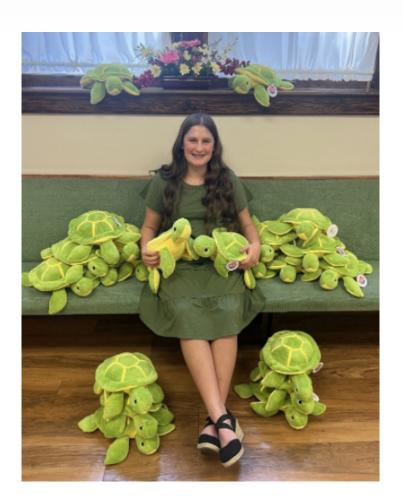


## The District 3 Dispatch



Who Doesn't Want to Adopt a Turtle!

PA Job's Daughter HIKE Coordinator Emma H with a few of the turtles available for adoption. If you are interested in an adoption, please contact Brother Greg Culp.

## **Newsletter Index**

From the Desk of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM, Third Masonic District From the Desk of Brother Kenneth W. Womack, P.M. Principal, 3rd Masonic District SOI Around the District

Be An Active Member!

Masonic Insight

George Washington Lodge No. 143

Carlisle Lodge No. 260

Orrstown Lodge No. 262

Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302

Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

Acacia Lodge No. 586

Mount Zion Lodge No. 774

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Job's Daughters

Widows Sons

#### 2025 Official Visit Schedule

361 – February 13

586 - February 21

262 - March 13 (Oyster Dinner)

143 – April 11 with the Grand Master

443 - March 18

315 – April 3

302 – April 7

260 - April 15

774 – May 12

Notes from the Editor: Please submit you 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!

November is a month of giving thanks! We as Freemasons need to remember our departed Brethren and their widows. They supported their spouses as they practiced the Craft. There were many evenings they remained home while their husbands attended Lodge. We as Freemasons should not forget the sacrifice they made. A short phone call from the Lodge would show that we care for them and demonstrate respect for their departed husband, our Brother. Better yet deliver a fruit basket or some flowers to brighten their day.

Saint John's Day next is rapidly approaching. The incoming Worshipful Masters are getting ready to start an exciting year in their lives. Being a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, especially in District 3 is one of the most rewarding experiences in a man's life. Each incoming Worshipful Master has put together his plan for his term and how he is going to execute

this plan. When they leave the East, their name will be listed among the Worshipful Masters that have went before them as part of the Lodge history. The Lodge will be better for having them as Worshipful Master!

Be safe as you travel to your various activities and functions. Have an excellent Thanksgiving! I will see you soon along the Freemasonry trail.

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,

We are rapidly moving toward the end of the 2025 Masonic year and all the things that have to be done associated with that. Among these, DDGM Jeffrey R. Miller is requiring all Lodges to do the election of officers for Masonic year 2026 in November and to do it using the ballot box. In addition, per a December 28, 2023 edict by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, all Blue Lodges must conduct open installation ceremonies for Masonic Years 2026, "subject to all the rules and protocols as established by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and defined by the Director of the Ritualistic Work and taught by the Schools of Instruction."

At the District 3 SOI on October 27, Orrstown Lodge No. 262 presented an excellent exemplification for "Election of Officers" using the ballot box, found in the current ritual book on pages 85-90. This exemplification included modifications to this ritual, which permit the use

of a single table of tellers with ballots for all officer positions. If a representative of your Lodge was unable to attend this SOI session, I recommend you contact one of the SOI Principals to attend your Lodge November rehearsal, so you are prepared to do the election of officers using the approved procedure.

At the November SOI on November 23, Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 will cover the Open Installation for Lodge Officers in detail. Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, Jr., Ritualistic Instructor, Region 2 will be in attendance for this SOI. If your Lodge would like to have a principal attend your November rehearsal, please let one of the principals know and we will make every effort to attend.

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.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you at our next SOI on Monday, November 24.

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





Join the festivities by dressing up in costume or decorating your vehicle.

# Orrstown Lodge #262, in conjunction with Valley Forest #145

WHEN: Friday, October 31, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: In the parking lot of the Orrstown

Masonic Lodge, 3442 Orrstown Rd. Orrstown, PA

Brothers and family members are encouraged to attend and distribute treats to the trick-or-treaters in the community. Brothers come out and participate in this community building event.



#### Grand Lodge of Pa. Schedule

2025 District 3 School Of Instruction Schedule Monthly SOI Meetings @ 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 27** Election of Officers (Ballot Box) - Lodge No. 262

**Nov. 24** Open Installation of Officers - Lodge No. 443

**Dec. 22** Business of the Lodge - Incoming Masters

\*Mount Zion Lodge No. 774

#### **REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

DATE LOCATION

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

#### **REGION 2 OFFICER TRAINING SEMINARS**

DATE & LOCATION(S)

Saturday, September 13, 2025 Valley of Harrisburg, AASR 2701 North 3rd Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

**Saturday, September 27, 2025** York Masonic Center 400 Masonic Drive York, Pa 17406

**Saturday, October 4, 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 October 27, 2025. The work of the evening will be Election of Officers (Ballot Box) - Lodge No. 262.

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.



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

#### The Guide



The Guide is responsible for helping a new member (candidate) navigate his journey through Freemasonry, focusing on his personal and educational development rather than just the ritual work. The Guide's duties include counseling the candidate before and after each degree, explaining the symbolic meaning and philosophy of the fraternity, and ensuring the candidate understands the lessons and traditions of Masonry. The Guide also helps the candidate prepare for any necessary examinations to advance in the degrees.

#### Responsibilities of a Masonic Candidate Guide

- Provide guidance and counseling: A Candidate Counselor serves as a point of contact to advise the candidate on their Masonic experience.
- Explain Masonic teachings: The Guide helps explain the symbolic importance of the degrees and other teachings to the candidate.
- Assist with ritual work: In some cases, the Guide works with the candidate to prepare for examinations, though the specific ritual instruction is typically handled by a ritual coach.
- Explain history and philosophy: The Guide educates the candidate on the history and philosophy of the fraternity.
- Serve as a friend and advisor: The Guide's role is to be a supportive and trusted resource for the new Mason.

#### Duties of other officers and members

- Lodge Education Officer: Oversees the candidate's education program, assigns instructors, and monitors the quality of instruction.
- Instructors: Teach the candidate the ritual work required for each degree and provide instruction on its meaning and application.
- Ritual Coach: Instructs the candidate on the necessary ritual examinations to advance to the next degree.

## 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,

George Washington Lodge No. 143 will hold its November Stated Meeting on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at 74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA. During the meeting we will be holding our election of officers by ballot box.

A meal will be served beforehand at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is by donation. Our program for the evening will be during the dinner hour. Elizabeth Cooper from the PA Department of Veteran Affairs will be giving a presentation. During her presentation, she will be joined by a guest, Eric Haskins of Central PA Honor Flight.

We will be having an Extra Meeting on November 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to confer an Entered Apprentice Mason Degree and Fellowcraft Mason Degree on Noah Spencer Johnson and Garrett Robert Parham. Please join us that evening in welcoming these candidates into Free Masonry.

Additionally, our lodge has a blood drive organized and planned with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank for Friday November 21, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Everyone who comes out and donates will receive a certificate for a free pint of Bruster's Ice Cream. If you have not donated blood, this is a great opportunity.

Sincerely and Fraternally, 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: July 12, 2025

Greetings from the East,

I mentioned in last month's entry how glorious it was to have college football back in its full sway, along with a parenthetical cheer for my alma mater's Nittany Lions. Please take care not to remind this Worshipful Master how the Nittany Lions' season is going. As far as he is concerned, college football has never existed. Nope. Never heard of it. Despite the agony of being a hopeless sports fan, I reflect that this is nonetheless my favorite time of year. As autumn breezes work their way down the Cumberland Valley, bringing with them a sluice of flame-hued foliage, I am deeply thankful for the blessings of Freemasonry and the brotherhood we have shared thus far this year.

Our lodge spent a pleasant evening prior to our stated meeting on October 21 sharing stories of Carlisle's Masonic past through the lens of some of our historical artifacts and documents. By far my favorite item I was able to share with our Brethren was found in the record book of St. John's Lodge No. 260 (one of Carlisle No. 260's two predecessor lodges). In the elegant script of the lodge secretary was one single line in the summer of 1863, during the Confederate incursion into the Keystone State: "No Meeting was held on the 19th of Jun, the Town being Invaded by the Rebels."

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 will hold its stated meeting at our usual gathering place. At 6:30 PM, we will meet in the social hall for our annual recognition of the veterans of our lodge and our community. Our meal will be a traditional Thanksgiving-style feast. The meeting will follow, beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. Our extra meeting will be held the following night, Wednesday, November 19. Please join us that evening at 6:30 PM as we welcome two new candidates – Quinton C. DeBeer and Joseph C. Gudalis – into the ranks of Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

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: June 7, 2025



Greetings from the East,

November is here already and soon Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holiday will be upon us!

Our November meeting this year is going to be a little different than others. Being back in Orrstown, and back to a Moon Lodge schedule, means that our November stated meeting will be held October 30th. This is because the first full moon of November is the first Wednesday, backing our meeting up to the last Thursday in October. This will also occur a couple times in 2026. Orrstown Lodge will also be hold-

ing a community even on Friday, October 31st. See below for our Trunk-or-Treat being held in our parking lot.

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

Join the festivities by dressing up in costume or decorating your vehicle. As Orrstown Lodge #262, in conjunction with Valley Forest #145, on Friday, October 31, 2025, starting at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in the parking lot of the Orrstown Masonic Lodge, 3442 Orrstown Rd. Orrstown, PA will hold a Trunk or Treat for the Orrstown community. Brothers and family members are encouraged to attend and distribute treats to the trick or treaters in the community. Brothers come out and participate in this community building event.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Brother Carl F. Calder, PM 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

Greetings from the South,

A Stated Meeting of Big Spring Lodge, No. 361, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, 17055, on Monday evening, November 3, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Brother William C. Olsen, JW Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302

## EUREKA – WEST SHORE LODGE NO. 302 CONTINENTAL HUNT 2026





Saturday, January 31, 2026

MARTZ'S GAP VIEW HUNTING PRESERVE

610 GAME FARM ROAD

DALMATIA, PA 17017

THIS IS AN ALL DAY EVENT. COST IS \$350.00 PER GUN, 22 GUNS MINIMUM, 33 GUNS MAXIMUM, 10 PHEASANTS PER GUN, LUNCH IS PROVIDED, A ROUND OF WOBBLE TOSS, THEN A WALK UP FOR PHEASANT. THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE WALK UP, FOR THE DOG AND THE HANDLER.

RSVP AND PAYMENT IN FULL TO: SCOTT S FOGLE BY JANUARY 15, 2026 @ 717 648 5528 FEEL FREE TO CALL OR TEXT QUESTIONS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN AT LEAST A MONTH IN ADVANCE.

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE LODGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND!!

## **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 Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1486480571653567

Ladies Night: June 14, 2025

#### Brethren,

A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting, the Annual Memorial Dinner in honor of Brother J. Sheldon VanSyoc will be served in the social hall at 6:30 p.m. Spouses are cordially invited to attend, and a program for the Ladies will be presented following dinner while the Lodge is in session.

The evening's Lodge program will include the recognition of our Veterans and Past Masters, as well as the Election of Officers for the 2026 Masonic Year. Brethren are encouraged to attend as we gather in fellowship to honor our departed Brother, pay tribute to those who have served our nation and our Lodge, and prepare for another productive year in the work of the Craft.

Sincerely and fraternally, Bro. 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, November 13, 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, will be held at the Masonic Temple, Third Floor of the Truist Bank, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, 17225, on Thursday evening, November 20, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely and Fraternally, 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.

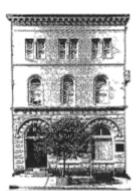
Worshipful Master: Brother John E. Shaffer, PM

Website: http://acacia586.org/

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

Ladies Night: May 10, 2025

Greetings from the East,



A Stated Meeting of Acacia Lodge No. 586 Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 33 West Main St., Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, 17233, on Friday evening, November 21, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greetings, Brother John E. Shaffer, PM

## 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,

A Stated Meeting of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774 Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 311 N Second St., McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, 17233, on Monday evening, November 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

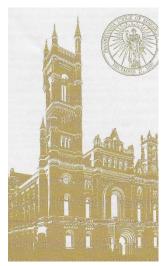
Fraternal Greeting, William S. Hoffman, PM Worshipful Master

## 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.

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will be celebrating its 25th year in 2025. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Blue Room of the Scottish Rite building in Harrisburg. In addition to our election and installation of officers, a Masonic paper will be presented. All masons are encouraged to attend.

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 Fraternally, Jack H. Speece, WM Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

## Job's Daughters

#### Bethel 16, Chambersburg, Pa.

Hannah Shank, 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

Hello from PA Job's Daughter's,

Happy Thanksgiving! The Bethels are gearing up for a month of thanks and giving. Most of the bethels will celebrate this month, with a meal of Thanks before or after their second meeting, which is closest to Thanksgiving.

The Jurisdictional Bethel will be having a fun filled weekend at Patton Campus on November 14-16. Jurisdictional Bethel Honored Queen Delany S. has been planning activities for the girls to enjoy throughout the Nashville Themed weekend.

Emma H. from Bethel 16, who is our very own PA Daughter HIKE Coordinator 2025 – 2026, has been busy planning a hike through the Elizabethtown Masonic Village on Saturday, November 15. The goal for this HIKE event is to raise money for children in need of hearing devises. Emma is also having turtle adoptions to raise money for HIKE. With each adoption you will receive a stuffed turtle and adoption certificate. Please consider a helping with this worth cause to benefit kids in need of hearing assisted devises.

Bethel 16 will be holding their installation of Bethel Officers at the end of November at the George Washington Lodge, Chambersburg. Miss Reagan S, daughter of Brother Jason and Sarah Stains, will be installed as Honored Queen. Please watch for more information at your local Lodge.

Members of Bethel 16 are taking orders for their 3rd Annual Apple Dumpling Fundraiser. Each dumpling is homemade with Jobie Love by the Daughters and Council members, and only local apples are used. Orders will be available for pick up the week of December 7th. Each dumpling is \$5.00. If you would like to support their fundraiser, please reach out to me at 717-752-8069.

Fraternally, Gregory R. Culp PA Associate Jurisdictional Guardian SW Acacia Lodge # 586

#### Promoting Job's Daughters within our Masonic Family

Left: Miss Pennsylvania Job's Daughters Georgia and Greg attended the Birthday Banquet for Sychar Shrine No. 36, White Shrine of Jerusalem on October 18.

Right: Junior Miss Pennsylvania Job's Daughter, Kathleen W and Greg attended the Associate Grand Conductress Testimonial, Order of Eastern Star on October 11.







Left: Pennsylvania Job's Daughter HIKE Coordinator Emma H with a few of the turtles available for adoption. If you are interested in adoption, please let Greg know. These would make perfect Christmas or birthday gifts for someone special.

Below: Apple Dumpling Fundraiser last year....you don't want to miss getting these delicious treats baked with Jobie Love!!



## **Widows Sons**

#### Marked & Hewn - Chambersburg

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

#### Temple Guard - Carlisle/Mechanicsburg

President Mike "Big Stick" Weibley, PM - Meets Third Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM

Website: https://pawsmra.org



Greetings from the Widows Sons,

Riding season is now upon us. If you have a desire to ride with like minded Master Masons, and share the Masonic life with other motorcycle riders, please contact one of the Widow Sons chapters near you. With many charity rides planned by many of the state chapters and our annual fall gathering held in October, we are busy spreading Freemasonry though the motorcycling community.

The upcoming year is already shaping up to be a busy one for the Widows Sons. The 2025 Grand Master Ride was held in great weather and was a huge success. Again this year being held in Gettysburg, PA.

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 Sincerely and Fraternally, Michael "Big Stick" Weibley, PM President, Temple Guard Chapter



Copyright 2025 - 3rd Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master

Editor: Brother Carl F. Calder, PS ccalder@pagrandlodge.org