

By W.B. Todd E. Creason, 33°

2023 Calendar

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Notes

Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons add 4,000 to the common calendar year because they begin their calendar when the Grand Architect created the world and illuminated it.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite also date their calendar beginning with the creation of the world, but they use the Jewish calendar, or Anno Mundi (In the Year of the World). The Scottish Rite adds 3,760 years to the common date, so the common calendar year 2016 would be A.M. 5776. They also use the Hebrew month and new year, so they begin to add another year after September 17th.

Royal Arch Masons use the date Zerubbabel began building the second Temple, which was 530 years before Christ. This is called Anno Inventionis (In the Year of the Discovery) or A.I. So, the common calendar year 2016 for Royal Arch Masons would be A.I. 2546.

January 23, 2023
District 3 SOI
Reception of the DDGM, Balloting, and
Presentation of Masonic Service Emblems.

March 25, 2023
One Day Class (Harrisburg Consistory)
District 3 Degree Team – EA Degree

April 22, 2023
Sectional School of Instruction
Manheim Lodge No. 587

Similarly, the Cryptic Masons date their calendars beginning with the completion of the first Temple, King Solomon's Temple, which was 1,000 years before Christ. This is called Anno Deposition is (In the Year of Deposit) or A. Dep. So, the common calendar year 2016 for Cryptic Masons would be A. Dep 3016.

The Knights Templar Order was founded in A.D. 1118, so modern Knights Templars use that as the start date of their calendars. This is called Anno Ordinis or A.O. So, the common calendar date 2016 would be A.O. 898.

Now that should have either straightened things out for you, or confused you further. Hopefully, you found that as interesting as I did. It's just another example of some of the unique and interesting customs of our great Fraternity.

I was unable to determine if the Shriners have a unique way of calculating their dates. However, after talking to a long-time Shriner he did point out to me they have a very different way of telling time. He said according to Shrine custom, when it comes to determining the time, it's always five o'clock somewhere.



“The Year”

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1910)

What can be said in New Year rhymes,
That's not been said a thousand times?
The new years come, the old years go,
We know we dream, we dream we know.
We rise up laughing with the light,
We lie down weeping with the night.
We hug the world until it stings,
We curse it then and sigh for wings.
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,
We wreath our brides, we sheet our dead.
We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,
And that's the burden of the year.

Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A.M.

By order of the Grand Master a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A.M. will be held February 12, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at the Masonic Villages located at One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, for the purpose of constituting Elizabethtown Day Lodge No. 816.

From the Desk of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller District Deputy Grand Master, Third Masonic District



*Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
District Deputy Grand Master*

Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren 2023 is upon us and 2022 is in the rearview mirror. It was an excellent year for Freemasonry in District 3. Brethren be sure to attend your Lodge each month this year and support your Worshipful Master during his term. A Lodge room filled with many of the members of the Lodge is very special to the Worshipful Master as he leads. He has lots of enthusiasm coming into his year, help him to sustain that enthusiasm throughout his time as Worshipful Master of **YOUR** Lodge. Attend not only the stated meetings but more especially the extra meetings. Make it a goal this year to step forward, volunteer, and participate in the conferral of a degree. There are parts in each Degree that are non-speaking. Our Ritual sets us apart from the many other Fraternal organizations. Being part of a degree conferral is a very rewarding experience in your Masonic journey!!

I look forward to seeing you at my official visits this month. I will be making an official visit to Lodge No. 302 on January 2, 2023, to present the district 3 Mason of the Year award to Brother Timothy C. Dedman PM. Brother Tim exemplifies what a Freemason is. His dedication to the Fraternity is a shining example that we all can emulate. He is the secretary of his Lodge and Region 2 information technology representative. He devotes many hours to the Fraternity for not only his Lodge but also many other Lodges and appendant bodies. Congratulations Brother Tim on a job well done.

I will be then traveling to Lodge No. 143 on January 13, 2023, to present the DDGM Lodge of the year award. Worshipful Master John C. Northcott's leadership kept his membership engaged and active throughout the year. Brother John personally attended all the district wide events and motivated his membership to do the same. He planned and executed other activities including several virtual programs. He is serving in the East this year also and I cannot wait to see what he can do again. Congratulations Brother John! Thank you very much for your leadership. I hope to see you at each of these meetings.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!!

Jeffrey R. Miller DDGM03



From the Desk of Brother Kenneth W. Womack, PM Principal, Third Masonic District School of Instruction



*Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal District 3
School of Masonic Instruction*

Brethren all,

Brethren, welcome to a new Masonic year in the School of Instruction. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season and time to spend with family and friends, despite the cold!

We have a busy Masonic year before us. In addition to annual official visits, banquets, and the Low Vale, there are other events that will involve participation by Brothers in the district. On March 25th, there will be a One-Day class conducted at the Consistory in Harrisburg. District Three is responsible for conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree. Members of the degree team will be selected from the Lodges in the district. Rehearsals for this degree team will be scheduled on March 12th and/or March 19th.

There will be a Sectional School of Instruction on Saturday, April 22nd at Manheim Lodge No. 587 in Manheim. District Three will exemplify the Fellow Craft Mason's Degree (mechanics only). Brother Paul A. Sutcliffe, Jr., Regional Instructor for Region Two, will visit the District Three SOI on Monday, March 27th to help our team prepare for the sectional school. An additional rehearsal for this degree is scheduled for Sunday, April 16th.

If you are interested in being part of either one of these teams, please let your Worshipful Master know. Being part of a regional or district team is a good experience (I speak from experience) and an opportunity to show the kind of work we do in District Three.

Brethren, as a reminder, please do not bring a ritual book into the SOI. The secretary will have a ritual book at his desk, and if needed for clarification or other information, he will be asked to locate the appropriate ritual and provide clarification. Also, per guidance in the ritual manual, the manual may not be used in an open meeting, for prompting during any degree and may not be read from during any degree.

The work for the January SOI will be Reception of the DDGM, Balloting and presentation of Masonic Service pins. This last portion was added to help clarify some of the floor work and possible situations requiring modifications for presentation. WMs are reminded that the ritual for presentation should be committed to memory.

I look forward to seeing you all at SOI on January 23rd.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal, District 3 SOI

Academy of Masonic Knowledge

<https://pamasonicacademy.org/>

The Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge strives to create an environment that encourages Masons to seek a greater understanding of the nature and purposes of Freemasonry in all its many aspects – past, present, and future – and to share that understanding with others. To this end, the Academy offers learning opportunities in which Masons may participate in dialogues with similarly inclined brethren, witness prominent Masonic scholars discussing various aspects of Freemasonry, and pursue home study at their own pace and in their own areas of interest, through publications on Masonic subjects recommended by the Academy.

The Academy is also a vehicle affording recognition to Masons who share their knowledge of Freemasonry with fellow Masons or the public by the written or spoken word. All Pennsylvania Masons are eligible to participate in the Academy's Certification Process, culminating with the designation as a Master Masonic Scholar. Click [here](#) to enroll.

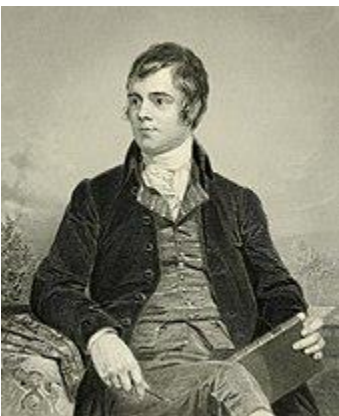
The Committee of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge will attempt to provide to you the basic tools and principles for your study. How well you use these tools in your pursuit of Masonic knowledge will be analyzed and determined through your Evaluation Reports. It is important to your success that you not only know the subject, but that you demonstrate an ability to identify and apply the Masonic principles you have learned. The best ideas are those that work, and the best scholars are leaders who set the pace for putting their thoughts and knowledge into action.

Upcoming Academy Dates are Saturday, March 18, 2023, and Saturday, October 28, 2023. Details are TBA.

The Masonic Nugget

Auld Lang Syne

By Brother Sir Robert Burns



Auld Lang Syne was written in 1788. Literal translation: 'old long since' or more loosely as 'long long ago' or 'days gone by.' The song is traditionally sung by English speakers on New Year's Eve to bid farewell to the outgoing year at the stroke of midnight. Also sung at funerals, or sentimental occasions to bid farewell to cherished friends. The lyrics are about old friends having a drink and recalling adventures they had long ago. There is no specific reference to the new year. When Scots immigrated around the world; they took the song with them. Eventually, North American English speakers translated Burns' dialect into the common lyrics we know today, made famous in part by Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians band. The group performed the song on New Year's Eve from 1929 until about 1977.

Around the District

Be an active member!



Third Masonic District Schools 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 23, 2023. The work of the evening will be reception of the DDGM, balloting, and the presentation of Masonic Service Emblems. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and learn more about our ritual and the Masonic craft.



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](#).

We no longer require dues 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.

George Washington Lodge No. 143

74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

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

Brother John C. Northcott

Worshipful Master

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/georgewashingtonlodge143>



Fraternal Greetings from George Washington Lodge No. 143,

Happy New Year and Fraternal greetings from George Washington Lodge No. 143. I hope that all the brethren of the district have had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed the holiday season with friends and family

At our last stated meeting on December 9th, we conducted the election and installation of officers. We had a great meal beforehand which included Roast Beef, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Apple Pie for dessert. Congratulations to Bro. Nathan Neil as he was installed as our new Junior Warden. A great night for all that were present. We also attended the District School of Instruction on December 19th where it was announced that we had won the District Deputies Award for Lodge of the year for 2022. I am incredibly proud of all the hard work the officers and members did to be awarded this recognition.

In addition, we also are volunteer staffing the Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-in Shelter 2 nights each month. We will do this from December until it closes in April. It is a wonderful chance for us to provide a service to those less fortunate and be seen helping in the community. I am grateful to all the brethren of our Lodge who volunteer their time to assisting in this endeavor.

Coming up this month at the Stated Meeting is an Official Visit by the Deputy and Officers of the District to present the award. We will start the evening with a dinner of Pork and Sauerkraut, Vegetables, Bread, and a dessert. We will also attend another Official Visit on January 2nd to Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302, as one of their members will also be recognized by the Deputy. Our Extra meeting will be held on January 19th when we will confer a first and second degree. Finally, we will attend the School of Instruction on January 23rd.

I look forward to my second year in the East, and, to all the travels that will allow us to visit the many Brethren of the District.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Northcott
Worshipful Master

From the Secretary's Desk:

I want to Congratulate all the Officers, both Current and New, on their respective journeys in Freemasonry. Learn as much as you can along the way as it will bring you "Great Benefits" for the future.

As a reminder, if you have not paid your 2023 Lodge Dues, you are “Not in Good Standing”. Your membership in your Lodge is required to belong to other Masonic Bodies. If you are “Not in Good Standing” you cannot attend Meetings of your Lodge or belong or attend Meetings of Appendant Bodies requiring Membership in Lodge. If you have questions, contact your respective Secretaries.

Also, if more convenient, you may pay online. Go to GW143.org under dues (portal.pamasons.org). To pay online you need to REGISTER using the email we have on file for you, and you will need to create a login password. If we do not have an email on file, you may need your MEMBER NUMBER which is on your PA Freemason magazine. Use REGISTER feature if system doesn’t recognize you. You may contact the Secretary if you need assistance in retrieving your member number. A fee will be charged for paying online.

Take Care and hope to see you soon!
Dennis R. McClanahan, PM
Secretary

Carlisle Lodge 260
1236 Holly Pike, Carlisle, PA, 17013
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Brother Marc R. Thorne
Worshipful Master
Website: <http://carlisle260.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.Johns.260>

Greetings from the East,

**Carlisle
Lodge
No. 260**



Happy December Brethren!

January is a time of renewal and hope. As we start off our Masonic year, Carlisle Lodge 260 looks to jump start its year of giving. Each month our Past Masters will engage in a charitable event. We’ll keep everyone informed of any upcoming events. Our stated meeting this month will be held on Tuesday, January 17th. I look forward to introducing the new officers and promoting my goals for the year. Please feel free to join us.

Carlisle Lodge 260 has a change to our Extra meeting schedule. All Extra meetings for this year will be held on the Wednesday directly after our Stated meeting. This month we are conferring a 3rd and 1st degree. Please join us as Bro Brandon T Benner confers his first 1st degree. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the month.

God Bless!
Sincerely and fraternally,

Marc R. Thorne
Worshipful Master

Orrstown Lodge No. 262

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Brother Benjamin T. Nefflen
Worshipful Master

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

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

Greetings from the East,



On December 8, 2022, Orrstown Lodge held a closed Election and Installation of Officers. Congratulations to Bro. Benjamin T. Nefflen, Worshipful Master, as well as the other elected and appointed officers.

Lodge Officers for 2023

Worshipful Master – Benjamin T. Nefflen
Senior Warden – Brian K. Van Scyoc, PM
Junior Warden – Carl F. Calder
Treasurer – Charles E. Hill
Secretary – Shane J. Sanders



Senior Deacon: Warren D. Scott; *Junior Deacon*: Scott D. Hart; *Senior Master of Ceremonies*: Lee D. Kauffman; *Junior Master of Ceremonies*: Glenn R. Perry, Jr.; *Pursuivant*: Wesley B. Bittinger; *Tyler*: Marcos A. Mora, *Chaplain*: Brady P. Hogue, PM; *Steward*: Matthew R. Hoch, PM.



As the newest Worshipful Master of Orrstown Lodge No. 262, I wanted to compliment the leadership of Brother Matthew R. Hoch that he has given to the lodge over the past two years. He has tirelessly kept the officers and lodge active through the adversity of our world changing following the pandemic. I would also like to thank all the other 117 Past Masters who have stood in this position, and vow that I will do my absolute best to continue the path to make Orrstown Lodge No. 262 not only succeed but flourish.

During the upcoming year, Orrstown Lodge will continue to develop members into leaders/line officers and work collaboratively with other lodges in the district to strengthen ritual. This will not only fortify lodge mechanics and verbiage, but also develop a deep understanding of what it means to be a brother, a friend, and most importantly a Mason.

December in Review

December 2022 was a busy month for the membership! Sunday, December 11th, Brother Benjamin Nefflen, along with other members of the lodge attended the Job's Daughters installation and meeting. The following weekend, on Saturday, December 17, 2022, the brothers of Orrstown Lodge participated in ringing bells and collecting funds for the Salvation Army. This annual tradition not only helps the brothers to get in the Christmas Spirit, but also assists the local community.

Job's Daughters Installation, Bethel #16, Chambersburg, PA



(L-R: Bro. Joshua Brown, WM: Acacia 586; Delaney Stains, Honor Queen: Bethel 16; Bro. John Northcott, WM: George Washington 143; Bro. Benjamin Nefflen, WM: Orrstown 262)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Shippensburg Wal*Mart



Thanks to brothers Ron Harshman, Jr., PM, Zach Gilson, Ben Nefflen, Shane Sanders, Matt Hoch, PM, Brian VanScyoc, PM, Doug Foreback, Carl Calder, and Kent Garman, PM along with family and friends who manned the bells and buckets to raise funds for the local community.



January Lodge Events

The membership is encouraged to attend our first stated meeting of the New Year on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7:30pm, learn of the exciting year Brother Ben has planned for the good of our lodge & Freemasonry and a presentation by Bro. Richard L. Auchey, PM, on “Masonic Values”.

An Extra Meeting will be held on January 19, 2023, to raise Rickey L. Gutshaw to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

An additional Extra Meeting will be held on January 26, 2023, to enter Daniel A. Hess and Mark L. McCleaf, Jr. into the fraternity as Entered Apprentice Masons.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Benjamin T. Nefflen
Worshipful Master



***“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors,
and let every NEW YEAR find you a better man.***

- Benjamin Franklin

Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302

910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

Brother Elmer Denny Beaver

Worshipful Master

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

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

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Fraternal Greetings from Eureka West Shore Lodge. We wish all the brethren and their families the best this Holiday Season!

Our election and open installation of Officers to serve Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 was held on December 5, and we look forward to what the new slate of officers accomplishes in 2023. We are sure it will be a great year! Brother Denny takes over as Worshipful Master on St. John's Day and has several great programs planned. Prior to our meeting a family fellowship dinner was held consisting of New York Strip roast, baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, and desert. A great time was had by all. The families enjoyed seeing our open installation and were impressed with seeing some of the workings of our lodge. We thank the several members and family members for the many photos of this memorable event. Also of interest was that we honored our Past Masters. We had 24 Past Masters and visiting Past Masters in attendance, District Deputy Jeffrey R. Miller, among them. We look forward to a very successful 2023!



Upcoming January Events

January 2 – Stated Meeting – Update to Grandview, and the Mechanicsburg Renaissance program

January 4 – Extra Meeting – Conferral of two Entered Apprentice Degrees

January 5 – Extra Meeting – Conferral of a Master Mason and Fellow Craft Degree

Sincerely & fraternally,

E. Denny Beaver

Worshipful Master

Cumberland Valley No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

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

Brother Todd W. West

Worshipful Master

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Cumberland-Valley-Masonic-Lodge-No-315-1386129258366656>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1486480571653567>

Greetings from the East,

On December 1, 2022, at our Stated Meeting, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons held an election of officers to serve our lodge for the ensuing 2023 Masonic Year. The following members were elected by unanimous vote and installed:

Bro. Todd W. West was formally installed as Worshipful Master; Bro. William L. Britton, PM was duly installed as Secretary; Bro. Thomas P. Kennedy, PM was duly installed as Treasurer; Bro. Barry A. Martz, PM, was duly installed as Senior Warden; Bro. Jesse E. Weller, PM, and was duly installed as Junior Warden.

The following brothers will serve as appointed officers for the ensuing 2023 Masonic Year: Jonathan Williams, Senior Deacon; John R. Ridgway, Junior Deacon; Clinton L. Craig, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Mahmood MJ Saand, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Donald O. Brown, Persuivant; John D. Dyson, PM, Chaplin; Jeffrey L. Trani, Tyler; R. Clem Malot, PM, Representative to the Grand Lodge; and Alan R. Beidel, PM, Alternate Representative to the Grand Lodge.

A stated meeting of Cumberland Valley No. 315 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Programs of the evening will be Introduction of Officers and Announcement of Committees for 2023, and “How to Memorize Masonic Ritual” presented by Bro. Richard A. Auchey, PM.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Todd W. West

Worshipful Master

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Brother Phillip S. Hayslett
Worshipful Master

Website: <http://bigspringlodgeno361.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bigspring361>



Greetings from the East,

A stated meeting of Big Spring Lodge No. 361 Free & Accepted Masons will be held Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be the presentation of the Worshipful Master's programs and expectations for the new Masonic Year. Come on out and visit with us – the D3 Travelling Gavel is looking for a new home!

Fraternal Greetings,

Phillip S. Hayslett
Worshipful Master

Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

Third Floor, Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Brother Robert E Brindle
Worshipful Master

Website: <https://mtpisgah443.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Pisgah-Lodge-No-443-668433266645074>



Greetings from the East ,

A Stated Meeting of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 Free and Accepted Masons will be held at the Masonic Temple, Third Floor, Truist Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225 on Tuesday January 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm The program of the evening to be the funeral service and examination of a visitor

Have a great day in Freemasonry!

Robert E Brindle, PM
Worshipful Master

Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

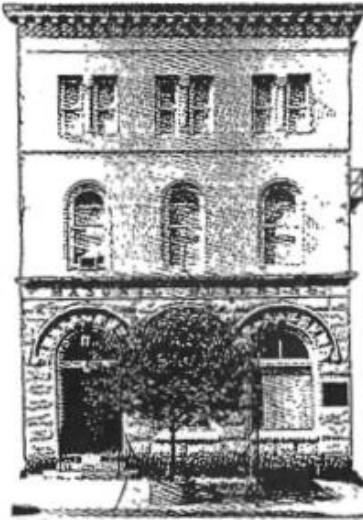
Third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Joshua P. Brown

Worshipful Master

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

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



Brethren of District 3,

I bring you warm greetings as we prepare for the year's end. At our last stated meeting we gathered and had a meal of Smoked Turkey, Pit Beef, Mac n cheese, baked beans, and coleslaw. This prepared us for our last meeting of the year, where we elected officers for 2023 and installed Brother William Wepking PM as Senior Warden. In January we will install Anthony A Haugh PM as Junior Warden. These men have stepped up to assist our lodge in reinvigorating our officer line so that we can get the other five members, who have never been Worshipful Master before, in the appointed chairs prepared to make their journey to the east. We ended the evening in the social quarters sharing in various desserts and treats supplied by the members present.

I look forward to serving again as Worshipful Master in 2023. We have a plan in place to strengthen our mentor program and look forward to increasing our post-covid participation in lodge meetings and activities.

I wish the district, its officers, and the brethren the best as we begin 2023.

Fraternal Greetings,

Joshua P. Brown
Worshipful Master

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations

Brother Richard F. Muth

Worshipful Master

<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.

Membership in the Lodge of Research 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.

Completed petitions should be sent along with the membership fee to the Secretary, at:

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

Questions regarding membership can be emailed to: Lodge.of.Research@pagrandlodge.org .

Next Meetings:

The June 2023 Stated Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Altoona Masonic Temple, 610 Jackson Avenue, Altoona, PA 1660, details TBD.

The December 2023 Stated Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, details TBD.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother Richard F. Muth
Worshipful Master