



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N.J.*

***June 2024***

*Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)*

*21st Masonic District-Grand Lodge of New Jersey*

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#### District Lodge Meetings

Mantua: Second Thursday of the month.

Pennsgrove-Excelsior: First Wednesday of the month.

Clarksboro: First Monday of the month.

Williamstown #166: First and third Tuesday of the month.

Woodstown: The first Tuesday of the month.

Pitman #197: The second Tuesday of the month.

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**June 27, 2024 @ Clarksboro Lodge, BBQ and Awards**

**September 26, 2024 @ Penns Grove Excelsior # 54**

**October 24, 2024 @ Mantua # 95**

**November 21, 2024 @ Clarksboro- This is a regular DLI Thanksgiving conflict\*\*\*\***

**Date for qualification meetings TBA.**

**There will be 2 mandatory dates for qualification. PM only Oct-Nov**

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#### **Lodge Reservation Donations**

**Masonic organizations: \$110**

**Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250**

**Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300**

**Non-members: \$350**

**Brethren,**

We are about to enter the summer months when the lodges traditionally go "dark" as far as meetings go. However, many events continue. Freemasonry never goes dark.

Pitman Lodge will be participating in the Fourth of July Parade. Not only for the members of Pitman Lodge but all Freemasons are welcome to participate. We will also have our Annual Chicken Bbq on July 27th. Contact the Secretary and any of the officers to receive your tickets. Further information will be sent out on both of these events. We will also be having several work parties to do repairs and sprucing up the lodge property. All are welcome to assist. Remember, the lodge belongs to all of us.

On behalf of myself and the officers of Pitman Lodge. We wish you a happy, safe, and healthy summer. I want to leave you with this final note: The Silent Summons.

“A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, had stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more.

Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

Fraternally, RW Kenneth W. Thomas, Worshipful Master

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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### Sick and Distressed Brothers

If you know of any sick and distressed brothers, or anyone that has passed, please contact our Grand Chaplin(s)

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## Living Past Masters

Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Kier, James R.	1981	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Paris, Michael	2017
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
Marker, David W.	1994	Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Brian M. Kane	2022
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998	Keith M. Lypka	2023
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999		
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000		

### Lodge Events

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024: All You Can Eat Breakfast. 8-11AM. \$10 Adults, \$5 Children.

Please come out and support the lodge. Help is always needed.

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Official Visit of the DDGM.

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024: DLI at Clarksboro Lodge. This is the annual BBQ and recognition event. Dress is casual. Start time 6:30.

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Gold Token Luncheon at Clarksboro Lodge. 12PM to 230PM.

### Upcoming Events

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 ARC Walk in Pennsville.

July 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. Our annual Chicken BBQ.

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>: Pitman Craft Fair Parking Fund raiser.

Rain Date Sunday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Lodge Dues 2024

Please use the Paypal link to pay your dues online. Dues

For 2024 are \$150, same as last year.



**Mission Statement of the Grand Lodge**  
**Of New Jersey**

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.

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**June Masonic Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Joeseeph P. Aiello	06-26-2012	12
Harold R. Atkinson Jr.	06-23-1998	26
James H. Blose	06-17-1975	49
Ronald L. Brant	06-12-1981	43
Matthew W. Fisler	06-24-2003	21
Wayne G. Fox	06-23-1981	43
Mark E. Hicks	06-24-2017	7
Jason A. Hoffman	06-24-2017	7
Jonathan L. Hughes	06-28-2016	8
Edward Hyndman	06-23-1981	43
John W. Keller	06-23-1981	43
Thomas R. McCormick II	06-22-2017	7
Jay M. Mecouch	06-25-1976	21
Gregory M. Pontano	06-05-2021	3
Jason M. Rickert	06-22-2017	7
George J. Ruczynski Sr.	06-23-1998	26
James E. Scholz	06-12-1981	43
William M. Willett	06-21-1985	39

## Pitman Lodge BBQ July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

On Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we will be having our annual chicken BBQ. This is the lodge's main fund raiser for the year. The cost is the same as last year, \$15 per dinner. This includes a half of a chicken barbequed to perfection, ear of corn, tomato, roll, pickles, and dessert item.

Take out is preferred but you may also eat the dinner at the lodge. Pick-up will be 12 noon until 5 PM.

We are asking each member if possible to buy 3 dinners. We will mail your tickets to you or you may pick them up at the door.

We also have a PayPal link to purchase online, with the same options. Use the link to the left or the box on our web page to order. Please leave your name and instructions.

Thank you for your support of our lodge.



I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @\$15 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please do the following with my tickets,

\_\_\_\_\_ Mail them to me \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up at the BBQ

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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