

# Third Masonic District

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## Politics, Religion and Masonry

By Brother Ray V. Denslow

*(Excerpt from Freemasonry Its Customs Its Traditions Its Ideals)*



Your religious or political belief will prove no bar to your entrance into Freemasonry. There is nothing in Masonry to keep any honest, patriotic, sane-minded individual from entering our portals. There is one exception—no atheist may be admitted; our fraternity believes in the existence of a God; it necessarily follows that one who had no such belief would not fit into the Masonic structure.

The fraternity does not endeavor to fix your conception of God; Freemasonry is not concerned with mere details, for details are the causes of creeds and

divisions into groups of those who would fight over the non-essential things of life. Because of this broad-minded attitude, this tolerance, and' liberalism, men of every sect, race, country, and opinion, may sit side by side in a Masonic lodge and echo to the teachings therein revealed, the time worn expression of 'So mote it be'.

There are, unfortunately, certain religious organizations which do not permit their membership to become members of our fraternity. The objection is on their part and not on ours; we freely open our doors to men of all religions; we ask of them only sincerity and an honest desire to unite with us. Freemasonry cannot pose as a liberal and tolerant institution without practicing these virtues. But we do not proselyte, and if you are a member of a church or organization which objects to the teaching of great moral truths and the enlightenment of the human race, then in the interest of harmony is the wish of the fraternity that you retire because you cannot honestly be fair to yourself in such a dual relationship.

Understand that Freemasonry is not an "anti" organization. We believe our principles a sufficient groundwork on which to establish an organization



## Event Announcements

May 17, 2023  
District Three Past Master 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

November 20, 2023  
District 3 SOI  
Election/Installation of Officers

December 18, 2023  
District 3 SOI  
Business of the Lodge

which deserves to live and to have a place in the world. The only enemies which the fraternity has are ignorance, vice and superstition and our only weapons are education and enlightenment.

Masonry does not engage in religious or political controversies; the discussion of such subjects in Masonic lodge rooms is forbidden and a Master of a lodge who would permit it subjects himself to suspension from office. There are no subjects whose discussion leads to greater discord than does the subject of religion and politics. It is a Masonic offense for a member to refer to his Masonic connections in a political advertisement; it is equally as bad for a lodge to permit one who is a candidate for political office to speak before the lodge unless the matter under discussion is one dealing with the business of the lodge with which he is connected.

It is our belief that one who has been properly instructed in the teachings of the fraternity does not need to be told or instructed as to his duties as a citizen. He knows that vice, crime, irreligion, ignorance and superstition are enemies of the human race, and he judges his actions accordingly. We have no place in our midst for the radical, the communist or the socialist. We believe in respecting the property rights of every citizen; we believe that radicalism is unbridled power which may lead to destruction. We believe that a laborer is worthy of his hire, that he is entitled to an honest wage for an honest day of service. Our fraternity will be found to be the very support of civil society and organized government so long as the rights of its people are respected by those in authority.

*Note from the editor: Incredibly disappointed will those who join Freemasonry be if they are in search of religion or political power; however, those who enter Freemasonry, and journey its path, will learn to better themselves daily in its pursuit.*

## The Masonic Nugget

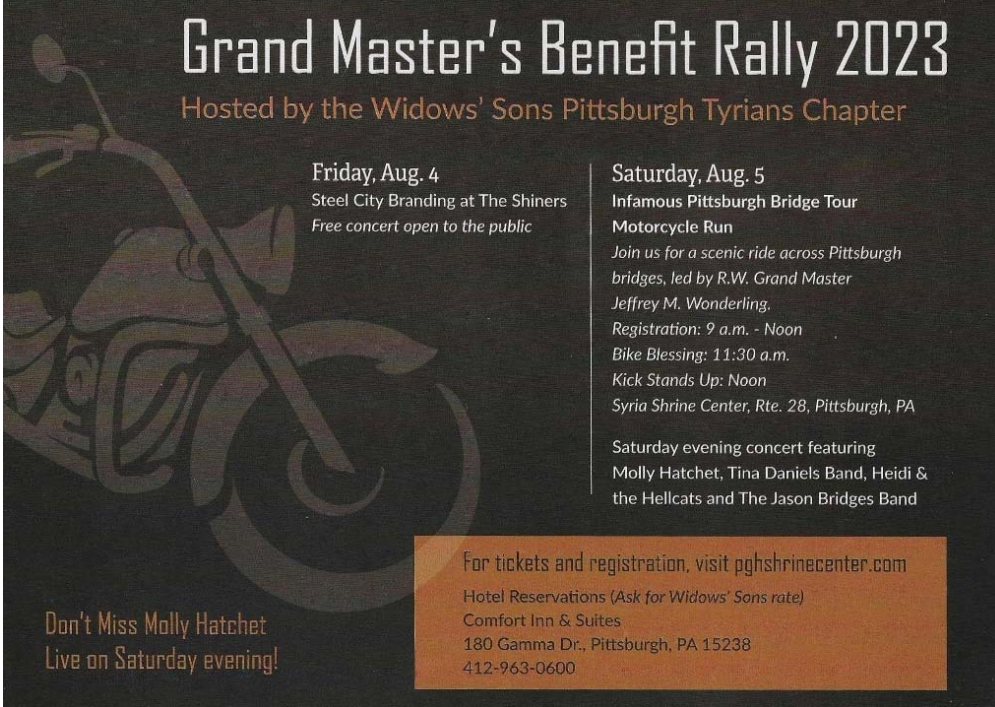
### Patron Saints



Freemasonry long ago chose as its patron saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, to whom its Lodges are dedicated. In making these designations, Freemasons concluded that the two men must have belonged to a Lodge in their time, and that Lodge must have existed in the city where both Johns lived: Jerusalem. According to this legend, all Lodges have descended—symbolically, if not in reality—from the Jerusalem Lodge. By extension, then, every Mason hails from the Jerusalem Lodge as well. By claiming to come from this mythical Lodge, the Mason proves that he hails from a “just and legally constituted Lodge.”

Ref: Hawk, Warrior. *Prince Hall Freemasonry: The Secret Within*. Outskirts Press, 2014.

## The Grand Master's Benefit Rally 2023



# Grand Master's Benefit Rally 2023

Hosted by the Widows' Sons Pittsburgh Tyrians Chapter

**Friday, Aug. 4**  
Steel City Branding at The Shiners  
*Free concert open to the public*

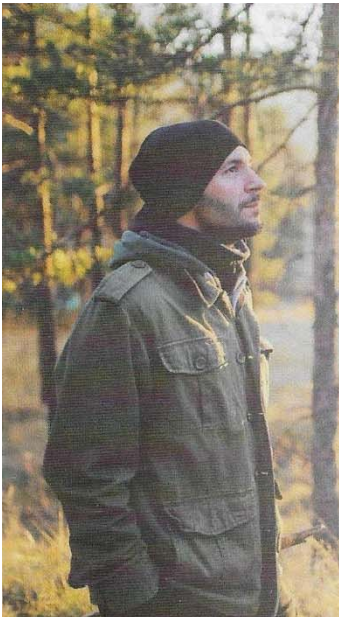
**Saturday, Aug. 5**  
**Infamous Pittsburgh Bridge Tour  
Motorcycle Run**  
*Join us for a scenic ride across Pittsburgh bridges, led by R.W. Grand Master Jeffrey M. Wonderling.*  
*Registration: 9 a.m. - Noon*  
*Bike Blessing: 11:30 a.m.*  
*Kick Stands Up: Noon*  
*Syria Shrine Center, Rte. 28, Pittsburgh, PA*

Saturday evening concert featuring  
Molly Hatchet, Tina Daniels Band, Heidi & the Hellcats and The Jason Bridges Band

For tickets and registration, visit [pghshrinecenter.com](http://pghshrinecenter.com)  
Hotel Reservations (Ask for Widows' Sons rate)  
Comfort Inn & Suites  
180 Gamma Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
412-963-0600

Don't Miss Molly Hatchet  
Live on Saturday evening!

## Lodge in the Woods



**Save the date:**  
**Lodge in the Woods**

Hosted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic District, this popular event will be held on **Sept. 20** at **Edward Mack Campground**, Brickerville, PA.

Join R.W. Grand Master Jeffrey M. Wonderling and 300 or so of your closest friends and brothers whom you just may not have met yet. Enjoy a steak dinner and a meeting held in the Entered Apprentice Degree and led by Ephrata Lodge No. 665, around an open campfire. There is a roof over the dining pavilion, so this is a rain or shine event.

Grand Master Wonderling will present numerous awards and recognitions to worthy brothers from all over the state (the Masonic Scouter Award, Master Builder Award, Master Pillar Award and Lewis Jewel).

Tickets are \$40. Search for 2023 Lodge in the Woods on [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or reserve yours from one of the Worshipful Masters of District 1. Proceeds will support the Grand Master's Initiative. Email questions to [jfharley09@gmail.com](mailto:jfharley09@gmail.com).

## 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!

Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District is alive and well. There is no better place to spend an evening than with your brethren in Freemasonry!!! As I visit the Lodges in the District there is an excitement for Freemasonry. It is refreshing. Many of the brethren that I have interactions with are enthusiastic about what the future holds for Masonry. The official visits have been well attended. The Worshipful Masters and other officers accompanied me on the visits as a way of recognizing them for their achievement in their own Lodges. I had the distinct pleasure of giving many awards of gold to Brethren in the district. It was great hearing what the brothers had to say after they received their awards. Many of the brethren were somewhat emotional as they received the award. Several commented that they wished they had gone through the chairs and made the journey to the East in their Lodge. They expressed that as they matured in age, they realized being a Worshipful Master in District Three is a great accomplishment. It is never too late to become an officer in your Lodge, or learn a degree. You will notice a great sense of pride as you do the work. Contact your Worshipful Master and he will let you know what is required and help you along on your journey!!

May 16, 2023, will be a special day for District Three. The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling will be attending Carlisle Lodge No. 260. He will be awarding service awards to several brothers. A fellowship meal will proceed the meeting. If you have not heard the Grand Master speak you are missing something very special! Be there and support your brethren of Carlisle Lodge.

Brethren, come out to your Lodge this month!! You will surely have an excellent evening renewing your friendship with your brothers! 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!!  
Brother 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,

Last month I began this newsletter with congratulations to the District Three One-Day class team for an excellent job conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree at the One-Day class on March 25th at the Consistory. It is my pleasure again to congratulate another District Three team for their exceptional exemplification of the Fellow Craft Degree floor work at the Region 2 Sectional School of Instruction held at Manheim Lodge No. 587 in Manheim on April 22nd.

Position	Name	Lodge
WM	Denny Beaver	302
SW	John Northcott	143
JW	Omar Dawes	302
SD	Todd W. West	315
JD	Todd M. Feasley	143
SMOC	Joshua Brown	586
JMOC	Freddy Lebron	302
Pursuivant	John L. "Luke" Hasty	586
Guide	Benjamin Bualat	260

The team participated in some extra rehearsals and met individually with some of the principals which resulted in an excellent floor mechanics demonstration. Both Brother Larry A. Buzzard, the Grand Lodge Director of Ritualistic Work and Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, the Regional Instructor for Region Two were very complimentary on how well the team performed. The work in the square was very well done as was the lecture in the East. This team represented the district in an exceptional manner.

Both the One-Day Class team and the Sectional School team have set a high standard for future district and regional schools and events. I would like all members of these teams to be at the May SOI for a special presentation recognizing their participation.

As we begin settling back into a more routine SOI schedule, there is some work and other events coming up that are a bit out of the ordinary for the SOI. The work for the evening in May is the Table Lodge by Orrstown Lodge No. 262. Last year was the first year the table lodge was covered in the SOI. Many of the Brethren have never seen a Table Lodge, and some Lodges seem reluctant to do one because their lodge hasn't done one in a long time, if at all. Come out and learn how to conduct this ancient ritual passed down through the ages and consider it for one of your programs next year.

On May 16th, the Right Worshipful Grand Master will honor Carlisle Lodge No. 260 with an official visit. In addition, on June 8th, the RWGM will be honoring Big Spring Lodge No. 361 with an official visit to honor the first responders of the area. There is a special protocol for RWGM visits. We discussed this briefly at the April SOI and the DDGM has discussed it at various other times with some of the officers. If Lodge officers, particularly WMs, SWs, JW and pursuivants, are not familiar with this protocol, please

contact one of the principals to make sure you understand how it should work. We want to put our best foot forward for these important visits.

Brethren, unlike the Blue Lodges which do not meet in July and August, the SOI will not meet in June or July, but will go back to labor in August. For planning purposes, the SOI meetings in November and December will be on the 3rd Monday (November 20th and December 18th) to avoid conflicts with the holidays. Please mark your calendars and govern yourselves accordingly.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May SOI to learn about the Table Lodge.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Brother Kenneth W. Womack  
Principal, District 3 SOI



## Academy of Masonic Knowledge

<https://pamasonicacademy.org/>



The Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge strives to create an environment that encourages Masons to seek a greater understanding of the nature and purposes of Freemasonry in all its many aspects – past, present, and future – and to share that understanding with others.

To this end, the Academy offers learning opportunities in which Masons may participate in dialogues with similarly inclined brethren, witness

prominent Masonic scholars discussing various aspects of Freemasonry, and pursue home study at their own pace and in their own areas of interest, through publications on Masonic subjects recommended by the Academy.

In addition to providing a learning experience for Freemasons, the Academy is a vehicle affording recognition to Masons who share their knowledge of Freemasonry with fellow Masons or the public by the written or spoken word. All Pennsylvania Masons are eligible to participate in the Academy's 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.](#)

The academy's Fall Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the Masonic Villages, Elizabethtown, PA.

**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 May 22, 2023. The work of the evening will be Table Lodge, Protocol, and Mentoring. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and learn more about our rituals 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.



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## Third Masonic District Past Masters Club Meeting

Brother Past Master, you are cordially invited to attend the thirteenth annual **“THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT PAST MASTERS CLUB MEETING”** on May 17, 2023. The event will be held at the Carlisle Masonic Center, 1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle, 17013, at 6:00 pm. This will be a stag event. The dress for the evening is coat and tie. **Our guest speaker for the evening is Brother PJ Roup, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.** The agenda includes dinner, and recognition of Past Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters from District 3. Come and enjoy a great evening of Fraternal fellowship with Brethren who have traveled the same path to the East as you have. A special gift commemorating the evening will be given to all attendees. The cost for the evening is \$32.00. Make your reservations for this memorable evening by returning the completed reservation form below as soon as possible to the address indicated, or via email at [rfmiller6@comcast.net](mailto:rfmiller6@comcast.net). Contact me at 717-462-2669 with any questions.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_

Year you were in the East \_\_\_\_\_ Cost for the evening: \$32.00

Return completed form to: Brother Rick Miller PM  
145 Reeser Hill Road  
York Haven, PA 17370

**Checks made payable to: District 3 School of Instruction. RSVP by May 10, 2023.**



## 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 are doing well. So far it has been a busy year traveling with the Deputy, as well as to the many other Masonic events. It is always a pleasure to spend time with Brothers from a different Lodge, District, or State!

We are looking forward to our Ladies Night Banquet on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Chambersburg VFW. Tickets are \$25.00 dollars per person and include hors d'oeuvres during the social hour and then dinner choice of beef or chicken. Entertainment will be provided by the West Shore Symphony. Any Brother interested in attending should contact either myself or the Secretary by May 1<sup>st</sup> with your choice of meal and number attending. Last year we had a great event and look forward to repeating that success again this year!

We will be co-sponsoring the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Low Vale on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with Acacia Lodge No. 586. It will be held at the Waynesboro Fish and Game, the site of the original Low Vale. Tickets will be available soon and we will also have a drawing for a Masonic Rifle. Details to come soon!!



The George Washington Chapter of DeMolay is interested in getting reactivated. They are in desperate need of adult advisors to get this started. 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. Michael will be presenting a program on DeMolay at our next Stated Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and all are welcome to attend.

As always, I look forward to visiting the lodges of our District and at the many events planned for 2023.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother John C. Northcott  
Worshipful Master

### **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 June 3, 2023

**Carlisle  
Lodge  
No. 260**



Greetings from the East,

Carlisle Lodge 260 has some exciting things happening in the month of May. We will welcome the Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling during our May Stated meeting. The Right Worshipful Grand Master will present 50-, 60- & 70-year member pins. We will have a buffet style meal prior to the stated meeting beginning at 6:30 pm. Please join us for a night of fellowship and recognition.

I would also like to invite you all to our annual lady's night on June 3rd. The event begins at 5:30 pm at Mayapple Golf Course in Carlisle. Please RSVP to Brother Benjamin Bualat, SW by May 16th. The dinner is \$35 per person and includes steak and chicken along with an assortment of appetizers. The West Shore Symphony will have a woodwind quartet playing summer jazz music during our dinner. We hope to have a great turnout for the event.

God Bless,

Brother Marc Thorne  
Worshipful Master

**“Evil (ignorance) is like a shadow - it has no real substance of it own, it is simply a lack of light. You cannot cause a shadow to disappear by trying to fight it, stamp on it, by railing against it, or any other form of emotional or physical resistance. In order to cause a shadow to disappear, you must shine light on it.”**

**- Shakti Gawain**



## 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

Fraternal Greetings Brethren,



April started off with a presentation of a 50-year emblem presentation to Brother Dalton E. Paul at his home in Menno Haven on the 5<sup>th</sup>. This presentation was special because Bro. Paul has not been able to attend lodge events since Covid-19 affected the world. At the presentation, many lodge officers and Past Master's attended. Including Brother Samuel Worley, PM who gave his many years of insight to the fraternity and fellowship to all in attendance during the night's activity.

In April, the Lodge officers and brethren continued the previous months' fellowship activities! During the Monthly Fellowship Breakfast, we had many members with their families attend all you can eat breakfast. This month, several members of other lodges within the district also joined in and enjoyed the morning with the brothers. Which was incredible, for that fellowship among all brethren and their families was the reason why events like this were started! The next opportunity will be on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Green Village Family Drive-In Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fellowship, break bread and reconnect with the members that may not have been to lodge in a while.

Continuing with the fellowship opportunities, Ladies Night is also being held this month on Saturday, May 20. Starting the night will be light refreshments prior to the buffet style meal being prepared by Matthew Hoch, PM, and his catering company. Attendees will have their choice between chicken or beef, scalloped potatoes, roasted vegetables, mixed greens salad, dinner rolls and dessert. Following the meal, celebrated artist, Elva Hurst, takes the stage and delivers a moving chalk talk while creating the artwork before your eyes. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple and are still available until May 12. Please contact Worshipful Master, Benjamin Nefflen or Secretary, Brother Shane Sanders to secure your ticket.





As the month winds down, so do the chances for you to obtain your raffle tickets for the June Fundraiser Raffle. The winning ticket pulled following the June Stated Meeting will receive a Grilling Accessory Package. Each raffle ticket is only \$10 and can be purchased from any officer, at the conclusion of Meetings or Practices and lastly at Ladies Night.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Brother Benjamin Nefflen,  
Worshipful Master

#### May Lodge Calendar:

- May 9 – Lodge Practice – 6:30p
- May 11 – Stated Meeting – “The Art of Brewing” by Bro. Scott Hart - 7:30p
- May 14 – Fellowship Dinner – Greenvillage Family Restaurant - 5:00pm
- May 20 – Ladies Night Banquet – Tall Timbers Park, 3159 Orrstown Rd, Orrstown, PA – 5p
- May 22 – District 3 School of Instruction: *Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will be presenting “Table Lodge, Protocol and Mentoring”* – 7:30p – Big Spring Masonic Temple (Newville)
- May 23 – Lodge Practice – 6:30p
- May 25 – Extra Meeting – 7:00p

**What is tolerance? It is the consequence of humanity. We are all formed of frailty and error; let us pardon reciprocally each other's folly - that is the first law of nature.**

**- Voltaire**

## **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,

At our Stated Meeting in April, we were honored with an Official Visit by Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by honored guests, Brothers S. Eugene Herritt, RWPGM, Henry J. Federowicz, DDGM02, and Bro. John L Stains, PDDGM03. The program for the evening was honoring our Fifty- and Sixty-Year Members. The meeting was preceded by our District Oyster & Steak Feed which was well attended.

On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at our Extra Meeting, Philip Alan Hudson became an Entered Apprentice Mason. This honor was conferred by Brother Freddy X. Lebron, who was then certified in the First Degree.

On March 25 a One Day Class was held at the Harrisburg Consistory. At the end of the day three new Master Masons joined our Lodge



*Pictured are Brothers Elmer Denny Beaver, WM, Robert "Rob" McCaleb III, SW, James McElhenie, JW, honored guests Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM, S. Eugene Herritt, RWPGM, Henry J. Federowicz, DDGM02, John L. Stains, PDDGM03 with Brothers Elmer L. Stapf Jr. 50 Years, Earl F. Reitz 60 Years and Charles S. Willis 60 Years.*



*Pictured are newly entered Brother Philip Alan Hudson, Brother Freddy X. Lebron, and degree team.*



*In the front row, left to right, our new Brothers David A. Ball, Dean W. Abbey and to the right of the WM, Bradley M. Craig.*

Sincerely & fraternally,

Brother 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>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1486480571653567>

Ladies Night TBD

Greetings from the East,



*Congratulations to our new Entered Apprentice Masons, Brothers Larry D. Stein, and Owen L. Stein! It was a great night of Freemasonry!*

Our April Stated meeting is now in the rear view mirror. We enjoyed some really great fellowship during the evening meal then adjourned to the lodge room to take care of the business of the evening followed by a discussion on the “*Three Lesser Light*” presented by William L. Britton, PM.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> we held an extra meeting where we were honored and privileged to enter into the portals of Freemasonry, and our lodge, Brothers Larry D. Stein and Owen L. Stein, father and son, both going through the degrees together. It was a very special night indeed. A job well done by our degree team and especially Brothers Barry A. Martz, PM, GLRE and John R. Ridgway, JD jointly conferred the degree work. Congratulations one and all!

A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held Thursday May 4, 2023, at 7:30 pm. The program of the evening will be *Freemasonry and the Civil War* presented by Brother Brian VanSyoc, PM, Orrstown Lodge 262.

An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held Thursday May 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm. for the conferral of the Fellowcraft degree upon Larry D. Stein and Owen L. Stein. Please plan to come out and support a father and son as they are advanced in Freemasonry and passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Masons.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother 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 and Accepted Masons will be held Thursday May 11, 2023, at 7:30 pm. The program of the evening will be a discussion on Amateur Radio presented by Brother Rodger L. Wheeler, PDDGM03.

We will be hosting the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Jeffrey M. Wonderling, at our June stated meeting. A meal will be provided prior to the stated meeting. Please contact a lodge officer for dinner reservations. Dinner reservations must be made by May 31, 2023, and are mandatory.

Big Spring Lodge will be hosting a golf tournament at Carlisle Barracks Golf course on May 20th. Please contact Brother David Bier at 717-265-3393. Please see flyer on page 15 of this notice

Fraternal Greetings,

Brother Phillip S. Hayslett  
Worshipful Master

**People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.**

**- John W. Newbern**



**BIG SPRING MASONIC LODGE #361 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023 @ Carlisle Barracks GOLF COURSE**

**901 Jim Thorpe Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013**

**(717) 243-3262**

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Earl Shenk Memorial Scholarship fund. This fund was founded in Earl's honor to benefit one Big Spring High School Senior. This senior to qualify must be pursuing a Trade being accepted to a Trade School/ Trade College. Big Spring Lodge reserves the right in the event of numerous candidates qualifying to be voted upon and awarded by the trustees of the Lodge.

**FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE FORMAT**

**1 P.M. SHOTGUN START**

**PRIZES AWARDED FOR: 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE TEAMS,  
LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSEST TO THE PIN, and other prize holes.**

**Mulligans, 50/50, and many other auctions/prizes.**

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**\$5.00 - A PAR 3 DESIGNATED 1 SHOT BALL MUST LAND ON THE GREEN OR ROLL ONTO THE GREEN. THIS WILL QUALIFY YOU FOR HALF THE PROCEEDS.**

**COST: \$300 PER TEAM**

**INCLUDES: GREENS FEES, CART, DINNER OF NEW YORK STRIP STEAK, BAKED POTATO, TOSSED SALAD, ROLLS, COOKIES, BEER & SODA  
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**BRONZE - \$100 – TEE SIGN**

**PLEASE CONTACT Dave Bier at - 717-265-3393**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday May 12, 2023**

**REGISTER EARLY**

**PLAYER #1/TEAM CAPTAIN** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

Third Floor, Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225

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

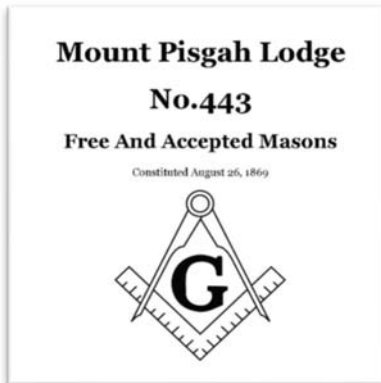
Brother Robert E Brindle

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 ,

Mt Pisgah No. 443 was honored with an an official visit from Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master, and Worshipful Masters of District 3. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM presented Brother Fred Knepper his 50-year Masonic service award thanking him for his service to the fraternity and the lodge.

A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held Tuesday May 16, 2023, at 7:30 pm. The program of the evening will on Lewis and Clark, presented by Brother Lynn B. Baker, DDGM47.

A Extra Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held on May 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the conferral of the Fellowcraft degree on Brother Shawn Campbell. Please plan to come out and support Brother Campbell as and his advancement by being passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason.



*Brother Fred Knepper upon receiving his 50-year service award.*

Sincerely and fraternaly,  
Brother 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.

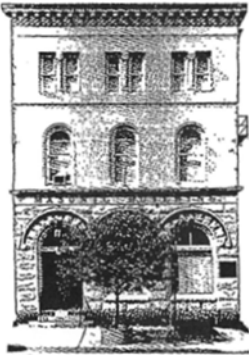
Brother Joshua P. Brown

Worshipful Master

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

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

Ladies Night October 7, 2022



Brethren of District 3,

Fraternal tidings from Acacia Lodge No. 586. Here we are in the heart of spring and fast approaching summer break. This past month we spent some time visiting the District with Eureka-West Shore and Mt. Pisgah. Culminating with our own Official Visit where for a second time this year had an excellent turn-out by membership and honored three of this year's four 50-year award recipients and a 60-year award recipient. A member who due to Covid last year was unable to receive his 50-year award was in lodge to receive it alongside his brethren as well.



George Washington Lodge No. 143 showed up at the meeting with an overwhelming amount of support and took the gavel home with them. I hope that some of the lodges in the center part of the district travel to get it, so I can entice my membership to visit their lodges before summer.



In May we will be having our Stated Meeting during the Valley of Harrisburg Spring Reunion. I hope that many of you can attend that event, and if you are joining the valley, I congratulate you on doing so. Otherwise, we will be having a light meal prior to our meeting, and the program will be a short talk on the *Allegory of the Three Stonemasons*. I suspect that it will be a short meeting, so that means more time for fraternalism and socializing.

Plans are still being made for the Low Vale in September, so keep the September 27<sup>th</sup> date open and plan on being there for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It looks like a spectacular event.

Fraternal Greetings,

Brother Joshua P. Brown  
Worshipful Master

### **Pennsylvania Lodge of Research**

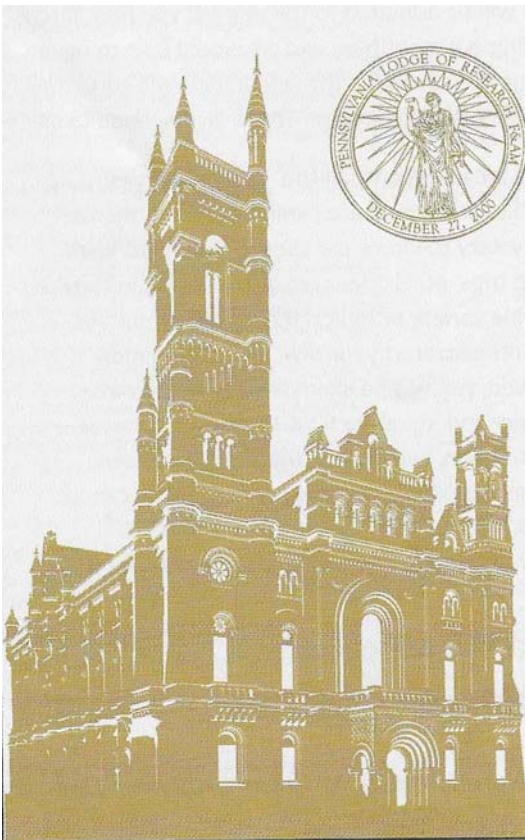
Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

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](mailto:Lodge.of.Research@pagrandlodge.org) .

On June 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. we will be holding a meeting at the Altoona Masonic Temple, 610 Jackson Avenue, Altoona, PA 1660. All meetings are open to all Masons. Programs feature general information about the craft and at least two research paper presentations, followed by discussion and fellowship.

Brethren interested in submitting papers for possible presentation at future meetings at the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, or who have Masonic queries they would like answered, should submit them to the secretary at [Lodge.of.Research@pagrandlodge.org](mailto:Lodge.of.Research@pagrandlodge.org) .

Presenters: Masonic Dress

Officers: Tuxedo (no tails or gloves)

Members: Coat and tie with member jewel

Save the date for the next stated meeting: Saturday December 9, 2023  
at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother Richard F. Muth  
Worshipful Master

**“No Man, who continues to add something to the material, intellectual, and moral well-being of the place in which he lives, is left long without proper reward.”**

**- Booker T. Washington**