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PENNSYLVANIA MASONS

The District 3 Dispatch



Full Lodge at Acacia Lodge No. 586

Official Visit by Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM at Acacia Lodge No. 586.

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

Event Announcements

Events will be updated in the next issue.

From the Desk of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller

District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District



Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren, Freemasonry is rolling on in the District!!!! All of the Lodges are having an excellent start to the year. I have attended several meetings so far this year. The work of the evening at each meeting was excellent and representative the caliber of the ritual work in District Three. All members of the District should be proud of the ritual presented in District Three! I look forward to attending many other stated and extra meetings in the coming months. If you have never taken part in a Degree please step forward and do so. Each Degree has several non-verbal roles that your Worshipful Master would love to have you take part in.

The District has several events on the calendar this Masonic year. We will be holding an oyster feed hosted by Lodge No.262 in March, District 3 Past Master dinner in May, family picnic in July, night at the sprint car races in August, and a Low Vale in September to mention a few. Please review the District newsletter each month for details as they become available. The Worshipful Masters and other officers are working hard to present interesting programs at the stated meetings. Come out and support them as they enjoy the satisfaction and pride during their "Year in the East".

I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel the Masonic trail throughout 2025. Until we meet again, please be safe in your travels.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!!

Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
District Deputy Grand Master



From the Desk of Brother Kenneth W. Womack, P.M.

Principal, Third Masonic District School of Instruction



Brethren,

Things have gotten off to a rapid start this year. We had the Region 2 Regional Instructor, Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, Jr., with us at the January SOI to help us begin our preparation for the sectional school on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at the York Masonic Center. District 3 will exemplify the Business of the Lodge beginning at approximately 8:30 am. Brother Paul provided an Agenda for part of the work at the January SOI school. However, we were uncertain if we had to do all the normal BOL ritual or only that on the agenda. I recently confirmed that we will do the full BOL. For the reception of the DDGM, we will exemplify the option where he is "...accompanied by [the] Worshipful Masters of District Three ...". There are several other options we will specify before the day of the regional school (minutes for a stated meeting only and for a stated and extra meeting; unfavorable report from the committee of investigation; balloting results).

I will be reaching out to WMs in the next few days to solicit help for a couple of issues. First of all, we do not have a full Trestle Board. Brethren, I really need your help with this. Please support your Lodge and support the SOI by helping us fill the necessary chairs. At the same time, Brothers who participate, especially more recently raised Masons, will be gaining some valuable experience in a low-stress opportunity to build your Masonic ritual skills. I think you will enjoy it.

Finally, we need to pick a date for an extra rehearsal. Preferably, I would like to have it on Sunday afternoon, March 16, at 3:00 in the afternoon, or if that doesn't work, I would like to do it the week of March 17-21. I anticipate about 90 minutes of work. I think rehearsing the week before the school will have us in good shape to do well.

We have had to do some adjusting of the SOI schedule with the sectional school preparation. For the April School, Orrstown Lodge No. 262 should plan on doing the Master Mason Degree as scheduled. In May, Lodge No. 361 should plan on doing the Table Lodge Degree as scheduled and we will also have Lodge No. 143 do the Funeral Service and Examination of a Visitor the same night.

Brethren, I look forward to hearing from you about filling our regional school Trestle Board and an acceptable date for an extra rehearsal. I appreciate your help.

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



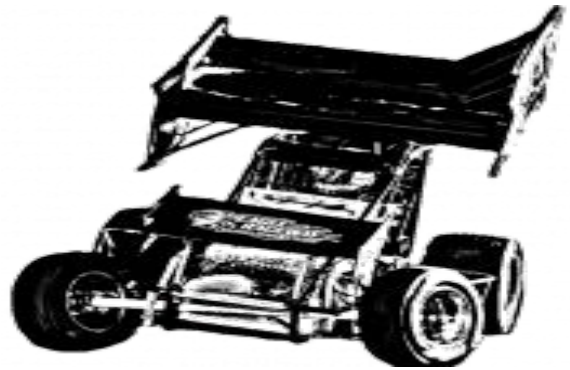


3rd Masonic District

Family Night at the

Grove 2025

Join your Masonic brothers and their families for a night of fellowship while enjoying the Fan Appreciation Night at Williams Grove Speedway on Friday, August 1, 2025



Details:

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

Pits will be open free of charge from 5:30 to 6:15 without a pit pass. Enjoy autographs and photos with your favorite 358 and 410 drivers.

We will gather on the infield near turn one at 7:15 for a group photo.

General admission: \$ 20.00 Adults Adult pits \$10.00 plus admission (\$30)

\$10.00 youth (13-20)

12 & Under FREE

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

For more information call or text Greg Culp @ 717-752-8069

1 Speedway Drive, Mechanicsburg Pa.





GRAND LODGE *of* PENNSYLVANIA

Grand Lodge of Pa. Schedule

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

Jan. 27 Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor/
Balloting - Lodge No. 143

Feb. 24 Business of the Lodge (50-year pin pre-
sentation) - Region 2 Sectional Team

Mar. 24 Entered Apprentice/Fellow Craft Mason
Degrees - Lodge No. 260

Apr. 28 Master Mason Degree - Lodge No. 262

May 26 Table Lodge/Protocol/Mentoring - Lodge
No. 361

Aug. 25 Master Mason Degree/Low Vale Prepara-
tion - Low Vale Team*

Sep. 22 Entered Apprentice/Fellow Craft Mason
Degrees - Lodge No. 315

Oct. 27 Election/Installation of Officers - Lodge
No. 443

Nov. 24 Master Mason Degree - Lodge No. 586

Dec. 22 Business of the Lodge - Incoming Masters

*Mount Zion Lodge No. 774

REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

DATE LOCATION

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

REGION 2 OFFICER TRAINING SEMINARS

DATE & LOCATION(S)

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

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

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

Around the District

Be An Active Member!



Third Masonic District School of Instruction

The 3rd Masonic District School of Instruction (SOI) is scheduled to be held on the fourth Monday of each month (with exception to June and July) at 7:30 p.m. at Big Spring Lodge located at 131 Centerville Rd, Newville, PA, 17241.

Our next SOI will be on January 27, 2025. The work of the evening will be Funeral Service/Examination of a Visitor/Balloting presented by Lodge No. 143. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and learn more about our rituals and the Masonic craft. Remember to bring your Candidates so they may participate in District 3 Mentoring.



BLOOD + ORGAN DONOR PROGRAM

The Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program promotes Masonic blood drives throughout Pennsylvania, heightens awareness and provides educational materials on sharing the gift of life through blood and organ donation. All Pennsylvania Masons are eligible for membership in the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program. To become a member complete the New Member Form. Dues are not required for membership in the Blood and Organ Donor Program; however, we still have operating expenses. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this vital program.



The District 3 Dispatch is looking for your help!

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

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

Masonic Insight

A Series In Masonic Education

Master's Wages



It is rewarding to know that we as Freemasons can answer the question as to what induced us to become Master Masons, and one answer, of course, is to receive Master's Wages.

Our Operative Brethren received their Master's Wages in coin of the realm. Speculatives content themselves with intangible wages, and occasionally some are hard pressed to explain to the wondering initiate just what, in this practical age, a "Master's Wages" really are.

The wages of a Master may be classified under two heads: first, those inalienable rights which every Freemason enjoys as a result of payment of fees, initiation and the payment of annual dues to his Lodge; second, those more precious privileges which are his if he will but stretch out his hand to take.

The first right of which any initiate is conscious is that of passing the Tyler and amending his Lodge, instead of being conducted through the West Gate as a preliminary step to initiation. For a time this right of mingling with his new brethren is so engrossing that he looks no further for his Master's Wages.

Later he learns that he has also the right of visitation in other Lodges, even though it is a "right" hedged about with restrictions. He must be in good standing to exercise it.

Generally this right of visiting other Lodges is a very real part of what may be termed his concrete Master's Wages, and many are the Freemasons who find in it a cure for loneliness in strange places; who think of the opportunity to find a welcome and friends, where otherwise they would be alone, as wages of substantial character.

The opportunities to see and hear the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry, to take from them again and again a new thought, are wages not to be lightly received. For him with the open ears and the inquiring mind, the degrees lead to a new world, since familiarity with ritual provides the key by which he may read an endless stream of books about Freemasonry.

"Master's Wages" are paid in acquaintance. Unless a newly made Master Mason is so shy and retiring that he seeks the farthest corner of his Lodge-room, there to sit shrinking into himself, inevitably he will become acquainted with many men of many minds, always an interesting addition to the joy of life. What he does with his acquaintances is another story, but at least wages are there, waiting for him. No honest man becomes a Freemason thinking to ask the Craft for relief.

Yet the consciousness that poor is the Lodge and sadden the hearts of the brethren thereof from which relief will not be forthcoming if the need is bitter, is wages from which much comfort may be taken.

Freemasonry is not, per se, a relief organization. It does not exist merely for the purpose of dispensing charity. Nor has it great funds with which to work its gentle ministrations to the poor.

Fees are modest; dues often are too small, rather than too large. Yet, for the Brother down and out, who has no fuel for the fire, no food for his hungry children, whom sudden disaster threatens, the strong arm of the fraternity stretches forth to push back the danger. The cold are warmed, the hungry fed, the naked clothed, the jobless given work, the discouraged heartened. "Master's Wages" surely far greater than the effort put forth to earn them.

Freemasonry is strong in defense of the helpless. The widow and the orphan need ask but once to receive her bounty. All Brethren hope to support their own, provide for their loved ones, but misfortune comes to the just and the unjust alike. To be one of a world-wide Brotherhood on which widow and child may call is of untold comfort, "Master's Wages" more precious than coin of gold.

Finally, it is the right of Mason's burial. At home or abroad a Freemason, known to desire it, is followed to his last home by sorrowing Brethren who lay him away under the apron of the Craft and the sprig of Acacia of immortal hope. This, too, is "Wages of a Master".

"Pay the Craft their Wages, if any be due."

To some the practical wages mentioned are the important payments for a Freemason's work. To others, the more tangible but none the less beloved opportunities to give, rather than to get, are the "Master's Wages" which count the most.

Great among these is the Craft's opportunity for service. The world is full of chances to do for others, and no man need apply to a Masonic Lodge only because he wants a chance to "do unto others as he would that others do unto him". But Freemasonry offers peculiar opportunities to unusual talents which are not always found in the profane world.

There is always something to do in a Lodge. There are always committees to be served and committee work is usually thankless work. He who cannot find his payment in his satisfaction of a task well done will receive no "Master's Wages" for his labours on Lodge committees.

There are Brethren to be taught. Learning all the "work" is a man's task, not to be accomplished in a hurry. Yet it is worth the doing, and in instructing officers and candidates many a Mason has found a quiet joy which is "Master's Wages" pressed down and running over.

Service leads to the possibility of appointment or election to the line of officers. There is little use to speak of the "Master's Wages" this opportunity pays, because only those who have occupied the Oriental Chair know what they are. The outer evidence of the experience may be told, but the inner spiritual experience is untellable because the words have not been invented. But Past Masters know! To them is issued a special coinage of "Master's Wages" which only a Worshipful Master may earn. Ask any of them if they were not well paid for the labour.

If practical "Master's Wages" are acquaintance in Lodge, the enjoyment of fellowship, merged into friendship, is the same payment in a larger form. Difficult to describe, the sense of being one of a group, the solidarity of the circle which is the Lodge, provides a satisfaction and pleasure impossible to describe as it is clearly to be felt. It is interesting to meet many men of many walks of life; it is heartwarming continually to meet the same group, always with the same feeling of equality. High and low, rich and poor, merchant and farmer, banker and fisherman, doctor and ditch-digger, meet on the level, and find it happy - "Master's Wages", value untranslatable into money.

Finally - and best - is the making of many friends. Thousands of Brethren count their nearest and dearest friends on the rolls of the Lodge they love and serve. The Mystic Tie makes for friendship. It attracts man to man and often draws together "those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance". The teachings of brotherly love, relief and truth; of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice; the inculcation of patriotism and love of country, we everyday experience in a Masonic Lodge. When men speak freely those thoughts which, in the world without, they keep silent, friendships are formed. Count gain for work well done in what coin seems most valuable; the dearest of the intangibles which come to any Master Mason are those Masonic friendships of which there are no greater "Master's Wages".

Originally published by Brother W. Sinclair MacTavish
Past Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island

George Washington Lodge No. 143

74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Nathan J. Neil

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

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

Ladies Night: April 26, 2025

Greetings from the East,

We had a great February at George Washington Lodge No. 143. We had an informative program given at our stated meeting on February 14, 2025 by Joshua P. Brown, PM on Cyber Security. Additionally, we conferred a Master Mason degree for Aaron Matthew Wesley at our extra meeting on February 20, 2025.

Our March stated meeting will be held on March 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at 74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA. A meal will be served at 6:30 PM and the cost of the meal is by donation. The program for the evening will be on National Sojourners and presented by John C. Northcott, PM.

Presently, our lodge is home to the Traveling Gavel. Please join us in March at our stated meeting for fellowship, a great program, and an opportunity to claim the Traveling Gavel.

Additionally, tickets for our ladies night banquet are now available. The banquet will be held on April 26, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The banquet will be held at the Chambersburg VFW located at 747 S 4th Street, Chambersburg, PA. There are options of chicken or beef for the meal. For tickets, please call 717-491-1719.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Nathan J. Neil, Worshipful Master

Carlisle Lodge No. 260

1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA, 17013

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Brandon T. Benner

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

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

Ladies Night: July 12, 2025

Greetings from the East

It feels a little early yet, but at last, there's some warmth gingerly gracing our days here in south-central Pennsylvania! Just think – by the time many of us have our next stated meeting, it will nearly be the spring equinox. Birds will sing, trees will bud, and the outdoors will welcome us again. Better days are coming, Brethren.

My thanks to those who attended our February meeting. Unfortunately our tournament of wit and wisdom was kiboshed by gremlins in our social hall's projector system. Nonetheless, the brethren of Carlisle Lodge No. 260 enjoyed our laid-back meal of pizza, mozzarella sticks, and garlic bread. An aside: be it known, my brothers across the district, that so long as I am in the East, if pizza is on the menu, there will always be Hawaiian pizza served. It is this Worshipful Master's firm opinion that pineapple does belong on pizza.

Tuesday, March 17, 2025, our lodge will hold its stated meeting at the Carlisle Masonic Center. For March's program, at 6:30 PM we'll take a mulligan on our trivia tournament and give it another go with technical issues resolved. Be not afraid, Hawaiian pizza haters. As our meeting falls on Saint Patrick's Day, we will be enjoying a traditional meal of corned beef, cabbage, and Irish soda bread made by yours truly. The stated meeting will be held thereafter, beginning promptly at 7:30 PM.

Finally, it will be our joy this month to initiate three candidates into our Fraternity. Our extra meeting will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Carlisle Masonic Center. As encouraged by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, each candidate will undergo both the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees that evening. One of the greatest things we can do to help create a lasting impression upon the mind of any candidate is to have our benches filled with brethren there to support him in his first steps into the light. It would be our pleasure if any visiting brethren would like to join us that evening.

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

Orrstown Lodge No. 262

3442 Orrstown Rd. Orrstown PA 17244

Thursday, on or before, the full moon at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother Carl F. Calder, PS

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

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

Ladies Night: May 3, 2025

Greetings from the East,



Please plan to attend the Orrstown Lodge March meeting. This will be our Official Visit of Brother Jeffery R. Miller, DDGM. Prior to the meal we will be hosting our dinner which we are calling the “Orrstown Lodge Oyster and Prime Rib Dinner”. The flyer is on the next page, but here are some details:

- Dinner will be held on March 13th @ 6:00 PM
- **Reservations are required and must be to Brian K. Van Scyoc, PM, Secretary @ (717) 658-3767 or Carl F. Calder, PS Worshipful**

Master @ (717) 414-8689, no later than March 1st

We hope you plan to come. The March meeting will be our official visit and we will be celebrating our 50 & 60 year members.

Also in March we will be welcoming a new candidate on March 11, 2025. Brother James W. Sleighter, PM will be performing the EA and FC degrees for his son Isaiah J. Sleighter. As you remember, Brother Sleighter performed the MM degree for his older son Brother Samuel Sleighter at the 2024 Low Vale. Please plan to visit on March 11, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Brother Carl F. Calder, PS
Worshipful Master,
Orrstown Lodge No. 262

Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302

910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

Worshipful Master: Brother James McElhenie, Jr.

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

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

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

Ladies Night: September 27, 2025

Greetings from the East,

This February, Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 gathered at our historic Masonic Temple in Mechanicsburg, PA, reaffirming our bonds of brotherhood and dedication to tradition. The evening featured an engaging presentation titled “Whiskey and the Masonic Connection,” delivered by Bro. Douglas W. Hitz, P.M., sparking lively discussions and offering captivating insights into our Masonic heritage. Additionally, we celebrated Scout Recognition Night, highlighting the commendable achievements of local youth leaders who positively impact on our community.

Looking ahead to March, we invite members to join us for another memorable evening featuring the exciting program “Stump the Mason,” presented by Bro. John F. Harley, P.M., co-host of the Masonic Lite Podcast. Members are also encouraged to embrace the spirit of “Kilt Night.” A fellowship meal of corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes will precede our meeting at 6:30 PM. To attend the meal, please RSVP yourself and any guests by texting or calling Bro. Kenneth L. Rapp at (717) 364-7840 no later than Friday, February 28, 2025. As always, we appreciate your continued support of our charitable initiatives by bringing canned goods to benefit New Hope Ministries and the Central PA Food Bank. We look forward to another meaningful gathering with our brethren.



Sincerely and Fraternaly,
James C. McElhenie, Jr., WM
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: May 31, 2025

Greetings from the East,

February Stated and Extra Meetings



On Thursday, February 6, 2025, the brethren of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 gathered at the Masonic Temple in Shippensburg, PA, for their Stated Meeting. The evening commenced with a warm and welcoming Fellowship Meal at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Over slices of pizza, brethren shared stories, laughter, and meaningful conversations, setting the tone for a night of unity and reflection. During the meeting, the Lodge took a solemn moment to honor the passing of three esteemed brethren: Brother Donald B. Ridgley, PM, Brother Roy G. Hockenberry, PM, and Brother Ralph J. Thompson. Their dedication and service to the Craft were remembered

with heartfelt tributes, and their legacy will continue to inspire us. Their lives exemplified the core values of Masonry, reminding us of the profound bonds we share as brothers.

The highlight of the evening's program was an engaging presentation by Brother Carl Lynch of Acacia Lodge No. 586. As a former Boston park ranger with deep knowledge of early American history, Brother Lynch captivated the brethren with his discussion on Masonic leaders in colonial Boston. His talk shed light on influential figures such as Dr. Joseph Warren, James Otis, Paul Revere, and John Hancock, and their roles in shaping the nation's founding. The presentation offered a renewed appreciation for the historical connection between Freemasonry and American independence. As the meeting concluded, brethren left with a sense of unity and purpose, reaffirming their commitment to the timeless values of the Craft. The evening beautifully balanced remembrance, learning, and fellowship, a testament to the enduring principles of Freemasonry.

A significant milestone was reached as Brother Arbab Naseebullah Kasi was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This achievement marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in his Masonic journey. Special thanks go to Brothers John R. Ridgway, WM, and Thomas P. Kennedy, PM, along with the dedicated degree team, for ensuring the ceremony was a meaningful

and inspiring experience. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Brother Kasi and stand ready to offer guidance, mentorship, and support as he continues his journey in the Craft.

March Stated Meeting Announcement

A Stated Meeting of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will be held at the Masonic Temple, 41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg, PA, on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting, brethren are invited to enjoy a Fellowship Meal in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. The menu will feature corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, steamed broccoli, and key lime pie. The program for the evening will be “Freemasons in the Civil War,” presented by Brother Brian VanSyoc, PM, Secretary of Orrstown Lodge No. 262. This promises



to be an enlightening discussion on the role of Freemasons during one of the most pivotal conflicts in American history.

Friends and Family Breakfast

Join us for a Friends and Family Breakfast on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Lodge Social Hall. This event provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal, engage in fellowship, and strengthen our Lodge community. The cost is \$10.00 per person, and we encourage all brethren to bring their loved ones for a morning of camaraderie and good company. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ladies Night

Mark your calendars for Ladies Night on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at American Legion Post 223, 100 Dykeman Rd, Shippensburg, PA. Enjoy an evening of fun, laughter, and great company as we honor the ladies who support us in our Masonic journey. The cost is \$30 per person, and tickets can be purchased from the Worshipful Master, Junior Warden, or Senior Warden. Do not miss this opportunity to celebrate and enjoy a memorable night together. As we continue through the year, let us reaffirm our commitment to the principles that bind us, brotherly love, relief, and truth. The strength of our fraternity lies in our shared experiences, learning, and unwavering support for one another. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming gatherings and continuing the work of the Craft.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Brother John R. Ridgway
Worshipful Master

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Phillip S. Hayslett

Website: <http://bigspringlodgeno361.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bigspring361>

Ladies Night: TBD



Greetings from the East,

A Stated Meeting of Big Spring Lodge, No. 361, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 131 Centerville Road, Newville, Pennsylvania, 17241, on Thursday evening, March 13, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternal Greetings,
Brother Phillip S. Hayslett
Worshipful Master

Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

Third Floor, Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225

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

Worshipful Master: Brother Toby A. Stoner, PM

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

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

Ladies Night: May 17, 2025

Greetings from the East,

A stated meeting of mount Pisgah lodge will be held March 18, 2025, at 7:30 above the Truist bank.

Program of the evening is the Official Visit of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM.

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

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

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

Worshipful Master: Brother John E. Shaffer, PM

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

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

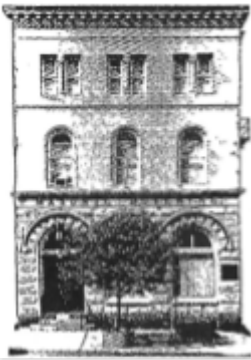
Ladies Night: May 10, 2025

Greetings from the East,

A Stated Meeting of Acacia Lodge, No. 586, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Masonic Temple, 33 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, 17241, on Friday evening, March 21, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Below are some of the images from our February Official Visit and 50-year service awards.

Fraternal Greetings,
Brother John E. Shaffer, PM





Mount Zion Lodge No. 774

311 N Second St, McConnellsburg , PA 17233

Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Master: Brother William S. Hoffman, PM

Ladies Night: August 16, 2025

Greetings from the East,

The Stated meeting of Mount Zion Lodge was held on February 10, 2025. Prior to the meeting a meal of Baked Ziti and salad was served. Approximately 35 members, spouses, guests and children attended the meal. At the stated meeting, we voted on and approved, one petition. We received another petition, which was assigned to a committee of investigation. After the business of the meeting was conducted, the ladies were invited back in and a very informative and interesting program entitled Born In Blood was presented by brother Douglas Shetron from Acacia Lodge number 586.

Next months stated meeting will be held March 10, 2025 Prior to the meeting a meal of ham green beans and potatoes will be served at 6:30 PM. Following the meeting The program for the evening will be Shriners hospitals for children given by Brother C. Mark Recard from Acacia Lodge number 586 All members, visitors, and guests are welcome to attend both the meal and the presentation Please RSVP to the Worshipful Master one week prior.

Fraternal Greeting,
William S. Hoffman, PM
Worshipful Master

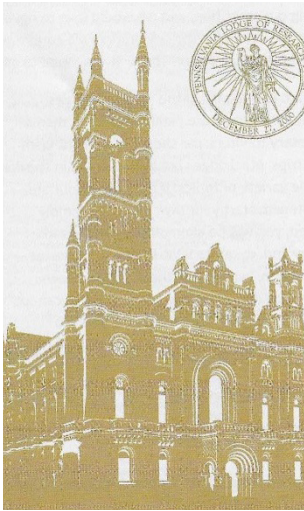
Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

Worshipful Master: Brother Jack H. Speece

<https://palodgeofresearch.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/92580616988>



Greetings from the East,

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research is a unique occurrence in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as this is the first Lodge constituted within our Jurisdiction solely for the purpose of Masonic study. The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research holds only two Stated Meetings each year, with Special Meetings to be held at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Meetings are held at various Masonic sites throughout the Commonwealth. No Craft Degrees are conferred. The elected Worshipful Master does not receive “the Word of the Chair,” nor does he become a voting member of the Grand Lodge.

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

In an effort to accommodate more Masons in Pennsylvania, the mid-year meeting will be held in Central Pennsylvania - Altoona, on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Masonic Hall , 600 Jackson Avenue. Lunch will be provided for a \$15 donation. The annual meeting will be held on December 13, 2025 at the Scottish Rite Center in Harrisburg at 9:00 AM. Scholarly papers are being prepared for presentation at these meetings. The Lodge is also supporting a special lecture to be presented at the upcoming Academy of Masonic Knowledge. All Masons are invited to join with us in our effort to seek greater light and knowledge

Membership is open to all Master Masons who are members of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. To become a member of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research please use this link to download a petition. The joining fee is \$75, and dues are \$25 per year. Both fee and dues (a total of \$100) must accompany the completed petition.

Questions regarding membership can be emailed to: Lodge.of.Research@pagrandlodge.org. Completed petitions should be sent along with the membership fee to the Secretary, at:

Bro. Michael L Moran, Secretary
Attn: Lodge of Research
c/o The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A.M.
1 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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

Job's Daughters

Bethel 16, Chambersburg, Pa.

Delaney Stains, Honor Queen

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

Bethel 19, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Janeese Hawkins, Honor Queen

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

Greetings from PA Job's Daughter's,

Miss Job's Daughter pageant is fast approaching on April 5th. The pageant will be held at the Masonic Village ballroom in Elizabethtown at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend and support the daughters.

On February 22 the daughters from 4 of the 5 bethels in the state attended the Valley of Lancaster Scottish Rite Bowling fundraiser for the Dyslexia Center. There was a great turnout for this worthy cause. The daughters had a blast!

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Job's Daughters Masonic Family Picnic on June 28th at 4pm. The picnic will be held rain or shine at the American Legion Woods in Biglerville. The event is free to all members of the Masonic family. There will be games, raffles, food, and fellowship.

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fraternally,

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

Widows Sons

Marked & Hewn - Chambersburg

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

Temple Guard - Carlisle/Mechanicsburg

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

Website: <https://pawsmra.org>

Greetings from the Widows Sons,



Even though the summer has ended, and riding season is winding down, the Widows Sons is not dormant. With many charity rides planned by many of the state chapters and our annual fall gathering held in October, we are still very busy spreading Freemasonry through the motorcycling community.

The upcoming year is already shaping up to be a busy one for the Widows Sons. The 2025 Grand Master Ride is well into the planning stage and will be held August 1 - 3, 2025, and will be back 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 Fraternaly,
Rich "Meat" Kline, PM
President, Marked & Hewn Chapter

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

Masonic Golf Clubs



Brothers,

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

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

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

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

tallcedarsgolfunit@gmail.com (email)



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