

Third Masonic District

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Freemasonry in Cinema: 9 Movies With Masonic References

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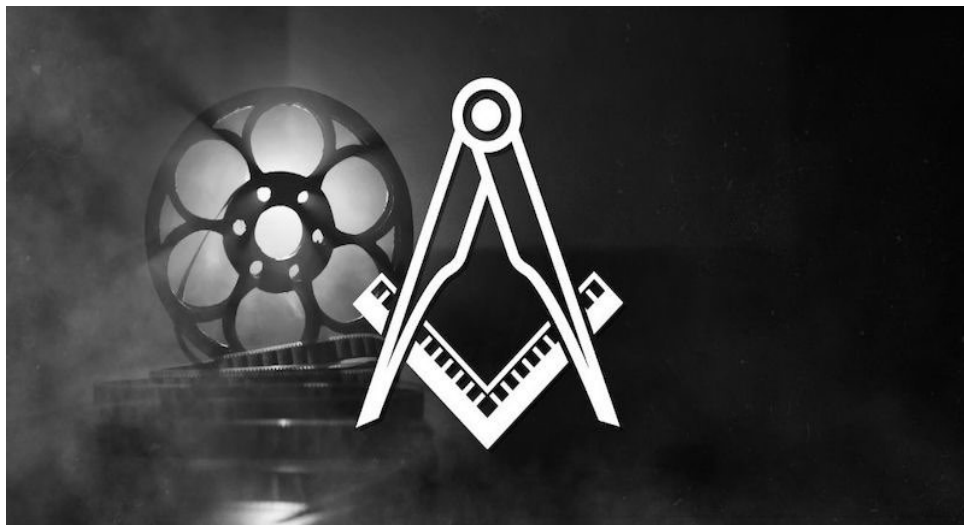
Freemasonry is an ancient and secretive society that has been the subject of mystery, speculation, and conspiracy for centuries.

It's not surprising then that it features prominently in cinema.

Here are nine movies with Masonic references to get you started on your movie binge night:

- The Man Who Would Be King (1975)
- North by Northwest (1959)
- The Game (1997)
- The Da Vinci Code (2006)
- Hobson's Choice (1954)
- National Treasure (2004)
- Sons of the Desert (1933)
- Are You a Mason? (1915)
- The Freemason (2013)

Spoiler alert: There might be some spoilers below. Proceed accordingly.



Event Announcements

October 23,2023
District 3 SOI
Fellow Craft Degree

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District 3 SOI
Election/Installation of Officers

December 18,2023
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The Man Who Would Be King (1975)



This film is about Kipling's characters Peachy Carnahan and Daniel Dravot who are members of the Freemasons.

The story follows their adventures as they travel to Kafiristan, a remote part of Afghanistan looking for treasure.

They become kings through trickery but eventually meet their downfall when an uprising leads them to flee the country.

North by Northwest (1959)



Cary Grant plays Roger Thornhill in this Alfred Hitchcock classic where he unravels mysterious goings on around him during his travels between New York City and Chicago while being chased across America by men connected with the advertising agency that he works at.

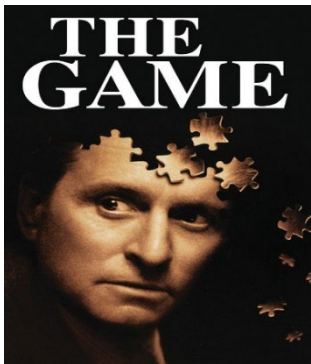
It turns out that one of his best friends has been murdered after stealing top secret information regarding U-Boat sightings during World War II.

After finding out that his best friend was murdered, he finds himself being chased by men who are trying to kill him too!

The film is an excellent portrayal of the Freemasonry values of brotherhood and secrecy as it follows Thornhill's journey through many tests before being initiated into Masonry at the end of this movie.

The Game (1997)

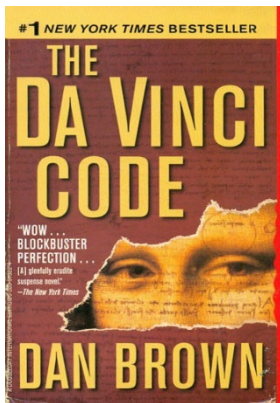
The Game is a psychological thriller starring Michael Douglas. It follows his character, Nicholas Van Orten after he receives an unusual birthday gift from his brother – a game that quickly goes very wrong and begins to impact all aspects of his life in increasingly disturbing ways.



This film was inspired by the writings of Thomas Pynchon's novel called The Crying of Lot 49 (1966), which also includes several references to Freemasonry throughout its content.

Nicholas' best friend Gordon Gekko becomes involved with another secret society known as 'the family'. This group turns out to be highly insidious because it operates under the guise of being charitable while actually running illegal businesses that are not only harmful but lethal for those who get caught up in them.

The Da Vinci Code (2006)



A best-selling novel by Dan Brown, The Da Vinci code is a murder mystery based around the story of Jesus Christ and his secret life as an initiate in ancient Egyptian mysteries.

It follows Robert Langdon who arrives at the Louvre to find that one guard has been brutally murdered while another lies close behind him with a cryptic message carved into her skin.

As he examines the situation further it becomes clear that there are many people interested in keeping this information from getting out!

It turns out that these people are part of Opus Dei – a secretive organization within Roman Catholicism which was first introduced to mainstream audiences through this film adaptation.

This highly controversial topic discussed throughout The Da Vinci Code is a great example of how freemasonry is often portrayed in popular culture.

Hobson's Choice (1954)



Another best-selling novel, Hobson's Choice was adapted into a film and follows the life of William Hobson – a bootmaker who finds himself in an unfortunate situation when his daughter Maggie brings home three men she wants to marry.

He has no desire for any of them so he decides that they need to get out of their house by making one choice that will change all their lives forever!

The protagonist is played by Charles Laughton, while John Mills plays Henry Horatio Hobson III (Maggie).

This movie acts as another example of how Freemasons appear throughout history through allegory and symbolism; this time it's about family values and unity based around Masonic traditions.

National Treasure (2004)

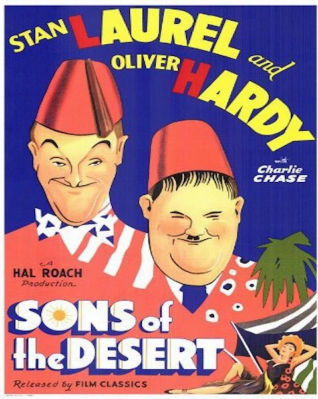


In National Treasure, Nicolas Cage plays Benjamin Franklin Gates – an American historian who goes on a quest to find the legendary national treasure that has been guarded by many groups throughout history.

Benjamin's best friend Patrick Henry (Jurgen Prochnow) gets caught up in this secret society after receiving word from his dying father about something 'very important' he needs to search for during the coming months...

What follows is a series of clues hidden within America's most famous landmarks all leading back to one very powerful secret! This film helps us understand Freemasonry through popular culture while also being entertaining at the same time thanks to its mystery and intrigue.

Sons of the Desert (1933)



Sons of the Desert follows a group of men who are members of an organization known as 'The Sons of The Desert'. They meet at their local lodge every year to hold secret meetings where they discuss all sorts of topics related to life and society.

Their wives aren't very impressed with them however because these guys don't spend much time caring for their families! As punishment the ladies banish the boys from ever seeing each other again... but this doesn't stop them!

With so many references made throughout this film it's clear that Freemasonry plays an important role in popular culture – even during Hollywood's golden era!

Are You a Mason? (1915)

Are You a Mason? was made in 1915 and follows the story of two men who are best friends; one is married while the other remains single.



They both love each other's wives, but they keep this information secret from everyone except for their own closest friend – another man named Albert (played by Charles Chaplin). When things get out of hand between these three it leads to an interesting turn-of-events that will change all their lives forever!

This film helps us understand Freemasonry through popular culture with its use of symbolism and allegory. It also acts as a good example of how movies throughout history have used Masonic themes to represent morality or society at large.

The Freemason (2013)



This film follows one man's journey through Freemasonry as he becomes initiated into his first degree and begins to face some difficult questions about morality that ultimately lead him towards enlightenment.

This best-selling novel by John Grisham was later adapted into a movie in 1993 starring Tom Cruise (as Andrew McAlister) and Gene Hackman (as Sebastian Rudd).

Andrew is an idealistic young attorney who works for Sebastian; however, when this best friend/uncle figure gets accused of murdering two people everything changes – especially since there isn't any real evidence against him! While trying to clear Seb's name Andrew gets caught up in a conspiracy with links to the Freemasons and ends up risking his own life because of it!

Notes from the Editor: The Content I want to bring mostly is through what I see that can bring dialog and curiosity. Be cautious with everything you see or hear, when it comes to Freemasonry, but open to listening to interesting and entertaining ideas. I hope you like the topic about the movies and that it can spark curiosity in you, and I hope that it can make you see more light. With the topic in mind. Have you seen these movies? Do you have additional suggestions? Please let me know at our next School of instruction. Thank you.

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

Fraternal Greetings Brethren!



*Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
District Deputy Grand Master*

October is here and Freemasonry is doing well in the Third Masonic District. Fellowship with your Brethren is fundamental for Freemasonry. The District Low Vale is history, but many memories of a great steak dinner and an excellent conferral of the Master Mason Degree will be remembered well into the future. The members and officers of Acacia Lodge No. 586 along with George Washington Lodge No. 143's members and officers did very well preparing and presenting the District Low Vale.

If you did not attend, be sure to attend next year. Read your Lodge notices, they have all of the information you need to know so you can plan your monthly Lodge attendance. The District Directory contains information for the meetings at the other Lodges within the District. In it you will find a list of the programs being presented each month. On the evening of Saturday September 30th, I attended Eureka West Shore Lodge No. 302's anniversary/ladies night banquet. It was their 167th banquet. It featured good food, a great program, and lots of Masonic fellowship was had by all in attendance. The highlight of the evening was the awarding Brother Harry Woods the Lodge's "Mason of the Year." Brother Woods has many years of devoted service to his Lodge and is a very close friend of mine. Early in my Masonic career Brother Harry and I spent many nights enjoying lots of strawberry and ice cream together.

I'm currently accepting nomination letters for the 2023 District 3 Mason of Year to be awarded in January 2024 at their Lodge. You may nominate any member of District 3 but they should be active not only their home Lodge but also throughout the district. Please direct all letters of nomination personally to me for consideration. The District 3 School of Instruction is the fourth Monday of each month. There are no limitations on the attendance size. I ask that all Master Masons, not just the officers in the district, be in attendance each month. The information presented is essential for your journey in Freemasonry. You will learn details that you may not know even if you are a long-time member or a brand-new Mason. Come out to the next School of Instruction on October 23th at Big Spring Lodge No. 361 starting at 7:30pm.

Your Lodge needs your attendance at all activities held. You bring a unique perspective as does all of the Brethren in attendance. Be a part of the discussions in Lodge. If you have an idea, be sure to discuss it with your Worshipful Master. Take an active roll in Lodge. There are many other things to be done besides being an officer. Volunteer to take a part in a Degree. Each Degree has several non-verbal parts. We all need to be the best Mason that we can be. I hope to see you on the Masonic trail soon.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!!

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,

District Three Lodges have finished their first month back in the Lodge room after being off from labor in July and August. In addition to the stated Lodge meetings and extra meetings in some Lodges, the District conducted its annual Low Vale on Wednesday September 27th. George Washington Lodge No. 143 and Acacia Lodge No. 586 combined to confer an excellent Master Mason Degree and to take care of all the details necessary to host a Low Vale. The Low Vale is always a great time and there is excellent food and fellowship. If you were unable to attend this year's event, please plan to attend next year. Watch the monthly newsletter for the date!

Brethren, now is the time (perhaps it is getting a little late) to get serious for those of you needing certifications to continue your Masonic journey or for those moving into new chairs not currently requiring certifications. It is never too early to start working on dialog and floor work you will need in the future. The role of the SOI should include having all officers "up to speed" on their duties and ritual now and for the next Masonic year. I encourage you to contact the SOI principals and solicit our assistance to help you

do this and to attend your rehearsals if you think that will be beneficial to your Lodge.

The SOI is beginning to develop its schedule of work for the 2024 Masonic year. During this current year, the SOI work has included:

- Business of the Lodge
- Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor
- Entered Apprentice Mason Degree
- Fellow Craft Degree
- Master Mason Degree
- Low Vale Preparation
- Official Visit/Presentation of Masonic Service Emblems
- Table Lodge
- Protocol/Mentoring
- Election/installation of officers

Each degree is usually presented twice, and the other parts of the ritual are only presented once. I would like to ask you, officers and members alike, to let us know if you would like to see other work in the SOI, or if you would like to see more detailed focus on some aspects of the ritual. In recent years we have added the Table Lodge and Presentation of Masonic Service Emblems to the work in the school. If you think there are more things we should teach, or there should be more specific instruction on some of the things we already teach, please let us know.

Looking ahead, Cumberland Valley Lodge 315 will present the Fellow Craft Degree on October 23rd. Brother Paul Sutcliffe, Jr. P.M., will be attending the October 23rd meeting. On November 20th, the work of the evening will be the Election/Installation of Officers. We hope to see you at both of these.

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

PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF MASONIC KNOWLEDGE



The Fall 2023 Symposium of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m.

A lunch (cost is \$20) will be served at noon, and the program will be completed by 3 p.m. This event is open to all Masons, their significant others and their guests. Dress is coat and tie.

Pre-register at PaMasonicAcademy.org/meetings or through your lodge secretary. Please recognize that a cost is incurred to the program for your registration. If you pre-register and subsequently determine that you will be unable to attend, please have the Masonic courtesy to cancel your reservation by emailing amksecretary@pagrandlodge.org. All fees are non-refundable if you do not attend the event.

Save the dates for future symposiums:

Saturday, March 16, 2024 & Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024



"The Noblest Question" Benjamin Franklin Presentation with Bill Ochester

"The Noblest Question in the world is, 'What good may I do in it?'" – Benjamin Franklin

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia will host a special event on Friday, Oct. 13, to mark the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's arrival in Philadelphia in 1723.

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 August 28, 2023. The work of the evening will be Entered Apprentice Degree presented by the Low Vale Degree Team. 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

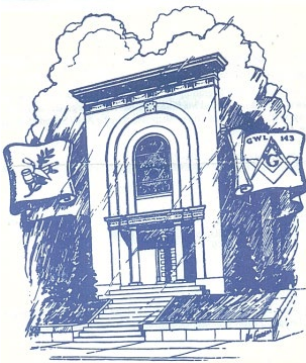
Second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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 and enjoying the cooler weather of Autumn. This past month we co-sponsored the 10th Annual Low Vale on September 27th, 2023, with Acacia Lodge No. 586. It was held at the Waynesboro Fish and Game Association, the site of the original Low Vale. It was a great evening of fellowship and work as we conferred the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Aaron Snyder. Congratulations, Brother!

Special thanks to all the Officers and Men who assisted in making this a memorable evening for all that attended. Special thanks to all the visiting Grand Lodge officers including RWPGM, S. Eugene Herritt. This helped make this evening one that the newly raised brother is not likely to forget!



Congratulations also to Bro. Denny Beaver, WM of Eureka-West Shore No. 302 on winning the raffle for the Masonic Henry Rifle!



Also, this past month we attended the Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 Ladies Night Banquet on September 30th, 2023. As usual it was a wonderful event with and I am grateful to Brother Denny Beaver, WM and all the officers of Lodge No. 302 who helped with the preparations for a great evening!

This month we look forward to our Stated meeting when we will honor our Past Masters. We also plan to confer Entered Apprentice Mason Degrees on a father and son duo at our next Extra Meeting. As always, I look forward to seeing the Brethren at the events planned during the remainder of this year.

Sincerely and fraternally,
John C. Northcott
Worshipful Master



“Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.”

- Bro. Benjamin Franklin

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**



Greetings from the East,

Brethren, Carlisle Lodge 260 had a great month of Freemasonry during September, and we look to continue that into the month of October.

Our stated meeting this month is a combination of Past Masters Night and 25-year pins. We will have appetizers prior to the meeting in our social hall starting at 6:30p.m.

On Wednesday, October 18th, we will confer two 2nd degrees and a 1st degree. Please come out and celebrate a 1st degree with us starting at 6:30 p.m. and welcome our Fellow Craft Masons. We will have some new Worshipful Masters conferring the degrees.

Finally, Carlisle Lodge 260 will take part in a Trunk-or-Treat at North Middleton Park. Any brothers who would like to help, are asked to bring a bag of candy to our Stated Meeting on October 17th. More information to come on the event specifics.

I look forward to seeing everyone this month.

God Bless!

Thank you,
Brother Marc Thorne
Worshipful Master



“Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant. A brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic.”

- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt



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,

September was a fruitful month for Orrstown Lodge. The fellowship meals prior to the Stated Meeting has been increasing in attendance every month. We had the largest group of 30 members and guests, for a non-holiday meal. If you haven't joined us yet for the fellowship, we would love to have you! Following the meal, Bethel 16- Job's Daughters did a touching flag ceremony in remembrance of 9/11 and explained to the brethren what their masonic youth group does for the young women participating and also the community around them. Thank you to Jurisdictional Guardian Melinda Culp and the others for their help not only with the evening but their involvement with such a rewarding steppingstone for these young adults.



During the Extra Meeting, Brother Allen W. Miles, Jr. was passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason. We would like to thank the dedication of his mentor Brother Warren D.W. Scott for his guidance of our newest FC.



Next month, Brother Thomas Labagh will then enlighten the brethren about the Top Hat – why it’s worn by Worshipful Masters, and other historic meanings behind it. If you haven’t been to lodge in a while, there is still time. Join us for just the fellowship meal, just the meetings, OR BOTH. Also, Orrstown Lodge No. 262 helped to sponsor the Liberty Tree being planted in Fort Chambers Park. The dedication is being held on Tuesday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m.. This event will be attended by several Grand Lodge officers, including Right Worshipful Grand Master, Jeffrey M. Wonderling, with appearances by State and Local Officials. All brothers are asked to wear a jacket and tie with apron, officers are required to wear tux and regalia.

October Lodge Events:

Oct. 10 – Lodge Practice – 6:30 p.m..

Oct. 12 – Stated Meeting – “A History of the Top Hat” by: Bro. Thomas R. Labagh - 7:30 p.m.; Meal served prior to meeting at 6:30 p.m..

Oct. 17 – Liberty Tree Dedication – 4:00 p.m.. – Ft. Chambers Park, Chambersburg, PA.

Oct. 24 – Lodge Practice – 6:30 p.m..

Oct. 26 – Extra Meeting – 7:00 p.m.. – Master Mason Degree – Bro. Allen W. Miles, Jr.

Fraternally,

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

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/EWS302>

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

Ladies Night: September 30, 2023

Greetings from the East,

Prior to our September Stated Meeting after a great meal of New York strip steak and shrimp skewers we were treated to a visit from Civil War General Jubal Early, portrayed by Mikael Sipes, presently of Hanover, PA. He presented a good program with a lot of interesting questions from the brethren.

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Eureka West Shore Lodge No. 302 had seven brethren attend the Lodge in the Woods, in Newmanstown with about 800 other Masons. A night to remember with the Right Worshipful Grand Master. Thank you to all who attended. This year Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 continued their support for New Hope Ministries by donating food. To date we have donated 667 pounds of food and a check for \$250.00. Congratulations to our Members.

Our Ladies Night and 167th Anniversary Banquet will have been held on Saturday, September 30, 2023, with about 102 guests and brethren attending. The guest speaker was Dr. Jayne Drake, Executive Director of the Renaissance Mechanicsburg Project.

We also have a Blood Bank Drive scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 being held at our Lodge from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can make an appointment by calling 800-771-0059. All donors will receive a \$5 Giant gift card & a Blood Donor T-shirt.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Brother E. Denny Beaver
Worshipful Master



“The true Mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character and ever strives for its perfection.”

- Bro. William Howard Taft

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>

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

Ladies Night: August 13, 2024



Brother Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM presenting the Master Pillar Award to Brother Barry A. Martz, P.M., GLRE, SW.

Thursday September 7, 2023, marked our September Stated Meeting and return to labor. After some Ice Cream and Peaches, we adjourned to the lodge room to conduct some business after which a communication from The Rubicon Masonic Society was read presenting our lodge the initial volume of Transactions of the society which was dedicated to R. W. Brother Thomas W. Jackson. Brother Tom Jackson was a consistent supporter and encourager of The Rubicon Masonic Society.

Following the presentation Brother Marc R. Thorn, Worshipful Master of Carlisle Lodge No. 260 presented a well-received program titled "Freemasonry and the Remaking of American Culture."

Following the program Brother Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM, who was visiting our lodge, was called to the East. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM called Brother Barry R. Martz, P.M., GLRE, SW to the East and present him with the Master Pillar Award. Brother Martz shared a few thoughts as did our District Deputy Grand Master. On September 21, 2024, our newest Brother, Herbert D. Kurtz, was advanced from



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

Entered Apprentice Mason to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason. Brother Bryan L. Ruth, P.M. conferred the degree. Brother Thomas P. Kennedy was the guide. It was a fantastic evening of Freemasonry at Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315. When you see Brother Kurtz, please extend him the hand of fraternal friendship with a hardy handshake of congratulations on his advancement.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Brother Todd W. West
Worshipful Master

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, P.M.
Secretary



“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

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, was held in their Masonic Temple, 131 Centerville Road, Newville, Pennsylvania, 17241, on Thursday evening, September 14, 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, was held in their Masonic Temple located on the Third Floor of the Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225, on Tuesday evening, September 19, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely and fraternaly,
Brother Robert E Brindle, P.M.
Worshipful Master

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

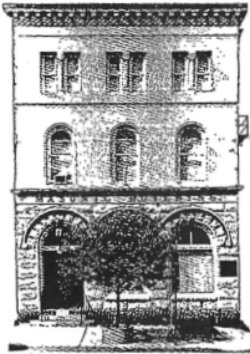
Third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother Joshua P. Brown

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

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

Ladies Night: October 7, 2023



Greetings Brethren,

Acacia Lodge the return from summer has been a busy one. As most of you were undoubtedly doing, we cleared the brain-fog away as we prepared for stated meetings, extra meetings, and low vale.

We held our Stated Meeting and heard a great program from Brother Joshua Gerstenlauer on “The Contested Legacy of Albert Pike” if you would like to see a longer form video of the presentation we were given, it can be found on YouTube. Search using the aforementioned title of the program and select the one that is by Samuel C. Perkins

RAC No. 209, Pennsylvania.



On Tuesday September 20th Acacia Lodge No. 586 held an extra meeting and Entered William Van Gilder into Freemasonry. We hope he will be able to join us at the upcoming School of Instruction.

I would be remiss if I didn't remind everyone of Low Vale. This is going to be a great event at the Waynesboro Fish & Game you will not want to miss out on.

ACACIA LODGE NO. 586
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
33 W. MAIN ST. WAYNESBORO, PA 17268

IT IS MY HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND TO YOU
AND YOUR LADY AN INVITATION TO ATTEND OUR

ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT BANQUET
OCTOBER
SATURDAY 7 AT 6 PM
2023

WAYNESBORO COUNTRY CLUB
11000 COUNTRY CLUB RD
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268

JOSHUA P. BROWN, WORSHIPFUL MASTER
ACACIA LODGE NO. 586

MENU:

CHARCUTERIE BOARD W/ NUTS, JAM & DRIED FRUIT

CHEF ARTISAN SALAD

CHOICE OF:

ROASTED BONE-IN PORKCHOP W/ SAUSAGE CORNBREAD SAGE STUFFING, &
CARMELIZED BOURBORN BROWN SUGAR APPLES

OR

PAN SEARED COD W/ SWEET PEA PUREE & HONIED GINGER CARROT COULIS ATOP
RICE WINE RICE

OR

MICROGREENS & VINAIGRETTE (VEGETARIAN)

ALL SERVED WITH:

TWICE BAKED POTATO & GRILLED ZUCCHINI GRATIN

TRIPLE CHOLOLATE GANACHE CAKE W/ VANILLA BEAN ICE CREAM TOPPED W/
CHANTILLY CREAM & CARAMEL NUT SHARDS

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS (OR REPRESENTATIVE) - NO CHARGE
MASTER MASONS AND/OR GUESTS - \$45 PER PERSON
CASH BAR

RSVP W/ MEAL CHOICE BY SEPTEMBER 25TH TO:
BROTHER ROBERT W/ NELSON, JR. PM, SECRETARY
(717) 762-6621 OR ROBERTNELSON68@COMCAST.NET

On October 7th, I invite all of you to attend Acacia’s Ladies Night Banquet at the Waynesboro Country Club. East of Antietam will be entertaining us with their ability to play hits spanning the ages in an atmosphere of elegance. The menu the chef has prepared is surely to knock our socks off, and the cash bar will be stocked with the standards you are used to as well as some specialties cocktails that may pique your interest. I hope to see you there.

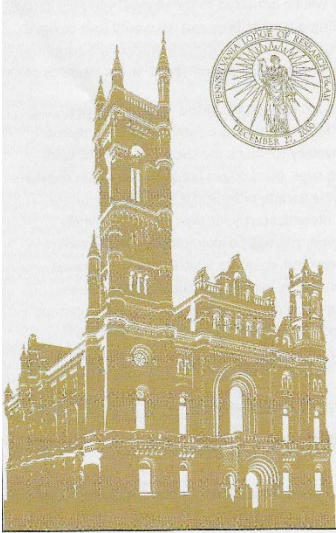
In October we will hear insights from recently retired Washington Supervisor Jeffrey B Geesaman, P.M.. Brother Geesaman has had quite a career and his time as a local township supervisor is not lacking in anecdotes to share with us.

Fraternal Greeting,
Joshua P. Brown
Worshipful Master

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

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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