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3rd Masonic District



Event Announcements

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

Notes from the Editor: Please submit your inputs for next month NLT the 26th 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



Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren, Freemasonry is thriving in the Third Masonic District. The Lodges in the district continue to do the work at the highest level. The ritual is what sets Freemasonry apart from the many other fraternal organizations. There is a part for each member if you want it. There are several non-verbal roles in each degree that your Worshipful Master would enjoy you taking part in. Step forward and let your Worshipful Master know that you are ready, willing, and able to contribute to the Lodge's work.

It has been a challenging time not only for your Blue Lodge but also for the appended bodies, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and several other bodies attached to Freemasonry. Each of these bodies need your support. If you are not a member of these organizations now is the time to join. They offer additional insight to the Craft as we travel on our personal journey in Freemasonry! Remember that you must be current in

your Blue Lodge dues to continue your membership or to join any of the bodies mentioned above.

My official visits this month are February 8th at Big Spring Lodge No. 361 and February 15th at Acacia Lodge No. 586. Come out to the meetings and support the members and officers as they do their work. I will be presenting 11 service awards of gold at these meetings.

I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel the Masonic trail throughout 2024. I will be attending a lot of extra meetings throughout year. The Worshipful Masters of District 3 know that I love good Degree work! I enjoy a good extra meeting and supporting the Brethren who confer and receive the Degrees. Until I see you, please be safe in your travels.

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



Brethren All,

We would like to give a special welcome to Brother Edward S. Stenger, Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, who will be our new assistant principal. In addition to attending the SOI, he will assist in certifications and other requirements for the Lodges at the South and West ends of the district. He brings a wealth of SOI experience to our school. Welcome Brother Stenger!

Brethren, Freemasonry is off to quite a start in 2024. We have a new Right Worshipful Grand Master who made significant changes, many of which impact the School of Instruction and the ritual we teach. He has also provided additional new guidance, as has the District Deputy Grand Master, on other issues in the Lodge Room, which we at SOI should keep you informed about and help you implement. Worshipful Masters should ensure that you are familiar with the documents that provide the guidance and direction on these changes and issues and keep your Lodges informed and up to date.

In addition to the scheduled work of the evening at our 22 January meeting, we reviewed the new ritual for doing “Consecutive” Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. For those of you who are not aware of this change, this new ritual is significantly different from how those two degrees were previously conferred, essentially doing them on the same night, one right after the other. Shortly before the January SOI, I provided to WMs a draft ritual consolidating the changes so they could be more easily followed and learned. I will continue to update that ritual as changes are made (I have already received one change since the first draft). I will put the date at the bottom of the first page for every version, so please make sure you use the latest edition. I will keep you updated on the dates.

There was also a discussion on the requirement to do “Multiple Degrees” (giving the same degree to multiple candidates at the same time as opposed to consecutively giving the EA and FC degrees on the same night). I will provide the ritual for this as currently published to the WMs. We will discuss this ritual and when it will be used at the 26 February SOI.

The 2024 Region 2 Ritual Competition will be held at the West Reading Masonic Temple, 400 S. 7th Ave, Reading, PA on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Every district must field a team for this competition. This competition will focus on the consecutive EA and FC degrees. I will provide more information as it becomes available. I will ask each WM to provide at least one member of this team no later than 16 February. We will cover some of the details at the 26 February SOI and will plan an extra rehearsal sometime in late March, which the Regional Instructor will attend, to sharpen our performance. I will keep you all advised on this.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you at our next SOI. The work for the February SOI will be the Funeral Service and Examination of a Visitor by Carlisle Lodge No. 260. Please keep in mind that one of the RWGM's requirements is that "The funeral service dialog will be delivered from memory. Absolutely no exceptions!

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





GRAND LODGE

of PENNSYLVANIA

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, Lehigh
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 February 26, 2024. The work of the evening will be about the Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor presented by Lodge No. 260. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and learn more about our rituals and the Masonic craft.



BLOOD + ORGAN
DONOR PROGRAM

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

Greetings from the East,

January was an exciting month! It was great to be able to participate in the presentation of a 75-year service award and several 50-year awards as too. Thank you to the recipients; your words of wisdom were moving and made me proud to be a Mason. Also, thank you to the officers of District 3 for traveling to be with us on our official visit of Brother Jeffery R. Miller DDGM. Your presence filled the Lodge and made the evening exceptional.

We also started out the year with a bang for our extra meeting. We conferred three Fellow Craft degrees and one Entered Apprentice degree. And it was our pleasure to have Brother Jeffery R. Miller DDGM and Brother Stephen L. Kiessling, Jr. DDGM of District 2 at our extra meeting.

January was truly a memorable start to the year!

February's stated meeting will be on February 9th. Dinner is at 6:30PM and the meeting starts at 7:30. Program for the month is the exemplification of the Examination Of A Visitor and the Masonic Funeral Service.

February's extra meeting is on February 15Th.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Brother Todd E. Foltz
Worshipful Master



Celebrating 75 Years

Celebrating 50 Years



Officers of District 3

Carlisle Lodge No. 260

1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA, 17013

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Benjamin D. Bualat

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

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

Ladies Night: TBD

**Carlisle
Lodge
No. 260**



Greetings from the East,

Carlisle Lodge #260 continues to remain active. Our January stated meeting was the first for the majority of our officers in their current positions. Thanks to all the officers for their preparation and performance! I have received nothing but laudatory comments. Thank you to all the brethren who attended. As I stated last month, we are starting to conduct a “deep dive” analysis to assist us in discovering potential road-blocks that prohibit members from attending our meetings. Please assist in this endeavor and be candid when interviewed. We cannot fix things if we do not know they are broken.

Many of you may have heard rumor of ritual changes to our degree work. The rumors are true. Right Worshipful Grand Master Derr has implemented a number of changes, all of which is available for review at the Secretary’s Station. The most complex of these changes is that the conferment of the 1st and 2nd degree will occur successively on the same night. We are in the process of working through the mechanics of the change. Additionally, if you are not on the degree team, extra meetings can be attended in business casual attire. So please come out and support our candidates as they take the initial steps of their journey into Freemasonry.

Having attended a few meetings at other lodges within our district last month, I would like to congratulate the officers of all the district lodges on their performance.

I pray 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.

Worshipful Master: Brother Carl F. Calder, PS

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

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

Ladies Night: April 27, 2024



Greetings from the East,

Our first meeting of the new year went well with several new officers taking their positions. I would like to thank Brother Scott Fogle, VP of the SOI for attending our first practice and polishing the officers for the meeting. We balloted on a petition and will be welcoming a new member in February.

Upcoming Events:

The February stated meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will be held on February 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., and will feature Brother Paul Mummert.

PM of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 presenting "The Scottish Rite". We will also be having an Extra Meeting on February 22, 2024, at 7:00 PM to confer a First Degree.

Brother Carl F. Calder, PS
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 Robert E. McCaleb III

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

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

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

Ladies Night: September 28, 2024

Happy New Year from Eureka-West Shore Lodge!

Prior to our January Stated Meeting we were treated to a meal of pork, green beans, salad, and dessert. We had about 25 for dinner.

The first meeting of the year was an official visit from Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master of 3rd Masonic District. He presented Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 with the District Deputy Grand Masters Lodge of the Year award for 2023. GREAT job Brother Elmer D. Beaver Jr. Past Master for a job well done and to all the Officers and brothers that helped make it happen. Our program covered changes and updates to Grand View presented by Brother Timothy C. Dedman, PM, Secretary. It was a great presentation.

February 5, 2024 will be our next stated meeting. A fellowship meal of baked chicken quarters, mixed vegetables, salad, and a dessert will be served prior to the meeting. The program of the evening will be the history of the Dudley watch, presented by the Illustrious Brother Scott T. Matincheck, 33°, PM, PDDGM of District 2. We will also recognize our scouting members, if you are a Boy Scout, please be sure to attend so we can recognize you and the importance of you in our community.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Robert E. McCaleb III
Worshipful Master



Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

Second 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>

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

Ladies Night: August 17, 2024

Greetings from the East,

Brethren, we held our first stated meeting of the year on January 4, 2024. A Fellowship meal was served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. We all enjoyed some Herbed Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Salad, and Lemon Squares. Most importantly we enjoyed renewed fellowship ties after the Christmas and New Year celebration.

The Lodge was honored with an Official Visit by Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM, and worshipful Masters of the Third Masonic District. The visit was to honor Brother R. Clem Malot, PM. Brother Clem was bestowed the honor of being selected Third Masonic District Mason of the year. An honor well deserved! When you see Brother Clem, please greet him with a hardy congratulations. The program of the evening was on The Knights of St. Andrew, presented by Brother Joseph Rueter, PM, MEL.



The Knights of St Andrew are a Scottish Rite service organization. A newly formed Scottish Clan, the Knights of St. Andrew provide valuable volunteer services to The Valley of Harrisburg. The Charter was established in 2023. Today, the valley's clan has more than 30 members who work tirelessly on behalf of their brethren. Membership is comprised mainly of 32-degree Master Masons but also includes 33-degree Masons as well. Our illustrious 33-degree brethren are involved in more of a mentoring role and cannot hold offices or head committees. The Charter group of men for the Harrisburg Valley clan will stand at 32 members, quite a fitting number for this service to the valley. Brother Rueter delivered a very interesting presentation which was inspiring and well received.

Brother Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM delivered remarks at the end of the meeting regarding the Grand Lodge Annual Communication and the installation of Brother Larry A. Derr, RWGM and all other Grand Lodge Officers. Brother S. Eugene Herritt, RWGM, also delivered remarks, and congratulations to Brother R. Clem Malot, as did others.

An Extra Meeting was held on January 18, 2024, where the Entered apprentice degree was conferred by Brother Bryan L. Ruth, PM, upon Brian Scott Longe and Tristan Lee Rubendall, where on they were initiated into our lodge and made Bothers of the Craft. When you see them, please greet them, and give them a warm welcome.



A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA., Thursday February 1, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., and will open in the Entered apprentice degree. Please plan to attend. A Fellowship meal will be served prior to the Stated Meeting in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The menu for the evening: Salisbury Steak, Scaloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Crisp. The Program for the evening: The Scottish Rite will be presented by Ill. Brother Paul R. Mummert, 33°, PM Director of Work, Valley of Harrisburg

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: Brother Phillip S. Hayslett

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, February 8, 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: Brother Robert E Brindle, PM

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, February 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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.

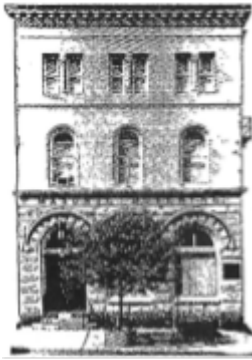
Worshipful Master: Brother William W. Wepking, PM

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

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

Ladies Night: September 14, 2024

From the Secretaries desk,



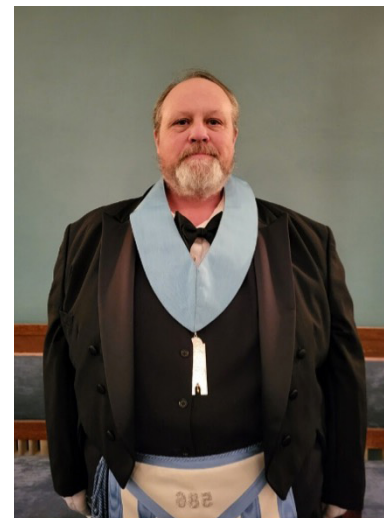
We were able to hold a meeting despite the snow on Friday January 19th. A few members braved the conditions, but all the officers were in attendance. An excellent chili and corn bread served prior to the meeting was just what the doctor ordered on such a night. The Worshipful Master presented Brother Joshua P. Brown with his Past Master apron and jewel, as well as Brother Jeffrey B. Geesaman with his Past Treasurer jewel. The program for the evening was given by Brother Geesaman and held everyone's attention on the topic of road signs. How they are implemented and used in various ways by the state and municipalities created many great questions, of which Brother Geesaman had the answers. After the meeting homemade cinnamon rolls were the perfect ending to the evening.



Bro. William W. Wepking, PM
Worshipful Master



Bro. John E. Shaffer, PM
Senior Warden



Bro. Gregory R. Culp
Junior Warden

Our Worshipful Master is preparing the lodge for the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master on February 16th. Acacia has six 50-year, one 60-year, and one 70-year service awards to hand out should those brethren attend. Currently a few have notified me of their desire to attend. This is sure to be an excellent evening to honor and celebrate these men and their longevity with the fraternity.

At this time, I am unsure of the menu, but I have been made aware that there is something special being planned.

Fraternal Greetings,
Brother William W. Wepking, PM
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: Brother Michael L. Glenn

Ladies Night: April 10, 2024

From the Secretaries desk,

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, February 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greeting,
Joshua P. Brown, PM
Secretary

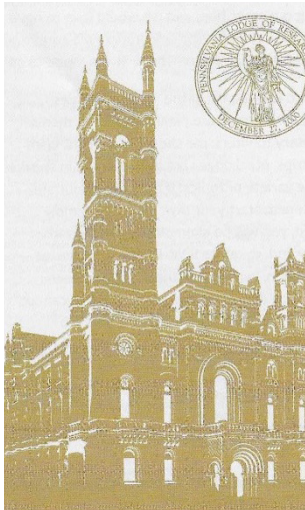
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

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, 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

Widows Sons - Marked & Hewn Chapter

Second Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

President: Brother Rich "Meat" Kline, PM

Website: <https://pawsmra.org/pawsmra-chapters/marked-hewn/>

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

Grand Master's Ride: August 1 - 4, 2024

Greetings from the Widows Sons,



Interested on how to become a Widows Sons member? It isn't very difficult. If you can answer yes to these easy questions, then you are well on your way. First, are you a Master Mason of a PA Lodge? Do you own a motorcycle and a motorcycle endorsement on your license? Do you want to be part of an organization that shares a common bond beyond being a Mason? If your answers are yes, then you are ready to join the Widows Sons.

Spring is just around the corner, and with the warm winter temps, there are already many motorcycles on the road. Please remember to look out for bikes, one may just be your Brother!

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>

Did you know that the Widows Sons can come to your Lodge and do a presentation on what it is like to be a part of this great organization? Well, we can. If you are interested, please let Brother Meat know and he can help you out.

Upcoming Events:

The Widows Sons will be holding several events in the upcoming months including the Grand Masters Ride which is open to all Masons that ride motorcycles. This year the Grand Masters Ride will be in Gettysburg, PA. From August 1st - 4th, the Widows Sons will be hosting some great events, with many geared specifically towards Widows Sons members but several to Masons in general. To learn more about the 2024 Grand Masters Ride, click here: <https://pawsmra.org/grand-masters-ride/>

Sincerely and fraternally,
Rich "Meat" Kline, PM
President, Marked & Hewn Chapter



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