

Another cause of confusion is because throughout history, many Freemasons have also been Odd Fellows. Famous Freemasons like Winston Churchill, William McKinley, Franklin Roosevelt, Red Skelton, and Chief Justice Earl Warren were also members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In fact, one of the best-known Masons, Albert Pike, was an Odd Fellow! It has been so common that you'll find the Freemason Square and Compass, and the Odd Fellows' three links used together often in Fraternal jewelry and elsewhere--I have an example of a joint Freemasonry/Odd Fellows lapel pin in my collection and have often seen the symbols used together on gravestones of men who were members of both Fraternities as in the example below.

Much like Freemasonry, the Odd Fellows claim their roots go back to the trade guilds in the 12th and 13th centuries. They are a values-based organization like Freemasonry with a desire to help men improve themselves, but while Freemasonry's main objective is to "make good men better" the emphasis of the Odd Fellows is in contributing to charitable works and providing aid and assistance. The three-chain links of their symbol represent Friendship, Love and Truth.



While the similarities between the two fraternities are obvious, they are very different organizations. The Odd Fellows was the first Fraternity in the United States open to both men and women. They were also the first to build homes for their senior members and for orphaned children. There is a common misconception that the Odd Fellows is a copy of Freemasonry. Many fraternities have borrowed heavily from the rituals and traditions of Freemasonry, and there are a lot of comparisons that could be made between Freemasonry and the Odd Fellows. Maybe the Odd Fellows borrowed from the Freemasons, or perhaps the two organizations evolved their rituals and traditions along similar lines because they share a common history going back to the trade guilds. Or maybe it is because so many of their members throughout history have belonged to both organizations.

Whatever the truth may be, both Fraternities have done remarkable work in making good men better and the world a better place in which to live. In fact, there has always existed a mutual respect between the two Fraternities, which is why so many Freemasons have become Odd Fellows, and so many Odd Fellows belong to Masonic Lodges.

About the author:

Todd E. Creason, 33° is the founder, and continues to be a regular contributor to The Midnight Freemasons blog. He is a Past Master of Ogden Lodge No. 754, and a member of Homer Lodge No. 199, Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Illinois. He is a 33° Mason in the Scottish Rite Valley of Danville. He is a member of Champaign Chapter No. 50, Royal Arch Masons, Urbana Council No. 19, Cryptic Masons, and Urbana Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar. He is an officer in the Eastern Illinois Allied Masonic Degrees Chapter No. 356. In 2012, he served as the first President of the newly chartered Illini High Twelve No. 768 in Champaign. He is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Ansar Oasis in Springfield (IL) and a member of the Illini Shrine Club. He is also the member of a number of Masonic research organizations, including the Illinois Lodge of Research, the Scottish Rite Research Society, the Philaethes Society, and the Missouri Lodge of Research.

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



Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

My favorite time of the year has come, Lodge returns to labor! I hope your summer has been an enjoyable time with friends and family. The stated meeting at your Lodge is just around the corner. If the date is not already circled on your calendar, do it now. You do not want to miss the final couple of meetings conducted by your current Worshipful Master. He is just starting to feel comfortable in the station but his time in the East will soon end. All of the Worshipful Masters of District three have done an excellent job handling the responsibilities of being a Master of a Lodge of Freemasons. The incoming Worshipful Masters for 2023 have put together their programs and goals for their term. I will be preparing a district directory again this year. It will be available in print and on the district three website.

The September School of Instruction will be on the 25th starting at 7:30 pm at the Big Spring Lodge in Newville. All elected and appointed Lodge officers are requested to attend along with any other Master Masons. Remember there are a lot of non-speaking roles that need to be filled during the conferral of a degree.

September this year brings the 10th annual District Low Vale on the 27th. The event will take place at the Waynesboro Fish and Game grounds. A steak dinner will be served starting at 6:00 pm and the Degree will start at 7:30 pm. Please get your tickets as soon as possible. A Henry Masonic Tribute rifle will be raffled off at the Low Vale. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the drawing takes place that evening.

Your Lodge needs your attendance at the stated meetings. 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 role in your Lodge. There are many other things to be done besides being an officer. 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, PM Principal, Third Masonic District School of Instruction



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

Brethren all,

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and were able to get away and do some of those “summer” things we all enjoy. I also hope that at least some of you used the opportunity to work on Masonic ritual, particularly those taking the next step in your Masonic journey to the East.

We had a very good first six months in the SOI. Stellar performances by the District Three teams for the one-day class on March 25th and the Region Two sectional school of instruction on April 22nd were two highlights for the first half of the year. In addition, the Right Worshipful Grand Master attended two different Lodge meetings in the district, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 and Big Spring Lodge No. 361.

As we begin the second half of the year, we can look forward to the District Three Low Vale on September 27, 2023. Brother Larry A. Derr, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, will be the guest of honor. The Low Vale is always a great time and there is excellent food and fellowship. It is a special and meaningful way to see a degree. I would particularly encourage those of you who have never been to a Low Vale to attend. For the remainder of this Masonic year, in addition to our regular schedule of work, I would like to see us focus on preparing new and current officers for assuming new roles in the Lodge. Some of you will need certifications to continue your Masonic journey. Others could probably use some “refresher” on your new place or station in the Lodge. I think the role of the SOI should include having all officers “up to speed” on their duties and ritual 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.

Worshipful Masters are reminded that for the remainder of this Masonic year, someone other than the WM should present the opening and closing charges at the stated meeting. Any elected or appointed officer (other than a past master) may do this. I would encourage WMs to develop a schedule for the remainder of the year to make sure someone is available and prepared to deliver the charges for each meeting. Looking ahead, Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 will present the Entered Apprentice Masons Degree on September 25th and Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, will present the Fellow Craft Degree on October 23rd. Brother Paul Sutcliffe, Jr. P.M., will be attending the October 23rd meeting.

Brethren, I look forward to getting back to work after the summer break.

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,

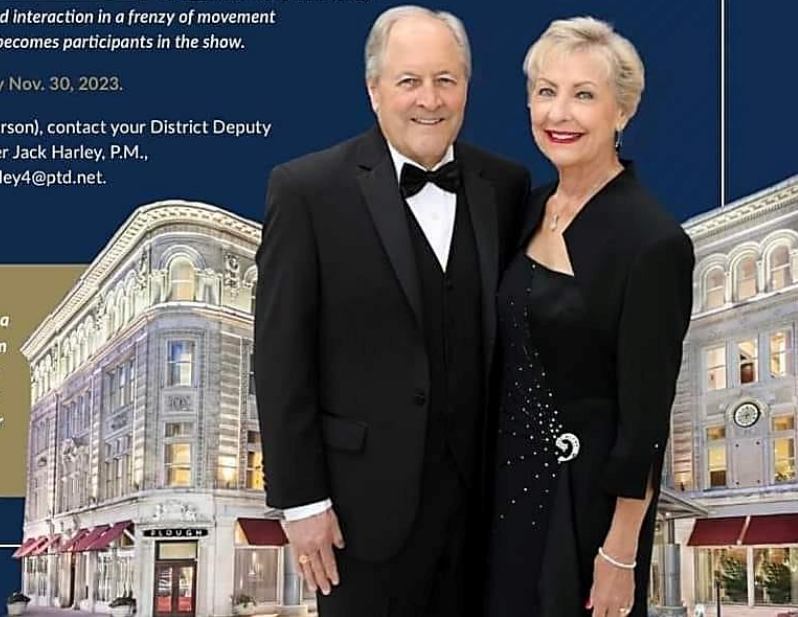
combined with humor and interaction in a frenzy of movement and color. The audience becomes participants in the show.

Reservations are due by Nov. 30, 2023.

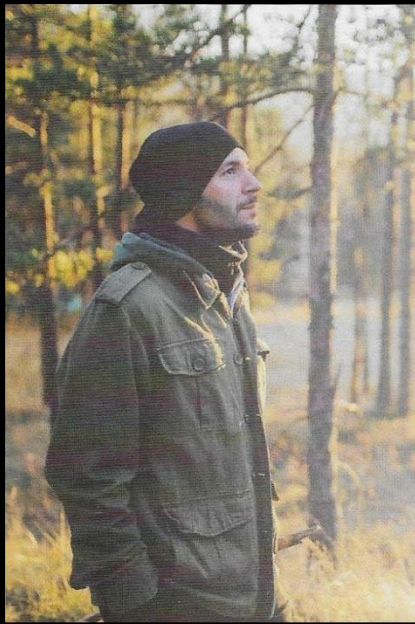
For tickets (\$125 per person), contact your District Deputy Grand Master or Brother Jack Harley, P.M., at 717-917-3359 or jharley4@ptd.net.

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



Save the date:

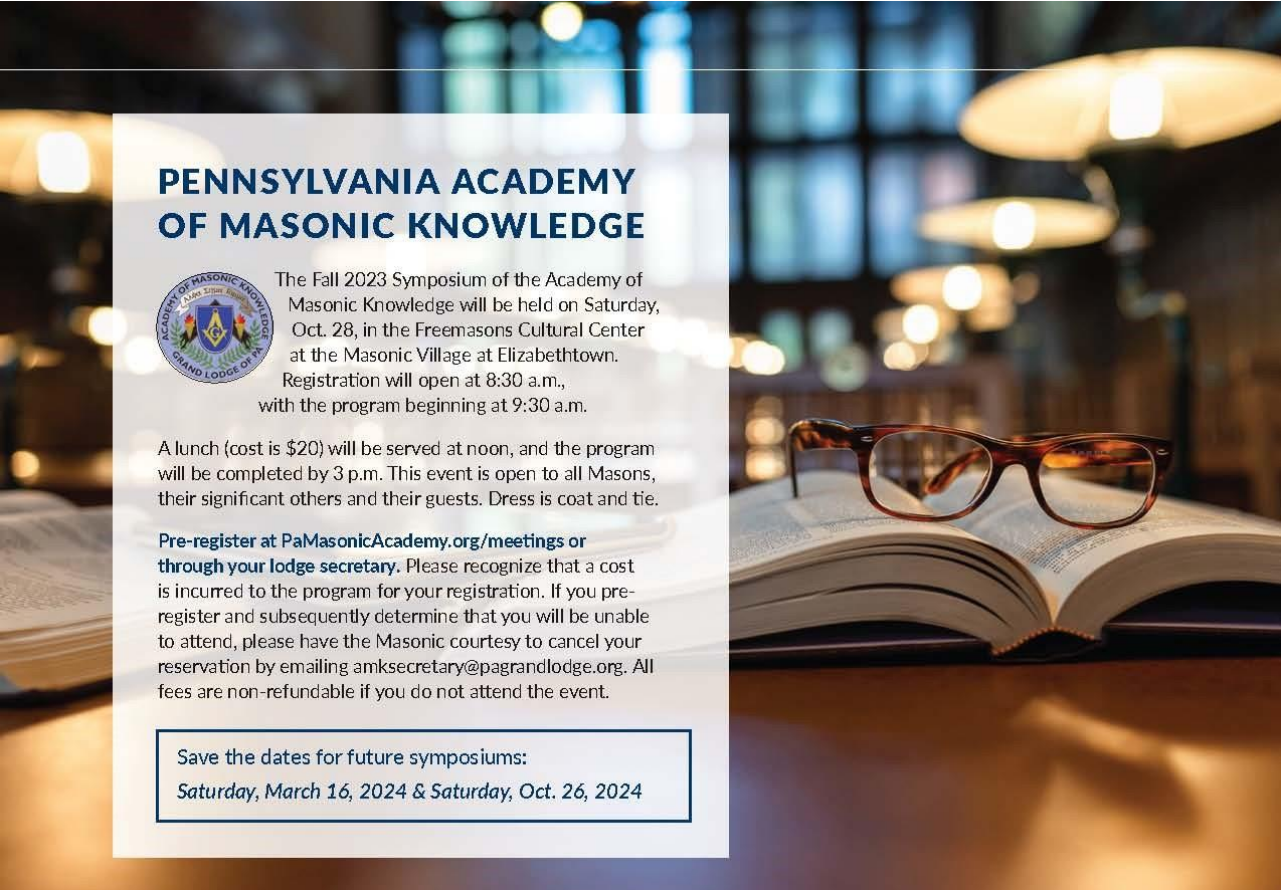
Lodge in the Woods

Hosted by the 1st 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](https://www.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.



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

GRAND LODGE OF PA 6TH ANNUAL

SPORTING CLAYS EVENTS



WESTERN EVENT

Sunday, Aug. 20 | Register by Aug. 14
Highland Sporting Clays
777 Waterwheel Drive, Seven Springs, PA 15622
800-452-2223
For more information, contact Ed Aiello at edaiello57@gmail.com or 412-496-4635.

EASTERN EVENT: KENNETH J. RITTER, P.M., MEMORIAL SHOOT

Sunday, Sept. 10 | Register by Sept. 4
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
2750 Limestone Street, Coplay, PA 18037
610-261-9616
For more information, contact Alan Beidel at alanbeidel@gmail.com or 717-658-3477.

SCHEDULE FOR BOTH EVENTS:

8:30 a.m. Registration and warm up
10 a.m. Shooting will begin promptly

Cost per person (includes breakfast & lunch):
Western event: \$175 | Eastern event: \$155
\$25 cost for non-shooter lunch, either event
Winners will be determined by the Lewis Class system.
Chinese Auction, 50/50 and more!

Each event will be capped at 150 attendees.
Shooters must provide their own ammunition.
All proceeds benefit Grand Lodge operations.

MAIL COUPON BELOW WITH PAYMENT TO:

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
c/o Harry Rutter
Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Please check the event you wish to shoot:

- Western Sporting Clays on Aug. 20 (\$175)
- Eastern Sporting Clays on Sept. 10 (\$155)

Sponsor Opportunities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lunch Sponsor | \$3,000 |
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State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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Shooters

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Shooter 3: _____
Shooter 4: _____

of shooters _____ x \$175 or \$155 = \$ _____

of lunch only _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

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.

District 3 Low Vale 2023

The Officers of George Washington Lodge No. 143 and Acacia Lodge No. 586, along with Brother Jeffrey R. Miller District Deputy Grand Master of District 3, would like to announce the 2023 District 3 Low Vale .

The program for Low Vale will be the conferring of a Master Mason degree and is open to all Master Masons.

Steak dinner by Rosenberry's will be served prior to the program.

Date: September 27, 2023

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Program: 7:30 pm

Dinner cost: \$30 per ticket

Location : Waynesboro Fish & Game

10205 Fish and Game Rd

Waynesboro, PA 17268

Tickets must be purchased at www.glpad3.org

or check payable to District 3 School of Instruction and mailed to Ken Strayer 496 Shippensburg Road Shippensburg, PA 17257

(No ticket required to attend low vale only)

(Must present valid dues card)

Dress: Business Casual (no t-shirts, jeans, or shorts)

\$10 raffle tickets available for Henry Masonic Tribute Rifle through Lodge No. 143 and Lodge No. 586.

Contact either of the Lodge's Worshipful Masters

Worshipful Master John C. Northcott— northcottj@hotmail.com (619-914-8314)

Worshipful Master Joshua P Brown— interceptor79@gmail.com (240-217-0767)

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 have enjoyed their summer. As we are getting ready to start again in September, it is important to remember some of the highlights during the break.

This year we again participated in the Chambersburg Olde Market Days and Burning of Chambersburg events. We participated again with a Main Street both and Open House but this year we were joined by members of both the Jobs Daughters and Eastern Star for both. We also extended the hours of the Open House from noon to 6 PM. It was well attended by members and the public and we look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come!

We also had the opportunity to present several awards in the residences of several of our 50- and 60-year members. The District Deputy Grand Master presented 60-year awards to Brothers Tarrie Fickes, Martin Wenger, Tom Pece and a 50-year award to Brother Ralph Smith. We also took the opportunity to spend time visiting with each of the brethren.

We will be co-sponsoring the 10th Annual Low Vale on September 27, 2023, with Acacia Lodge No. 586. It will be held at the Waynesboro Fish and Game Association, the site of the original Low Vale. Tickets will be \$30 per person and that includes your Steak dinner beginning at 6pm. They will be sold through the district web page on Eventbrite and should be available shortly. Attendance of just the Degree is free, as in the past.



We will also have a drawing for a Henry Masonic Tribute .22 Rifle. Tickets are \$10 each and available now from either the District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Josh Brown, or me. WMs, if you have a need for raffle tickets for your membership, please contact me directly. Attire is business casual, no jeans, shorts, or T-shirts. Cigars are permitted and encouraged!

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

Sincerely and fraternally,
John C. Northcott
Worshipful Master

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, it's hard to believe the summer has come to an end. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time in the sun and made some memories to carry with them. I know I've had lots of moments over the course of the summer; some good, some I wish I didn't have, but that's the best part of life.

The Carlisle Lodge 260 has continued its work helping the community. On Sunday, July 16, 2023, we provided 60 meals to the Salvation Army. It was a great sight to see the brethren helping those in need, and I'd love to see us continue to do more of that. I'd like to thank Brothers Steven Gotwold, Bob and Brett Otto, John Anderson and Brandon Benner for lending a hand, and cooking some really tasty food.

Carlisle Lodge 260 is back at our ritual work as well this month. We are conferring the first degree on September 20, 2023, starting at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for members to join in. If you would like to help, please contact Brother Ben Brandon, JW at 717-320-3520. I look forward to seeing everyone back at our lodge on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, for our Stated meeting. We will have appetizers, drinks and enjoy a game night brought to us by Bro Hunter Winters. We will meet in the Social Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a member only meeting.

Thank you,
Brother Marc Thorne
Worshipful Master



Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality.

- **Marquis de Lafayette**

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,



As the Summer has concluded and we are called back to labor, we will focus on the final stretch of the 2023 Masonic Year. All brethren are reminded to continue their studies and work toward certifications. This way, the traditions of the fraternity and ritual can continue to be a source of pride for the Lodge. If any assistance is needed, please reach out to either Masonic Education Chairmen or the Worshipful Master. As a reminder, if your Masonic Journey includes a path to the East, certifications are required along the way.

If your journey is calling you to assist with the lodge, please speak with any of the officers and we can discuss options. On September 14, we are thrilled to have Melinda Culp, Jurisdictional Guardian for Bethel 16 of Chambersburg give a presentation on “Job’s Daughters”. A fellowship meal will be available prior to the meeting to catch up and break bread.

Fraternally,

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

September Lodge Events:

Sept 12 – Practice – 6:30 p.m.

Sept 14 – Stated Meeting – 7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Meal at 6:30 p.m.)

Sept 25 – 3rd Masonic District School of Instruction – Big Spring Lodge No. 361 – 7:30 p.m.

Sept 27 – 3rd Masonic District Low Vale – Waynesboro Fish & Game Assoc. - 7:30p (Meal at 6:00 p.m.)



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 June Stated Meeting we treated ourselves to a picnic meal featuring pulled pork, baked beans, and corn on the cobb. After a delicious meal we were entertained by a presentation from Elva Hurst in a Chalk Talk with a Patriotic theme. At the same time, she created a picture which was presented to the Lodge.



On Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at our Extra Meeting, Philip Alan Hudson was passed to the Degree of a Master Mason. This honor was conferred by Bro. Kenneth B. Robinson, PM.



On June 14 and June 15 Eureka-West Shore, Lodge No. 302 supported Mechanicsburg for their Jubilee Day by managing the debris from about 80,000 Jubilee Day visitors. For our efforts we earned \$1,000 which we will donate to multiple groups in the Mechanicsburg Borough.

Our Stated Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Please note that the meeting night is changed due to the Labor Day holiday.

There will be a fellowship meal prior to our Stated Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. consisting of NY strip steak, shrimp skewers, seasoned potato wedges, and a tossed salad for the cost of a donation. Please RSVP yourselves and any guests not later than Thursday, August 31, 2023, to Brother Len Rutter at (717) 850-1619

Our program for the evening will be a presentation on General Jubal Early by Mr. Michael Sipes and will occur at the end of the stated meeting.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Brother E. Denny Beaver
Worshipful Master



“A Mason is a builder of the temple of character. He is the architect of a sublime mystery – the gleaming, glowing, temple of his own soul. He realizes that he bests serves God when he joins with the Great Architect in building more noble structures in the universe below.”

- Manley Hall

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: TBD

Greetings from the East,

Hopefully every had a very nice summer. Prior to calling off labor we held our June stated meeting. It was a wonderful evening of ice cream with strawberries topped with Masonic fellowship. We were visited by Brothers Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM03 and Lynn B. Baker DDGM46, RWJGW (select now elect), the evening speaker. We honored Brother Walter E. Gehrett with his 25-year service emblem for his exemplary service to our lodge and the fraternity, and Brother David G. Angle with his Past Treasurer's Jewel for his 10 years' service to our lodge. After both presentations Brother Lynn B. Baker presented a very informative talk on Lewis and Clark which was well received.

Prior to calling off labor for the months of July and August, we did have one more task to accomplish. The Master Mason degree was conferred on Brothers Larry D. Stine and Owen L. Stine and the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred on Herbert D. Kurtz. Brothers Larry D. Stine and Owen L. Stine were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and are now the newest members of our lodge. Brother Shannon T. Schake, PM, conferred the degrees which were stunning and impressive. Brother John R. Ridgway conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on Herbert D. Kurtz.



The doors of freemasonry were thrown wide open to receive him. He is now the newest Brother in the lodge to stand in the Northeast corner. It was Brother Ridgway's first-degree conferral. Brother Rick Miller, Assistant Principal Third Masonic District School of Instruction was on hand to observe. Brother John is now certified on the Entered Apprentice degree. When you see Brothers Larry D. Stine, Owen L. Stine, and Herbert D. Kurtz congratulate them on their being raised and entered. When you see Brother Ridgway

congratulate him on his certification. Many thanks to all the lodge officers and our Past Master for their dedication and hard work during a late night of labor. It is appreciated by everyone! A very special thank you to Brother Brian VanSyoc, PM Orrstown 262 for standing in and assisting us with the evening's work.

The Grand Lodge June Communication was held on June 10, 2023. During the awards presentation portion of the communication Brother Jeffrey R. Wonderling, RWGM awarded Brother Barry A Martz, PM, R2ME, JW the Master Pillar Award. When you see Brother Martz, please congratulate him on this accomplishment.

On August 13 we held our first Ladies Night since the pandemic shutdown. It was held at the Shippensburg Marriott, well attended, and a great way to end the summer, by honoring our ladies with a night of their own. Everyone enjoyed the evening of fine food, friendship, and fellowship.

As a reminder to all we will be calling back to labor very soon. A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will be held Thursday September 7, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. We will hold a fellowship meal which will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The menu for the evening will be Peaches and Ice Cream, a traditional seasonal treat. Our Program for the evening will be *Freemasonry and The Remaking of American Culture* presented by Brother Marc R. Thorne, Worshipful Master Carlisle Lodge 260.

An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will be held on Thursday September 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred upon Herbert Dale Kurt. Please come out and lend your support.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Brother Todd W. West
Worshipful Master



Masonry is an art, useful and extensive, which comprehends within its circle every branch of useful knowledge and learning and stamps an indelible mark of preeminence on its genuine professors, which neither chance, power, nor fortune can bestow.

- William Preston

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 in their Masonic Temple, 131 Centerville Road, Newville, Pennsylvania, 17241, on Thursday evening, September 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

This month's program of the evening will be a Masonic Short Talk presented by the Worshipful Master.

Fraternal Greetings,
Brother Phillip S. Hayslett
Worshipful Master



Freemasonry has promoted fellowship, it has nurtured brotherhood, it has practiced charity. It has education, it has been founded on truth and the cardinal virtues. But what is Masonry's greatest mission in life today? What should be the thrust of modern Masonry? Those are the answers we are presently seeking, and on our success in finding the answer depends the future of our Fraternity.

- L. L. Williams

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 ,

Congratulations to brother Walter Shives for reaching his 70-year pilgrimage in Freemasonry! Thank you to the DDGM Brothers Jeffery R Miller and all the brethren who came out to support this milestone and accomplishment. Stated



A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 , Free and Accepted Masons, will be 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, PM
Worshipful Master

There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry is the cornerstone of America.

- Dave Thomas

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

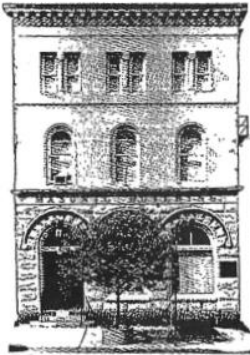
Third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother Joshua P. Brown

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

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

Ladies Night: October 7, 2023



Brethren,

I bring you greetings from Acacia Lodge No. 586. This summer has been rather busy. We tell our families we are called off from labor, but I know I have had many Masonic activities and "jobs" to do. Acacia has been placing flags along Mainstreet Waynesboro for Patriotic Holidays for quite a few years now, and July 4th must be the most popular with the local residents as we help kick-off the summer parade and Jubilee here in town. It has been a sad summer for me personally, as our Chaplain and lodge travel committee chairman C. Edward Bortzfield, PM passed away.

Many of you in the district may know Ed as he loved to visit other lodges and always encouraged myself and other members to do so. I urge all of us to take his advice and utilize our privilege as Masons to attend lodges in and without our district which will aid in your Masonic journey.

Before I close, I do want to encourage all of you to attend the Lodge of Low Vale on September 27th. This event is free to all Master Masons. If you would like to join us for dinner prior to the degree, there is a \$30 charge. Tickets for a Henry Rifle w/ Masonic Tribute receiver and stock are also being sold and will be drawn that evening. Additional details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.



Fraternal Greetings,
Joshua P. Brown
Worshipful Master

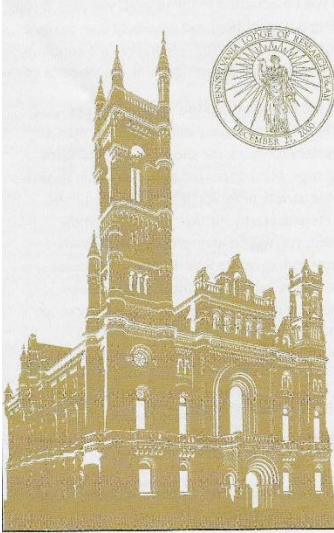
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

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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
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Tentative Meeting Dates

June 15, 2024

December 14, 2024

Sincerely and fraternally,

Richard F. Muth
Worshipful Master
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research