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The District 3 Dispatch



District 3 at the Region 2 Regional Competition in Reading!

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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

May 20, 2024
Tricks for Memorization

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 / Fellow Craft Mason Degree

October 26, 2024
Academy of Masonic Knowledge

October 28, 2024
Master Mason Degree

November 25, 2024
Election/Open 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 there is no better place to spend an evening than with your Brethren in Freemasonry!!! As I visit the Lodges in the District there is an excitement for Freemasonry. It is refreshing. Many of the Brethren that I have interactions with are enthusiastic about what the future holds for Masonry. The official visits were well attended. The Worshipful Masters and other officers accompanied me on the visits as a way of recognizing them for their achievement in their own Lodges. I had the distinct pleasure of giving many service awards of gold to Brethren in the district. It was great hearing what the Brothers have to say after they received their awards. Many of them were somewhat emotional as they received the award. Several commented that they wished they had gone through the chairs and made the journey to the East in their Lodge. They expressed that as they matured in age, they realized being a Worshipful Master in District

Three is a great accomplishment. It is never too late to become an officer in your Lodge or learn a Degree. You will notice a great sense of pride in yourself as you do the work. Contact your Worshipful Master and he will let you know what is required and help you along on your journey!!

Brethren, come out to your Lodge this month!! You will surely have an excellent evening renewing your friendship with your Brethren! 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,

NOTE: The May SOI has been changed to Monday, May 20th to avoid the Memorial Day Holiday. Brethren are reminded that SOI does not meet in June or July but resumes again in August.

For those of you who may not be aware, a District Three team participated in the Region Two Regional Competition in Reading, PA on Saturday, April 6th. The competition was focused strongly on floor work for the degree and dialog was to be used only to break a tie. As it turned out, District Three and District Seven ended in a tie on the floor work, and District Seven was subsequently declared the winner based on the tiebreaker. The SOI principals are extremely pleased with the team's performance. They put in a lot of rehearsal time, and it was apparent in the results. Everyone in District Three should take pride in our ritual as demonstrated by this competition. Congratulations to the team!



Team Members		
Position	Name	Lodge
WM (EA)	Ben Bualat	260
WM (FC)	Carl Calder	262
SW	Todd West	315
JW	John Ridgway	315
SD	Robert McCaleb	302
JD	Warren Scott	262
SMOC	Todd Folz	143
JMOC	Carl Lynch	586
Pursuivant	Michael Glenn	774
Secretary	Denny Beaver	302
Guide	Ken Strayer	143
Chaplain	Aaron Snyder	143
Candidate	Vercisio San Jose, Jr	260

At the April 22 SOI, Big Spring Lodge No 361 exemplified the Table Lodge. Table Lodges are not done frequently, and this session addressed a lot of questions and issues about how Table Lodges can and should be conducted. If your Lodge has not done one, I encourage you to include one in your programs next year.

As a result of the changes to the EA/FC degrees and the regional competition, and the preparation for those, we made changes to the SOI schedule for the remainder of the year. The work for the May 20 SOI will be a presentation by Brother Richard Auchey, Patmos Lodge No. 348 on techniques for memorization for degree work. For those of you who have seen this presentation before, you know it is very good and I encourage you to attend.

The remainder of the SOI schedule for the year is:

Revised Schedule (May 2024)

May 20	Tricks for Memorization - Brother Richard Auchey	
Aug 26	Master Mason Degree/Low Vale Preparation	Low Vale Team*
Sep 23	Entered Apprentice/Fellow Craft Mason Degrees	No. 774
Oct 28	Master Mason Degree	No.443
Nov 25	Election/Open Installation of Officers	No. 586
Dec 16	Business of the Lodge	Incoming Masters
	* Lodge No. 302	

I look forward to seeing you all at the May 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

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,

Official visits are over and banquet season has begun!

Thanks to Brother Michael A. Matuch for being our speaker in April. As a representative of First Energy, he provided an informative talk on where the future of Electricity is heading. We had a lot of visitors and we gave the Traveling Gavel to Acacia Lodge No.586.



Our Stated meeting for May will be Friday May 10th with dinner at 6:30PM the meeting at 7:30PM. The speaker will be myself and the topic is "Wisdom Seeks The Secret Shade..."

Our Ladies Night Banquet will be held on Saturday May 11th at the Chambersburg VFW. Tickets are \$25. Time will be from 5PM -8PM. Dinner is your choice of Stuffed Chicken or Beef. There will be a flute quartet from the West Shore Symphony. Contact myself, Thomas Papoutsis or Nathan Neil for tickets.

An extra meeting is to be held on Thursday May 16th and we will be conferring our first EA/FC degree. It should be a great evening!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Todd E. Foltz, PM, 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

Brethren,

The month of May is a significant month of the year for me personally. We observe Memorial Day on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day is the holiday honoring the men and women who died while serving in the United States military. Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day originated in the years following the Civil War. From 1868 until 1970, it was observed on May 30. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday is observed on the last Monday in May. Many American's observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. However you choose to make use of this federal holiday, please take the time to reflect that the freedoms we enjoy in this country were not free. The blood of your fellow citizens who answered the call to duty has paid for it.



All is well at Carlisle Lodge #260 as we continue to steam towards the summer. In April, we welcomed a new brother to the lodge, James H. Embrey, by conferring his EA and FC degrees. We will raise him on May 22, so come on out, be present, and greet our brother. Remember, unless you are on the degree team, you may attend the lodge's extra meetings in business casual. There is a plethora of definitions as to what business casual entails. Carlisle Lodge defines business casual as slacks/khaki's (no jeans) and a button down shirt (a polo qualifies).

If you have been attending our lodge meetings, Thank You! Conforming to our precepts requires us to interact. I implore each of you to call a brother or two, 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 – Benjamin D. Bualat, WM

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 very busy in April. With two extra meetings we raised Brother Kenneth W. Burkett to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Entered and Passed Brother Christopher H. Gross. Thanks to Brother Richard L. Auchey, PM for performing the 3rd degree, Brother Ronald W. Harshman, Jr, PM for performing the EA, and Brother Carl F. Calder, WM for performing the FC that evening.



We also performed our first multiple consecutive 1st / 2nd degrees with the Enter Apprentice degree performed by Brother Ronald W. Harshman, Jr, PM and the Fellow Craft performed by Carl F. Calder, WM.

The officers of Orrstown Lodge practiced for several weeks to get the mechanics down for this special degree night as two Candidates received the degrees at the same time. They performed the degrees very well in front of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM and a visiting Brother from Florida.

Welcome to Brothers Evan A. Grove and Kurtis A. Rexroth.



Orrstown Lodge held our annual Ladies Night on Saturday April 27th, and had a great turn out. Music performed by the Shippensburg Swing Ensemble had many toes and hands tapping. Thank you to all the WM's and distinguished guests who came out to enjoy an evening with us.

May will also be a busy month as we raise Brothers Evan A. Grove and Kurtis A. Rexroth, and Brother Christopher H. Gross in the beginning of June.

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, May 6, 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,

Brothers Todd W. West, WM, Barry A. Martz, SW, GLRE, John R. Ridgeway, JW, Brother William L. Britton, PM, and Tristan L. Rubendall visited Eureka West Shore Lodge on April 1st to attend their stated meeting and welcome Brother Larry A. Derr, Right Worshipful Grand Master to the Third Masonic District during his visit. The evening was filled with a wonderful sense of camaraderie, giving Brother Rubendall the chance to make new connections on his first visit to another lodge. The highlight of the night was undoubtedly the Grand Master's inspiring speech, where he shared his vision for the next two years. Meeting and capturing a moment with the Grand Master



Brother Tristan Rubendall, second from the left, with Brother Larry A. Derr, RWGM, Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM, Robert E. McCaleb III, WM, and Fellowcraft Masons from District 3.

left a lasting impression on Brother Rubendall.

If you missed the stated meeting on April 4th, you missed out! Brother Michael G. Oyler, PM, from Carlisle Lodge No. 260, led an engaging discussion on the York Rite, answering many questions for those curious about the Royal Arch and York Rite. Before the meeting, we enjoyed a

delicious meal of Chicken Stuffed with Broccoli and Cheese, Roasted Red Potatoes, and Coconut Cream Pie. It was a fantastic evening spent together, celebrating the benefits of our lodge and the fraternity.



Brother Michael G. Oyler, PM, Carlisle Lodge 260 with Brother Todd W. West, WM.

We're excited to share that both Brian Longe and Tristan Rubendall were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at our extra meeting on April 18th! Their dedication has brought them to this significant milestone in Freemasonry. Let's extend our heartfelt congratulations to Brian and Tristan as they embark on their Masonic journey, guided by wisdom and understanding, and may the bonds of brotherhood continue to grow stronger.



Brothers Tristan L. Rubendall (second from the left) and Brian S. Longe (fifth from the left) alongside the degree team after being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Join us for our Stated Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a fellowship meal at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Baked Glazed Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Seasoned Green Beans, and Chocolate Cake. The evening's programs include Recognition of First Responders and a presentation on the Order of the Eastern Star by Bro. David J. McKibben, PM, PGP.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Brother Todd E. Foltz
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, May 9, 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, May 16, 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/>

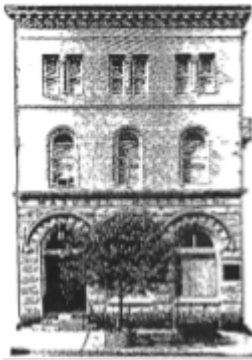
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/acacia586/>

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, May 17, 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, May 13, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greeting,
Joshua P. Brown, PM
Secretary

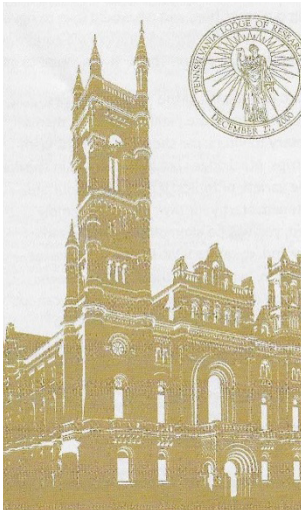
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

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

BACK AT THE BATTLEFIELD

Gettysburg, PA
August 1-4, 2024



2024 Grand Master's Ride

Enjoy riding through historic Gettysburg, PA and around the National Battlefield Park as a band of Brothers in support of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Be sure to check out the information on how to book a room, or campsite on the right side of this page. Additional events and registration information will be posted soon. More information will be added as it becomes available.

Are you a Widows Sons member and in need of Branding! Don't worry, we gotcha covered. Eligible Widows Sons are encouraged to participate in what is certain to be an unforgettable branding ceremony. Our fantastic Branding and Degree Team will be in attendance to make sure you get branded right.

Hosted by PA Raised & Squared



Event Tickets

Event tickets are now on sale! Purchase your tickets here.

ORDER NOW! T-shirt order cut off is June 30th!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/back-at-the-battlefield-pa-grand-masters-ride-tickets-852967407477?aff=oddtcreator>

Camping Accommodations

Don't want to stay in a hotel? Prefer the great outdoors? That's cool with us, you can book camping at Round Top Campground

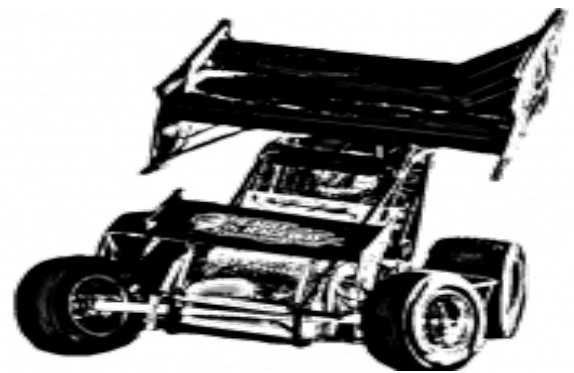
OPEN TO ALL RIDERS!

You do not need to be a Widows Sons member to enjoy riding in the Grand Masters Ride, all you need is a valid motorcycle license and a motorcycle that can keep up with normal traffic speeds.



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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