

Third Masonic District

Event Announcements

December 18, 2023
District 3 SOI
Business of the Lodge

December 27, 2023
Annual Grand Communication



Notes from the Editor: Please submit you 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!

With December comes the Worshipful Master's installations. This is an exciting time for the incoming Worshipful Masters. They have heard that the installation ceremony is very "interesting". They have no idea what lays ahead for them but cannot wait till that time comes to be installed as the Master of their Lodge. They have done their planning and are now ready to step to the East and lead. They have earned the respect of the Lodge by demonstrating that they are willing to do the work that is required of them as the Past Masters have before them! I congratulate each of the incoming Worshipful Masters. May your year in the East be a rewarding time in your Masonic career as my year was.

I congratulate each elected officer taking a place in the Lodge on Saint John's Day next. Now is the time to complete your ritual work and plan for your year in the East. The East is earned in your Lodge by your willingness to do the "work". If you do not have a mentor at this point please pick a Brother to guide you as you travel toward the East. Remember that the Past Masters in your Lodge are a wealth of knowledge. They have already made the mistakes that you will need to know about before you become Worshipful Master. I'm sure that if you ask a question or if you need a hand figuring something out, they will help you in any way they can. Enjoy your time as an elected officer of your Lodge. The East is just over the horizon and coming quickly.

I wish each Brother a happy holiday season. Be safe as you travel to your different Lodge and personal activities. I will see you in the new year.

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,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and plenty of time to spend with family and friends. It is a great time of year, especially now that we can gather more safely than we were during COVID. I hope your family's Thanksgiving holiday was a good one.

For those of you unable to attend the SOI on November 20th, Brother Bob Lindsay, PM, Big Spring Lodge No. 361, did an excellent job exemplifying the election by voice vote and the closed installation. Key differences between the open installation and closed installation were also discussed. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM, stressed that Lodges doing the open installation should make a special effort to have the ritual well-rehearsed, since this is one of the very few times non-Masons get to see Masonic ritual. If you would like to have a principal attend your Lodge rehearsal for election and installation of officers, please let one of us know as soon as possible and we will make every effort to have someone attend.

At the December SOI on December 18th (third Monday and not the fourth Monday), we will do the Business of the Lodge. The intent of this session is for new WMs and officers for the upcoming Masonic year to review BOL and to make sure you are ready for that first Lodge meeting in January. For those new WMs and incoming officers, particularly the WM, SW, JW, Secretary, SD and Pursuivant, please make a special effort to attend this meeting. It would be a good idea for incoming officers to review the ritual before SOI to make sure you don't have any questions that we could answer in this session.

We will pay particular attention to receiving and voting on petitions and the reception of the DDGM. Again, our hope is that this session will get all new officers off to a great start for next year. For current and repeating WMs, if you can attend, you can share your experience and some of the things that helped you be successful in the East. Currently there has been no announcement of specific dates for the 2023 Sectional School of Instruction nor the Spring visit to District Three by our Regional Instructor for Region Two, Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, Jr. Hopefully we will have this information by SOI on Monday, December 18th.

As a quick reminder again, the December SOI will be on Monday, December 18th, the third Monday, since the fourth Monday falls on Christmas Day.

Lastly Brethren, I wish you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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,

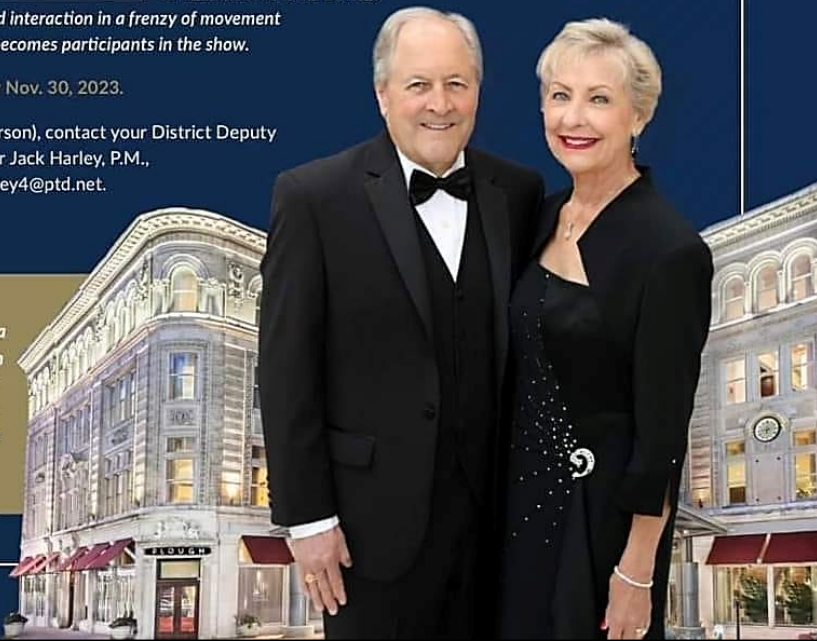
combined with humor and interaction in a frenzy of movement and color. The audience becomes participants in the show.

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

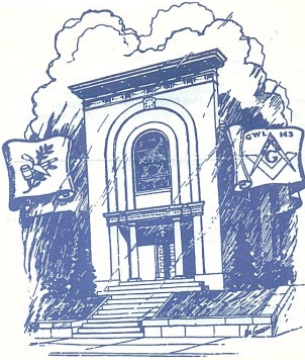
Second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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 Veterans 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 Veterans with a token of our appreciation for their service to our great nation.



We also had a program presented by Brothers from the National Sojourners Chapter No. 76, York Camp Heros of 76. They presented a wonderful program on the history of our flags while in period uniforms! It was both fun and educational. We thank you for your service to our country! Also, they managed to appear with enough Brothers from Lodge No. 302 to take home the traveling gavel!



We will also had an Extra Meeting on November 16th to confer the 1st Degree on three candidates. Congratulations to Brothers Michael R. Banks, Michael C. Banks, and Jerry W. Patton on being entered to the fraternity.

Coming up this month we will resume our support of the Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter in Chambersburg. And finally at our December meeting, we will have the election of officers where I will surrender the East to Brother Todd Foltz, PM. It has been a wonderful 2 years as Master, and I give him and the officers my best wishes for the continued success of the Lodge in the coming year!

As always, I look forward to seeing Brethren at all the different events and happenings around the District. I hope that all the Brethren will enjoy a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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**



**Free and
Accepted
Masons**

Greetings from the East,

Carlisle Lodge 260 has remained active over the holiday season, and I am incredibly proud of all the work we've done these months. Our November stated meeting provided us the opportunity to serve those who have served us. We hosted a Veterans appreciation dinner that saw close to 150 people in attendance. I'd like to thank Bros Chester, PM and Clarence Raudabaugh for coordinating, cooking and supporting our dinner. It was through their hard work, along with those who helped them, we were able to provide a fabulous dinner.

December promises to be another month of charitable works. The lodge will support the Salvation Army by Ringing the Bell on December 9th and 16th. This is an annual tradition, and one I personally look forward to participating in. A special thank you to Bro Bill Bunt, PM for coordinating the event, and all the members who have volunteered to help.

Two years ago, I took over one of the finest lodges in Pennsylvania. With trepidation, I took my oath, and wondered if I would meet the high standard set by previous Past Masters. The history of Carlisle Lodge wasn't lost on me, and as I stood where so many had stood before, it was a daunting task. I can't thank the Past Masters, and Brethren enough who have helped me during these years. I'd like to send a special thank you to Bros Dan Confer, PM, Ben Bualat, Brandon Benner, and J David McKibben, PM, for all the time and effort they provided for me. Without their assistance, I could never have succeeded in this position.

December is a special time for our families and Freemasonry. It's a time for reflection and introspection, as we prepare for a new year. It's a time to enjoy family and friends. To laugh and enjoy the company of others. I ask that you not forget those who might not have friends and family around during this time period, and to reach out to say hello. A simple gesture can mean so much to those who don't have anyone.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or whatever you might be celebrating this season. I hope the Great Architect endows you with his spirit, and enriches you with his knowledge.

Thank you,
Brother Marc Thorne
Worshipful Master



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,

A Stated Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257, on Thursday evening, December 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m

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/EurekaWestShoreLodge302>

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

Ladies Night: September 14, 2024

Greetings from the East,

Prior to our November Stated Meeting we were treated to a meal of baked breaded pork chops, baked potato and steamed broccoli and cheese. We had about 50 for dinner. Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM attended to honor our guest, Irvin C. Gers, a member of Osceola Lodge No. 515 in Osceola Mills, PA, currently living in Mechanicsburg



Besides having a 70 year member award presented by Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master, we also had five members that received their 25 year Emblems of Service. Attending were Joseph S Robinson, Thomas K Baldwin, Robert Jay Young II, William F Mcquade PM, and Scott E. Spangler

We also recognized our Veterans and First Responders, then a program presented by Richard L Wenner, P.M. Brownstone Lodge No. 666 on Audi Murphy. We had 62 masons in the Lodge. It was a full night and I thank all the members that attended.



On November 8, 2023 at an Extra Meeting Michael Zack Brown II received his Fellow Craft Mason Degree which was conferred by Bro James C McElhenie Jr. and the other officers pictured above with the exception of the WM



Seven of our members travelled to Mount Zion Lodge No. 774 in McConnellsburg for the first Stated Meeting after having entered District No. 3 The Worshipful Master commented that they have had more Brethren at this meeting than they have ever had. Counting the home lodge five lodges were present.



Just before our visit to Mount Zion, four of our members, Richard E. Shultz, Jon L. Vickery, PM, Robert E. McCaleb II, PM, and Keith E. Murray, PM presented a Veterans Program at George Washington Lodge No. 143 and after the program captured the District No. 3 Traveling Gavel. It was a great night for Freemasonry.

It has been my honor and pleasure serving Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 as Worshipful Master. This has been one of the most satisfying things I have done in my life. I'm humble enough to know this would not have been possible without the help of all my officers, mentors, the leadership of the Past Masters and the two District Deputy Grand Masters I have worked with and been encouraged by over the past six years. Thank You, I wish all the Brethren and their families a Happy Holiday Season and Fraternal Greetings as we enter the Holidays.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Brother E. Denny Beaver
Worshipful Master



Cumberland Valley No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

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

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

Brethren, if you attended our November meeting you will have had a fantastic night of Masonic Brotherhood. Our lodge was well attended, not only by the membership, but by lodge members from in and outside our district and jurisdiction. After our enjoyment of a great meal in remembrance of Brother J. Sheldon VanSyoc. Following the meal, we adjourned to the lodge room where Brother Barry A. Martz, GLRE, SW, did



a wonderful Veterans Presentation which was followed by a recognition ceremony by Worshipful Master Todd W. West. Following our Veterans Program and recognition, the Worshipful Master thanked all the Past Masters for their assistance during his first year in office. This was followed by a recognition ceremony of all Past Master present recognizing them for their service to their lodges and Freemasonry.

Mark your Calendars, our next Stated Meeting will be December 7, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple located at 41 Stewart Pl., Shippensburg, PA, 17257. A Fellowship gathering and meal will be served prior to our Stated Meeting in the Alexander Stewart Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. Program for the evening will be the Election and Installation of Officers. Your attendance at this meeting is very much appreciated.

Sincerely and fraternally,
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, 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, December 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, will be held at the Masonic Temple located on the Third Floor of the Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225, on Tuesday evening, November 19, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Program: Instillation of officers.

WM. Bro. Robert Brindle PM

SW. Bro. Toby Stoner PM

JW. Bro. Mark Eberly PM

Treasure Bro. Lee Cooper PM

Secretary Bro. David Dopp PM

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

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

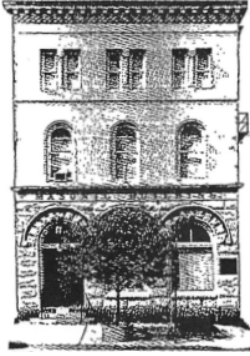
Third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother Joshua P. Brown

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

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

Ladies Night: TBD



Greetings Brethren,

Greetings from Acacia Lodge No. 586 for the holiday season! I hope everyone had a grateful holiday, reflecting on the blessings God has bestowed upon us this year. Even during moments when our circumstances may seem less than ideal, I am confident that we all share a sense of gratitude for being part of this exceptional fraternity. We are truly blessed to have the support of family, friends, and a brotherhood that is unparalleled.

Despite the competition with the Scottish Rite reunion and our town's Christmas tree lighting, our stated meeting saw a good turnout. The parking situation was challenging but following a conversation with the organizers the next day and some brainstorming, we are optimistic that next year will bring improvements.



We also have ideas to benefit the lodge, other Masonic organizations, and increase visibility in the community. Mainstreet Waynesboro's buzz downtown and outside our Lodge doors adds to this excitement. Brother Brian Van Scyoc delivered an excellent program on Civil War Masons, and as has been the tradition for the past year, we enjoyed a satisfying meal before and after the meeting.

On Tuesday, November 21st, we raised Brother William O. Van Gilder to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

I am eagerly anticipating our next meeting. The last two years in the East have been eventful, and I am prepared to transition to another position. The installation of officers will be preceded by a meal, featuring beef, a baked potato bar, and Squirrel Pot Pie for those who appreciate wild game.

I hope to see many of you soon. If we don't meet before then, I extend warm wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas.

Fraternal Greeting,
Joshua P. Brown
Worshipful Master

Mount Zion Lodge No. 774

311 N Second St, McConnellsburg , PA 17233

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

Worshipful Master: Michael L. Glenn

Greetings from the East!

A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 , Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple located on the Third Floor of the Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225, on Monday evening, December 8, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greeting,
Michael L. Glenn
Worshipful Master



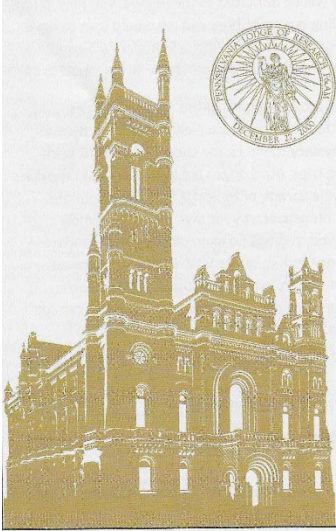
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

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

