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The District 3 Dispatch



Another successful Low Vale in District 3!

Brother James W. Sleighter, PM with his son, Brother Samuel W. Sleighter, and DDGM Jeffrey R. Miller after the Low Vale degree.

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

Event Announcements

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

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Business of the Lodge

From the Desk of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller

District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District



Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

October is here and Freemasonry is well in the Third Masonic District. All of the Lodges in the District are having stated meetings, extra meetings, and other activities. We as Brothers should be attending these activities. Fellowship with your Brethren is fundamental for Freemasonry. The District Low Vale is history but the fellowship kindled over dinner and the conversation around the fire afterward will be remembered well into the future. Read your Lodge notices, they have all of the information you need to know so you can plan your monthly Lodge attendance.

The School of Instruction is the fourth Monday of each month. There are no limitations on the attendance size. I ask that all Master Masons, not just the officers in the district be in attendance each month. The information presented is essential for your journey in Freemasonry. You will learn details that you may not know even if you are 25-year member. Come out to the next School of Instruction on October 28th.

Your Lodge needs your attendance at all activities held. 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 roll in Lodge. There are many other things to be done besides being an officer. Volunteer to take a part in a Degree. Each Degree has several non-verbal parts. 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



District Three Lodges finished their first month back in the Lodge room after being off from labor in July and August. Besides resuming stated Lodge meetings, and extra meetings in some Lodges, the District conducted its annual Low Vale on Wednesday September 18th. In addition to taking care of the details necessary to host a Low Vale, Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 and Orrstown Lodge No. 262 combined to confer an excellent Master Mason degree. This Low Vale was special in that a father, having already conferred the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees on his son, conferred the Master Mason degree during this Low Vale. Our congratulations to Brother Jim Sleighter, PM, who raised his son, Brother Sam Sleighter to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on this special night.

Despite the threat of rain, there was excellent attendance for the low vale and an excellent dinner was served. As assistant principal Ed Stenger observed:

The turnout for the event was a show of approval from the Masons of District 3. They have come to know and appreciate the efforts and dedication of those few who are willing to put forth the effort required to bring this event to them each year. The Degree Team did a fine job conferring the 3rd Degree. Their willingness to rehearse beforehand showed in the work they did

In District 3, we have previously been taught that the WM could turn either way and use the appropriate hand to pick up the hat when opening the Lodge. At the regional principals seminar on August 24th, regional instructors confirmed that the WM, when opening the Lodge, should turn to the left to pick up the hat with his left hand. When going to the altar to administer degrees, the hat should be removed before kneeling with the right hand and placed with the crown down, preferably on the cushion if room exists, but on the floor if not. Govern yourselves accordingly.

Worshipful Masters are reminded again 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)

Oct 28	Master Mason Degree	No.443
Nov 25	Election/Open Installation of Officers	No. 586
Dec 16	Business of the Lodge	Incoming Masters

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you at our next SOI on Monday, October 28th

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





GRAND LODGE

of PENNSYLVANIA

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

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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 thank all those who participated in, and attended, the District 3 Low Vale on September 18th.

This was a well attended event with 103 Brothers in attendance, including RWJGW Lynn B. Baker, Jr. 80 meal tickets were sold and the steak dinners enjoyed by all. The 50/50 raffle brought in \$150 which was donated to the RWGM blood and organ donor charity, and the gun drawing was won by Jacob N. McCaleb, brother of Brother Robert McCaleb, III, WM of Eureka-West Shore Lodge 302. Congratulations to both our winners!

This year's Low Vale was a special and memorable event, with Brother James W. Sleighter, PM of Orrstown Lodge 262 raising his son, Brother Samuel W. Sleighter to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Fellowship was also enjoyed around a camp fire by those who stayed. Cigars and adult beverages were responsibly enjoyed as well.

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,

September's stated meeting program was a presentation from The Job's Daughters Bethel 16. The girls did a nice job.

September's extra meeting was our second Entered Apprentice/Fellowcraft combined degree.

October's stated meeting will be on Friday October 11th. The traveling gavel is now in Chambersburg, so, come and get it!

There will not be an extra meeting in October but petitions are coming in and it looks like November will be a very busy month

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,

It's already October. The name of the month does not make much sense. Until 153 BCE it was the name of the eighth month of the Roman calendar. The name should probably be Decaber as it is the tenth month of the Gregorian, or modern, calendar. October is a month filled with significant aspects of culture, history, and global issues. One of significance is Columbus Day, commemorating Christopher Columbus' historic voyage to the Americas on October 12, 1492.

As the days grow shorter and darker, let us remember our passage from darkness to true Masonic light; and endeavor to contribute to those less fortunate as the world grows colder with the passage of the season.

We look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it at our monthly Stated Meeting, October 15th. 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.

Keep in mind, we will be voting on next year's slate of officers during our November Stated Meeting, November 19th. Additionally, please remember the lodge voted on and approved the raising of dues to \$175 per year. This dues increase puts you in hardship, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

I pray 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

Thursday, on or before, the full moon 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 262 returned to Orrstown, PA for our September meeting. The meeting was attended by 33 Brothers from Orrstown Lodge, visiting Brethren, and WM's / PM's from other District 3 Lodges. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM of District 3 was also in attendance to welcome the Lodge back.

During the meeting, a vote was held on a dispensation to return Orrstown Lodge to a Moon Lodge. Beginning on our October meeting, we will again meet the Thursday on or before the first full moon of the month. This means our October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17th at 7:30 PM. Please keep an eye out for our October notice which will include a moon schedule and meeting schedule until the end of 2025.

Our October meeting will feature Brother J. David McKibben, PM of Carlisle Lodge 260. This program will be about the Order of the Eastern Stars and all members and visitors are encouraged to bring their spouse. The program will be held prior to the opening of Lodge so the ladies may enjoy hearing about the OES and what it offers to them and Freemasonry in general. After the program, and while the Lodge is open, the ladies are encouraged to retreat to the Fellowship Hall downstairs and enjoy events being scheduled by Ladies Desiree Calder, and Amber Scott.

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

Greetings from the East,

It has been a busy month for Eureka-West Shore Lodge 302. On September 3, 2024 we had our 1st since after the summer break. We had a great fellowship meal consisting of steak, baked potatoes, and mixed vegetables, it was a great turnout. The stated meeting was business as usual, the program for the evening was presentation of 25 year service emblems. Huey A. Long and Jerry E. Hinke graced us with their presents to receive their 25 year service emblems in person. Not present were David J. Thomas Sr., Donald K. Coffee, Gerald J. Sepela, Philip C. Baker, Steven C. Daly, and Mark R. Snyder, again congratulations Brethren.

September 4, 2024 we had an extra meeting, when Brother Stephen Boyd Leasure was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, congratulations Brother Leasure.

September 14, 2024 we celebrated our 168th Anniversary and hosted our Ladies Night at the Valley of Harrisburg Scottish Rite Cathedral. We enjoyed a choice of broiled sea bass or bistro fillet and while dining enjoyed the wonderful sounds of the West Shore Symphony



Woodwind Quintet, about 100 guests were in attendance and a great time was had by all.

Lastly, September 18, 2024 was the District 3 Low Vale at Maple Lane Farm. The event started off with great meal consisting of a steak, a baked potato, and green beans. Then we walked into the cornfield lodge room where Brother James W. Sleighter, PM raised his son Brother Samuel W. Sleighter to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The degree team was a combination of officers from Eureka-West Shore Lodge 302 and Orrstown Lodge 262.



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, October 3, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. A fellowship meal will be served before the Stated Meeting in the Alexander Stewart Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The menu: honey-glazed chicken, long grain and wild rice, seasoned carrots, and apple pie. The Evening Program will be presented by Bro. William L. Britton, PM..

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, October 17, 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, October 17, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely and fraternally,
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/>

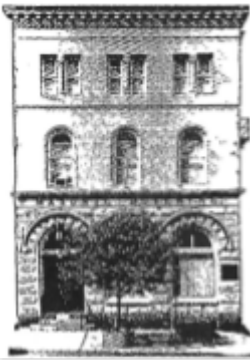
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/acacia586/>

Ladies Night: September 14, 2024

Fraternal Greetings,

A Stated Meeting of Acacia Lodge 586, Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple at 33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268, on Friday, October 18, 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, October 14, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greeting,
Joshua P. Brown, PM
Secretary

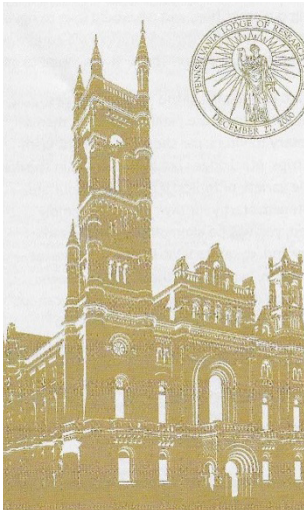
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

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, December 14, 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,



Even though the summer has ended, and riding season is winding down, the Widows Sons is not dormant. With many charity rides planned by many of the state chapters and our annual fall gathering planned for October, we are still very busy spreading Freemasonry through the motor-cycling community.

If you ride a street legal motorcycle, have an MC endorsement on your license, and are a Master Mason, you can be a part of the Widows Sons. Please visit our state website at <https://pawsmra.org/>

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



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