stated meetings. Come out and support them as they enjoy the satisfaction and pride during their "Year in the East."

I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel the Masonic trail throughout 2023. Until we meet again, please be safe in your travels.

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



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



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

Brethren all,

We have a lot of things going on in District Three and a lot of activity in the School of Instruction.

The one-day class is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th at the Harrisburg Consistory where District Three will confer the Entered Apprentice Mason degree. The team for the one-day class is in place and there will be rehearsals for that degree on Sunday, March 12th and Sunday, March 19th, both at 2:00 p.m. at Big Spring Lodge in Newville. Brother Paul Sutcliffe, the Regional Instructor for Region 2, will be at the March 19th rehearsal to help us fully prepare for the one-day class.

District Three is also tasked to exemplify the Fellow Craft Mason's Degree (mechanics only) at the Region 2 Sectional School on Saturday, April 22nd at Manheim Lodge No. 587 in Manheim. I will be reaching out to

Worshipful Masters in the next several days to get volunteers for this team. If you are interested in being part of this team, please let your Worshipful Master know. Brother Sutcliffe, the regional instructor, will be at the District Three SOI on

Monday, March 27th and we will use that night as the initial rehearsal for the Regional 2 Sectional School on April 22nd. There will be an additional rehearsal for this degree on Sunday, April 16th.

To work around the schedule for the extra degree rehearsals will require a change to the SOI schedule (found in the back of the District Directory). The work originally scheduled for the March 27th SOI is the EA degree by Lodge No. 143. The work originally scheduled for April meeting is the FC Degree by Lodge No. 260. We will swap those two meetings so the schedule will now read:

March 27	Fellow Craft Degree	District 3 Regional SOI Team *
April 24	Entered Apprentice Mason Degree	Lodge No. 143

*Regional Instructor will be present

I look forward to seeing you all at SOI on March 27th for the Region 2 Regional Instructor visit and to get some good instruction on the mechanics for the FC degree.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal, District 3 SOI



Academy of Masonic Knowledge

<https://pamasonicacademy.org/>

On March 18th, 2023, the Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be hosting its first symposium of 2023. What makes this March's symposium particularly special is that it will be held at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

By attending the March 18th symposium, you will not only be supporting the Academy, but you will also have the opportunity to hear presentations by two nationally renowned Masonic scholars, Worshipful Brother John W. Bizzack, and also Worshipful Brother Chuck Dunning. W. Brother John W. Bizzack will speak on *Quandary in the Quarries: Rediscovering the Business of Our Masonic Lodges*, and W. Brother C.R. "Chuck" Dunning will present *Compassion & Gratitude in Masonry, Psychology, and Contemplative Practice*.

In addition to the Speaker presentations, there will be tours of the Masonic Temple available, the gift-shop will be open, and there will be an affordably priced catered lunch over which you can share great conversation with other Brethren.

Please make every effort to attend this event and to register as soon as possible. You may register for the event by utilizing the link below or by accessing the symposium page on the Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge's website.

[March 2023 Symposium of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge Tickets, Sat, Mar 18, 2023 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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 self-paced Certification Process, culminating with the designation as a Master Masonic Scholar.

[The Academy of Masonic Knowledge Master Masonic Scholar Program Certification Process and Enrollment Form.](#)

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 March 27, 2023. The work of the evening will be Fellow Craft Mason Degree presented by District 3 Regional SOI Team. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and learn more about our ritual and the Masonic craft.



The [Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program](#) 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 [New Member Form](#).

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.

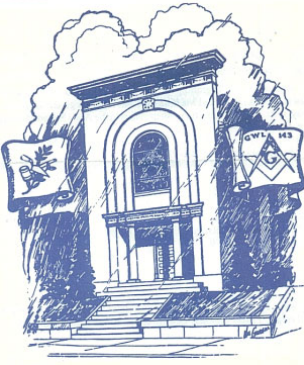
Brother John C. Northcott

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://gw143.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/georgewashingtonlodge143>

Ladies Night May 13, 2023



Fraternal greetings from George Washington Lodge No. 143. I hope that all the brethren of the district have had an excellent start to the New Year and are enjoying the “mild” winter.

The George Washington Chapter of DeMolay is interested in getting reactivated. They are in desperate need of adult advisors to get this started. As with all organizations during Corona Virus, DeMolay suffered a decline of both membership and adult advisors in its wake. This Chapter of DeMolay has been in existence since the 30's where it had its beginning as the James Buchanan Chapter and then moved to George Washington in the 70's.

This is a commitment to a youth centric organization that teaches the 7 cardinal virtues of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism. All things that young men ages 12 to 21 can use as they navigate their futures as potential leaders and the future of America. It is incumbent upon us as Master Masons, along with any interested spouses, to offer our time and experience to aid the next generation of men to develop themselves as early on as possible. It is not necessary that the adult advisors be members of GW 143, however, they should be located within a geographical area that allows regular participation with the Chapter. The Lodge is reserved for their use on the 2d and 4th Sunday of every month.

If there is any desire in supporting this organization, Michael Larkin is the Executive officer for the PA DeMolay and is willing to discuss with any interested men or woman the exact type of commitment required. He can be reached at 717-512-2367 or email mlarkin@pademolay.net.

As they celebrate 100 years of DeMolay in PA don't let this be the year that we lose a local Chapter. As always, I look forward to visiting the lodges of our District and at the many events planned for 2023.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Northcott
Worshipful Master

From the Desk of the Secretary:

At the March Stated Meeting, the names will be read for those who have not paid their 2023 Lodge Dues. Letters, emails, and calls have, and will be made to again make contact as a reminder.

At the April Stated Meeting, those who have not paid their dues will be suspended.

If you have not paid your Lodge Dues, paying online may now be more convenient. Instructions are supplied in the Lodge Notice. Or you can mail your dues payment to the Secretary. If you have questions or need your Membership Number, contact me.

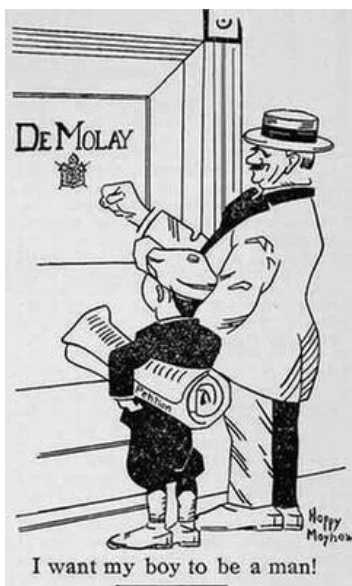
Aside from the life-long friendships and fellowship enjoyed in Lodge, your membership in Pennsylvania Freemasonry entitles you, your spouse, your widow, your mother, your daughter and your sister to total living and health care, independent and assisted living care, nursing home care, and more. Our Masonic Villages provides this high-quality service to our members and their families.

In addition, membership entitles you to all services provided by the Masonic Outreach Program, which provides information, referrals, education, and other supports to guide and assist those in need. Remember. your memberships in any Appendant Body which you currently are a member of that requires membership in Lodge will end if “Not in Good Standing”.

I encourage you to continue your membership, and again contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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 December 2, 2023

**Carlisle
Lodge
No. 260**



Greetings from the East,

Brethren, it's been a fun month of Masonry. Carlisle Lodge 260 will hold a family trivia night this month to test your intellectual prowess. We had a great time with this event last year, and our group of 5th graders came away with the win. I hope to see an even greater turnout this year. We will have a pizza dinner starting at 6:30 in our newly renovated Social Hall. Our Stated Meeting on March 21st will begin promptly at 7:30 pm.

On March 22nd, we will confer a Master Mason degree. Please join us as we watch a brother get raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Degree starts at 6:30 pm. It is always a special time in Masonry, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

We will celebrate a second Master Mason on 25 March during the Sections 1 day class at the Consistory building. Donuts start at 8:30am followed by District 3 conferring the EA degree. Please come out and support our new brother.

God Bless!

Marc Thorne
Worshipful Master

Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at a tempting moment.

- Brother Benjamin Franklin

Orrstown Lodge No. 262

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Brother Benjamin T. Nefflen
Worshipful Master

Website: <https://orrstown262.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OrrstownLodgeNo262>

Ladies Night May 20, 2023

Greetings from the East,



February was a busy but rewarding month for the brethren. This was the first time in a while that we held fellowship time outside of the lodge meetings, which were greatly attended by many members and their families. Due to the positive reaction, we will continue these in the foreseeable future! During the Stated Meeting, Bro. Jeremy Jamison gave a very interesting presentation on annuities and retirement planning. His wealth of knowledge was greatly appreciated by the brethren in attendance.

Rounding out the month, Brothers Daniel Hess and Mark McCleaf, Jr were passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason in an outstanding degree conferred by Bro. Brian VanScyoc, PM.



proceeds will benefit the lodge, but also a portion of the funds will go to the Grand Lodge of PA initiative "Help for Our Heroes".

Starting on the February Stated Meeting, the first fundraiser of the year began. We are running a "Keychain & Decal" combo for \$10. You get your choice of either (Red, Light Blue, Bronze, or Dark Blue) Square and Compass Keychain AND Square and Compass Moon Decal - to represent the history of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 being one of the few remaining Moon Lodges in existence. Both items were designed and made by brothers of the lodge, and the decal is weatherproof. The

Tickets for Ladies Night Banquet are available now. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Please see any officer to secure yours! Catering will be provided by The Barbecue Machine, LLC followed by “Nature’s Story” Chalk Talk by renowned artist Elva Hurst. Starting at 5:00 pm at Tall Timbers Park, 3159 Orrstown Rd, Orrstown, PA.

Lastly Brethren, participation among everyone, officers and members attending meetings, has been increasing. For that, I thank everyone for your assistance. It takes every one of us to make the Lodge to be not just a group of people, but a community. A community of like-minded brothers that cannot just support each other when times are good but be there and support each other when times are rough. I know there are a lot of things pulling at you to do tasks for your family, friends, and the community you live in. I’m not saying anything is wrong with doing that, but it is also important for us to take time and relax. This time is our sanctuary for an hour to bask in the ambiance of brotherhood. Here we are all friends/ brothers/ family. Here we have no worries, no deadlines, no bills. Just camaraderie and fellowship. The whole purpose of lodge is the chance to reconnect and be with each other and let the worries of the day stay outside the tiled doors of this building. So, if you haven’t been to lodge in a while, come...bring a brother. We’ll save a seat for you!

March Lodge Events:

Mar. 5 – Fellowship Breakfast – 9:00a @ St. Thomas American Legion (\$10/Adults; \$5/ Child)

Mar. 8 – Lodge Practice – 6:30p

Mar. 9 – Stated Meeting – Official Visit: Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM – 7:30;
St. Patrick’s Day Meal served prior to meeting at 6:30p

Mar. 18 – Academy of Masonic Knowledge Broadcast with the Brothers – 9:00a

Mar. 18 – Fellowship Lunch – 12:00a @ Greenvillage Family Drive-In

Mar. 22 – Lodge Practice – 6:30p

Mar. 23 – Extra Meeting – MM conferral to Bro. Daniel A Hess and
Bro. Mark L. McCleaf, Jr. – 7:00p

Mar. 25 – One Day Class – Bro. Carl Calder is honoring Orrstown Lodge No. 262 by conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree that day, along with Bro. Ron Harshman, Jr, PM as SW and Bro. Warren Scott as SD.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Benjamin Nefflen
Worshipful Master

Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more.

- Brother Samuel L. Clemens

Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302

910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Elmer Denny Beaver

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://eureka302.org/>

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

Ladies Night September 30, 2023

Greetings from the East,

Again, we were honored by the visit of Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master who was accompanied by our program speaker Bro. S. Eugene Herritt, R.W. Worshipful Past Grand Master, who spoke on his Masonic Reflections of 50 years in the Masonic Fraternity. Fifty-Four of our brethren were present for his presentation.



In our Extra Meeting, two Fellow Craft Mason Degrees were conferred on Andrew Matthew Vollert and his father Kurt Matthew Vollert. The degrees were given by Gary S. Milbrand and Kenneth B Robinson, P.M.



On Thursday, February 9, 2023, On an Official Visit to Big Springs Lodge, No. 361, three of our Officers, WM, SW and JW, accompanied the DDGM. At the end of the meeting the Travelling Gavel was presented to Worshipful Master Phillip S. Hayslett.

On February 12, 2023, the Worshipful Master, William A. Northey, P.M., Kenneth B. Robinson, P.M. and Gary S. Milbrand attended the Consecration of Elizabethtown Day Lodge No. 816 and installation of its officers by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the R.W. Grand Master presiding. It was an experience not to be forgotten.

Three of our Officers have committed to taking part In presenting the First Degree at the One Day Class on March 25, 2023. We expect to have three Candidates take part in that class. At our March Stated Meeting on March 6, 2023, we will have Bro Robert C. (Bobby) Snyder, II, PDDGM, 34th Masonic District presenting. His topic will be “Petitions 101. An excellent refresher.

We will be holding our first Blood Drive of the year on Tuesday March 7, 2023, at the Lodge. Bro. Harry Woods always is well prepared. It will begin at 10:00 A.M. Anyone with an extra pint to spare will be welcome.

On April 3, 2023, our Stated Meeting will be an Official Visit by the DDGM. It will also be the District Oyster Feed as steak for a second choice. The Cost will be \$36.00. for reservations contact Scott S. Fogle at (717) 648-5528. Please use the Text Option.

Sincerely & fraternally,

E. Denny Beaver
Worshipful Master

Cumberland Valley No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Todd W. West

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://lodge315.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Cumberland-Valley-Masonic-Lodge-No-315-1386129258366656>

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Ladies Night TBD

Greetings from the East,



As many gathered at Gobbler’s Knob in Punxsutawney, PA, Punxsutawney Phil’s “inner circle” summoned the groundhog from his tree stump at dawn to learn we were in for another six more weeks of winter. What an interesting prediction since we have been enjoying unseasonably warm weather for this time of year. Maybe there was a misunderstanding when translating the Groundhogese to English.

Despite Phil’s prediction we gathered for a fantastic evening of Freemasonry and fellowship. We enjoyed a delicious meal of Salad, Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and desert prior to adjourning to the lodge room. After opening the lodge, we conducted our usual business after which Brother Barry D. Farner, PM, George Washington Lodge No. 143 presented a very informative presentation title “The Fish Ship.” The presentation focused on the Masonic history and evolution of the first submarine, the H.L. Hunley, by name Hunley, a Confederate submarine that operated (1863–64) during the Civil War and was the first submarine to sink (1864) an enemy ship, the Union vessel Housatonic. Following Brother Farner’s presentation, and closing remarks, the lodge was closed in due form.

A stated meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday, March, 2, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be an official visit by Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM, and the presentation of 50 and 60 year Masonic Awards to those brethren who have achieved this historic milestone in their Masonic journeys. Dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30 pm. The menu will be Corn beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots, and desert. Please plan to attend and show your support for our Worshipful Master, the Lodge Officers, and those men who are receiving their 50 and 60 year Masonic awards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Todd W. West
Worshipful Master

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Brother Phillip S. Hayslett
Worshipful Master

Website: <http://bigspringlodgeno361.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bigspring361>
Ladies Night TBD



Greetings from the East,

A stated meeting of Big Spring Lodge No. 361 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday March 9, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening will be an "Working on the Railroad." The District's Traveling Gavel is now at Big Spring Lodge awaiting some traveling men to take it home.

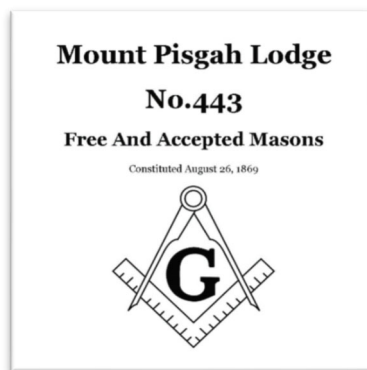
Fraternal Greetings,

Phillip S. Hayslett
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 Robert E Brindle
Worshipful Master

Website: <https://mtpisgah443.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Pisgah-Lodge-No-443-668433266645074>
Ladies Night April 29, 2022



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 March 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm The program of the evening will be on *Brook Lane* presented by Cheryl Schnebly.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!

Robert E Brindle, PM
Worshipful Master

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

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

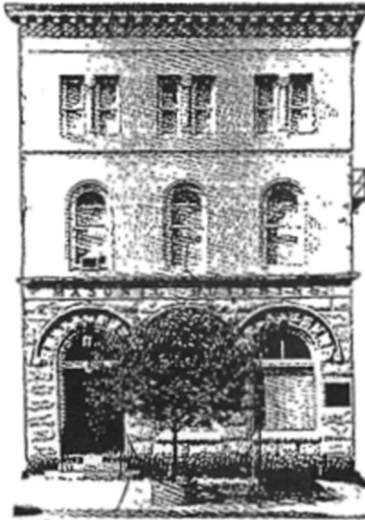
Brother Joshua P. Brown

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://acacia586.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/acacia586/>

Ladies Night October 7, 2022



Brethren of District 3,

I bring you greetings from Acacia Lodge No. 586, where we continue to enjoy the benefits of the fraternity, we all are a part. Like many of you we enjoyed an official visit to Big Spring Lodge No. 361 and it seems we are just getting started on the in-district travel.

Our stated meeting was well attended, and we missed the 10% mark by one attendee. There were mixed emotions over the meal for the evening. Some exceedingly enjoyed the squirrel pot pie, while others (who did not partake) had choice names for it. It was all in good fun however, and in the end socializing with our brothers is what matters most.

Our extra meeting this month saw Bro. John R Lucas raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and Adison W Gladfelter passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason. It is so satisfying to be part of these men's journey and to participate in their degree work.



There are plenty of Masonic activities coming up throughout the district and we hope to see you all in March at the various Official Visits, Schools of Instructions, One Day Class, among other appendant body functions.

At Acacia Lodge we will not be hosting the District Deputy Grand Master for an official visit on March 17th, but rather will save that for the month of April and host our Past Masters in March to honor them. Our Senior Master of Ceremonies will be making the meal prior to the meeting, and he has decided to make beef and noodles. Rolls, butter, and if we can find it, pepper slaw will also be available. And as is custom at Acacia we will have desserts following our meeting.

On March 21st we will be having an extra meeting at 7pm for conferring the Master Mason degree upon Adison Gladfelter. This young man really deserves all the support the fraternity can give him, as he truly is of a high and ennobling character. As the 2022 recipient of our lodge's scholarship award, and a current student at Penn State Mont Alto, he has continued to exemplify the qualifications we saw in him as he has worked to learn his obligation, tools, and grips. The expectation of our candidates to know this work before they move on to the next degree is already showing promise in the men we expect it from, and the lodge will be made better for it.

I hope to see you soon.

Fraternal Greetings,

Joshua P. Brown
Worshipful Master

“The world today does require spiritual and moral regeneration. I have no doubt, after many years as a member of our Order, that Freemasonry can play a most important part in this vital need.”

- King George VI

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research
Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations
Brother Richard F. Muth
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 link 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 .

Next Meetings:

The June 2023 Stated Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Altoona Masonic Temple, 610 Jackson Avenue, Altoona, PA 1660, details TBD.

The December 2023 Stated Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, details TBD.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother Richard F. Muth
Worshipful Master