

Third Masonic District

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Notes from the Editor: Please submit your inputs for next month on time unless you have pending activities that you want to include.

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!

As we resume our labors in this fall holiday season, we need to remember the widows of our deceased Brethren. 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 the 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 of 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. I'm sure each incoming Master has put together his plan for his term and how they are going to execute this plan. They need to concentrate on one or two items they want to complete in their term and do them well. 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!

It is official that District 3 has added Mount Zion Lodge No. 774 to its membership. Please extend your hand of Brotherly love as they are included in the many District events. The membership of this Lodge will be a great addition to the District.

Have a great holiday season. Travel safe and I will see you soon at Lodge!!
Have a great day in Freemasonry!!

Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
District Deputy Grand Master



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



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

Brethren all,

If you haven't done it already, November is the time for planning the transition to the next Masonic year. In addition to the necessary certifications and a mastery of the work required in new places and stations in the Lodge, it is time to think seriously about election and installation of officers. The SOI work of the evening for November 20th is the Election and Installation of Officers by Big Spring Lodge No. 361.

I am assuming that most Lodges will elect officers by voice vote. We will focus on the closed election and installation for this school session but will be prepared to discuss the differences for the Open Installation for Lodge Officers. The ritual for voice vote election can be found on page 45 of the *Worshipful Master's Handbook* (latest edition that I have is 2018-2019). Following the election by voice vote, proceed with the installation. There is a note in the *Ritual Manual* following the section on Election of

Officers that says:

The election ceremony is now concluded and installation can begin. Please contact the Principal of Your School of Instruction or Regional Instructor for the specific procedures involved with this ceremony.

While the Open Installation of officers is clearly described in the *Ritual Manual*, procedures for the closed installation are not so straightforward. The procedure for a closed installation of officers begins on page 91 of the *Ritual Manual*. This portion of the ritual implies (to me) that the W.M.-elect is installed first, and then installs the remainder of the elected officers. However, I received the following guidance from our Regional Instructor:

Either the current W.M. may install the officers, or he may direct another to do so. For instance, he may direct each outgoing officer to install his replacement. It is also up to the lodge as to the order to install, descending (WM, SW, JW, Treas, Sec) or ascending (Sec, Treas, JW, SW, WM).

We will discuss these "specific procedures" at SOI.

Lastly, please remember that in the open installation, the Brother being installed "recites" his obligation. In the closed installation, the installing officer "administers" the obligation to the officer being installed. In all cases, the installing officer must do the investiture of regalia and documents. I bring this up because there is some ritual that must be committed to memory for installation. Don't wait too long to get started on this.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you at SOI to make sure our elections and installations properly honor those taking new offices in the Lodge.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal, District 3 SOI





The Grand Lodge of PENNSYLVANIA

Annual Grand Communication

OPEN INSTALLATION OF LARRY A. DERR

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 a.m. Anticipated Open Installation of Larry A. Derr as R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

1 p.m. Meet the Grand Master and Grand Officers

2 p.m. Special Meeting of Ashara Casiphia Lodge No. 551

4 p.m. Cash Bar Reception

5:30 p.m. Banquet followed by entertainment by ARTRAGEOUS



Artrageous is a troupe of multi-talented live performance artists, world-class singers and recording artists, highly trained dancers and audience motivators, and veteran musicians hailing from the high desert of New Mexico. Their high energy performance is a combination of ALL ARTS on ONE STAGE,

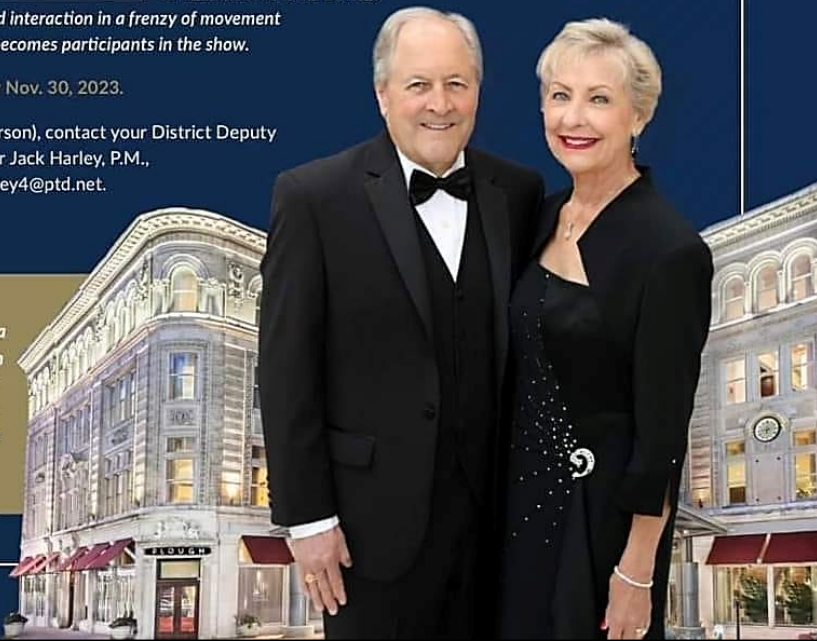
combined with humor and interaction in a frenzy of movement and color. The audience becomes participants in the show.

Reservations are due by Nov. 30, 2023.

For tickets (\$125 per person), contact your District Deputy Grand Master or Brother Jack Harley, P.M., at 717-917-3359 or jharley4@ptd.net.

All Are Welcome!

ARTRAGEOUS will offer a special Artreach program for children and families on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m., at the Lancaster Marriott.



Upcoming Events in the Jurisdiction



December Annual Communication

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE:

You are hereby requested to attend the closed Annual Business Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 8 a.m., at the Lancaster Marriott and Convention Center at Penn Square, 25 South Queen St., Lancaster, PA 17603, at which time the business of the Grand Lodge will be conducted.



You are also hereby requested to attend the Open Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Lancaster Marriott and Convention Center, on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m., at which time the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed. To watch this meeting virtually, scan the QR code.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master

Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary

Masonic Library & Museum **SPEAKER SERIES**

Monthly guest speakers present free programs open to the public. Reservations are required: call 215-988-1917 or email templeevents@pagrandlodge.org. The programs are live-streamed as well; for more information, visit PaMasonicTemple.org/events. If you have an idea for a speaker series program, contact Brother Mike Comfort at 215-988-1977.

Cuba Freemasonry, Democracy and Revolution

Nov. 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



This presentation will center around the history of Cuban Freemasonry and its relationship to the many revolutions and insurrections in the country's history.

Presenter: Brother R.W. Moises I. Gomez is a member of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10, Westfield, N.J. He has served as Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for several years, has presided over eight different Masonic bodies and is a member of over 40 Masonic organizations, research groups and societies and honorary memberships.

Real Stone Masonry

Dec. 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



This lecture will discuss the craft of practical stone carving and its relationship to Freemasonry.

Presenter: Morgan Dummitt is a professional sculptor in stone and bronze. He has studied internationally and exhibited across the country. He is currently a faculty member at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and Studio Incamminati and produces commissioned sculptures from his Philadelphia studio.

Around the District

Be an active member!



Third Masonic District School 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 20, 2023**. The work of the evening will be about the differences for the Open Installation for Lodge Officers. 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](#). Dues are not required 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

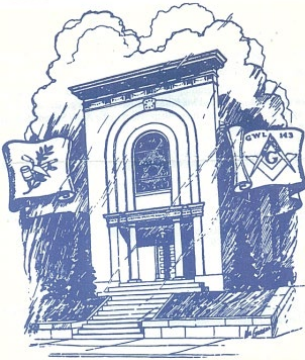
Second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother John C. Northcott

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

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

Ladies Night: TBD



Fraternal greetings from George Washington Lodge No. 143. I hope that all the Brethren of the District are doing well.



During this past month we had a Past Master recognition night at our last Stated Meeting. The evening began with an enjoyable dinner and fellowship and then during the meeting we took time to honor our Past Masters and give them an opportunity to speak about their favorite memories as Master and valuable lessons learned during their year. It was both fun and educational. We thank you for your past and continued service!

We also had the opportunity to celebrate with Acacia Lodge No. 586 at their Ladies Night Banquet. As usual it was a wonderful event and I am grateful to Brother Josh P. Brown, WM for the invitation and all the Brothers of Acacia Lodge who helped make it a great evening.

And finally, we had about a dozen officers and members participate in the official Liberty Tree Planting Ceremony at Chambers Fort Park in Chambersburg. The event was attended by RWGM Wonderling, RWPGW Herritt, as well as other distinguished guests, including from our local government and other Military and Civilian organizations.



Coming up this month we will have a Veterans recognition night at our November 10th Stated Meeting. Brothers from the Sojourners, Hero's of 76, will join us with a program on "Historic Flags". It will be an enjoyable evening beginning with dinner and then the program as well as a special recognition of Brothers that have served in our Nation's Military.

It is also an opportunity for a visiting Lodge to take home the traveling gavel! We will also have an Extra Meeting on November 16th to confer the 1st Degree on three candidates.

As always, I look forward to seeing Brethren at all the different events and happenings around the District. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Sincerely and fraternally,
John C. Northcott
Worshipful Master



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

- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt

Carlisle Lodge No. 260

1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA, 17013

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Marc R. Thorne

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

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

Ladies Night: TBD

**Carlisle
Lodge
No. 260**



**Free and
Accepted
Masons**

Greetings from the East,

November brings a time of reflection and sharing. We look forward to being with our friends and family and enjoying time in the woods. It is also a time to give back, and so, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 will host our annual Veterans Appreciation dinner on November 21st starting at 6:30 p.m. 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 p.m. The program of the night is Veteran Appreciation by Brother Benjamin D. Bualat, Senior Warden.

The lodge will confer a Master Mason and 2 Fellow Craft degrees on Wednesday, November 22nd starting at 6:30 p.m. This is our last Extra meeting for the year, and we would love to see members on the sidelines. 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 and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Thank you,
Brother Marc Thorne
Worshipful Master



“More than an institution, more than a tradition, more than a society, Masonry is one of the forms of Divine life upon earth.”

- Bro. Joseph Fort Newton



Orrstown Lodge No. 262

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Benjamin T. Nefflen

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

Ladies Night: TBD

Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

October was an exciting month not only for Orrstown Lodge No. 262 but Freemasonry! Prior to the Stated Meeting, Brother Hill made a delicious Italian meal to encourage fellowship and brotherhood. The evening was capped off with a very informative, and comical short talk about the History of the Top Hat by Brother Thomas Labagh.

The following week, several members of the lodge joined other lodges of Franklin County and other local officials to dedicate the latest Liberty Tree. This tree was grown from one of the original 12 Liberty Trees that helped found this great country. Brother Samuel Worley, PM was also recognized during the event for his contributions to not only Freemasonry but also to the local community. Thank you to the members that accompanied the Worshipful Master to this historic event.

On October 26, Brother Allen Miles was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason with the assistance of Brother Richard "Dick" Auchey, PM delivering a superb degree.

November is Veterans Appreciation at the Stated Meeting! We encourage all members to join us on November 9 as we celebrate the contributions of those members of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 that have served in the Armed Forces. There will be a fellowship meal prior to the meeting as well. We hope to see everyone there!

Fraternally,

Benjamin T. Nefflen
Worshipful Master,
Orrstown Lodge No. 262



“Love of country is the Mason's deed; world citizenship is his thought.”

- Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302

910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Elmer Denny Beaver

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

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

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

Ladies Night: September 14, 2024

Greetings from the East,

Prior to our October Stated Meeting we enjoyed a meal of open face roast beef sandwiches. Brother. Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM attended, accompanied by Bro. Lynn B. Baker, RWJGW (elect), DDGM of Masonic District No. 46, Brother Baker presented a program on the Scottish Rite. He ended by informing the brethren that Brother Harry A. Woods was the first- or second-line signer of 100 petitions for Scottish Rite, so far.



One important item I failed to include last month, was announcing at our Ladies Night Banquet on September 30, 2023, Brother Woods was selected as Mason of the year for 2023. Bro. Harry A. Woods received this honor and was presented with a plaque and his name was added to our Lodge plaque with all the past years honored Masons.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 the Lodge held a Blood Bank Drive organized by Bro. Harry A. Woods and assisted by Brother Barry L. Sheaffer and Brother Kenneth L. Rapp. This resulted in the collection of 41 pints of blood for the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. Another good Day for Harry.

On Thursday, October 12, 2023, Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 had at least six brethren attend the Mechanicsburg Person of the year Gala. Well over 200 attended with 20 non-profit organizations represented. I was asked to attend and present a two-minute overview about our Lodge and what we do for the community. The other 19 non-profits also had the same privilege. The Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership who created this event selected as Person of the Year, our own Bro. John G. Anthony II.



This year Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 continued their support for New Hope Ministries by donating food. To date we have donated 831 pounds of food and a check for \$3000.00. on October 18, 2023 at a Past Masters Dinner. Congratulations to our Members.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Brother E. Denny Beaver
Worshipful Master



“So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry, I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind.”

- Bro. George Washington

Cumberland Valley No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Todd W. West

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

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

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Ladies Night: August 13, 2024

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 William L. Britton, PM, presented a program on The Rubicon Society. After the program's conclusion and closing remarks, the Worshipful Master thanked everyone



Brother, Herbert D. Kurtz (front row center) with the degree team.

for attending the meeting and closed the lodge. An Extra Meeting was held on Thursday October 19, 2023. The Master Mason Degree was conferred upon Herbert D. Kurtz by Brother Barry A. Martz, PM, GLRE and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He is now entitled to all the rights and privileges of our lodge, and Freemasonry. When you see him, give him a hearty handshake, and welcome him to the Craft.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Todd W. West
Worshipful Master

“Each person must discover his own philosophy of life, and it is not fair or right to impose our codes upon others. It is also our responsibility, however, to share, one with another, such experiences as may have common value.”

- Manly Hall

From the desk of the Secretary,

Dues for the Masonic Year 2024 are now being accepted. Members are encouraged to pay online at <https://portal.pamasons.org> or by mail per lodge notice instructions. If you have moved, plan to move, or have changed any of your contact information, please make the appropriate updates in Grandview, or contact the lodge secretary. Your help in keeping your contact information is greatly appreciated.

William L. Britton, PM
Secretary

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Phillip S. Hayslett

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 at the Masonic Temple, 131 Centerville Road, Newville, Pennsylvania, 17241, on Thursday evening, November 9, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greetings,
Brother 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.

Worshipful Master: Brother Robert E Brindle

Website: <https://mtpisgah443.org/>

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

Ladies Night: TBD

Greetings from the East ,

A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 , Free and Accepted Masons, will held at the Masonic Temple located on the Third Floor of the Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225, on Tuesday evening, November 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Program: Effective communication.

Sincerely and fraternaly,
Brother Robert E Brindle, PM
Worshipful Master

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

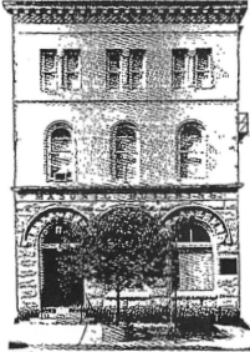
Third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother Joshua P. Brown

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

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

Ladies Night: TBD



Greetings Brethren,

Three more meetings left to go! Brethren, I bring you greetings from Acacia Lodge No. 586 in Waynesboro. Having just completed a fellowcraft degree last night in our lodge, I am reminded that this year's plan of events is almost over, but the journey is far from complete. Our stated meeting in October was another good one. We gathered for an Octoberfest meal prior and after the business of the lodge was performed, we were treated to an informative session that delved into the inner workings of the civic system in Pennsylvania and explored the history and intricacies of Washington Township. These types of programs should not be missed by the members, as they are entertaining and enlightening and add depth to our Masonic knowledge.

As I stated previously, we passed Brother William O. Van Gilder to the degree of Fellowcraft. He had a friend visit with us who is a newly raised Mason, having been raised by his lodge only 1 1/2 weeks ago at their Low Vale. The realization by these friends prior a few weeks prior that both had just recently embarked on their Masonic journey, after knowing each other for 30+ years, was a heartwarming experience. Their shared enthusiasm and excitement were truly inspiring. On Veteran's Day November 11th, we will take part in placing flags along Main Street in Waynesboro as a tribute to those who have served our great country. This is a small gesture, but it goes a long way in showing our dedication and support for our community and neighbors.

On November 17th we will hold our stated meeting. The meal for the evening will be make-your-own ham/turkey subs. After we enjoy some time socializing in the company of our brethren, we will hold our meeting. The program will be "Civil War Masons" by Brother Brian Van Scyoc. This evening is the same as the town's tree lighting on the square. This is not "some other unavoidable occurrence" to keep you from attending. I encourage you to join us early, to enjoy the meal, secure parking, and avoid the crowds. This is a night you don't want to miss.

During a recent Job's Daughters meeting, I had the pleasure of spending time with Brother Aaron Snyder, who was our Low Vale candidate. Again, a newly made Mason who is excited about his journey. He expressed eagerness to get involved in his Lodge, take on a role, and learn the ritual. It is encouraging to hear this level of enthusiasm in our new Masons. We should be their staunch supporters through their degrees, offering encouragement every step of the way. This is how we help them uncover the true essence of what Masonry is all about and find their place within the lodge. We lead by example, and our consistent presence at degree nights, stated meetings, lodge events, and other Masonic functions sets the tone. Failure to do so may result in a different path we see all too often. They too, may decide not to attend degrees, stated meetings, and other functions, potentially missing out on the enriching and transformative experiences Masonry offers. Let's be a guiding light for one another and for our fraternity.

On November 21st we will have an Extra Meeting to perform the Master Mason Degree. It is my hope that we will have a strong showing of support for our candidate. I also encourage all brethren in District 3 to do the same in their respective lodges. By collectively nurturing new Masons, we enrich their Masonic journey.

As we approach the year's end, I'm reminded of the importance of our Masonic journey and the bonds of friendship that strengthen us. Let's continue to embrace the teachings and principles of our beloved fraternity and make a positive impact in our community and in each other's lives.

Fraternal Greeting,
Joshua P. Brown
Worshipful Master

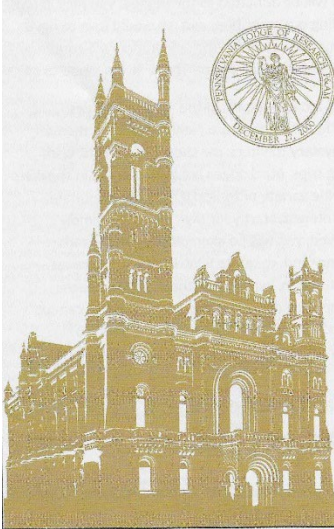
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

Worshipful Master: Brother Richard F. Muth

<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.

A stated meeting of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research is to be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center 3579 Masonic Way Pittsburgh, PA 15237, beginning at 10:00am.

Membership 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.

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

Tentative Meeting Dates
June 15, 2024
December 14, 2024

Sincerely and fraternally,

Richard F. Muth, WM
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research