



PENNSYLVANIA MASONS

The District 3 Dispatch



Charity in District 3

Charity is one of the foundations of Freemasonry. On December 14th, Orrstown Lodge members and their families spent a chilly day helping the community by ringing the Salvation Army bells at the Shippensburg Walmart. This annual tradition helps the Salvation Army serve the community.

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361 – February 13
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Notes from the Editor: Please submit your inputs for next month NLT the 27th unless you have pending activities that you want to include.

Event Announcements

Events will be updated in the next issue.

From the Desk of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller

District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District



Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren 2025 is upon us! 2024 was an excellent year for Freemasonry in District 3. Each Lodge in the District had an excellent year of activities and meetings. Many new Masons were made during the year and we look forward to seeing them at the programs this year. Thank you very much for supporting your Lodge and the District in 2024.

Brethren be sure to attend your Lodge each month and support your Worshipful Master during his term. A Lodge room filled with many of the members is very special to the Worshipful Master as he leads. He has lots of enthusiasm coming into his year, help him to sustain that enthusiasm throughout his time as Worshipful Master of YOUR Lodge. Attend not only the stated meetings but more especially the extra meetings. Make it a goal this year to step forward, volunteer, and participate in the conferral of a Degree. There are parts in each Degree that are non-speaking. Our Ritual sets us apart from the many other Fraternal organizations. Being part of a Degree conferral is a very rewarding experience in your Masonic journey!!

I look forward to seeing you as I travel to the Lodges of the District for two special recognitions. I will be making an official visit to Lodge No. 143 on April 11, 2024 to present the DDGM Lodge of the year. RWGM Brother Larry A. Derr will be in attendance to make the presentation. Worshipful Master Todd Foltz's leadership motivated his membership throughout the year and kept them motivated the entire year. Congratulations Brother Todd! Thank you very much for your leadership. I will also be traveling to Lodge No. 260 on January 21, 2025 to present the District 3 Mason of the Year award to Brother Daniel K. Confer PM. Brother Dan exemplifies what a Freemason is. His dedication to the Fraternity is a shining example that we all can emulate. He is a member of the SOI staff and does an excellent job for the District in that role. His willingness to help with the certifications is a great help for the District. He is also one of the Membership Awareness Committee members that prescreens possible new members in the District. Congratulations Brother Dan on a job well done. I hope see you at each of these meetings.

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, welcome to a new Masonic year in the School of Instruction. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season and time to spend with family and friends. I also want to congratulate all new Worshipful Masters and other officers as you continue your journey to the East.

A quick reminder upfront. Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM, has designated the Carlisle Lodge No. 260 Stated Meeting on Jan 21 as a District Official Visit for special presentations. All Lodges should have a WM, SW and JW present (or suitable substitute) in attendance at the meeting.

I want to thank everyone for the great work last year. We had a busy and successful year. The district's exceptional performance in the Region 2 Regional Competition and the low valedictory are testament to the great effort you put into these events and reflected very well on the quality of the work we do in District Three. I am confident we can continue this quality of ritualistic work as we move into 2025.

This year there will be a Region Two Sectional School scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025, at the Masonic center of York, PA. District Three is scheduled to exemplify the Business of the Lodge. Brother Paul Sutcliffe, the Region 2 Instructor, is scheduled to make his spring visit to the District Three at our Jan 27 SOI at which time he will help us sharpen our skills for the sectional school. We were originally scheduled to do Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor/Balloting by Lodge No. 143 at the Jan 27 school. The DDGM has approved moving the Business of the Lodge (50-year pin presentation) by the Region Two team on Feb 24 to the Jan 27, and re-schedule the Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor/Balloting by Lodge No. 143 to Feb 24.

I, along with your WMs, will be reaching out to you soon for volunteers to serve on this team. If you have been at some of the SOI sessions in the past, you may have heard from Brothers on previous teams what a great (and fun) experience this is. Please consider being part of this team

I would like to encourage all Brethren in the SOI to let us know if there are things you would like to see covered as part of the scheduled work or presented in a different fashion that might make it easier for you to grasp and understand. We principals tend to be somewhat “married” to the existing schedule of work and how it is done, more out of habit than anything else. You, the Brothers who attend your Lodges every month, may have ideas about other ritual (or floor work techniques) that you would like to see and learn more about.

I look forward to seeing you all at SOI on January 27th.

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

**2025 Schedule
District 3 School of Instruction**

School Officers

President, James McElhenie, WM, No. 302

Vice President, John Ridgway, WM, No. 315

Chaplain, William C. Olsen, No 302

Monthly School of Instruction Meetings @ 7:30 p.m.

Date	Work of the Evening	Lodge
Jan 27	Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor/Balloting	No. 143
Feb 24	Business of the Lodge (50-year pin presentation)	Region 2 Sectional Team
Mar 24	Entered Apprentice/Fellow Craft Mason Degrees	No. 260
Apr 28	Master Mason Degree	No. 262
May 26	Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring	No. 361
Aug 25	Master Mason Degree/Low Vale Preparation	Low Vale Team*
Sep 22	Entered Apprentice/Fellow Craft Mason Degrees	No. 315
Oct 27	Election/Installation of Officers	No. 443
Nov 24	Master Mason Degree	No. 586
Dec 22	Business of the Lodge	Incoming Masters

*Mount Zion Lodge No. 774

Mar 22 Regional 2 Sectional School

Sep 17 District 3 Low Vale





GRAND LODGE *of* PENNSYLVANIA

Grand Lodge of Pa. Schedule

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REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

DATE LOCATION

Saturday, March 22, 2025 - Regional School of
Instruction - York

REGION 2 OFFICER TRAINING SEMINARS

DATE & LOCATION(S)

Saturday, March 8, 2025
York Masonic Center
400 Masonic Drive
York, Pa 17406

Saturday, March 22, 2025
Valley of Harrisburg, AASR
2701 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Saturday, April 5, 2025
West Reading Masonic Center
400 South Seventh Street
Reading, Pa 19611

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 January 27, 2025. The work of the evening will be Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor/Balloting presented by Lodge No. 143. 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.



The District 3 Dispatch is looking for your help!

We are looking for Masons that want to improve their Masonic knowledge by researching and authoring articles for the Masonic Insight. This is a great way to improve your Masonic knowledge as well as helping to educate your Brothers.

Please contact the Editor at ccalder@pagrandlodge.org if you are interested!

Masonic Insight

A Series In Masonic Education

ASHLARS - ROUGH, SMOOTH - STORY OF A STONE



An eminent sculptor was once asked: “How do you carve such beautiful statues?” He replies, “It is the simplest thing in the world. I take a hammer and chisel and from a massive, shapeless rock, I knock off all the stone I do not want, and there is the statue. It was there all the time.”

In every Masonic Lodge room there is, or should be, the Rough Ashlar and the Perfect Ashlar. These two and the Trestle Board constitute our Movable Jewels. What is their significance? What do they have to do with Masonry?

In our monitorial work we are taught that the Rough Ashlar “is a stone as taken from the quarry in its rude and natural state” and that the Perfect Ashlar “is a stone made ready by the hands of the workman, to be adjusted by the working tools of the Fellow Craft.” The Rough Ashlar was not a stone that was merely picked up somewhere. It was a stone that has been selected. Some work was done upon it. It was apparently a good stone. It was a stone that showed good prospects of being capable of being made into a Perfect Ashlar. If it had not been a good stone, it would never have been cut out from the quarry.

So it is with our prospective member. He cannot be merely picked up somewhere. He must be selected. Before he is ready to be initiated some work must be done upon him. He must stand certain basic tests. He must be apparently of good material. He must be a man who shows good prospects of being capable of being made into a good Mason. If he had not been a good man, he should never have been proposed for membership.

In changing a Rough Ashlar into a Perfect Ashlar, the workman takes away and never adds to. He chips and chips. He cuts away the rough edges. He removes the visible flaws, he does not create by chemical means or otherwise, a new material. He takes that which is already there and develops it into the Perfect Ashlar.

The stone from which the Venus de Milo was carved by an unknown sculptor of ancient times, lay since the beginning of time in the rocks of the Island Milo. A common, unknown workman may have cut a huge piece of marble from the quarry. But it took a master artisan to carve out the beautiful statue. It took a good piece of marble and a skilled artist to produce the Venus de Milo.

Not many operators in Masonry can make a Perfect Ashlar. So there are not many perfect Masons in our Lodges. In our Ritualistic and other work, we can take away much of the roughness, remove the sharp points and obliterate the visible defects. We can produce as good a Mason as there is within our power to produce. But the essential thing is to have a good material upon which to work.

This statement is applicable to all mankind, but to us as Symbolic Masons, it is pregnant with meaning, for, was not each one, at the commencement of his Masonic career, placed in the North-east corner as an example stone, in the hope that the stone so placed would, in the fullness of time, be wrought into a thing of beauty acceptable to the builder?

What does the poet say of the stone? Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings And clowns that caper in sawdust rings, And common folks like you and me Are builders for eternity? Each is given a kit of tools, A shapeless mass and a book of rules: And each must make, ere life is flown; A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

These are very true words. The kit of tools are those talents with which God has blessed us to enable us to fulfill our mission in life. We are told in the Volume of the Sacred Law that one man received five talents, another, two talents, and yet another, only one talent, so that our duty is for each to discharge his allotted task to the best of his ability, and help those who have not been so well blessed as himself. Thus each will be assisted in carving out the "Grand Design" of being happy and communicating happiness and thereby of being more "extensively serviceable to his fellow creatures."

The shapeless mass is a man's character, and each one of us is his own Architect, Builder and Material, and like our predecessors, the Operative Masons, we each must show our craftsmanship in working out a perfect "Ashlar" fit to be tried by the square of his own conscience.

The book of rules is the V.S.L. "That great light that will guide us to all truth, direct our steps in the path of happiness, and thus, point out the whole duty of man."

Let us pause for a moment and earnestly ask ourselves, which are we making--stumbling block or a stepping stone? If a man's life is such that he cannot "join in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness to others," then he is a stumbling block, not only to himself, but to all those with whom he is associated. If that man is a Freemason he should study the ritual and discover the inner meaning, so that he can learn to perfect his stone.

Let us trace whence comes this perfect stone. An ancient charge provides that a mould stone shall be given to a visiting Operative Mason to enable him to demonstrate his craftsmanship. The stones were selected individual stones from the quarries to suit the requirement of the material building. As Speculative Masons, we obtain our mould stones from the quarries of life. Thus, when we receive an application for admission to our Lodge it is our duty to carefully scrutinize all the credentials of the applicant from every angle, so that only approved material is admitted to the Craft.

Freemasonry can and does improve good material, but it cannot make bad material good. As with the Operative Mason, poor material would have endangered the material structure. So with us as Speculative Masons, a faulty Ashlar will endanger the Spiritual temple we are endeavoring to build.

Having found, by the strictest inquiry, that the applicant, or mould stone, is suitable, we have, by those inquiries, knocked off some of the irregularities which surrounded him, and after his initiation, he is represented as the “rough Ashlar,” that is, the stone is no longer the mould stone, but it is approximately a cube which still requires a considerable amount of “dressing” before the “perfect Ashlar” which is within it can be brought to light, and the candidate is given him to “knock off rough knobs and evanescence,” of his character.

Later on he finds that, although the common gavel and chisel are suitable for reducing the roughness they are not capable of achieving perfection. As a Craftsman he receives another set of working tools, one of which is essential to perfection, namely, the square, and here he learns that it is only by continual grinding and many applications of the square that the stone can be brought to a true die, or cube.

In his capacity as a Craftsman and as a man of the world, he is continually coming into contact with his fellows and he learns to control his passions and to recognize the rights of others, with the result that the stone he is working upon, namely, his character, is gradually taking shape as a perfect Ashlar.

Later, he is called upon to hand his stone over to the Builder, who cuts a beveled hole at the top, so that the stone can be attached to a lewis and be hoisted up ready to be placed on the base assigned to it by the Builder. Thus, he is reminded that the rope, the lewis, and the crane represent the all sustaining power of God, and that if he has discharged his duty faithfully and in accordance with the precepts laid down in the V.S.L., he may rest assured that when his final summons comes he will find that the great Builder will have prepared a place for him in that “Great Spiritual Temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.”

Finally, let us consider this “perfect Ashlar” from a geometric point of view. Looking at the perfect “Ashlar,” as it stands in the Lodge we notice that it has six equal and exactly similar sides, and that no matter how it is placed down, on the level, it must stand on one of its faces and present a similar face to the observer, from any point of view. It is the only geometrical body which requires no support from its fellows, but when placed in line with similar cubes, demands its own space, and lines up with the others on top, bottom and sides.

Reprinted from a paper prepared by the eminent Masonic Scholar, J. Fairbairn Smith, Editor Emeritus of the Detroit Masonic World. Raised as a “Lewis” at the age of 18, in the lodge at Hawick, Scotland, in 1925, Bro. Smith has become one of the most respected of Masonic journalists. He is a “mould stone” from the quarry of Masonic life.

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 Nathan J. Neil

Website: <http://gw143.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GW143>

Ladies Night: April 26, 2025

Greetings from the East,

December was an incredible month. We had our open installation of officers on Friday December 13, 2024, to a full lodge. It was incredible to see the sidelines of the lodge full of Brethren, family and friends. I'm really excited about our officer line and want to thank everyone who came to the open installation to support the incoming officers.



Our January stated meeting will be held on January 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at 74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA. A meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be the History Behind Our Lodge.

In addition to our stated meeting, we will be having two extra meetings. We will be conferring Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees for one candidate on January 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. On January 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., we will be conferring all three degrees for a candidate who will be leaving for the service later in the month. Please join us and help us welcome the new Brethren into Free Masonry.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Nathan J. Neil, 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 Brandon T. Benner

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

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

Ladies Night: TBD

Brethren,

The brethren of Carlisle Lodge No. 260 extend their warmest wishes for a new year to all our friends across District 3. It is my pleasure and honor to address you for the first time as Worshipful Master of this magnificent lodge. The year 2025 (A.L. 6025) marks 200 years since the establishment of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197 in Carlisle; hence, this year is the bicentennial of continuous Freemasonry in our historic town. Carlisle Lodge No. 260 is proud to carry on our fraternity's standard, and we are humbled by the generations of Masons before us who have made it possible for us to practice the Craft today.

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, our lodge will hold its stated meeting at the Carlisle Masonic Center. A meal of pork and sauerkraut will be enjoyed at 6:30 PM in observance of the New Year, and we eagerly anticipate the presence of Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master for an official visit. The stated meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 PM. It would be our pleasure to welcome any visiting brethren who may attend for the evening.

I would like to recognize and thank our outgoing Worshipful Master, Brother Benjamin D. Bualat, PM. The excellence of his leadership is rivaled only by that of his beard. Carlisle Lodge No. 260 has flourished under his charge, and we shall depend greatly upon his continued energy, warmth, and direction as a Past Master and as our incoming Senior Warden.

I earnestly look forward to the fellowship and fraternal bonds that await us in 2025. I can't wait to traverse this district with you all and make a wonderful year in Freemasonry!

Brother Brandon T. Benner
Worshipful Master,
Carlisle Lodge. No. 260, F&AM

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: May 3, 2025



Greetings from the East,

Another year has past, and a new one is just beginning. As I begin my second year in the East, I am more relaxed but still a little apprehensive. There is so much work yet to do to finish what we have started, but we can do it.

In the last year I have been a part of so many events, watched so many good men become awesome Masons and been a part of the growth of great officers. I know that at the end of this year, Orrstown Lodge will be in great hands.

During the December meeting we held our open installation of officers. Brother Warren DW Scott has now advanced to the SW position, while Brother James W. Sleighter, PM, has taken a step back to the JW position to continue assisting the Lodge. As WM I am proud to have these two great officers supporting and traveling with me again this year.

Orrstown Lodge also continued our tradition of helping the Salvation Army with its Christmas Bell Ringing by manning both doors at the Shippensburg Walmart on December 14th. It was a chilly day, but that did not deter the Brothers and their families from helping. Thank you for the WM to all those that helped out in raising money for the community!

2025 looks to be another exciting year at Orrstown Lodge, so please come visit us and enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers.

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 James McElhenie, Jr.

Website: <https://eureka302.org/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/EurekaWestShoreLodge302>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EurekaWestShoreLodge302>

Ladies Night: September 27, 2025

Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 held its December meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024, where prior to the meeting a catered fellowship meal was enjoyed by all. The Lodge held its annual election and Open Installation of officers to serve the lodge for the ensuing masonic year! This was the 13th consecutive year we have held an Open Installation and once again, we have many visitors to the ceremony. The following officers were elected:

James C. McElhenie, Jr. -Worshipful Master
Freddy X. Lebron – Senior Warden
William C. Olsen- Junior Warden
John G. Artevich, Jr- Treasurer
Timothy C. Dedman- Secretary
Robert E. McCaleb III, -Representative in the
Grand Lodge
Elmer D. Beaver, PM,- Substitute Representa-
tive in the Grand Lodge
John G. Anthony, Jr.- Trustee
Jon L. Vickery, PM- Trustee
Russell L. Miller, PM- Trustee



During the past month, the lodge conducted 4 Masonic Funeral services while at the same time approving 3 petitions for membership and reading a 4th petition with a Committee of Inquiry report expected in the new year, so we expect 2025 to begin with a flurry of activity! At our January 6, 2025, Stated Meeting we will begin with the Installation of Bro. William C. Olsen as Junior Warden, who was unable to attend the December ceremony due to illness. The lodge appreciates the service of Brother Robert E. McCaleb, III and his year as Worshipful Master and welcomes him to the ranks of Past Master!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Brother Timothy C. Dedman, PM, Secretary
Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302

Masonic Golf Clubs



Brothers,

One of the great benefits of Free Masonry is the fellowship amongst brothers. To this end, we the three Masonic golf clubs in the Harrisburg area hope you would consider playing golf in one or all the clubs. The clubs are: Consistory Golf Club, Zembo Shrine Golf Club and the Tall Cedars Golf Club. If you are available and like to golf, please think about playing with us. You need not be a member of these appendant Masonic bodies to participate, just be a Mason in good standing. We use Callaway Handicap system and regardless of your skill level the computer program assigns a handicap for each round every time you play. There is always a chance to win, place and show. Consistory Golf club plays at Rich Valley Golf Course the second Thursday for each month April until October, Zembo Golf Club plays at Dauphin Highlands on the third Wednesday of the month from April until September, and Tall Cedars Golf club plays the last Thursday of the month again from April until October with different course each month. You are not required to play every month and can play as many times as convenient. Your lodge Secretary will have detailed information for each club if you are interested.

Zembo Golf Club - contact is Lee Stump 717-439-4561 (Cell)

Consistory Golf Club - contact is Terry Coffman 717-576-2642 (Cell)

Tall Cedar Golf Club - contact is Bob Griffith 717-215-4363 (Cell)

tallcedarsgolfunit@gmail.com (email)

Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother John R. Ridgway

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: TBD

Greetings from the East,

The election and installation of officers is a pivotal event in the life of any Masonic lodge, symbolizing both renewal and continuity in leadership. For the brethren entrusted with these roles, it represents a moment of great honor and an opportunity to further the mission and spirit of the Craft. This time-honored tradition was celebrated with dignity and enthusiasm at Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315. The evening began with a delightful meal, fostering camaraderie among members, family, and friends. Following dinner, the brethren convened in the lodge room for essential business, culminating in an open installation ceremony attended by loved ones and guests.

We are pleased to announce and congratulate the newly installed officers who will lead the lodge starting on Saint John's Day: Brother John R. Ridgway as Worshipful Master, Brother Todd W. West as Senior Warden, and Brother Kevin W. Angle, PM, as Junior Warden. Additionally, Brothers Thomas P. Kennedy, PM, and William L. Britton, PM, will continue their esteemed service as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. A heartfelt note of appreciation is extended to Brother Todd W. West for his exemplary service as Worshipful Master for two years. His steadfast dedication, leadership, and tireless efforts have left a lasting impact on the lodge and the fraternity.

Looking ahead, a Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA, on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting, a fellowship meal will be served in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The menu will include herbed pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, and lemon pie. The evening's program will feature a presentation on Grandview by Brother William L. Britton, PM, following the introduction of officers.

We warmly invite all members to join us for this special gathering, which promises to be an evening of fellowship, reflection, and education as we begin another promising year in service to the Craft. Congratulations to our newly installed officers, and we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Brother John R. Ridgway
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: TBD



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, January 9, 2025, 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 Toby A. Stoner, PM

Website: <https://mtpisgah443.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Pisgah-Lodge-No-443-668433266645074>

Ladies Night: May 17, 2025

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, January 16, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Program for the evening is York Rite by Brother Michael Oyler.

Hope everyone has had a great Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Brother Toby A. Stoner, 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 John E. Shaffer, PM

Website: <http://acacia586.org/>

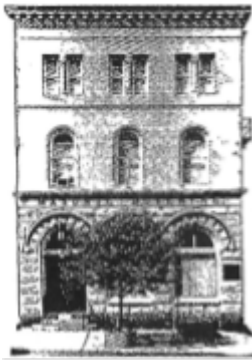
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/acacia586/>

Ladies Night: May 10, 2025

Fraternal Greetings,

Acacia Lodge held its open installation of officers in December. The evening was preceded by a meal of Meatball sub, salad, and other snacks.

The officers for 2025 were installed: Carl L Lynch as Junior Warden; Gregory R Culp as Senior Warden; John E Shaffer, PM as Worshipful Master. The incoming Worshipful Master was optimistic about his second time in the East.



Acacia Lodge will be holding an Extra Meeting on Saturday January 4th at 9am to confer the Master Mason degree on Brother Christopher Michael Corle.

At our next Stated Meeting on January 17th Brothers D. Lamar Sease, PM and Dennis R. McClanahan, PM will present instruction on how to conduct an examination of a visitor (including what to expect when visiting other Lodges), as well as The Funeral Service and what members should expect to know when attending and offering this final respect to a deceased Brother.



On Tuesday January 21st the lodge will hold an Extra Meeting at 7pm to confer the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees on candidate Robert Douglas Sewell. Also, as the new year begins there will be plenty of opportunities to travel and visit the other lodges in our District as the Brothers from George Washington Lodge No. 143 attended our December stated meeting and took the traveling gavel with them back to Chambersburg. We know that their first meeting of 2025 is on January 10th, and expect that many of you in the District will be in attendance.

Fraternal Greetings,
Brother Joshua P. Brown, PM Secretary



Cocoa & Canvas



Paint Event

Saturday, January 11, 2025

\$30.00/Ticket

2:00pm - 4:00pm

**Eureka-West Shore Masonic Lodge
910 S. Market St, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**



**Includes:
Hot Cocoa, snacks, paint
supplies & step-by-step
instructions**

For Tickets Contact:

Ozembfundraising@gmail.com

**Proceeds benefit the Daughters of the Nile
Ozemb Temple No. 52 Ways & Means Fund.
In the event of cancellation, we will reschedule
the event as soon as possible.**

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 William S. Hoffman, PM

Ladies Night: August 16, 2025

Greetings from the East,

December 9th stated meeting

Open installation of officers with approximately 25 members and 20 guests in attendance. Recognized past masters of Mt Zion lodge774. Refreshments served by Fulton Chapter 519 OES. Extra meeting December 16 Master Masons degree was conferred on Bro. David Byers

January 13 stated meeting

We will have a light meal of soup and sloppy joes served prior to the meeting at 6:30 in the basement of the Lodge Hall. Members and their wives are invited to attend. Visiting members are also invited Good Will donation only RSVP to Myself (717) 360-5196 or by email wshms789@yahoo.com by 01/06/2025.

Introduction of lodge officers for 2025

Lodge will close and invite ladies in to enjoy the program” Masonic Homes “by Bro Robert C Snyder PDDGM.

Fraternal Greeting,
William S. Hoffman, PM
Worshipful Master

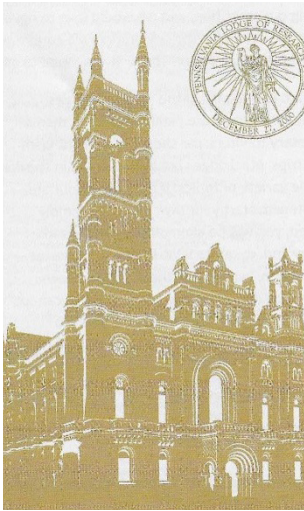
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

Worshipful Master: Brother Jack H. Speece

<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.

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will be celebrating its 25th year in 2025. Another volume of the Transactions is scheduled to be published.

In an effort to accommodate more Masons in Pennsylvania, the mid-year meeting will be held in Central Pennsylvania - Altoona, on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Masonic Hall , 600 Jackson Avenue. The annual meeting will be held on December 13, 2025 at the Scottish Rite Center in Harrisburg at 9:00 AM. Scholarly papers are being prepared for presentation at these meetings. The Lodge is also supporting a special lecture to be presented at the upcoming Academy of Masonic Knowledge. All Masons are invited to join with us in our effort to seek greater light and knowledge

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

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Jack H. Speece, WM
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Job's Daughters

Bethel 16, Chambersburg, Pa.

Delaney Stains, Honor Queen

Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at George Washington Lodge #143

Bethel 19, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Janeese Hawkins, Honor Queen

Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays at Eureka-West Shore Lodge #302

Fraternal greeting from PA Job's Daughter's,

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Bethel 16, Chambersburg ended the year on a great positive note by initiating 4 new members on the December 22nd. The Daughters have been working hard to promote our organization.

If you know of a young lady between the age of 10 and 19 that could benefit from joining a youth group that focuses on leadership skills, charity to others, and personal growth there are two Bethels in our Masonic District: Bethel 19 in Mechanicsburg and Bethel 16 Chambersburg.

Did someone say BINGO?!?! Join us on Jan 25th from 11 to 4 at the York Masonic Center for the Job's Daughters Vendor Bingo. Tickets are \$20.00 and go to supporting the daughters' activities throughout the year.

Miss Job's Daughters scholarship pageant is fast approaching. Delaney S. (from Bethel 16, Chambersburg) is our current Miss and has been traveling the state promoting Job's Daughters. She has done an outstanding job! Delaney will be handing off her title on April 5th in Elizabethtown. Who will be next is unknown but these daughters need our help raising scholarship money for pageant. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,
Gregory R Culp
PA Associate Jurisdictional Guardian
Acacia Lodge # 586 Waynesboro
717-752-8069



**Jurisdictional Guardian Council of
Pennsylvania Job's Daughters
International
2025 Miss Job's Daughter Scholarship Pageant**

The 55th Annual Miss Job's Daughter Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 7:30 PM in the Brossman Ballroom, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. The primary function of this annual event is to raise funds for scholarships that will be awarded to members of Pennsylvania Job's Daughters at their annual session next year.

Education is a very important part of life for today's youth and as we are all aware, the costs of education increase every year. . **An interesting fact, for the 2024-2025 academic year, the average cost for one year tuition for college students in Pennsylvania alone is approximately \$16000.** I would like you to consider being a sponsor for the 2025 Miss Job's Daughter Scholarship Pageant Please note, the daughters are also asked to obtain donations for this event, and it is quite possible that you may receive a personal letter to sponsor a young lady directly.

A special section of the Program Booklet has been set aside to recognize all sponsors.

THE CONEY ISLAND	\$100.00
DANGER DOG	\$75.00
CHEESE DOG	\$50.00
CORN DOG	\$25.00
CLASSIC FRANK	\$10.00
PATRON LISTING	anything below \$10.00

Please make all checks payable to " JGC" and list in the memo section - 2025 MJD Pageant. Acknowledgment in the Pageant program for all checks received by February 16, 2025.

Your attendance would also be appreciated. Tickets for this event may be purchased at the door.

Again, thank you for your support of our scholarship program.

Fraternally,

Angie Pickel, Pageant Chair
219 E Franklin St
Greencastle, PA 17225
Email: pickelang@gmail.com

Widows Sons

Marked & Hewn - Chambersburg

President Rich "Meat" Kline - Meets Second Sunday of each month at 3:00 PM

Temple Guard - Carlisle/Mechanicsburg

President Russ "Scooter" Miller - Meets First Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM

Website: <https://pawsmra.org>

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 held in October, we are still very busy spreading Freemasonry through the motorcycling community.

The upcoming year is already shaping up to be a busy one for the Widows Sons. The 2025 Grand Master Ride is well into the planning stage and will be held August 1 - 3, 2025, in the Reading, Pa. area.

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 Fraternaly,
Rich "Meat" Kline, PM
President, Marked & Hewn Chapter

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Russ "Scotter" Miller, PM
President, Temple Guard Chapter

BINGO

York Masonic Center
400 Masonic Drive York, PA 17406

January 25, 2025

Vendors open 10:00 am

Bingo begins at 11:30 am

There will be a lunch break after the first 10 games with food for sale and time to browse the vendors. After the last Bingo game, doors will remain open for ½ hour for additional vendor browsing time. Tickets are \$20.00 for 20 games.

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For tickets contact your local Job's Daughters Bethel or email Mindi at mkw2192@comcast.net or AletaAnn at aletaann@yahoo.com



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