



*Constituted 1912*

*Pitman, N. J.*

***March 2021***

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

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

Pitman Lodge #197  
Free and Accepted Masons  
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An email list of current members is being compiled. All those on the list will receive an electronic version of this newsletter. If you are happy with that and wish to be taken off paper mailings, please email us at [pitmanmasons@gmail.com](mailto:pitmanmasons@gmail.com) and make your request known. You will be saving the lodge money by doing so.

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\*\*\*Please note most lodges are using Zoom to conduct meetings, check with a lodge officer before you venture out to the physical lodge.\*\*\*

**District Events**

- March 2, 2021 Woodstown Lodge, regular communication
- March 2 and 16 , 2021 Williamstown Lodge, regular communication
- March 3 Pennsgrove-Excelsior #54, regular communication
- March 8, 2021 Clarksboro #87, regular communication
- March 9, 2021 Pitman #197, regular communication. ( Zoom meeting)
- March 11, 2021 Mantua #95, regular communication
- March 25, 2021 DLI at Woodstown Lodge, 7PM opening.

\* All lodge meetings are to be conducted using Covid restrictions ordered by edict of the Grand Master until further notice. Please check with your lodge officers for ongoing details.

**"I VIOLATE NO SECRET WHEN I SAY THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST VALUES IN MASONRY IS THAT IT AFFORDS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO MEET ON COMMON GROUND WHERE ALL MEN ARE EQUAL AND HAVE ONE COMMON INTEREST."**

- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt

Brethren,

**BEHIND THE TILED DOOR** we labor together as Masons equally, **ON THE LEVEL**.

"Being neither a Christian nor a Jew, a Muslim or Hindu, being a Democrat nor a Republican, being Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, nor Indian, being rich nor poor, has anything to do with me amongst my Brethren behind this door. Only my trust in God, the faith in my Brothers, and the charity given to mankind as a result of my actions matter in this place. I AM A FREEMASON." – C.M. Harper Sr.

These ideas epitomize Masonry. Are we not on the level? Claudy teaches us that Freemasonry regards no man for his worldly wealth, social status, or outward appearance. Presidents and potentates, bus drivers and busboys, all are on the level. President Harry S. Truman would escape the world as a political leader and seek solace and fraternity amongst his Brothers behind the tiled door. He was **NOT JUST A MAN, BUT A MASON**.

It is our trust in God and faith in our Brothers that unite us, the cement that fits our rough ashlar into to a single structure; a sacred band, a society of brothers. There is none above, not one more or less important. Few are entrusted with **TEMPORARY** authority, but none with permanent power. Remember, the brief authority, "springs only from the body of Masonry," by the consent of the Brethren. This applies to all, from the Grand Master to the newest member of our fraternity.

"There is an equality which is taught in Masonry, the true equality, the inner life of God which makes all men equal." – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

There are many Masons that stand out, who are honored in our Craft and are influential in our Lodges, because of their actions and contributions, however, all Masons contribute. Just paying dues is a major contribution that supports both our Lodge and Grand Lodge as well. This puts us all "**ON THE LEVEL**." These principles should be applied daily and our actions should reflect the ideas upon which our beloved fraternity was founded. Our predecessors gave us a great gift; **MASONRY**. It is our duty to uphold the precepts, demonstrate the concepts, and keep it intact for those who may follow. We are all **ONE**. We should speak with honesty, think with sincerity, and act with integrity, remembering that we and our brothers walk upon the level together, our brotherly love and charity should reach out and embrace one another.

"Men build too many walls and not enough bridges."— Joseph Fort Newton  
We need to be builders of bridges. I look forward to laboring with you in the quarry and over the waters of life. Look out for one another, remember our elderly Brothers, widows, and orphans. Pitman Lodge, the 21<sup>st</sup> District, and Grand Lodge is here for you, as am I. Should you need any type of assistance, please contact myself or our secretary. I remain your humble servant.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Vincent L. Baehr

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

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### **Dues Card Information**

The Grand Lodge wants members to use the virtual dues card that is posted on the members portal. The exceptions to this is that a member be 80 years old, infirmed, or lacks internet/smart phone access. In this circumstance I can submit names to Grand Lodge and they will print and mail a paper dues card.

The web address for Grandview is:

[https://nj.grandview.systems/users/sign\\_in](https://nj.grandview.systems/users/sign_in)

## Living Past Masters

Wigglesworth, Kenneth	1961	Stranger Jr., Hiram	1998
Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999
Lang, Harry E	1975	Bradley, Theodore B.	2000
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
KIER, James R.	1981	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2005#
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
Martin, Fredrick H.	1986	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2013
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Polonsky, Arthur A.	2015
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Collier Jr., John Clark	1992	Paris, Michael	2017
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Marker, David W.	1994	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Baehr, Vincent L.	2020

## Lodge Events

March 9, 2021. Only 10 members may attend according to the Governor's orders. The individuals who are asked to be there are Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplin, Tyler, District Deputy Grand Master and District Ritual Instructor.

Zoom ID# 563 880 1678 Password 1234

This will be a Zoom meeting. After the lodge is opened in due and ancient form the Zoom portion of the meeting will commence. When Business is done the Zoom meeting will close and the officers will do a live closing. This is per direction from the Grand Lodge.

March 25, 2021: District Lodge of Instruction. To be held at Woodstown Lodge, opening 7PM.

**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.

[www.newjerseygrandlodge.org](http://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org)

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**Masonic Birthdays in March**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Raymond Joseph Angelini	03-29-1983	38
Kyle Justin Beemer	03-02-2013	8
Fred Wayne Beeson	03-27-1973	48
Charles Walter Bowers III	03-29-1983	38
John Robert Burd	03-19-2005	16
James E Cassidy	03-12-1968	53
Tony Celeste	03-29-2011	10
Len Elisha Clark	03-19-2005	16
Gene D Costill	03-17-1971	50
Richard George Dantine Jr.	03-29-2011	10
Alan A Davis	03-23-1973	48
Domenick Charles DiCicco	03-11-2015	6
Edward J Fedor	03-29-2017	4
Edward J Fedor, Jr.	03-29-2017	4
Scott Brian Gant	03-19-2005	16
Gregory Evan Geiger	03-29-2017	4
Raymond Wayne Groff Jr	03-19-2005	16
Mark Jay Haines	03-28-1995	26
Eric Lewis Henderson	03-02-2013	8
Sean Patrick Henderson	03-02-2013	8
William Raymond Hunt	03-29-2006	15
Godfrey Lawton Joyner Jr	03-19-2005	16
Brian Taylor Kelley	03-27-1984	37
John Raymond Kelley III	03-27-1984	37
Wayne Everett Leap	03-26-1985	36
Raymond Russell Martin	03-25-1986	35
William Charles Pennell	03-19-2005	16
Darin Mark Peters	03-29-2017	4
James Robert Peterson	03-25-1969	52
Scott Joseph Quick	03-02-2013	8
Roy Lewis Rambo	03-25-1969	52
William James Riiff	03-19-2005	16
Robert Brian Schaefer	03-23-2004	17
Craig J Shute	03-26-2002	19
Richard J Sowers	03-23-1984	37
Kenneth W Stubbs Jr.	03-21-1956	65
Sebastiano Alfio Tomarchio	03-23-2004	17

## **Spreading Masonic Light**

### **Quotes by Albert Pike**

Masonry is a march and a struggle toward the Light. For the individual as well as the nation, Light is Virtue, Manliness, Intelligence, Liberty. Tyranny over the soul or body, is darkness. (M&D 2:34)

Above all remember that Masonry is the realm of peace, and that “among Masons there must be no dissension, but only that noble emulation, which can best work and best agree.” Wherever there is strife and hatred among the Brethren, there is no Masonry; for Masonry is Peace, and Brotherly Love, and Concord. Masonry is the great Peace Society of the world. Wherever it exists, it struggles to prevent international difficulties and disputes; and to bind Republics, Kingdoms, and Empires together in one great band of peace and amity. It would not so often struggle in vain, if Masons knew their power and valued their oaths. (M&D 6:20–21)

Masonry is useful to all men: to the learned, because it affords them the opportunity of exercising their talents upon subjects eminently worthy of their attention; to the illiterate, because it offers them important instruction; to the young, because it presents them with salutary precepts and good examples, and accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living; to the man of the world, whom it furnishes with noble and useful recreation; to the traveler, whom it enables to find friends and brothers in countries where else he would be isolated and solitary; to the worthy man in misfortune, to whom it gives assistance; to the afflicted, on whom it lavishes consolation; to the charitable man, whom it enables to do more good, by uniting with those who are charitable like himself; and to all who have souls capable of appreciating its importance, and of enjoying the charms of a friendship founded on the same principles of religion, morality, and philanthropy.

A Freemason, therefore, should be a man of honor and of conscience, preferring his duty to everything beside, even to his life; independent in his opinions, and of good morals; submissive to the laws, devoted to humanity, to his country, to his family; kind and indulgent to his brethren, friend of all virtuous men, and ready to assist his fellows by all means in his power.

Masonry is not made for cold souls and narrow minds, that do not comprehend its lofty mission and sublime apostolate. Here the anathema against lukewarm souls applies. To comfort misfortune, to popularize knowledge, to teach whatever is true and pure in religion and philosophy, to accustom men to respect order and the proprieties of life, to point out the way to genuine happiness, to prepare for that fortunate period, when all the factions of the Human Family, united by the bonds of Toleration and Fraternity, shall be but one household—these are labors that may well excite zeal and even enthusiasm. (M&D 8:8)

Masonry is the universal morality which is suitable to the inhabitants of every clime, to the man of every creed. It has taught no doctrines, except those truths that tend directly to the well-being of man; (M&D 10:6)

Masonry is engaged in her crusade, against ignorance, intolerance, fanaticism, superstition, uncharitableness, and error. (M&D 15:2)

(All quotes from his book *Morals and Dogma*)

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