

Third Masonic District

Notes from the Editor: Please submit you inputs for next month NLT the 26th unless you have pending activities that you want to include.

Event Announcements

January 22, 2024 District 3 SOI Reception of the DDGM/Balloting/50-year Pin Presentation

February 26, 2024 Funeral Service/ Examination of a visitor

March 25, 2024 Entered Apprentice Mason Degree

April 22, 2024 Fellow Craft Mason Degree

May 27,2024 Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring

June 1, 2024 Grand Lodge Communication, Erie, PA

June 15, 2024 Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

August 26,2024 Master Mason Degree/Low Vale preparation

September 18, 2024 District 3 Low Vale: Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 and Orrstown Lodge No. 262

September 23, 2024 Entered Apprentice Mason Degree

October 26, 2024 Academy of Masonic Knowledge

October 28, 2024 Fellow Craft Mason Degree

November 25, 2024 Election/Installation of Officers

December 4, 2024 Grand Lodge Communication, Philadelphia, PA

December 14, 2024 Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

December 16, 2024 Business of the Lodge

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!

Brethren 2024 is upon us and 2023 is in the rearview mirror. It was an excellent year for Freemasonry in District 3. Brethren be sure to attend your Lodge each month this year and support your Worshipful Master during his term. A Lodge room filled with many of the members of the Lodge is very special to the Worshipful Master as he leads his Lodge. He has lots of enthusiasm coming into his year, help him to sustain that enthusiasm throughout his time as Worshipful Master of **YOUR** Lodge. Attend not only the stated meetings but more especially the extra meetings. Make it a goal this year to step forward, volunteer, and participate in the conferral of a Degree. There are parts in each Degree that are non-speaking. Our Ritual sets us apart from the many other Fraternal organizations. Being part of a Degree conferral is a very rewarding experience in your Masonic journey!!

Brother Larry A. Derr was installed as the 125th Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania on Saint John's Day, December the 27th 2023. He presented many

excellent new and innovative programs in an effort to keep Freemasonry fresh and in step with current trends. He presented programs concerning the Entered Apprentice/Fellow Craft Degrees along with open installations for Lodge officers. I look forward to these implementing these original concepts. You will learn the details of these programs at the District School of Instruction that meets the 4th Monday of the month at the Big Spring Lodge Hall. Brother Larry will be honoring the District with several visits during the Masonic year. Information on these visits to follow.

I will be making an official visit to Lodge No. 302 on January 2, 2024 to present the DDGM Lodge of the year award. Worshipful Master Elmer D. Beaver PM's leadership kept his membership engaged and active throughout the year. Brother Denny personally attended all of the District wide events and motivated his membership to do the same. He planned and executed many other activities engaging the membership of his Lodge. Congratulations Brother Denny! Thank you very much for your leadership. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting!

I will also be making an official visit to Lodge No. 315 on January 4, 2024 to present the District Three Mason of the Year award to Brother R. Clem Malot PM. Brother Clem exemplifies what a Freemason is. His dedication to the Fraternity is a shining example that we all can emulate. He devotes many hours to the Fraternity for not only his Lodge but also many other Lodges and appendant bodies. Brother Clem serves on the Grand Lodge Temple and Hall Committee and has helped me through many questions that has arisen in the District. Congratulations Brother Clem on a job well done.

Finally, I will making an official visit to Lodge 143 on January 12, 2024 to present several service awards of gold including a 75-year service award. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:30. Be there for this special event!

As you can tell Freemasonry is alive and well in District 3. See you on the Masonic trail in 2024.

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,

Brethren, welcome to a new Masonic year in the School of Instruction. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season and time to spend with family and friends.

First, I want to thank everyone for the great work last year. We had a busy and successful year. The district performance in the one-day class, the regional school and the low vale are testament to the great effort you put into these events and reflected very well on the quality of the work we do in District Three. I am confident we can continue this quality of ritualistic work as we move into 2024.

With the transition of leadership at Grand Lodge, we do not have a complete schedule yet nor a plan for the work for the regional school. I will let you know about that as soon as we find out. I anticipate hearing from our regional instructor

soon about the dates of his visit to the district. I anticipate there will be two, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. We do know now that the 2024 Low Vale will be on Wednesday, September 18th with Lodges 302 and 262 responsible for the organization and work.

I want to remind everyone that the DDGM will conduct an audit of the ritual books when he makes his 2024 official visit. Please ensure you have accounted for all ritual books and have them available at your official visit.

We would like to welcome Brethren from Zion Lodge No. 774 into the District Three School of Instruction. We look forward to having your ritualistic experience, not only in the SOI but also your participation in the regional events.

I would like to encourage all Brethren in the SOI to let us know if there are things you would like to see covered as part of the scheduled work. We principals tend to be somewhat "married" to the existing schedule of work, more out of habit than anything else. You, the Brothers who attend your Lodges every month, may have ideas about other ritual (or floor work techniques) that you would like to see and learn more about.

The work for the January SOI will be Reception of DDGM/Balloting/50-year Pin Presentation. This last portion was added last year to help clarify some of the floor work and possible situations requiring modifications for presentation. WMs are reminded that the ritual for presentation should be committed to memory.

I look forward to seeing you all at SOI on January 22nd.

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





Jan. 27

Unity Day

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, along with the Grand Lodges of Delaware, New Jersey and New York, are hosting a Unity Day at the Grand Lodge of New York, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY. The event begins with a hot breakfast buffet at 8 a.m., followed by the exemplification of all three degrees and a gourmet catered lunch at noon. Pennsylvania will exemplify the Fellowcraft Degree. The cost is \$50, which includes both meals. Tickets may be purchased at events.nymasons.org. For more information, contact: Stewart C. McCloud II at stewartcmccloud@gmail.com or 631-687-0531.

March 16

Academy of Masonic Knowledge at 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. Lunch (\$20) will be served at noon, and the program will be completed by 3 p.m. All Masons are welcome to attend. Dress is coat and tie.

June 1

Grand Lodge Communication, Erie, PA

June 15

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

July 27

Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournament, Dallas, PA

Oct. 26

Academy of Masonic Knowledge

Dec. 14

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Aug. 17

7th Annual Sporting Clays at Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve, Dilner, PA

Sept. 7

7th Annual Sporting Clays at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays, Coplay, PA

Dec. 4

Grand Lodge Communication, Philadelphia, PA

REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

DATE	LOCATION
Feb. 24	Muncy
March 9	New Castle
March 23	Lewistown
April 6	Reading
April 13	Philadelphia
April 20	Hamlin
April 27	Dallas
May 4	Wellsboro
May 11	Pittsburgh

OFFICER TRAINING SEMINARS

DATE	LOCATION(S)
March 2	Lafayette Hill, Uniontown, Taylor
March 9	Lewistown, Stroudsburg
March 16	Muncy
March 23	Lafayette Hill, Lehighton
April 6	Somerset, Irwin
April 13	Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Bloomsburg

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 **January 22, 2024**. 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 Todd E. Foltz, PM

Website: http://gw143.org/

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

Ladies Night: May 11, 2024

Fraternal greetings and Happy New Year from George Washington Lodge No.14





A sincere, heartfelt, thank you to Brother John C. Northcott for the fine job that he has done leading this lodge for the past two years.

Congratulations to all of the new Past Masters who have completed their journey through the chairs!
Congratulations to the new Worshipful Masters of District 3! And best wishes to those Brethren who have taken a step closer as they continue on in their journey to the East!

St. John's day 2023 is now past and so let us begin the work of 2024. George Washington Lodge will start the year off right on January 12th with an official visit from Jeffery R. Miller, DDGM. Diner is at 6:30 p.m. and the Stated Meeting starts at 7:30PM. We will recognize 50 year members. We will have the recognition of a 75 year member. It will be a special evening.

Extra meeting will be held on January 18th at 7:00 p.m. We will have three Fellow Craft Mason degrees and one Entered Apprentice Mason degree.

Brethren, I look forward to sitting in lodge with you this year!

Sincerely and fraternally, Brother Todd E. Foltz 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







Greetings from the East,

Carlisle Lodge No. 260 continues to remain active over the holiday season. The works our Lodge and Freemasonry in general have accomplished are noteworthy. Our December stated meeting allowed us to install our new slate of officers for 2024. These officers began their service to our Lodge on Saint John's Day, December 27, and will continue to serve Carlisle Lodge No. 260 until Saint John's Day next. I would like to thank our Stewarts and all the other brothers who put forth the time and effort to make the Open Installation a success. It is only through events such as an Open Installation that those who are not Freemasons can get a glimpse of what we do when our Lodge is at labor.

January is a time of new beginnings. For me, those new beginnings include serving this Lodge as Worshipful Master. I look forward to the joys and challenges of serving the members of our Lodge.

One of our primary efforts this year will be focusing on increasing member participation in our Stated Meetings. We habitually see less than 10% of our members at any given Stated Meeting. With your assistance, I would like to discover what obstacles are keeping more brothers from attending, and devise strategies to overcome said obstacles. If you have any insights, please contact me.

I hope, for you and yours, a good start to a year filled with love, laughter and joy. I wish you success on any new endeavors you undertake or any resolutions you make. Whatever the case, if you would like additional fellowship or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Past Masters Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM; Michael G. Oyler, DDGHP; Kenneth W. Womack, Principle School of Instruction; J. David McKibben, Secretary; William R. Bunt; Daniel K. Confer; Jeremy B. Miller; Marc R. Thorne, and Robert P. Myers, Treasurer. They, along with our current officer slate, other Past Masters and fellow members have contributed to my personal story getting me to this point in my Masonic journey. Without their support and that of my wife, Teleshia, and children, I would not have found myself in the East.

I pray that the Great Architect continues to provide you with good gifts and graces.

God Bless, Brother Benjamin D. Bualat 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 Carl F. Calder, PS

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

Ladies Night: April 27, 2024

Greetings from the East,

At our stated meeting held on December 14, 2023, the following officers were elected to serve Orrstown Lodge No. 262 for the 2024 Masonic year. The election and open installation were very well attended by Brethren from around the District, as well as several family members of officers and visitors.

Worshipful Master: Brother Carl F. Calder, PS Senior Warden: Brother James W. Sleighter, PM

Junior Warden: Brother Warren DW Scott

Treasurer: Brother Charles E. Hill

Secretary: Brother Brian K. Van Scyoc, PM Trustee: Brother D. Scott Goodhart, PM Trustee: Brother James K. Reed, PM Trustee: Brother Matthew R. Hoch, PM

Representative in Grand Lodge: Brother Benjamin T. Nefflen, PM

Substitute Representative in Grand Lodge: Brother Drew S. DeWalt, PM



Upcoming Events:

The January stated meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will be held on January 11, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., and will feature Brother William L. Britton, PM of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 presenting "Reflections of a Newly Made Mason – A Daily Perspective". We will also introduce our newly installed officers.



Recent Events:

On December 23rd, Orrstown Lodge No. 262 assisted the Salvation Army with Bell Ringing at the Shippensburg Walmart. This is an annual event for the Lodge and helps to raise funds to assist those in need. Fraternally,

Brother Carl F. Calder 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: <u>Brother Elmer Denny Beaver</u>

Website: https://eureka302.org/

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/EurekaWestShoreLodge302 Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/EurekaWestShoreLodge302

Ladies Night: September 28, 2024

Greetings from the East,

Prior to our December Stated Meeting we were treated to a meal of beef stew and salad. We had about 50 for dinner. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM attended to observe the Installation of our new officers. Robert E. McCaleb III, Worshipful Master, James C. McElhenie Jr., Senior Warden, and Freddy X. Lebron, Junior Warden.









On December 6, 2023 at an Extra Meeting Michael Zack Brown II received his Master Mason Degree which was conferred by Brother Robert E. McCaleb III and the other officers pictured below with the exception of the WM.

December 27, 2023 The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania installed the new Right Worshipful Grand Master, Larry A. Derr. The Installation was held at the Lancaster County Convention Center in Lancaster, PA. Eureka-West Shore No. 302 had 8 in attendance.

Lastly, Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 wishes you and your family a safe, prosperous, and very Happy New Year, we hope more of you will come join us during the 2024 year.

Sincerely & fraternally, Robert E. McCaleb III 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 17, 2024

On December 7, 2023, at our Stated Meeting, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons held an election of officers to serve our lodge for the ensuing 2024 Masonic Year. The following brethren were re-elected to serve a consecutive term of office: Todd W. West as Worshipful Master; William L. Britton, PM as Secretary; Thomas P. Kennedy, PM as Treasurer; and Barry A. Martz, PM, GLRE, as Senior Warden; Richard E. Kline, PM, Philip E. Fague, PM, and Barry A. Martz, PM, GLRE as Trustees; and R. Clem Malot, PM, Representative to the Grand Lodge; and Alan R. Beidel, PM, Alternate Representative to the Grand Lodge. Brother John R. Ridgway was elected and duly installed as Junior Warden.

The following brethren will serve as appointed officers for the ensuing 2024 Masonic Year: Seth B. Robinson, Senior Deacon; Larry D. Stine, Junior Deacon; Clinton L. Craig, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Herbert D. Kurtz, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Andrew J. Olds, Persuivant; John D. Dyson, PM, Chaplin; Jeffrey L. Trani, Tyler.

Many thanks to these men and their dedication to our lodge and the Craft.

A stated meeting of Cumberland Valley No. 315 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. A fellowship meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Alexander Stewart Social Hall. Programs of the evening will be the Introduction of Officers and Announcement of Committees for 2024, and "The Knights of St Andrew" presented by Brother Joseph Rueter, PM, MEL. Our lodge will also be honored with an Official visit from Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM. Please plan to attend.

An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Thursday January 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The Entered Apprentice Mason Degree will be conferred upon Brian Scott Longe and Tristan Lee Rubendall. Please plan to attend and support these men as they are entered into Freemasonry and our lodge.

Reminder: If you have not yet paid your dues, you are not in good Masonic standing after December 31, 2023. Dues are being accepted by the lodge Secretary. Payment information can be found in our lodge notice.

Sincerely and fraternally, Todd W. West Worshipful Master



Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241 Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Worshipful Master: <u>Brother Phillip S. Hayslett</u> Website: http://bigspringlodgeno361.org/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/bigspring361

Ladies Night: April 6, 2024

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, January 11, 2024, 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: <u>Brother Robert E Brindle</u> 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, held a meeting at the Masonic Temple located on the Third Floor of the Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225, on Tuesday evening, January 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Program: Installation of Officers.

WM. Bro. Robert Brindle PM SW. Bro. Toby Stoner PM JW. Bro. Mark Eberly PM Treasurer Bro. Lee Cooper PM Secretary Bro. David Dopp PM

Sincerely and fratenally, 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: September 14, 2024

Greetings Brethren,

I extend warm greetings from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, now that Christmas has passed, and the New Year is underway. Having concluded my two terms as Worshipful Master at Acacia Lodge No. 586, I express my gratitude to the lodge, its members and officers, and the brothers from District 3 and beyond for their tremendous support.

Acacia recently held its installation of officers on December 15th, accompanied by a delightful meal featuring slow-roasted beef, squirrel pot-pie, and a baked potato bar. This not only provided a tasty meal but also offered the brethren a cherished moment to enjoy

each other's company before delving into the evening's business.

Witnessing the installation of five officers in a single evening, including the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary, was a rare and exciting experience. Brother William W. Wepking PM, anticipating his third term in the East, expressed confidence and happiness, highlighting the commitment of the line officers who have stepped forward to support the lodge.

Looking ahead, our next stated meeting is scheduled for January 19th, 2024. The time between now and then promises plenty of activity around the District as we embark on the new year. I anticipate the possibility of some traveling gavel action right away!

I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Fraternal Greeting, Joshua P. Brown, PM Secretary



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 Ladies Night: April 10, 2024

Greetings from the East!

A Stated Meeting of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 774 , Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple located at 311 N Second St, McConnellsburg , PA 17233, on Monday evening, January 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greeting, John B. Daniels Worshipful Master

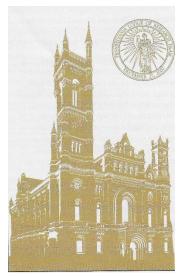


Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations Worshipful Master: <u>Brother Richard F. Muth</u>

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, June 15, 2024 in Williamsport, 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. Michael L Moran, 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,

Christopher D. Rodkey, WM Pennsylvania Lodge of Research





Greetings from the Widows Sons,

The Widows Sons is an International Masonic Riders Association comprised of Freemasons. The purpose of founding the Widows Sons is to aid and assist widows and orphans of Master Masons. This is done by forming an Almoners Fund within the Presidents Council to contribute to the aid of Widows, Orphans, and Brothers in our state. The Marked & Hewn Chapter is based out of Chambersburg, PA, and consists of members from several District 3 Lodges.

This past month, the Marked & Hewn Chapter held our annual Christmas Party with a great meal prepared by Brother Matthew R. Hoch, PM of Orrstown Lodge.



On Saturday December 9th, our own Brother Earl Mellott, PM was Santa at the Vietnam Vets Chambersburg Chapter for their annual Kids Christmas Party. This was very well attended by many kids and even had a visit by the Grinch.





On Sunday, December 17th, the chapter delivered toys and supplies the children and women at the Women in Needs Shelter. With toys donated or purchased, and additional items donated by workers at Chambersburg Alta, the event was a great time for all as Santa and his Elves delivered the goods.





To read more about the Widows Sons, or learn how you may become a member, please contact Brother Rich Kline at 717-860-9061 or visit https://pawsmra.org

