



# PENNSYLVANIA MASONS

## The District 3 Dispatch



### **RWGM Larry A. Derr presents GL Awards at WS Rally**

Brother Russ "Scooter" Miller, PM #302, receives the Grand Lodge achievement award from RWGM Larry A. Derr at the Gettysburg Rally.

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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

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!

My favorite time of the year has come, Lodge returns to labor! I hope your summer has been an enjoyable time with friends and family. The stated meeting of your Lodge is just around the corner. If the date is not already circled on your calendar, do it now. You do not want to miss the final couple of meetings conducted by your current Worshipful Master. He is just starting to feel comfortable in the station but his time in the East will soon end. All of the Worshipful Masters of District Three has done an excellent job handling the responsibilities of being a Master of a Lodge of Freemasons. The incoming Worshipful Masters for 2025 have put together their programs and goals for their term. I will be preparing a district directory this year. It will be available in print and on the district three website.

The September School of Instruction will be on the 23th starting at 7:30 pm at the Big Spring Lodge in Newville. All elected and appointed officers are requested to attend along with all other Master Masons. Remember there are a lot of non-speaking roles that need filled during the conferral of a degree.

September brings the 12th annual District Low Vale on the 18th. The event will take place at Maple Lane Farm in Newville. A steak dinner will be served starting at 6:30 pm and the Degree will start at 7:30 pm. Please get your tickets as soon as possible. A Springfield Type 1911 Semi-Automatic pistol will be raffled off at the Low Vale. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the drawing will take that evening.

Your Lodge needs your attendance at the stated meetings. You bring a unique perspective as does all of the Brethren in attendance. Be a part of the discussions in Lodge. If you have an idea, be sure to discuss it with your Worshipful Master. Take an active role in your Lodge. There are many other things to be done besides being an officer. We all need to be the best Mason that we can be. I hope to see you on the Masonic trail soon.

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, I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and were able to get away and do some of those “summer” things we all enjoy. I also hope that at least some of you used the opportunity to work on Masonic ritual, particularly those taking the next step in your Masonic journey to the East.

We had an excellent first six months in the SOI. District Three finished second in the Region Two Ritual Competition held at the Reading Masonic Temple on April 6th, after narrowly missing first place based on using dialogue errors as a tie breaker. Congratulations to all District Three Brothers who participated in the competition. They put in a lot of rehearsal time, and it was apparent in the results.

Since the spring regional school was used for the ritual competition, there will be a regional Principals Seminar for Region Two on Saturday, August 24 at Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302. The Seminars will be open to all Principals, Lodge Instructors, and Brethren interested in ritualistic work. The seminar begins at 9:00 a.m. and the work will conclude by noon. The dress code is slacks and a collared shirt at a minimum. The work presented will be demonstrated by the regional instructors who will also be available to answer questions.

As we begin the second half of the year, we can look forward to the District Three Low Vale on September 18. Brother Larry A. Derr, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, will be the guest of honor. The Low Vale team has been identified and we will use the SOI on Monday, August 26 as the initial rehearsal. I would like to plan one additional rehearsal prior to September 18, and I will be in touch with team members to set that up. The Low Vale is always a great time and there is excellent food and fellowship. It is a special and meaningful way to see a degree. I would particularly encourage those of you who have never been to a Low Vale to attend.

Worshipful Masters are reminded that for the remainder of this Masonic year, someone other than the WM should present the opening and closing charges at the stated meeting. Any elected or appointed officer (other than a past master) may do this. I would encourage WMs to develop a schedule for the remainder of the year to make sure someone is available and prepared to deliver the charges for each meeting.

Based on changes to accommodate the new ritual this past year, the initially published schedule has been modified. 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

Brethren, I look forward to getting back to work after the summer break

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





# GRAND LODGE

*of* PENNSYLVANIA

**Sept. 7**

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

**Oct. 26**

Academy of Masonic Knowledge

**Dec. 4**

Grand Lodge Communication, Philadelphia, PA

**Dec. 14**

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

## REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

### DATE LOCATION

August 24 - Regional Principals Seminar for Region Two

## 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 August 26, 2024. The work of the evening will be about the Master Masons Degree presented by Low vale Team. 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.

# Low Vale



The Officers of Eureka-West Shore Lodge 302 and Orrstown Lodge 262, along with Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master of District 3, would like to announce the 2024 District 3 Low Vale, scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th. This year's District 3 Low Vale Lodge will start promptly at 7:30 PM at the Maple Lane Farm (150 Crossroad School Road Newville, PA 17241).

The program for Low Vale will be the conferring of a Master Mason Degree and Lodge will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock PM. The cost of the Low Vale meal will be \$30 and will include a Steak dinner by Rosenberry's which consist of Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable and Drink, and be served at 6:30 o'clock PM. No tickets required to attend Low Vale only.

Attire is Business Casual, **no t-shirt, jeans or shorts.**

\$10 Raffle tickets available for Springfield Type 1911 semi-automatic pistol through Lodge 302 and 262 Worshipful Masters.

Low Vale tickets must be purchased on the District 3 website: <https://www.glpad3.org/d3/events/2024-district-3-low-vale>



# 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,

Brethren, a lot has happened since our last installment of the District 3 News Letter. We had our Ladies Night Banquet in May. We also had our first ever family night/open mic night, in June.



I hope that everyone has had a fantastic summer. But it is time to get back to work and finish this year strong.

George Washington will have our Stated Meeting on September 13th. Our program will be presented by Job's Daughters. We will have our extra meeting on September 19th and will be doing an Entered Apprentice/Fellowcraft degree.

I wish everyone a fantastic fall. To all of the officers who will be moving up, thank you for your dedication to our Craft. You are our future and you are more than worthy and able to respond to this call.

I look forward to this year's Low Vale. I hope to see you there!

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,

September is a significant month. It is the first month of fall. Children in the local area have already restarted school after the summer break. It is the month of the Harvest Moon and start of the German Oktoberfest. It is also the first time we will open the lodge after going dark in June. As we approach our monthly Stated Meeting, we'll "shake the dust off" our rituals and make sure we "get it right". The lodges next major muscle movement will be the election of officers and the Open Installation of said officer slate.

On August 10th we held out annual Ladies Night Banquet. It was well attended with 41 people in participating. If you have any recommendations that may allow us to increase the participation level for next year, please let us know.

If you have been attending our lodge meetings, Thank You! As per usual, I implore each of you to call a brother or two, who has not been attending meetings, and ask them why? If you have not been coming to our meetings, please let us know why so we can make reasonable 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

3442 Orrstown Rd. Orrstown PA 17244

*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 is going back to Orrstown! That's right, Orrstown Lodge will begin meeting in Orrstown, PA for our stated September meeting on September 12, 2024 at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 3442 Orrstown Rd, Orrstown PA.

Our June activities included the raising of another Brother! Brother Christopher H. Gross was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.



Did you know that several of the Brothers at Orrstown Lodge are members of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association? Currently there are 7 Brothers of Orrstown Lodge that are Widows Sons members.



The Widows Sons is a Masonic Riders Associated made up of Brothers from around the world that introduce Freemasonry to the world of motorcycling. Helping to promote Freemasonry is not their only charge, they also help to raise tens of thousands of dollars in donations every year for widows and children of Masons in need!



The latest Orrstown Lodge Brother to join the Widows Sons was Brother Kurtis A. Rexroth who was presented his Widows Sons vest at the Widows Sons Rally in August by Brother Russ “Scooter” Miller, PM #302. Brother Kurtis joined WM Carl F. Calder, and Brother Warren DW Scott, JW, in becoming a member of the Temple Guard chapter of the Widows Sons!

The vest of a Widows Sons Brother is an extension of our apron. Worn in pride and with the same strict requirements as our apron, the WS vest shows the world that we are raised a Mason first, and Branded a Widows Son.

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, September 2, 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,

A stated meeting of Cumberland Valley No. 315 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Peaches and Ice Cream will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Alexander Stewart Social Hall. Programs of the evening will be the "The Widow's Guild" presented by Linda Jackson.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Brother 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, September 12, 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, September 19, 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/>

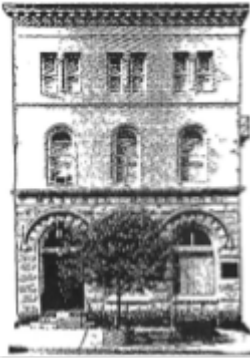
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/acacia586/>

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, September 20, 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, September 9, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greeting,  
Joshua P. Brown, PM  
Secretary

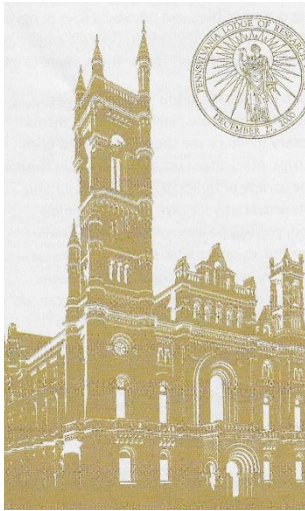
# Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

*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](mailto: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,

The Widows Sons held the Grand Masters Ride which was open to all Masons that ride motorcycles. This year the Grand Masters Ride was held in Gettysburg, PA. From August 1st - 4th, the Widows Sons hosted some great events, with many geared specifically towards Widows Sons members but several to Masons in general.

RWGM Larry A. Durr was in attendance as was RWPGM Wonderling. With bands and vendors present, everyone had a great weekend of Brotherly fellowship.



Widows Sons present the Turtle Degree to those in attendance. Are you a Turtle?

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

## Finding Fraternity

So you're a Master Mason... A Traveling Man. Perhaps some of the other appendant bodies or visiting Lodges have extended invitations that are of interest. There are many subordinate and appendant bodies to choose. You've got your dues card, are passable on the Tyler's Oath, still a little trepidacious as to what is expected when you show up.

Firstly it's considerate to inform the WM or Recorder of your request to visit. Traveling with a Brother or at a Brother's invitation extends the fellowship before and after the meeting. The door is flung wide and you are admitted into their Lodge. This is Mother Lodge to the Brothers, always be respectful.

The furniture may be arranged different, the words not in the order you learned; Masonry isn't homogenized. The individual differences in Lodges reflects the character of the local. Yet the binding principle of Brotherly Love is within the breast of every true Mason.

So Travel my Brother, far and wide. Let the apartments of Masonry enrich your journey. Know that wherever there is a Masonic Lodge YOU have a seat at the table, with your Brothers.

Be well, do good.





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