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The District 3 Dispatch



Welcome our new DDGM, Brother Timothy C. Dedman!

On December 27, 2025, Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, PDDGM handed off the huge responsibility of District Deputy Grand Master for the 3rd Masonic District to Brother Timothy C. Dedman, PM.

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Notes from the Editor: Please submit
your inputs for next month NLT the
27th unless you have pending activi-
ties that you want to include.

Event Announcements

Events will be updated in the next issue.

From the Desk of Brother Timothy C. Dedman

District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District



Brethren of the 3rd Masonic District,

I write this, my first contribution to our District Newsletter, having just returned from the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Open Installation of our new Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Robert D. Brink. This gathering also marked the beginning of new terms of office for lodge officers across the Commonwealth. Whether newly installed or continuing in your role, we now begin a new Masonic year with the opportunity to reflect, recalibrate, and recommit ourselves to the work before us.

It is with a full heart and great humility that I begin my service as your District Deputy Grand Master.

Before looking ahead, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, Past District Deputy Grand Master, for his six years of dedicated service to the 3rd Masonic District. His steady leadership and commitment deserve our recognition and gratitude.

As Grand Master Brink begins his term, several changes have already taken effect. I will address these more fully at our next School of Instruction; however, a few require your immediate attention as they directly impact lodge operations.

First, we have returned to the use of a single black ball of dissent on petitions for initiation and membership. It is essential that lodge officers understand both the spirit and the proper handling of this process. A black ball should never be dropped without cause or explanation. Any brother who has concerns regarding a petitioner has a responsibility to voice those concerns to the Committee of Inquiry or to contact me directly so that I may serve as the single dissenting voice if necessary. Lodge officers must also know the correct procedure should a black ball appear. This expectation underscores why I have asked Worshipful Masters to ensure that all three pillar officers and at least one lodge instructor attend each School of Instruction.

Second, it is the intent of the Grand Lodge to discontinue extensions for late dues payments. We will use the remainder of the 2026 dues cycle to clearly reset expectations with our members. Beginning with the 2027 dues year, any member delinquent in dues payment will have his name read at the January stated meeting, with a vote to suspend occurring in February following Due Notice.

For the remainder of the 2026 dues collection, I am requiring that a data sheet be completed for each delinquent member, detailing specific efforts made to contact the brother. This form must be signed by the Membership Chair, Worshipful Master, and Secretary, and submitted to me for approval prior to any vote to suspend for non-payment of dues. As a reminder, a brother who has not paid his 2026 dues is not in good Masonic standing and may not participate in any Masonic activities until his dues are received by the lodge Secretary.

More broadly, I encourage every lodge to reflect on how we engage our members throughout the year—not only at dues time. Each lodge should strive to personally contact every member at least once annually, outside of dues collection, to inquire into his interests, well-being, and any needs he or his family may have. Our Almoner Funds exist for this very purpose and should be used to support our brethren when needed.

Finally, as all prior edicts sunset with the installation of a new Grand Master, the requirement to confer the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees on the same night has been eliminated. Any combined degrees, one-day classes, or similar formats now require a dispensation. Lodges that already have combined degree work scheduled should contact me immediately. Otherwise, this change is effective at once.

In closing, when I became a Freemason, I envisioned a fraternity committed to excellence—one that would challenge me to grow and provide opportunities to become a better man. I am grateful for the brethren who have helped shape my journey, just as each of us continues his own. Growth does not happen by accident. It requires intention, effort, and shared commitment.

My hope is that the lodges of the 3rd Masonic District will strive for excellence in all we do and continue to build lodges where men can learn, grow, and belong. This work will not be accomplished overnight, but I firmly believe it is both achievable and sustainable. I invite you to join me in this endeavor.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Timothy C. Dedman
District Deputy Grand Master
Masonic District 3



From the Desk of Brother Daniel K. Confer, P.M.

Principal, Third Masonic District School of Instruction



Brethren,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas season and that the New Year brings happiness, well-being and hopefully, prosperity, but certainly contentment.

I want to thank all those who supported the school during the last six years. Given the pandemic, a lot of new ritual, and changing schedules, it was a busy, and often a difficult and frustrating time. But we kept things moving. Most of the credit for that goes to the assistant principals, Brothers Scott Fogle, Dan Confer, Rick Miller and Ed Stenger. These Brothers are the real source of ritual expertise in District Three. I am sure they, along with any new assistant principals appointed, will continue to provide that same ritual expertise to new SOI Principal Brother Dan Confer.

Based on my experience during the last six years, I want to offer a few comments in the spirit of improving the work of the SOI. The SOI is no longer my rodeo, and I am sure you will get more specific guidance from the new DDGM and from Brother Dan. But I want to suggest some “New Year’s Resolutions.” This is not “official” guidance, but simply my observations based on six years’ experience and are aimed primarily at the Lodges.

As originally envisioned, Lodges in the District would be assigned the work for the evening and would then exemplify that work at the SOI. Due to the pandemic, changes to the ritual, or issues within Lodges, fewer and fewer Lodges who came prepared to effectively exemplify the work. The SOI became the place where the exemplifying Lodge looked at the ritual for the first time. That approach required a lot of time and essentially hampered the learning that refines floor work and ritual delivery. I certainly bear some of the responsibility for this.

Although the SOI is now in Brother Dan Confer’s care, I want to suggest some “New Year’s Resolutions,” aimed primarily at the Lodges and their officers.

- One Lodge Instructor for each Lodge should attend SOI each month. This is the best way to make sure the ritual and floor work is consistent across the district, and the word “gets out.”
- The Lodge responsible for the work should rehearse before SOI. Each Lodge should ensure that it has sufficient Brethren necessary to fill the chairs needed for the work exemplified. If you need help, coordinate with another Lodge (before the meeting) to get someone.

- If during rehearsal, if there are questions about the ritual being correct, contact the SOI Principal, before the meeting, to get questions answered.
- Ask an SOI Principal to come to your rehearsal.
- Make good ritual a priority in your Lodge.

Brethren, thank you for your support during the past six years. I look forward to sitting with you on the sidelines during SOI.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Brother Kenneth W. Womack, PM





GRAND LODGE

of PENNSYLVANIA

2026 District 3 School Of Instruction Schedule Monthly SOI Meetings @ 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 26: Business of the Lodge, including long opening & closing, reception of DDGM, 50-year pin presentation, and balloting for initiation & membership. - Responsibility: Lodge No. 774

Feb. 23: Entered Apprentice Degree, with a focus on mechanics around the altar (SD & SW specifically) and WM's mechanics with working tools. - Responsibility: Lodge No. 586

Mar. 23: Fellow Craft Degree, with a focus on mechanics around the altar (SW specifically) and WM's mechanics with working tools. - Responsibility: Lodge No. 443

Apr. 27: Master Mason Degree, with a focus on mechanics around the altar (SW specifically) and in holy ground (SMC/JMC/SW/JW). - Responsibility: Lodge No. 361

May 18: (Adjust for Memorial Day weekend) Table Lodge, Masonic Protocol (exemplifying proper grips & signs). - Responsibility: Lodge No. 315

Aug. 24: *Assuming Low Vale in September 2026* Master Mason Degree with Low Vale degree team. - Responsibility: Low Vale degree team. (260?)

Sep. 28: Funeral Service, Examination of a Visitor - Responsibility: Lodge No. 262

Oct. 26: Guide Clinic - Responsibility: Lodge No. 302.

Nov. 16: Election and Installation of Officers. - Responsibility: Lodge No. 143

Dec. 21: Business of the Lodge, as in January of 2026. - Responsibility: Incoming WM's

REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

DATE LOCATION

Regional School of Instruction
Saturday March 28, 2026
Harrisburg Consistory

REGION 2 OFFICER TRAINING SEMINARS

DATE & LOCATION(S)

Region 2 Secretary/Treasurer Seminar
Saturday, February 28, 2026
Harrisburg Consistory
All Secretaries and Treasurers are required to attend

Regional Officer Training
Saturday September 19, 2026
Harrisburg Consistory

DISTRICT 3 LOW VALE

Hold the Date
District 3 Low Vale
September 16, 2026
Location TBD

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 26, 2026. The work of the evening will be Business of the Lodge, including long opening & closing, reception of DDGM, 50-year pin presentation, and balloting for initiation & membership, presented by Lodge No. 774.

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

Role of the Junior Master of Ceremonies



In Pennsylvania Freemasonry, the Junior Master of Ceremonies (JMC) is a distinct appointed officer with unique duties, primarily managing the Preparing-Room door, attending to candidates' needs, answering alarms at that door, and assisting with the Opening/Closing and ceremonial aspects during degrees, especially for the Entered Apprentice (EA) degree, distinguishing PA's ritual. They work alongside the Senior Master of Ceremonies (SMC) and are key to the specific "Ancient" ritualistic practices of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Key Duties of the JMC in PA:

- **Door Management:** Controls the Preparing-Room door, answering alarms and admitting candidates/members as directed.
- **Candidate Preparation:** Assists the Senior Master of Ceremonies in preparing candidates for degrees, particularly the EA degree.
- **Ceremonial Role:** Participates in the display of swords and other unique ceremonial actions during the EA degree.
- **Logistical Support:** May bring attendance slips to the Secretary and generally helps facilitate the flow of the lodge meeting.

How it Differs (PA vs. Other Jurisdictions):

- Pennsylvania has three "rooms" (Preparing, Middle, and Outer) for degree work, unlike many other jurisdictions.
- The JMC's role is much more active and ritualistic in PA compared to other places where the SMC and JMC might only handle candidate prep.

In essence, the JMC is a crucial, hands-on officer for managing the preparatory phase and ensuring the smooth execution of degrees, reflecting Pennsylvania's unique Masonic tradition.

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 Thomas J. Papoutsis

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

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

Ladies Night: TBA

Greetings from the East,

December was an incredible month. We held our open installation of officers on Friday December 12, 2025, to a full lodge. It was incredible to see the sidelines of the lodge full of Brethren, family and friends. I would like to thank everyone who came to the Open Installation to support the incoming officers. For 2026 we have an amazing officer line that is motivated and ready to work. And, on St. Johns Day, Past Master Nathan J Neil and I met for lunch, where the gavel was officially passed at 12 noon.

Our January stated meeting will be held on January 9, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at 74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA. A meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program for the evening will be Introduction of Officers and the Worshipful Master's Goals and Objectives for the new Masonic Year.

In addition to our stated meeting, we will also have an extra meeting on January 15th at 7:00pm when we will be conferring two Master Mason degrees. Please join us and help us raise our two newest Master Masons



Sincerely and Fraternally,
Thomas J. Papoutsis
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: TBA

Greetings from the East,

On behalf of Carlisle Lodge No. 260, I wish all our friends across the district a prosperous New Year! We earnestly look forward to the promises of A.D. 2026 – or A.L. 6026, as it is known in the Craft. I also would like to extend my welcome to the new Junior Wardens, Senior Wardens, and Worshipful Masters elected to serve their lodges for this year.

Our lodge would like to offer its thanks to Bro. Jeffrey R. Miller, Past District Deputy Grand Master on the conclusion of his term. Your tireless labor on behalf of Freemasonry has encouraged us all to not only be better Masons, but to be better men. Our district is indebted to you for your service. The lodge also sends its congratulations to our new District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Timothy C. Dedman! Carlisle Lodge No. 260 is eager to work under your leadership and pursue your example of dedication to the Masonic Brotherhood.

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 will hold its stated meeting at our usual gathering place. At 6:30 PM, we will meet in the social room for a traditional New Years-style meal of pork and sauerkraut. The meeting will follow, beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. Bro. Kenneth W. Womack, PM will deliver a “Rusty Mason” talk, where we’ll discuss small adjustments we can make in our lodge ritual, floorwork, and protocol to create a sharper appearance for us all. Note that there will be no extra meeting this month.

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 James W. Sleighter, PM

Website: <https://orrstown262.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OrrstownLodgeNo262>

Ladies Night: TBA



Greetings from the East in Orrstown, PA:

I hope all Brethren and their families have had tidings and joy this holiday season.

It is definitely a bittersweet moment to assume the East again (3rd time's the charm). I am very excited that we are back in Orrstown and we are making great progress in developing plans to properly use our new space in a historic year of the 250th year anniversary of our country and our upcoming 175 Lodge anniversary in 2027. As a Moon Lodge, we were to meet on New Year's Day, but with a Special Dispensation from Grand Lodge our meeting day will be Saturday January 3, 2026 at 10:30 am. We will be having a full breakfast from 8:30am-10:00am. The program during the Stated Meeting will be an informative education of the history of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Orrstown. (Our now Lodge).

Our Officer Line is strong and several new member petitions are on their way. This month will be soon over and our next Stated Meeting will be Thursday February 26, 2026 at 7:30pm. This night will be the Official Visit of our newly installed District Deputy Grand Master Timothy C. Dedman and a night to honor our 50 year members. I must also say that in short order, it is evident that DDGM Dedman has Orrstown's successful interest as a part of his goals. We are in Great hands under his leadership.

When I was Master in 2011 & 2012, we never had this District Newsletter. I see this as a great thing to support each other. Moreover, I profess that we, ABSOLUTELY, support each other for EXTRA Meetings! A candidate should come into a room and be supported by a full lodge room. If a candidate is welcomed immediately they will return. If no one is there.... they will only ask themselves, "Why, and whatfore, did I join." We are no longer 2B1ASK1. Orrstown will be putting all energy into bringing back excitement to bringing back our own members to participate in Lodge and to acquire new members that want to be a part of a great fraternal organization. Freemasonry is just that!

Open Invite - strategically, but Guard the West Gate. Onward and Upward.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Brother James W. Sleighter, 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 Freddy X. Lebron

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

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

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

Ladies Night: TBA

Greetings from the South,

Brethren, a successful December Stated meeting and Open Installation was held on Monday, December 1st, 2025 at 7:30 P.M. where good fellowship was had by all. We are excited to extend a warm welcome to our Worshipful Master Elect, Brother Freddy X. Lebron and are ready for a great 2026! Thank you to our current Worshipful Master, Brother James C. McElhenie, Jr. WM for a successful 2025!

Our January Stated Meeting will be held on Monday, January 5th, 2025 at 7:30 P.M. If you would like to attend the fellowship dinner preceding the meeting, RSVP yourself and any guests not later than Friday, January 2nd by texting or calling Bro. Kenneth L. Rapp at (717) 364-7840.

An extra meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7th, 2025 and Thursday, January 8th, 2025 where Brother Robert W. Bucher III and Brother Joseph R. Bucher will be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. An Entered Apprentice degree will be conferred for candidate Steven Craig Biggs. Come on out and show your support of our newly raised brethren, our new candidate, and the ritual team!

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

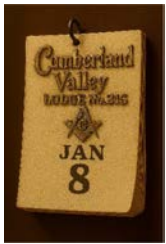
Website: <http://lodge315.org/>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1486480571653567>

Ladies Night: TBA

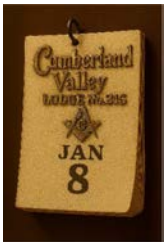
Brethren,

Stated Meeting



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, January 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. Please note the date change, as New Year's Day falls on the first Thursday of the month. Prior to the meeting, light refreshments will be served in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be "Introduction of Officers and Symbolism in Freemasonry," presented by John R. Ridgway, Worshipful Master.

Extra Meeting



An Extra Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The Entered Apprentice Mason Degree will be conferred upon Thomas Franklin Mills. By order of Brother John R. Ridgway, Worshipful Master.

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: TBA



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 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

The program for January will be presented by Bro Wheeler Hammontree on the legend of St Reinold, patron of opera-

tive Masons.

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: TBA

Greetings from the East,

A stated meeting on January 20th at 7:30 above the Truist bank

Program for the evening will be a short talk on the lamb skin presentation by Bro Toby Stoner WM PM.

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.

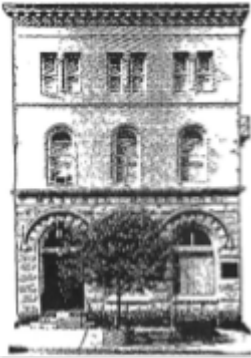
Worshipful Master: Brother Gregory R. Culp

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

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

Ladies Night: TBA

Greetings from the East,



It is my honor to introduce myself as your Worshipful Master for 2026. My name is Gregory R. Culp and I reside in Bendersville Pa with my Lady Melinda and son Nataniel who is also a brother of Acacia. I look forward to this year as we not only have stated and extra meetings planned but traveling, fundraisers, community events and fellowship this upcoming year as well. I would like to thank everyone who attended our open installation in December and would invite you to attend an upcoming meeting or event. We will be posting them in the lodge notice and in my articles.

Our January stated meeting will be on the 16th at 7:30 pm with a meal and fellowship beginning at 6:30pm. Brother Dennis R. McClanahan PM and Brother D. Lamar Sease PM will provide our program (funeral service and examination of a visitor) for the evening.

On Tuesday January 20th at 7:00 pm we will introduce candidate Joesph M. Tanner to Entered Apprentice Degree. Your attendance to both January meetings would be appreciated.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to attend and represent Acacia Lodge at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia where the Grand Lodge Officers took their oaths for the next 2 years. Our new R.W. Grand Master Robert D. Brink delivered a very nice address to the attendees. Congratulations to our new District 3 DDGM Timothy C. Dedman. You are welcome to attend the DD Grand Masters Presentation on January 17th at 7:00 pm being held at the Eureka West Shore Lodge in Mechanicsburg.

Fraternal Greetings,
Brother Gregory R. Culp
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 William S. Hoffman, PM

Ladies Night: TBA

Greetings from the East,

Mount Zion Lodge No. 774 will hold its January Stated Meeting on Monday, January 12 at 7:30PM at 311 North Second Street, McConnellsburg, PA. Sloppy Joe's will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30PM. The program for the evening will be "Masonic Memories" presented by Brother Robert C. Snyder, II, PM, PDDGM.

We hope that you can join us for our meal, fellowship, and meeting to follow.

Fraternal Greeting,
William S. Hoffman, PM
Worshipful Master

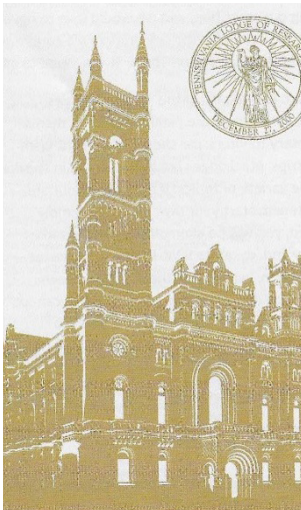
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

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 No. 1 extends fraternal greetings to our brethren across Pennsylvania's 3rd Masonic district. At the December meeting the lodge heard paper presentations from Bro. Jack Speece and Bro. Justin Pearl on masonic knowledge and the anti-masonic conspiracy theorist James Shelby Downard, respectively. As we turn to A.L. 6026, we extend our thanks to Bro. Jack Speece, PM, outgoing worshipful master, and welcome the following elected officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on December 27th, 2025:

WM	Bro. Jerome J. Phillips
SW	Bro. Jason F. Craig
JW	Bro. William L. Britton
Treas	Bro. Donald Cramer
Sec	Bro. Justin Pearl

Our next stated meeting will be held Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Valley of Harrisburg Scottish Rite Cathedral 2701 N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17110, USA, beginning at 10:00 o'clock ante meridian, Eastern Time

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. Justin Pearl, 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,
Jerome Phillips, 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 New Year Brethren! I had the honor of having several members of Job's Daughters attend my open installation of officers at our stated meeting on December 19th. It was awesome to have the daughters and adults attend and support me taking my next step to Worshipful Master in my Masonic journey.

On December 27th the Miss Job's Daughter Georgia S. (Bethel 1 York), Jurisdictional Bethel Honored Queen Delaney S. (Bethel 16, Chambersburg) and Jurisdictional Bethel Senior Princess Samantha B. (Bethel 12, Gettysburg) attend Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Annual Communication and Open Installation of officers in Philadelphia.

To kick off 2026, the Daughters will be gathering on January 2nd – 4th at Patton Campus for their volleyball weekend. We will also be hosting the Job's Daughters International Supreme Team: Supreme Guardian Katie Underwood from Missouri; Supreme Associate Guardian Ken Bright from Delmar; Miss International Job's Daughter Lucinda from Australia; and Supreme Bethel Honored Queen Jacquelyn from Missouri for our official visit.

Fraternally,
Brother Gregory R. Culp
Associate Jurisdictional Guardian



Delaney S, JBHQ of PA; Chris State Master Councilor PA DeMolay; Sarah H. Grand Worthy Advisor PA Rainbow; and Georgia S, PA MJD.



Georgia S, MJD of PA; Gregory Culp AJG of PA; Delaney S, JBHQ of PA; Photo bomber DDGM Jeffrey Miller; Chris from PA DeMolay, and Samantha B, JBSP.

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



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