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The District 3 Dispatch



More Awards Being Presented In The District!

Brother R. Clem Malot, PM #315 being presented the Master Pillar Award

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2024 Official Visit Schedule

143 – January 12, 2024
361 – February 8, 2024
586 – February 16, 2024
315 – March 7, 2023
774 – March 11, 2024
262 – March 14, 2024
260 – March 19, 2024
302 – April 1, 2024 (Oyster Feed)
443 – April 16, 2024

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

April 22, 2024
Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring

May 27, 2024
TBD

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



Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren, is it winter or spring??? Either way Freemasonry is heating up in District 3. Official visits are progressing in the district. Many officers of the District Lodges have been traveling with me on my official visits and have enjoyed excellent fraternal fellowship. The work of the officers receiving the District Deputy Grand Master has been exceptional. The Lodge instructors have done well in the preparation of them. I will be conducting two official visits in April. Brother Larry A. Derr, Right Worshipful Grand Master will be in attendance at the official visit at Eureka West Shore Lodge No. 302 on April 1st. I will be then be visiting Lodge No. 443 on April 16th for the presentation of service emblems. Please come out and be a part of these meetings.

Planning has started for the District 3 Low Vale in September. We will again be providing a steak dinner along with conferring a Master Mason Degree. Additional information will be forth coming in future District Three Newsletters. The District Newsletter is for all of the membership in District Three. Brother Carl Calder is the editor of the newsletter and does a fine job in his labor. Each member may submit articles for in the newsletter to Brother Calder and he will include them as there is space. The articles must be Masonic of nature.

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,

It has been, and continues to be, a busy time of year for the District Three SOI. The primary focus for the last two months has been on transitioning to the new ritual inaugurated by the RWGM and preparing for the Region 2 Regional Competition to be held at the West Reading Masonic Temple, 400 S. 7th Ave, Reading, PA on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

The District Three competition team had a special rehearsal on Sunday, March 24, attended by our regional instructor, Brother Paul Sutcliffe. The ritual for the competition will be portions of the new consecutive EA/FC degrees. During this rehearsal, Brother Paul highlighted the fact that the evaluation is strongly focused on the floor work for the degree and that dialog is used only to break a tie in scoring. He also stressed that the evaluators will be very “strict” in scoring the floor work and how consistent it is with approved ritual and standards.

At the SOI on Monday, March 25, the team again exemplified the degree and continued to work on the competition script. One additional rehearsal is planned for Wednesday, April 3 to put the final touches on the degree work. The team and the SOI principals have been working diligently to prepare for this competition. It has been an excellent learning experience and has highlighted the correct floor work, which we hope to reinforce in future SOI meetings.

At the last SOI on March 25th, we determined that thus far only two Lodges have used the new combined EA/FC ritual. If your Lodge has not yet done these consecutive degrees, please feel free to contact any of the principals, and we will visit your rehearsal. I strongly recommend this before you do the first one.

Lodges should also be aware that there has been a change to the MM degree ritual as a result of the changes in the EA/FC degrees. A January 3, 2024 e-mail from regional instructor Brother Paul Sutcliffe, includes a document entitled, “Third Degree Recap Change 2024,” that describes a wording change to the MM Degree recap (what we refer to as the Altar lecture). If you conferred the consecutive EA/FC degree to a candidate, then the MM degree must include this ritual change. I provided a copy of this new ritual to WMs.

As a result of the changes to the EA/FC degrees and the regional competition, I will make changes to the SOI schedule for the remainder of the year. The work for the April 22 SOI will be "Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring" exemplified by Big Spring Lodge No. 361. I currently have not decided on the work for the May SOI. Please remember that the SOI does not meet in June or July but resumes in August. The work for August will be the MM Degree to be exemplified by the Low Vale team. I will adjust the SOI schedule for the remainder of the year and publish it later. I encourage you to let the principals know if there are subjects you would like to see addressed at the SOI.

I look forward to seeing you all at the April SOI.

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





GRAND LODGE

of PENNSYLVANIA

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

April 6 Reading
April 13 Philadelphia
April 20 Hamlin
April 27 Dallas
May 4 Wellsboro
May 11 Pittsburgh

OFFICER TRAINING SEMINARS

DATE LOCATION(S)

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,

It is hard to believe that one quarter of the year is already gone. At our March Stated meeting, we had a wonderful presentation by Brother Richard Auchey, PM Lodge #348, on his Method for Memorization. It was very educational and presented us with some tools to help us improve our work.

Our March Extra meeting consisted of the conferral of one Master Masson's Degree. And we were once again blessed by the visitation of Brother Jeffery R. Miller, DDGM and Brother Stephen L. Kiessling, Jr. DDGM of District No.2. The meeting was finished up with a time of fellowship capped off with homemade apple pie and ice cream!

April's Stated Meeting will be on April 12th. Dinner is at 6:30PM and the meeting will start at 7:30PM. The program will be presented by a representative from First Energy and will discuss the future of electricity.

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,

April...let us hope the month named for the Greek goddess Aphrodite truly turns out to be beautiful and not repeat the Spring time cold snap of the previous one. Regardless of the weather, Carlisle Lodge #260 has busy. At our last Stated Meeting, we welcomed Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master, home to his mother lodge for his Official Visit. We recognized brethren who have served in the Masonic Fraternity for 50, 60 and 70 years. Please congratulate our 50 year: Stephen P. Bucher (pictured), Jack D. Godfrey (pictured), Perry P. Heath (pictured), Jesse W. Long PM (pictured), Gene A. Moree, Gary L. Shulenberger and

Harold L. Travis; 60 year: Gary C. Heishman; and 70 year: Ernest J. Thompson Jr. honorees. Thanks to all the Lodge Officers for the manner in which they executed their duties and business, and to all the brethren who attended. I have received nothing but laudatory comments. It was a great evening of Freemasonry.



We conducted two Extra Meetings last month in order to confer four Third degrees. Please take the time to welcome our new Master Mason Brothers Sean M. McConnell, Shane A. Shuma, James M. Taney and Vercisio G. San Jose, Jr. Our Extra meeting for the month is scheduled for April 17th. We will be conferring a EA/FC. If you have yet to see the new, combined EA and FC degree, this is your opportunity to do so! Unless you are a member of the degree team, you can attend in casual attire (no jeans). We look forward to your presence!

If you have been attending our lodge meetings, Thank You! Conforming to our precepts requires us to interact. I challenge each of you to call a brother who has not been attending meetings and ask them why? If we all do, I am quite sure our participation levels will flourish. If you have not been coming to our meetings, please let us know why so we can make reasonable and possible adjustments to facilitate your attendance.

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 welcomed Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM for his official visit at our stated meeting for March, where we also presented a 50-year Service Emblem to Brother James W. Nostrant. Orrstown Lodge 262 also presented the District 3 Traveling Gavel to George Washington Lodge No. 143.

Upcoming Events:

April is proving to be a busy month for Orrstown Lodge with two scheduled extra meetings to confer a Master Mason Degree, and three consecutive First / second degrees. Orrstown Lodge is growing and is pleased to be welcoming these candidates to Freemasonry. Watch for our April Notice and come be part of that growth!

We will also be holding our Ladies Night Banquet on April 27th. Invites to officers and distinguished guest will be sent this week.

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

A Stated Meeting of Eureka West-Shore, No. 302, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, 17055, on Monday evening, April 1, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Robert E. McCaleb III
Worshipful Master

Cumberland Valley Lodge 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>

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

Ladies Night: August 17, 2024



Greetings from the East,

March marked our Official Visit from Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM. After a fellowship meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage, we adjourned to the lodge room where we received the District Deputy and Worshipful Masters of District 3. After conducting our business, the Worshipful Master Todd W. West and District Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey R. Miller presented Brother Ronald R. Coover with his 60-yr Masonic Award; Brothers Dennis L. Glessner, PM and James G. Pribula were presented with their 50-yr service awards. After their respective presentations our distinguished brethren delivered remarks on the years of masonic service which was well received by the brethren in attendance.



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Following the 50- and 60-yr award presentations, Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM presented two additional awards. Brother Jesse E. Weller, PM was presented with a plaque and gavel in commemoration of his year as Worshipful Master in 2022, and Brother R. Clem Malot, PM was presented the Master Pillar Award. The Master Pillar award is the highest achievement recognition possible. The program consists of educational and volunteer requirements, with additional requirements that the recipient serve his Lodge as an elected officer and confer all three Masonic Degrees. Past Masters Weller and Malot made comments upon receipt of their respective awards which was well received by the attending brethren.

Worshipful Master Todd W. West, accompanied by some of the officers and brethren of the lodge visited Paxton Lodge No. 16 PHA in Steelton PA on March 12, 2024. We enjoyed a fantastic night of Masonic fellowship and hospitality and look forward to our next visit. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to smile upon each of us as we watch over one another.



The Fellowcraft degree in Freemasonry symbolizes a brother's growth from youth to manhood, marking the transition from an apprentice to a journeyman. It is a time of learning and taking on greater responsibility, where one delves deeper into the philosophies and symbolism of the craft. Brothers Tristan Rubendall and Brian Longe have been passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Mason at our extra meeting March 21, 2024. Please congratulate them when you see them.



A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippenburg, PA., Thursday April 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. 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: Chicken Stuffed with Broccoli and Cheese, Roasted Red Potatoes, and Coconut Cream Pie. The Program for the evening: The York Rite presented by Brother Michael Oyler. Everyone is invited to the meeting.

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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, April 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 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, April 18, 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/>

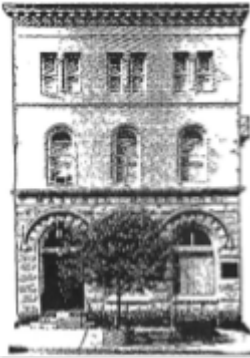
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/acacia586/>

Ladies Night: September 14, 2024

Fraternal Greetings,

A Stated Meeting of Acacia Lodge 586, Free and Accepted Masons will be held at thge Masonic Temple at 33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268, on Friday, April 19, 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, April 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greeting,
Joshua P. Brown, PM
Secretary

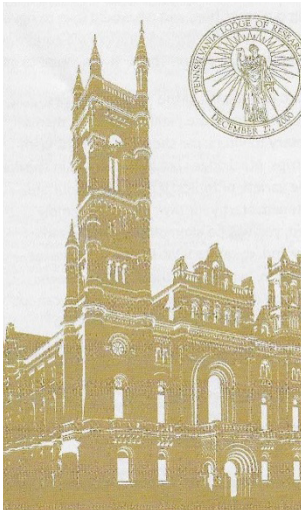
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

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:

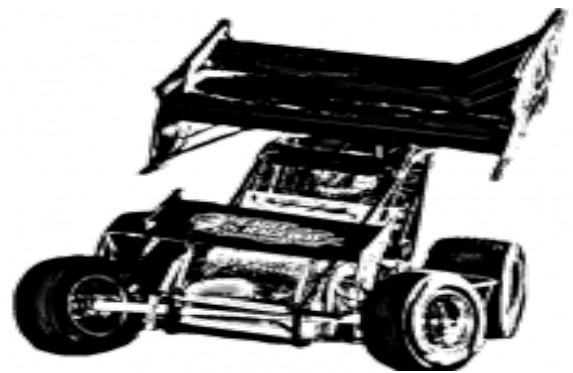
The Widows Sons will be holding several events in the upcoming months including the Grand Masters Ride which is open to all Masons that ride motorcycles. This year the Grand Masters Ride will be in Gettysburg, PA. From August 1st - 4th, the Widows Sons will be hosting some great events, with many geared 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



Masonic Family Night at the Grove 2024

Join your Masonic brothers and their families for a night of fellowship while enjoying the World of Outlaws and the Pennsylvania Posse at Williams Grove Speedway on Friday, July 12, 2024



Details:

Gates open at 5:30 pm and racing starts at 7:30

We will gather on the infield near turn one at 7:15 for a group photo.

General admission: \$ 20.00 adult Adult pits \$10.00 plus admission
 \$10.00 youth (13-20)
 12 & Under FREE

Bring a lawn chair if you wish to watch from the infield or a blanket or padded seat for grand stands seats. There are concessions to purchase or BYOB.

For more information call Greg Culp @ 717-752-8069

1 Speedway Drive, Mechanicsburg Pa.





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