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PENNSYLVANIA MASONS

The District 3 Dispatch



District 3 at the Sectional School of Instruction

District 3 had a great showing at the recent Sectional School of Instruction.

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2026 Official Visit Schedule

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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

Fall Regional School of Instruction
October 24, 2026
Carlisle Masonic Center
1236 Holly Pike Carlisle, PA 17013

Introductions will begin at 8am. We will be demonstrating the 3rd degree, election, and installation procedures. This Regional School is being held jointly with Region 3.

Additional Regional Schools will take place on August 29th in Pittsburgh and November 14th in Allentown.

All WM, SW, JW, Principals, VPs, and Senior Lodge Instructors are expected to attend one or more of these schools.

From the Desk of Brother Timothy C. Dedman

District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District



Brethren of the “Thriving 3rd” Masonic District,

As I continue my visits throughout the district, I am reminded again and again that the strength of our Fraternity does not lie in our buildings, our numbers, or even our traditions alone—it lives in the hearts and actions of the men who choose to show up, to care, and to remain engaged.

Every lodge experiences seasons. Some seasons bring energy and growth, while others challenge us to reflect on how we remain active and relevant—not only to our current members, but to those within our circles of influence who may one day seek light in Masonry.

A lodge that is asking these questions is not a lodge in decline—it is a lodge that still believes in its future.

If we are to strengthen our lodges and our district, the focus must remain on engagement. When brethren feel connected, valued, and inspired, they return. And when they return with enthusiasm, others begin to take notice.

There are three simple, but powerful, steps every lodge can consider.

First, be intentional about fellowship. The bonds of Masonry are not formed solely within ritual—they are strengthened through conversation, shared experiences, and genuine relationships. Whether before the meeting, after the closing gavel, or at a simple gathering outside the lodge, taking time to truly know one another builds the kind of brotherhood that keeps men coming back.

Second, invest in meaningful Masonic education. Many of our members are searching for more than routine—they are seeking light. Even a brief moment of education during a meeting can reignite curiosity, deepen understanding, and remind us all

why we knocked at the door in the first place.

Third and perhaps most importantly, stay connected to those who are not currently in attendance. Too often, brethren drift away quietly—not from lack of interest, but because life becomes busy. A phone call, a message, or a simple visit to let them know they are remembered and missed can make all the difference. Reconnection is one of the most powerful tools we have.

When lodges focus on fellowship, education, and connection, something remarkable begins to happen. Energy returns. Attendance improves. And perhaps most importantly, the lodge becomes a place that members are proud to speak about in their daily lives.

Each of us carries Masonry beyond the walls of the lodge. In our families, our workplaces, and our communities, we represent the values we have been taught. The most meaningful invitation to join our Fraternity is not spoken—it is lived. If we would all simply live what we profess, there would be lines of applicants wanting the same light.

Brethren, the future of our district will not be determined by circumstance, but by commitment. If each of us takes responsibility for strengthening just one connection, sharing one piece of Masonic light, and reaching out to one brother who has been absent, the impact across this district would be profound.

I am grateful for each of you and for the work you continue to do in your respective lodges. It is an honor to serve as your District Deputy, and I look forward to continuing our shared labor in strengthening the Craft throughout District 3.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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 All:

I hope that you will be able to join us at the next School of Instruction on Monday, April 27th, 2026. Big Spring Lodge No. 361 will exemplify the Master Mason Degree with an emphasis on mechanics at the Altar and in the East. I have received positive feedback from attendees at School of Instruction regarding this year's focus on mechanics. If you have feedback - positive or otherwise - about your experience at School of Instruction, please tell me or the DDGM. The team at School is invested in your success! If you or members of your Lodge are working on certifications, please let me or the DDGM know as soon as possible so we can get someone scheduled to come observe the work. Likewise, the School of Instruction staff are available to attend Lodge rehearsals as needed/requested.

I look forward to seeing you in my travels.!

Sincerely & fraternally,
Brother Daniel K. Confer, PM - Principal District 3 SOI



GRAND LODGE of PENNSYLVANIA

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

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(S)

October 24, 2026
Carlisle Masonic Center

REGION 2 OFFICER TRAINING SEMINARS

DATE & LOCATION(S)

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 April 27, 2026. The work of the evening will be 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.

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!

One of the great benefits of Free Masonry is the fellowship amongst brothers. To this end, we the two 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 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 and the 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.

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)

TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON GOLF UNIT

2026 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>GOLF COURSE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>MEAL</u>
April 30, 2026	9:00AM	<u>Blue Mountain G.C</u> Fredericksburg, PA	\$45.00	Included
May 27, 2026	8:30 AM	<u>Deer Valley</u> Harrisburg, PA	\$40.00	Included
June 25, 2026	9:00 AM	<u>Eagles Crossing G.C.</u> Carlisle, PA	\$40.00	Included
July 30, 2026	9:00 AM	<u>Cumberland G.C.</u> Carlisle, PA	\$45.00	Included
Aug 27, 2026	TBD Tee times	Sunset Golf Club	\$45.00	Included
Sept. 24, 2026	9:00 AM	<u>Royal Oaks G.C.</u> Lebanon, PA	\$45.00	Included
Oct. 15, 2026	9:00 AM	<u>Cool Creek G.C.</u> Wrightsville, PA	\$45.00	Included



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JOHN D. COOK, 33°
Secretary

March 1, 2026

GREETINGS CONSISTORY GOLFERS,

One day 70-degree weather then the next week we have snow, well that's Pennsylvania.

With these warm temperatures every other day, can only mean one thing. It's time to start thinking "GOLF". So dig out those golf clubs, dust them off and hit the driving range.

The first Consistory golf outing will be on Thursday, April 9th, 2026; at Rich Valley Golf Course. Tee time for this shotgun start will be **9am**. Please arrive a half hour early to register and get your cart assignments.

Cost of the outing is \$45.00 which includes golf, cart, and lunch.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALONG A BROTHER MASON TO ENJOY THE DAY

-----CUT OFF-----

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$45.00 FOR THE APRIL 9th OUTING. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CONSISTORY GOLF CLUB" AND RETURN BY APRIL 3rd.

FOURSOME:

Please provide your: Cell Phone Number _____

Email address -----

RETURN TO: TERRY COFFMAN
505 BOWMAN AVENUE
LEWISBERRY, PA 17339-9513

Telephone: 717 576-2642 (c)

Masonic Insight

A Series In Masonic Education

Missing Man Table The Ceremony Explained

This is part 1 of a two part series. Part 2 will be posted in the May edition

By Brother Ralph Onesti
Jerusalem Lodge 506

Now you see it, maybe you don't...a box of tissues moment!

As Masons we enjoy our lodge meetings, our philanthropy, our fraternal outings, our fellowship, and of course, our dinners.

In our dining halls there is a table, sometimes at the back, sometimes at the side with a lonely, empty chair and a place setting.

Those of us who served know exactly what that stands for, some who haven't served may not. In explanation I offer the following:

The Missing Man Table, also known as the "Fallen Comrade Table," is a solemn, symbolic display at military, formal, and remembrance events that honors U.S. service members who are prisoners of war (POW), missing in action (MIA), or have fallen in battle. It is often set for one or six people depending on the room available. It involves ceremonial items like a white cloth, empty chair, inverted glass, and a rose to name a few. It is also present at places that understand and appreciate its significance as in the case of Lodge Fellowship events.

Each item has a specific and special meaning:

- **Empty Chair:** Represents the missing service member who is not present.
- **Round Table:** Symbolizes the lasting concern of families and comrades.
- **White Tablecloth:** Symbolizes the purity of their intentions when serving.
- **Single Red Rose:** Symbolizes the blood shed for freedom and the love of family awaiting their return.
- **Yellow/Red Ribbon:** Represents continued hope and determination to find the missing.
- **Slice of Lemon:** Represents the bitter fate of being captured or missing.
- **Salt:** Represents the countless tears of families.
- **Inverted Glass:** Symbolizes the inability of the missing to share a toast.
- **Bible:** Represents strength through faith.
- **Lighted Candle:** Represents hope for their return, alive or dead.

As a Marine, I and my comrades, know all too well the importance of remembering. When I taught for the Coast Guard while belonging to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, as its Flotilla Commander, I thought at our yearly banquet that I might drive the point home by delivering the Missing Man ceremony.

Instead of just having the table set in advance, we had members in dress uniform, under cover and white-gloved, at the ready, each holding an item to be placed on the table. Each had the opportunity to take part in setting the table.

Picture this:

A room full of members and guests looking on as the Chaplain, flanked by the members taking part, reads the script. At the Chaplain's right, another member holds a bell. All remain standing. The ceremony is short but poignant.

Each time the Chaplain explained a step the word "REMEMBER" is spoken and the bell mournfully rung. While the Chaplain reads the step from the script, the member holding that item proceeds to the table to set it in place. All movements are slow.

I thought how wonderful at a special Masonic Event, this could be done, perhaps by our veterans, perhaps by Lodge Officers.

And here is how it goes:
The Chaplain's script:

The Missing Man Table Ceremony

Those who have served and those currently serving in the uniformed services of the United States are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice.

We are compelled then, to "Never Forget," that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, of deprivation, or of internment.

Let us pause then, to recognize our POW's and MIA's with "The Missing Man Table Ceremony."

See at the front of your room, a table which has been raised to call attention to its purpose, which is to Honor our missing comrades in arms. This table, set for one, is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her oppressors and representing all Americans still missing from each of the five Services: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard as well as civilians.

These brave men and women answered our nation's call and served the Cause of Freedom. This table is a very special way of symbolizing the fact that members of our Armed Forces are missing from our ranks. These ones are referred to as POW's (or prisoners of war) and MIA's (or missing in action); but we call them "BROTHERS." They are unable to be with their loved ones and families here, so we join to pay our humble tribute to them, and bear witness to their continued absence.

We will conclude the "Missing Man Ceremony" in next months issue of the District 3 Dispatch. Join us then!



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: May 16, 2026

Greetings from the East,

The Officers and Brothers of George Washington Lodge No. 143 held our Stated Meeting on March 13th, which was very well attended, with an Awesome presentation by Donna Matuch (Brother Mike Matuch's wife), who spoke on her journey in getting a kidney with the assistance of the Masonic Blood & Organ Donation Program, with Brother Bill Soloway attending via Zoom.

Our March was marred with the loss of Brother Michael S Essis, PM, who transitioned to the Supreme Grand Lodge on March 20th, surrounded by his family, after a short and courageous hard-fought battle with cancer. Brother Mike was very well known in our Masonic community; he was a Mason's Mason who lived out his life in bold fashion. As a two-time Past Master, he was always there to help brethren and the Lodge in any way he could. He truly lived out the Masonic virtues with his compassion, integrity, and charity. Brother Essis was awarded the Grand Master's Outstanding Service Medal in 2018 and the Masonic Service Award in 2025. A Masonic Funeral Service was held the evening of March 27 with approximately 60 Brothers in attendance. I would like to personally thank all of the Brothers that were in attendance.... Mike's widow, Becky, later commented to me how beautiful the ceremony was. He will be sorely missed by our Lodge and the District. Please keep his widow, Becky, their two daughters, and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers.



On a lighter side, GWL #143 held a successful blood drive on March 23rd, doing our part to Give the Gift of Life and help with the critical blood shortage in our area

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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: September 19, 2026

Greetings from the East,

The bonds of brotherhood and friendship drawn by this fraternity are always rewarding, but they seem especially so when those bonds extend themselves beyond the lodge room. At one of the various district events over the past couple months, I had mentioned in passing that I bartended at Michaux Brewing, a small craft brewery in Waynesboro. On a Sunday afternoon not long after, who should appear in the taproom but Bro. Tom Papoutsis, Worshipful Master at George Washington Lodge No. 143. He and a friend sampled our beers, our food, and even my own humble attempt at a cocktail as we discussed local history and our fraternity from either side of the bar. I share this trivial anecdote to remind our Brothers that this Brotherhood doesn't stop when we depart our meeting places – it only begins there. Get to know your fellow Mason, even from other lodges, and spend time with them at more than just stated meetings. As our District Deputy Grand Master has recently reminded us, it's important to be intentional about fellowship. It's what helps Freemasonry flourish, and it helps us flourish as human beings.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, Carlisle Lodge No. 260 will be honored to host an official visit by Bro. Timothy C. Dedman, District Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by officers of the district. I encourage Brethren from across the Thriving Third District to join us that evening, particularly as we honor a number of Carlisle Masons earning their 50-year service award. At 6:30 PM, we will meet in the social room and share a meal of assorted subs and sandwiches. The meeting will follow, beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. 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: June 6, 2026

Hello Brethren of District # 3



Orrstown Lodge is doing what we do best, solid fellowship and offering great programs. Our March meeting was no different. Ron Harshman, PM presented a spectacular program on Tall Cedars and it was well received. I would encourage all Lodge's in the District to campaign Brother Ron to present his program to you, and more particularly if your lodge is in the shadows of the Tall Cedar trees of the "Forest" in Orrstown, PA. The firm roots and straight trueness of a Tall Cedar, makes every Mason a better man.

We have a new petition for membership in hand and plans are developing for our Lady's Night banquet. I hope to have that information for the meal, entertainment, and tickets very soon.

Our next Stated Meeting will be Thursday April 30th at 7:30pm. The program of the night will be the Job's Daughters with representatives from Bethel #16 Chambersburg. We will have a loaded baked potato bar and side salad meal prior to the meeting at 6:30pm.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our April meeting and I would request visiting lodges to provide a headcount to me for meal attendance. Please text me (Jim @ 717-860-2431) by Monday April 27 with that number.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Brother James W. Sleighter, PM
Worshipful Master, Orrstown Lodge No. 262

3rd Masonic District Family Night at the Grove 2026

1 Speedway Drive, Mechanicsburg Pa.



World of Outlaws and the PA Pose



Friday July 31, 2026

All Masonic bodies and their families welcome for a fun evening

Of fellowship and of course racing!!

Gates open at 5:00 pm, racing starts at 7:30 pm

General admission: \$35 Adult \$45 Adult pits

\$15 youth (13-20)

We will gather on the infield near turn one at 6:30 pm for a group photo.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket if you wish to watch from the infield or padded seat for grand stands seats. There are concessions to purchase or BYOB.

Dress is favorite Masonic casual or race attire.

For more information call or text

Greg Culp @ 717-752-8069



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: September 26, 2026



Greetings from the East,

The month of March was a strong and active one for Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302, filled with meaningful work, fellowship, and continued engagement in the Craft.

At our Stated Meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming Brother William L. Britton, who presented the evening's program "Masonic Harmony in a Musical Universe". His presentation added to the Masonic education of the Brethren and contributed to a well-attended and enjoyable meeting.

During that same evening, I announced that our Lodge will be renewing participation in the Help for Our Heroes Challenge, this time in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of our Nation and



the Army's 251st Birthday. This effort reflects the continued commitment of our Lodge to supporting those who have and are serving the country at home or abroad.

We had an Extra Meeting, where we conferred Fellow Craft Degree. It was a well-executed evening of degree work, and we congratulated our Brother on his advancement into the craft



We had our quarterly pancake breakfast, which, in my opinion, was a success. Events like this not only support the Lodge but also strengthen our connection with the community and provide opportunities for fellowship among the Brethren.

March proved to be a very Masonic month throughout the District, as we participated in three Official Visitations, strengthening our connections and fellowship with our Sister Lodges.

Since no Lodge was able to capture the Traveling Gavel during the month, while attending the Official Visit at Big Spring Lodge No. 361, I ensured they received the Traveling Gavel so they may enjoy a well-deserved visit at one of their upcoming Stated or Extra Meetings.

Additionally, several of our members were in attendance at the Sectional School of Instruction, demonstrating their continued dedication to improving in the work and supporting the traditions of our Craft.

Overall, March was a productive and fulfilling month. I am very pleased with what we accomplished together and look forward with great anticipation to what our next Stated Meeting will bring.

With a strong start to the year behind us, we look ahead with excitement and gratitude—ready to continue building momentum through attendance, fellowship, and faithful labor in the Quarry

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Brother Freddy Xavier Lebron
Worshipful Master
Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302



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: November 5, 2026

Fellowship Degree Conferred

At our stated meeting on March 5, the Brethren gathered for an enjoyable evening of fellowship and instruction. Before the meeting, a meal of chili with beans, rice, cornbread, and dessert was served, providing an opportunity for warm conversation and good fellowship.

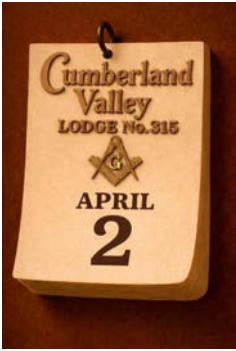
Following the meal, the lodge was opened in due form, and the business of the evening was conducted. The Brethren then heard two informative presentations. Brother Barry D. Farner, Past Master of George Washington Lodge No. 143, spoke on the principles of Freemasonry and the enduring values of the Craft. Brother Ed Engle, Past Master of Centennial Lodge No. 84 in Denver, Colorado, gave an interesting presentation comparing Colorado and Pennsylvania rituals, highlighting both their differences and their common Masonic foundation

The lodge was closed in due form, ending a most enjoyable and instructive evening.



We extend our sincere thanks to our visiting Brethren: Brother Lee Teetsel of Christiana Lodge No. 417, Brother Ed Engle of Centennial Lodge No. 84, Denver, Colorado, and Brother Kirk Manchester of Roman Leray Franklin Lodge No. 418

April Stated Meeting



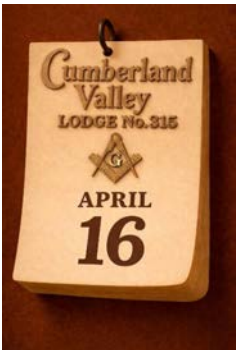
Brethren of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 and members of District 3: You are cordially invited to attend the Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons, to be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

A fellowship meal will be served in the Social Hall prior to the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please arrive early to enjoy good food and strong fellowship with the brethren.

Menu: Fried Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Vegetable, Dessert

The evening will include the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Timothy C. Dedman, DDGM, as well as the presentation of Masonic Service Awards. We look forward to your presence as we gather in the spirit of brotherhood and Masonic fellowship.

Extra Meeting Rescheduled



By order of the Worshipful Master, the Extra Meeting originally scheduled for March 26 has been rescheduled due to an unforeseen circumstance. Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will now hold an Extra Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

On that evening, the Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Brother Thomas Franklin Mills.

All Brethren are encouraged to attend and support our Brother as he is raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Fraternally and sincerely,
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: October 10, 2026



Greetings from the East,

Big Spring lodge will hold our stated meeting on Thursday April 9th at 7:30 pm. The program of the evening is Symbolism of the Past Masters apron present by Bro J. Wheeler Hammontree.

Prior to the stated meeting at 6:30 we will have a ham and green bean dinner. Big Spring also holds the traveling gavel so please come see if your lodge can take it home.

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,

Mt Pisgah lodge #443 will hold a stated meeting, Tuesday, April 20th, at 7:30 PM, above the Truist Bank.

The program for the evening Fellow Craft degree performed by School Of instruction Principal Brother Dan K Confer, PM.

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.

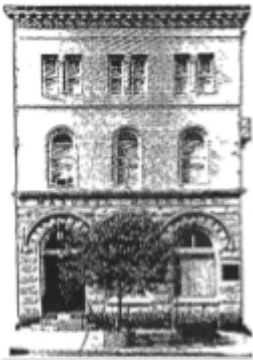
Worshipful Master: Brother Gregory R. Culp

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

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

Ladies Night: October 24, 2026

Greetings from the East,



On Friday, March 20th, we held our stated meeting with a nice meal of squirrel pot pie made by Brother Denny Minnich and Rueban sandwiches with potatoes made by brother Carl Lynch SW. An excellent program for the evening was presented by Brother William Britton, PM, on the Charles Dickens story "A Christmas Carol".

On Saturday, the 21st, we meet at the Save A Lot in Waynesboro from 8 am until noon. We collected nonperishables for the Lunch Place. The Lunch Place provides meals for those in need in the Waynesboro area.

Tuesday, the 24th, we raised Brother Joseph Tanner Murdoch to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We welcome Joe to the Fraternity.

At our Stated meeting, we will have ham, sweet potatoes, and corn at 6:30, followed by our Stated meeting at 7:30, where Brother Brian Van Scyoc will present a program on "Tall Cedars of Lebanon International".

If you would like to join us in April, we will be traveling to 4 lodges in District 3 for their official visits. They are Cumberland Valley on the 2nd, Eurika West Shore on the 6th, George Washington on the 10th, and Carlisle on the 21st. All meetings begin at 7:30 PM, and we will be carpooling from Acacia. Let me know if you would like to join us.

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: August 15, 2026

Greetings from the East,

Mount Zion Lodge No. 774 will hold its April Stated Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2026, at 7:30 PM at 311 North Second Street, McConnellsburg, PA.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
William S. Hoffman, PM
Worshipful Master

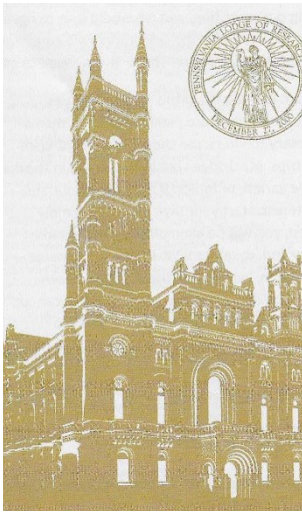
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

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 Fraternaly,
Jerome Phillips, WM
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research



The Right Worshipful Grand Master
Bro. Robert D. Brink, RWGM

*"The History of the Tun Tavern and
the Tun Legacy Foundation"*

Past Grand Commander
Bro. Joshua J. Nay, PM

*"A Brief History of Knights
Templar in Pennsylvania"*

THE PENNSYLVANIA LODGE OF RESEARCH



June 20, 2026



10:00 AM

The Valley of Harrisburg
Scottish Rite Cathedral

2701 N 3rd St
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Opened in the First Degree. Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons welcome!

Job's Daughters

Bethel 16, Chambersburg, Pa.

Reagan 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 Hershey Brownstone Lodge # 666

Hello from PA Job's Daughter's,

The Job's Daughters pageant contestants would like to thank all the lodges and masons who supported the Scholarship Pageant on March 28th. Stay tuned for May's newsletter for the pageant winners.

March 21st Bethel 16 daughters and adults volunteered at the Zembo Shrine Circus selling snacks on the upper level of the auditorium. Thank you for your service, ladies.

Bethel 16 Celebrated Mother Mick's birthday on March 22nd. Ethal T Weed Mick was the founder of Job's Daughters International. Hannah S. was also honored with a celebration of thanks for her term as Miss Congeniality of PA on March 22nd.

For any Master Mason working on the Master Craftsman award offered by Grand Lodge and need to visit a youth group please reach out to me to arrange a meeting for you to attend.

Fraternally,
Brother Gregory R. Culp
Associate Jurisdictional Guardian



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 2026 Grand Master Ride will be held in Johnstown, PA, in August. More details will come in next months addition.

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,
Michael "Big Stick" Weibley, PM
President, Temple Guard Chapter



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