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3rd Masonic District



The Travelling Gavel making its way around the District!

Orrstown Lodge 262 receives the Gavel from Acacia Lodge 586

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

Event Announcements

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April 22, 2024
Fellow Craft Mason Degree

May 27, 2024
Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring

June 1, 2024
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June 15, 2024
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

August 26, 2024
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September 18, 2024
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Academy of Masonic Knowledge

October 28, 2024
Fellow Craft Mason Degree

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From the Desk of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller

District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District



Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren, Freemasonry has roared back to life in District Three!!!! All of the Lodges of the District are having an excellent start to the year. I have conducted three Official visits so far this year, and the attendance has been excellent thus far. I commend the Worshipful Master of each Lodge for their leadership in getting their members out to these meetings. The ritual work of the Lodge's officers was excellent and representative of the caliber of the ritual work in District Three. All members of the District should be proud of the ritual performed in District 3! I have awarded several service awards including a 75-year presentation. March will include my official visits to Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, Orrstown Lodge No. 262, and Carlisle Lodge No. 260. In April Brother Larry A. Derr, Grand Master will be honoring Eureka-West Shore with an official visit. I look forward to attending many other stated and extra meetings in the coming months. You will want to attend also!!

The District has several events on the calendar for 2024. They include The District 3 Past Master dinner in May, and a Low Vale in September. Please review the District newsletter each month for details as they become available. The Worshipful Masters and other officers of the District are working hard to present interesting programs at the stated meetings. Come out and support them as they enjoy the satisfaction and pride during their "Year in the East."

I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel the Masonic trail throughout 2024. Until we meet again, 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,

We continue to work through the details of the ritual changes directed by the RWGM. One of the issues discussed during the January 22 SOI was a requirement to do “Multiple Degrees” (giving the same degree to multiple candidates at the same time, as opposed to “Consecutive Degrees” (consecutively giving the EA and FC degrees on the same night). We received information from the DDGM that multiple degrees are not mandatory; however, you may use them if you choose. I will provide the ritual for these multiple degrees to Worshipful Masters, but I do not plan to teach it at SOI. If your Lodge desires to do multiple degrees, let me know and we will come to your rehearsal.

At our SOI on February 26, in addition to the regular work of the evening, the funeral service and examination of a visitor, we discussed the ritual for consecutive degrees. Some Lodges used this ritual during February. We will continue to review how this is done in the Lodges and whether or not we have thoroughly thought through potential problems with floorwork and/or the ritual itself. 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. The latest version is V3, dated 2/27/2024. Please note there is a separate instruction for the dialog to be used in the ritual competition, which I will provide after a recent update is incorporated.

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. The WMs are working to provide volunteers for the team. Originally, the February 26 SOI was to be the regional instructor visit to help the district prepare for the Region 2 Competition. However, because there is such a long stretch of time between the February 26 SOI and the regional competition on April 6, I asked our regional instructor, Brother Paul Sutcliffe if he could also come at a later time. We agreed we will have a special rehearsal on Sunday, March 24th at 1:00 pm. The ritual for the competition will be portions of the consecutive EA/FC degree. At SOI, Brother Paul provided information on the competition held in another region. He noted that there is a strong emphasis on correct floor work and that dialog is used only to break a tie in scoring.

The work for the March SOI was scheduled to be the EA Degree, and the work for the April SOI was scheduled to be the FC Degree. I have decided to use the March 25 SOI as one last rehearsal for the competition team; this works out well since it is the day after the regional instructor visit. In addition, EA/FC degrees are now to be treated as a single degree for conferring degrees. I will adjust the rest of the 2024 SOI schedule later.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you at our March 25 SOI.

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

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 March 25, 2024. The work of the evening will be about the Entered Apprentice Masons Degree presented by Lodge No. 302. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and learn more about our rituals and the Masonic craft. Remember to bring your Candidates so they may participate in District 3 Mentoring.



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,

February's stated meeting covered, what used to be obligatory, the "Examination of A Visitor" and the "Funeral Service". The presentation was educational.

February's Extra meeting was busy with three Master Mason degrees and one Fellow Craft Mason degree. It gave us a chance to put our "Examination of A Visitor" to the test; as we had a visitor from North Carolina come to see Brother Patton receive his Master Mason degree. Thank you to Brother Richard L. Auchey, PM for visiting with us and giving one of the Master Mason degrees.

March's stated meeting will be on Friday the 8th, dinner at 6:30PM and meeting at 7:30 PM. Program will be "Method for Memorization" presented by Brother Richard L. Auchey, PM.

Due to the Official visit of the DDGM to Orrstown Lodge #262 on our regular Extra Meeting night, March's Extra Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 13th. There will be one Master Mason degree conferred.

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 Benjamin D. Bualat

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

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

Ladies Night: TBD

**Carlisle
Lodge
No. 260**



Brethren,

Springtime. The time of year when our lodge starts to get busy. Busy we are! This month we will be conferring four Master Mason Degrees and initiating a new candidate by conferring the Entered Apprentice Mason and Fellowcraft Mason Degrees. As you know, the impact of Degree work is not solely influenced by the performance of the Degree team, but also by the participation of our Lodge members. Presenting empty sidelines is not very welcoming to our newest brethren. In an attempt to minimize obstacles to Extra Meeting attendance, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has decreed that, with the exception of the Degree team, we can now attend Extra Meetings in business casual attire. So come on out and support our newest members.

I hope this Spring finds you and yours in good health and spirits, ready to re-emerge from a Winter spend indoors to enjoy the abundant glory of the turning season. As always, if you would like additional fellowship or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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.

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,

Orrstown Lodge was proud to welcome our newest Brother Kenneth W. Burkett, on February 22nd, when Brother Brian K. Van Scyoc conferred an excellent Entered Apprentice Masons Degree. We also were excited to received the District 3 Travelling Gavel during the Official Visit at Acacia Lodge #586.

Upcoming Events:

The March stated meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will be held on March 14, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., and will be our Official Visit. Orrstown Lodge will be welcoming Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM and the Officers of the District 3 Lodges. We will also be celebrating three 50-year services awards and a 60-year service award. A fellowship meal will served at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

On March 16th we will be holding our first Pancake Breakfast at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 3442 Orrstown Rd Orrstown, PA 17244. At \$10 a plate for pancakes, bacon or sausage, orange juice, coffee or water. Children 10 and under are only \$5 and can enjoy a chocolate chip pancake.

Brother Carl F. Calder, PS
Worshipful Master,
Orrstown Lodge No. 262



Pancake Breakfast!

Hosted By
Orrstown Lodge No. 262
When: Saturday March 16, 2024
Time: 9 AM - 12 PM in the Friendship room of St Paul Lutheran Church
Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
3442 Orrstown Rd Orrstown, PA
17244 (parking available off street)

\$10 *per plate*
provides pancakes with your choice of bacon or sausage
\$5 per plate Kids 10 and under - chocolate chip pancakes available for Kids

Coffee, Orange Juice, or Water



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

Prior to our February Stated Meeting we were treated to a meal of baked chicken quarters, mixed vegetables, salad, and dessert. We had about 25 for dinner.

During this meeting the lodge recognized our Boy Scouts. There were about 10 in attendance, thank you for all you do for our community and Freemasonry.

Because of the busy first meeting of the year and some of our members not present, we introduced the new officers for 2024. It was also noted that two sets of our officers are father and son, Brother Robert E. McCaleb II P.M. Chaplain and Brother Robert E. McCaleb III W.M. and Brother Kurt M. Vollert Pursuivant and Brother Alexander M. Vollert Senior Master of Ceremonies.



The program for the evening was about the history of the Dudley Watch presented by the Illustrious Brother Scott T. Matincheck PDDGM, it was well received.

March 4, 2024 will be our next stated meeting. A fellowship meal of corned beef, cabbage, salad, and a dessert will be served prior to the meeting. It is kilt night so if you have them wear them. The program of the evening will be a mystery presented by the Illustrious Brother John D. Cook PDDGM.

March 5, 2024 is the first Blood Drive of the year for the lodge, please come out and support the lodge and donate blood. If you can't donate bring someone who can, also don't forget to bring a canned food item or items for our donation to the food bank.

April 2, 2024 will be our annual Oyster feed with steak as another option, there will be an invitation link on our facebook page, please go there to make reservations and share the invitation.

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,

A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA., Thursday March 7, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., and will open in the Entered apprentice degree. The lodge will be honored with an official visit from Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM. 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: corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, broccoli florets, and key lime pie. The Program for the evening will be the presentation of 50- and 60-year service awards by Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM

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, March 14, 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 Thursday 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 Thursday evening, March 21, 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/>

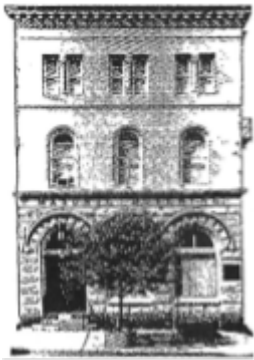
Ladies Night: September 14, 2024

Fraternal Greetings,

We welcomed the District Deputy Grand Master on February 16th, and presented service awards. Acacia Lodge also received the Travelling Gavel from Mout Zion Lodge 774, and gave it away to Orrstown Lodge 262 at our stated meeting.

The next stated meeting of Acacia Lodge 586 will be March 21, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. We hope to see you there.

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, March 11, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. when we will welcome Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM with an official visit.

Fraternal Greeting,
Joshua P. Brown, PM
Secretary

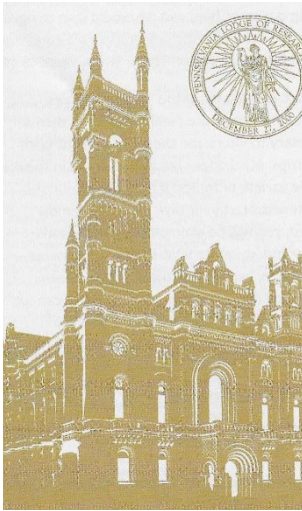
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

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



Under the Sea

**You are cordially invited to the
2024 Pennsylvania Miss Job's Daughters
Scholarship Pageant**

Saturday April 6, 2024 @ 7PM

Brossman Ballroom Masonic Campus
Elizabethtown, PA

Please RSVP to Angela Pickel

Email: pajurissecretary@outlook.com

Pancake Breakfast!

Hosted By

Orrstown Lodge No. 262

When: Saturday March 16, 2024

Time: 9 AM - 12 PM in the Friendship room of St Paul Lutheran Church

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
3442 Orrstown Rd Orrstown, PA
17244 (parking available off street)

\$10 *per plate*

provides pancakes with your choice of bacon or sausage

\$5 per plate kids 10 and under - chocolate chip pancakes available for kids

Coffee, Orange Juice, or Water



in cooperation with The BBQ Machine, CDC Towing and Repair, and St. Paul Lutheran Church for the benefit of Orrstown Lodge No. 262



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