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The District 3 Dispatch





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2026 Official Visit Schedule

Completed for this year

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

Fall Regional School of Instruction
Saturday, October 31, 2026
Allentown, Pa

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



Over the past several months, I've shared thoughts about the importance of engaging our newer and younger members, encouraging their participation, and helping them discover the many opportunities Freemasonry offers for fellowship, personal growth, and service. These efforts are important to the future of our lodges and the continued strength of our fraternity.

But as we look toward the future, we must never forget those who helped bring us to where we are today.

As November approaches, and particularly as we prepare to observe Veterans Day on November 11, I would like us to turn our attention to some of our most treasured brethren: our longtime members, especially those who have served our nation in the Armed Forces.

Within our lodges are men who have dedicated decades of their lives to Freemasonry. Some have served as Worshipful Masters or other lodge officers. Others have quietly supported their lodges through faithful attendance, mentoring younger brethren, participating in degree work, or simply being there whenever a helping hand was needed. Their contributions may not always be recorded in our minutes or recognized with awards, but they are woven into the very fabric of our fraternity.

Among these brethren are veterans who answered our nation's call to service. Some served during times of war, others during times of peace. Some served overseas, while others fulfilled their responsibilities here at home. Regardless of when or where they served, each made a commitment to something greater than himself.

That commitment should sound familiar to every Mason.

The principles of duty, honor, integrity, sacrifice, and service are not unique to military life. They are also fundamental to the lessons we learn through Freemasonry. Our veteran brethren have lived those principles in ways that deserve both our gratitude and our respect.

But I would suggest that honoring these brethren requires more than recognizing them during a stated meeting or offering a round of applause at a Veterans Day program.

It requires our time, our attention, and our genuine interest.

How many of us know which members of our lodge are veterans? How many know where they served, what branch of the military they belonged to, or what their service meant to them? How many have taken the time to sit down with one of our older brethren and ask about his experiences, not just in the military, but also during his years in Freemasonry?

And perhaps an even more important question: How many of our longtime brethren no longer attend lodge, not because they have lost interest in Freemasonry, but because age, declining health, transportation challenges, or changing circumstances have made attendance difficult?

These are the brethren who helped build and sustain the lodges we enjoy today. They deserve to know that their Masonic family has not forgotten them.

I encourage each Worshipful Master and every lodge in our Thriving 3rd District to make a special effort this November to recognize and reconnect with these brethren. Consider inviting your veterans to share a few memories at a lodge meeting. Take a moment to recognize their service. Reach out to a longtime member who has not attended recently. Offer transportation to a meeting or lodge dinner. Better yet, arrange a visit simply to enjoy some fellowship.

And when you visit, take time to listen.

Our older brethren have stories worth hearing, experiences worth remembering, and lessons worth passing along. Many have witnessed changes in our fraternity that younger members can scarcely imagine. Their knowledge and perspective can help us better understand not only where our lodges have been, but also where we should be going.

We often speak about the importance of mentoring our newest members. Perhaps we should also recognize that some of our greatest mentors are those who have been members for forty, fifty, or even sixty years. Their continued connection to the lodge offers an opportunity for meaningful relationships across generations.

There is another important lesson here. Freemasonry teaches us that brotherly love is not merely a sentiment we express within the lodge room. It is a responsibility we carry beyond its doors. A phone call, a visit, a ride to lodge, or an invitation to share a meal may seem like a small gesture to us, but to a brother who feels increasingly disconnected, it may mean more than we realize.

As we observe Veterans Day, let us offer our sincere appreciation to every brother who has worn our nation's uniform. Let us remember those who are no longer with us, and let us honor those who remain among us.

And as we do so, let us extend that same spirit of gratitude and fellowship to all our longtime brethren whose years of dedication have helped shape our lodges.

A thriving lodge is not simply one that attracts new members. It is one that values every generation of its membership, honors those who came before, and ensures that no brother is forgotten.

This November, I challenge each of our lodges to do something meaningful for our older brethren and our veterans. Not simply because it is Veterans Day, but because it is what we, as Freemasons, have obligated ourselves to do.

After all, the strength of our fraternity is measured not only by the number of men who enter our doors, but also by how faithfully we care for those who have walked through them before us.

Let's continue to Strive to Thrive, together, as brothers of the Thriving 3rd District.

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 saw many of you at the Regional School of Instruction and want to thank you for your support. We had a good showing from District 3 and enjoyed fellowship with Brethren from elsewhere in the Jurisdiction.

I made several notes from the Regional School and will share them at the District School. Specifically, there is some new language in the Degrees and the WM's installation. We are going to have the "old" language stuck in our minds, but we'll do our best to incorporate the changes.

Some WM's in the District are asking me and the Assistant Principals to certify Brethren in Degree work. We are always happy to make time for this important work; please let us know what you need and we'll make it happen.

As always, if there's anything I can do to help you get the most out of your experience with School of Instruction, please let me know.

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.

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

Nov. 16: Election and Installation of Officers. - Responsibility: Lodge No. 143
*Note: This is one-week earlier due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 21: Business of the Lodge, as in January of 2026. - Responsibility: Incoming WM's
*Note: This is one-week earlier due to the Christmas Holiday

REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

DATE & LOCATION(S)

Saturday, October 31, 2026
Allentown, Pa

REGION 2 OFFICER TRAINING SEMINARS

DATE & LOCATION(S)

Completed for 2026

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 26, 2026. The work of the evening will be Guide Clinic - Responsibility: Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302.

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

The Mason in Me

The deck of cards, the game of solitaire, and the loaded gun…

In thinking of a topic for the Masonic Insight section, I thought an interview with two new members would be well…insightful. But as in all good ideas, there lie the speed bumps.

How can I interview new members without really knowing my own story as a baseline of sorts? How can I measure their responses and input without remembering my own as a new member? To give that story the light it deserves, the new members should be finished with the process; they are so close.

OK then, before I analyze others, I go under the microscope first. And as you read further, try to remember the events which led to your joining the Masons and how you have evolved as a Brother. It's not always apparent.

It was 1979, and I was performing some service work for a company in the Girard section of Philadelphia. Taking a break with Gerry, the head of the physical plant, I noticed out of the window a Red Cross Van pulling up to one of the loading areas. I asked why the sudden appearance of the Red Cross. Gerry told me that there was a blood drive going on that day which his lodge was sponsoring and that if I wanted to participate, I could go down, roll up my sleeve, and do my part. I had no problem rolling up my sleeve, and doing my part.

During the process of lying there and watching my vital fluids leaving me and going into a bag to help save someone's life, I remembered the word 'lodge' in Gerry's explanation. Extraction over, band-aid in place, orange juice consumed, I set out to find Gerry. I had to know. Gerry, who sported a handsome ring on his right hand, explained that his lodge was part of the organization known as the Masons. I, of course, had heard the word but knew absolutely nothing about the group. I begged for an explanation, and he happily complied. His explanation was comprehensive yet reserved, and the more he spoke, the more curious I became. My job at the company lasted a while, which allowed me the opportunity to grill Gerry further, you know, give him the proverbial third degree. The more he talked, the more I wanted to know. You know the rest; petition acquired, petition submitted, and the new candidate was in the middle of the room taking his oath and obligation.

But what, in that which Gerry offered, made me take that next step? One of the things that he told me was that the ethos of the Masons was to take care of oneself, one's brothers, then the rest of the world citing things like the Shriner's Hospitals and St. Jude's Hospital. I questioned the St. Jude's Hospital example knowing it was under the umbrella of the Catholic Church, but Gerry was quick to add that the founder was one Danny Thomas, entertainer, devout Catholic, and Master Mason with a side of 33rd degree Scottish Rite. That struck a chord in me as I was taught, by my father, to be a Humanist; one who does the right thing just because it's the right thing to do. My father and his family were the shining examples of what the Marines would call:

No Man Left Behind. By his example I now come to know that he was by virtue a Mason but never had the opportunity to join or even know what they were.

You see, the oldest and largest fraternity in the world builds on what you are and makes it better; familiar?

The Mason in Me…remained through the days of the Marine Corps, yet another Masonic like encounter and a lesson to be learned. In the Corps you go in the front door and come out the back a trained problem solver. My Marine days were during the Viet Nam war. My job was air traffic control but instead was assigned to greet the incoming casualties from Nam at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. At that time the hospital took in men (children) from all branches of the service. I was there to reunite them with their parents…ask me where PTSD comes from. Again, without my job being properly explained, I helped. The helping instinct was in me…thanks dad. The job was more than I expected but I persevered through fainting fathers and crying moms.

Back to me. I joined Jerusalem Lodge 506 in the fall of 1979, November 8 to be exact. I came in with Ben Franklin…just kidding, he was a year ahead of me. What followed was the old cliché: Man makes plans and God laughs. Well, I had the Supreme Architect rolling on the floor belly laughing for the next three decades. An easy life was not in the plans for me. I seemed to make one life mistake after another and then just to be sure, make it again. One of the biggest was to lose touch with my Brothers. However, with the teachings of my dad (deck of cards, game of solitaire, loaded gun…it's coming) remained in my ear. Couple that with what I had learned from my Masonic brotherhood, I managed to poke my sorry self out of the fog. With dad long gone, I returned to the fold, my Brothers. Did they ask where I was? Did they want to know what happened to me? Was I reprimanded for going missing? Nope. The arms were open and back I went with a vengeance. I say vengeance because I felt that I lost so much time and it could never be recouped, and I was wrong…again. I'm good at that. I began to realize the teachings of the fourth degree…" how can I build this alone? I am not alone; I have my Brothers".

With the fog gone I set out to become very active in our brotherhood and the more active I became the more I realized that Masons aren't made in the degree process they are groomed there and allowed to blossom. Look around you. See the good in folks who are not Masons yet technically, but they are…'making good men better'.

As I sit and write here at my desk, it is the morning of another snowstorm. I have recently undergone shoulder surgery, so my usual plan of firing up the show thrower and helping my neighbors gone, I found myself in a wintery prison. While I sit warm and helpless to help, I hear the scraping of shovels out my window. All, and I mean all my neighbors chipped in tools in hand, were clearing my steps and drive and walkways…not an easy task on a corner property. Gretchen, my wife, came to tell me they said, "He helped all these years, now it's our turn". Who are they…Masons, they just don't know it yet.

And now I promised you the story of the deck of cards, the game of solitaire, and the loaded gun, so here goes. Dad and his family thought they were the reincarnation of Jesus…they spoke in parables.

One day at the age of 12 or so, my dad came to me with a brand-new deck of playing cards, brought me to the kitchen table and proceeded to teach me the game of solitaire. He laid out the cards, and we went through a few games whereupon he said, “You’re a smart boy. The next time you play, you play by yourself with a loaded gun on your lap”. He then proceeded to replace the cards in the box, gave me a hug and left the room. He left a 12-year-old with a new game looking for a deck of cards and a loaded gun???

Years later, I helped him out of the car with groceries and asked him about that day in the kitchen. He smiled and said, “You want to know about the cards, the game, and the gun?” “YES”, I said. He told me that was what grandpop, who fed South Philadelphia during the depression, told him. “You see” he went on, “Solitaire is the game at which it is the easiest to cheat. No one is looking. Your name, Onesti, translates from Italian to English as HONEST”. So, he continued, “If you ever lie, cheat, steal, or are unethical, you know what to do with the gun as you’re worth nothing to anyone including yourself” This was the end of a very, very hard lesson. And yet, I’m still here, incapable of lying, cheating, stealing or a wanton breach of ethics. I, am a Mason!

Thank you, dad, the Mason who never got a chance to join. And thank you Brother Gerry Thibodeau and all of my brothers for helping me out of the fog.

Humbly and Fraternally,
Brother Ralph Onesti
Jerusalem Lodge 506

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,

Greetings from the East, I am pleased to announce that we were granted Full Property Tax Relief for all three properties that the Lodge owns. I would like to extend a huge Thank You to Brother Clinton T Barkdoll, Esq. Acacia Lodge #586 and Brother Thad D'Ambrosia, Grand Lodge for their representation and expertise in making this a reality. The savings, as a result of this relief, will definitely help us maintain our Grand Old Lodge.

On October 15th, we conferred the First Degree on Richard Norman Sellar, Welcome Brother Richard to our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Brother Sellar is very excited about becoming a Freemason and is anxiously awaiting his 2nd Degree next month.

Our November Stated Meeting will be held on Friday the 13th at 7:30pm with a meal being served at 6:30pm, please come out and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers at George Washington Lodge.

In closing, I would like to encourage ALL Brothers who read this to visit your lodge and be an active part of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania! Always remember to provide service to God, Our Country, Our Neighbors, Our Families and Ourselves! Travel Well Brothers!

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

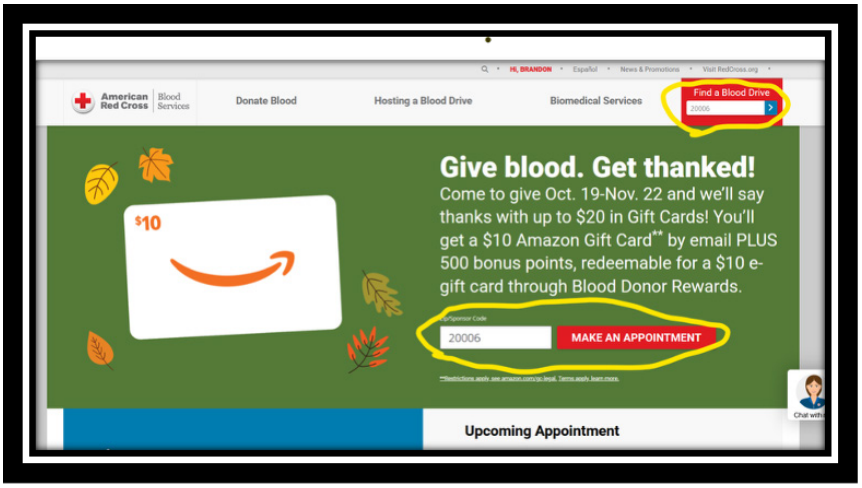
Ladies Night: September 19, 2026

Greetings from the East,

Harvest's greetings, Brethren! May all your leaf-raking be minimal, your flannels be extra cozy, and your football teams not be an absolute dumpster fire like my Nittany Lions.

We're hosting yet another blood drive with the American Red Cross, and we need your help! Our Red Cross friends will be setting up in our social room on Thursday, November 12 between 12:00 and 5:00 PM, and we need every eligible blood donor to come out and give a pint for the cause! Our Senior Warden Bro. Clem will be on site slinging' hot dogs for all comers, so be ready to hammer down some franks after doing your charitable duty. Though walk-ins are welcomed, donors are highly encouraged to make an appointment. To book your donation, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "CarlisleMasons" in the search bar

Carlisle Lodge No. 260 will hold our next stated meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2026. This will be our annual commemoration of our community's veterans. Please join us at 6:30 in the social room for our veterans recognition program, accompanied by a Thanksgiving-style meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and gravy. The meeting will follow, beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. Brethren are encouraged to join us for our extra meeting on Wednesday, November 18 for an extra meeting. Please assist us in welcoming Richard T. Heidecker, III to the Craft, and in raising Bro. David C. Reisinger to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.



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 Orrstown Lodge, Masonic District No. 3:

I am very excited to announce that once again, Orrstown Lodge is hitting home runs!

Our Stated Meeting on October 22nd was a huge success. Our meal offered up some of the world's largest baked potatoes that I have ever seen, and the associated toppings and salad bar provided a warm, fulfilling start to the night. The Stated Meeting of "Maryland Degree Catechisms," presented by Maryland Masons, was phenomenal. PA Freemasons in attendance were awestruck in the level of commitment needed prior to advancing from degree to degree required in Maryland. Did I mention that we had a full house? We had Masons from two different Maryland Lodges, and Cromwell Lodge from the 34th PA District. District 3 - Kudos to Acacia Lodge, Mount Pisgah, and George Washington Lodge. It was my honor to have you there to support us and the program presenters from Maryland. I do believe that I will desire for any new candidate advancing in degree work at Orrstown Lodge, on top of required Mason Education to advance, to be also able to recite their Oath and Obligation. Commitment to one's desire to join the Lodge needs to be a pathway to an active Mason and not just a card-carrying member.

With the combined efforts of Orrstown Lodge, George Washington Lodge, Cumberland Valley Lodge, and Acacia Lodge (under the Leadership of Brother Attorney, Clint Barkdoll – Acacia Lodge), our property tax exemption appeal was a HUGE SUCCESS. One of Orrstown's three tax parcels did not get the exemption, but in rough numbers... We were paying around $15,500 a year in taxes, and for 2027 probably now around 1,500. That is a $14,000 savings. We are hoping to use these membership dollars to keep oil in the heating furnace, to keep the lights on, and to add positive growth to the Lodge and the surrounding community that we serve. Once again, thank you, Brother Barkdoll. I plan to work on fixing the one snafu.

On Thursday, November 19, 2026, Orrstown Lodge will hold its next Stated Meeting. At 6:30 pm we will host a Thanksgiving Meal. During this time, we will also be judging our Thanksgiving Coloring Contest. Officers of the Lodge, the membership, and guests will assist in selecting the winners! Pillar Chair Officers will select the Winners of the 3 age brackets, but we just may need the audience to decide if a close call for the winner exists. Please bring your ones, fives, tens, twenties, etc. to throw in the hat for this brand-new Family Engagement program for Orrstown Lodge. Money will not sway the voting, but this will be a great cause to open your wallet. All funds raised will go to help support this event, rewards to the kids, and the Pizza Party that will happen at our December meeting to honor every child that submitted an entry. I firmly believe that we need to put Family back into the heart and core of our Lodges. November's Stated Meeting will start at 7:30 pm and the program of the night will be our 25 Year Membership Service Awards and Veteran Recognition.

Please come out this evening. A meal RSVP is definitely appreciated by November 15th. You may tell me individually or text me with a head count for each lodge to my cell # 717-860-2431.

May the Light of the Full Moon Guide you to Orrstown Lodge No. 262 and offer Safe Travels Back Home.

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


TRUNK OR TREAT
HOSTED BY
Orrstown Lodge No. 262
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
Tall Cedars of Lebanon Valley Forest No. 145
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
6 - 9 PM
Held in the parking lot of
Orrstown Masonic Lodge
3442 Orrstown Rd. Orrstown, PA
Open to Lodge member's children and grand children
and
the residents of Orrstown, PA


Orrstown Masonic Lodge
262
Thanksgiving Coloring Contest
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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 District 3 Traveling Gavel is looking for its next home! After spending some time with us at Eureka–West Shore Lodge No. 302, it is beginning to wonder whether we have forgotten the "traveling" part of its name. We warmly welcome our Brethren to visit, enjoy an evening of fellowship, and see about taking it along on its next adventure!

October was a rewarding month for Freemasonry at Eureka–West Shore Lodge No. 302, bringing opportunities for Masonic labor, fellowship, and participation in our community. Thank you to every Brother who contributed his time and support throughout the month.

We began October with a successful Stated Meeting, continuing the work of our Lodge as we approach the close of our Masonic year. It has been a pleasure to gather with our Brethren and see the dedication that keeps our Lodge moving forward.

We also had the privilege of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree, welcoming a new Brother into our Fraternity. This occasion reminds us of our own beginnings in Freemasonry and the responsibility we share to offer guidance, encouragement, and friendship to those beginning their journey. My sincere thanks go to our degree team for their preparation and dedication, and to all the Brethren who attended in support. Your efforts helped make this an important and meaningful occasion for our newest Brother.

Beyond our Lodge walls, we enjoyed participating in the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade. It was a wonderful opportunity to share in a community tradition, represent Eureka–West Shore Lodge No. 302, and enjoy fellowship with one another and our neighbors. Thank you to everyone who helped with our participation and joined us for the festivities. We even had a visit from the Worshipful Master of Carlisle Lodge No. 260 Brother Brandon Benner. Thank you, Brother, for spending time with us!

As we continue through the final months of our Masonic year, I encourage each Brother to remain involved. Whether you attend a meeting, assist with a degree, participate in a community event, or check in on a Brother, your presence makes a difference. Let us carry the fellowship of October into the months ahead and continue strengthening the bonds that unite our Lodge.
Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

October's Thought-Provoking Program

Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 held its October Stated Meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Masonic Temple in Shippensburg. The meeting was well attended and featured an informative and thought-provoking presentation by Brother Bryan L. Ruth, P.M., titled "A Motivational Perspective on Freemasonry."

Brother Ruth offered valuable insights into the enduring principles of our fraternity, encouraging the Brethren to reflect upon their Masonic journey and the importance of applying its teachings in everyday life. We extend our sincere appreciation to Brother Ruth for his meaningful presentation and to all who attended.

November Stated Meeting

On Thursday, November 5, 2026, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will host the J. Sheldon Van Scyoc Memorial Dinner, a special Ladies Night honoring the memory of our departed Brother and recognizing our ladies, veterans, and Past Masters for their service, dedication, and support of our Lodge and fraternity.

The evening will begin with a social gathering at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The November Stated Meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m.

Brethren planning to attend the dinner are requested to RSVP to Worshipful Master John R. Ridgway at 717-658-3888 no later than Friday, October 30, 2026, to ensure proper dinner arrangements.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Brother John R. Ridgway
Worshipful Master

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FUNDRAISER

Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 F&AM



- Pancakes & Sausage
- Coffee & Orange Juice

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

• COST: $10 PER PERSON •

DECEMBER 5, 2026

CUMBERLAND VALLEY LODGE NO. 315

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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 will hold its stated meeting on October 8th at 7:30p with a ham and green bean dinner starting at 6:30pm.

Program of the evening will focus on lodge rebuilding.

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,

At stated meeting November 17, at 7:30 above the Trust bank. The program for the evening will be the election of officers.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Brother Toby A. Stoner, PM
Worshipful Master

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

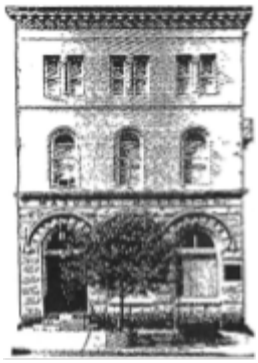
Third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother Gregory R. Culp

Website: http://acacia586.org/

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

Ladies Night: October 24, 2026



Greetings from the East,

As fall set in, the lodge was busy this past month with a stated meeting where we voted Brother Donald Stuart Rowe an out-of-state transfer into the lodge. Followed by an extra meeting on October 20th. Jeremy A. Bowersox, PM conferred three excellent Entered Apprentice Degrees for John Leslie McRae, Joshua Ryan Monn, and Rodney Lee Thomas. Congratulations to our newest brothers for joining the worlds oldest and greatest fraternity. Thank you to all who attended to welcome our newest brothers into Acacia Lodge.

Our next stated meeting will be held on November 20th. We will have a meal prior to the meeting at 6:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. Our program of the evening will be given by John C. Northcott, PM on "Brothers in Arms: Freemasonry and the Military". Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm, we will confer 3 Fellowcraft Degrees. Please plan to attend the November meetings.

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 May Stated Meeting on Monday, November 9, at 7:30 PM at 311 North Second Street, McConnellsburg, PA.

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

Job's Daughters

Bethel 16, Chambersburg, Pa.

Katie Welper, Honored Queen
Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at George Washington Lodge #143

Bethel 19, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Reagan Stains, Honored Queen
Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays at Hershey Brownstone Lodge # 666

Hello from PA Job's Daughter's,

Help Pennsylvania Job's Daughters Reach the HIKE Fund Goal!

The HIKE Fund, Inc. (Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment) is the official philanthropic project of Job's Daughters International, and helps provide hearing devices for children with hearing impairments from newborn through age twenty, whose parents are unable to financially afford these devices. This November, Pennsylvania Job's Daughters will participate in their annual HIKE for HIKE around the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown during their Fall Jurisdictional Weekend.

Pennsylvania's Daughter HIKE Coordinator, Brooke, has set an ambitious fundraising goal of raising $10,000 to support this important cause—and there are a couple of incentives that you won't want to miss!

If Brooke reaches $6,000 Bro. Zachary Boyer, DDGM of the 1st Masonic District will have his head bedazzled! But if she reaches the full $10,000 goal he has agreed to shave off his beard!

While the bedazzled head would certainly be entertaining, we all know what we really want to see—a clean-shaven face!

Brooke is a dual member and active in both Bethel #16 and Bethel #19 of the 3rd Masonic District. Brooke is a motivated young woman and can be regularly be found with her family at Target, Walmart, or Five Below hunting Needohs and Squishys to raffle off to raise money for these goals.

Every donation brings Pennsylvania Job's Daughters closer to the goal while supporting the HIKE Fund's mission. We need your help to reach this goal! If you or your lodge are interested in contributing toward Brooke's fundraising goal, please contact me at jason-stains@comcast.net or 717-360-8659.

Let's support our Daughters, help children with hearing impairments, and see if we can make that beard disappear!

Jason Stains
District Youth Representative
jasonstains@comcast.net



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 quickly coming to a close, but that doesn't mean the Widows Sons slow down. Several events and rides are still planned, and a lot of charitable donations to be raised and given.

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.

This year has been very good. The 2026 Grand Master Ride was recently held in Johnstown, PA. With the Grand Master in attendance, and enjoying the ride through the Johnstown area, over 150 Widows Sons members enjoyed what turned out to be a beautiful weekend event.

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

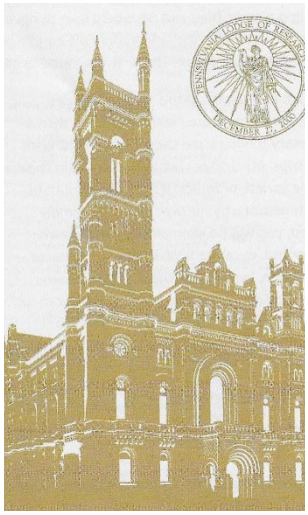
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

Worshipful Master: Brother Jack H. Speece

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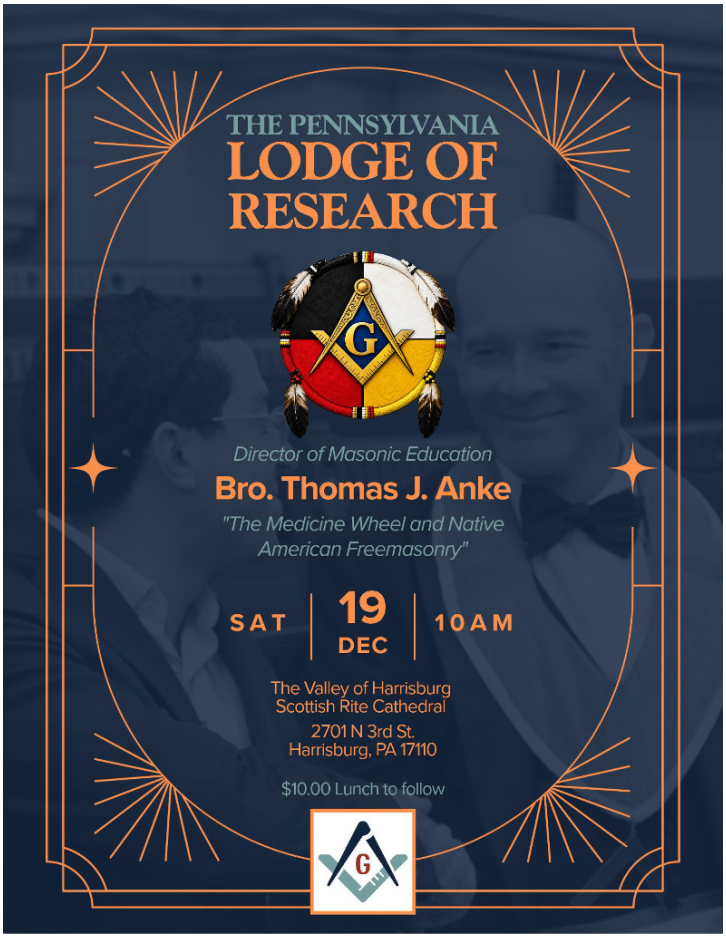


Greetings from the East,

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research No. 1 extends fraternal greetings to our brethren across Pennsylvania's 3rd Masonic district. At our June stated meeting the lodge heard engaging presentations from Bro. Robert D. Brink, RWGM, "The History of the Tun Tavern and the Tun Legacy Foundation"; and Bro. Joshua J. Nay, PM, "A Brief History of Knights Templar in Pennsylvania.".

Our next stated meeting will be held Saturday, December 19, 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.
Fraternally,

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bro. Jerome Phillips, WM
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research



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