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FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
MAY 2025



Hello Brethren,

I hope all of you and your families are well. As the Spring season is upon us, one this noticeable is the additional daylight hours we have in the day and growing. These additional daylight hours make way for new growth of vegetation and beautiful flowers and such. As the additional daylight is beneficial for the growth of these items, I think of masonic light and its ability to make us all grow in our knowledge of the craft and the love for one another. As we see many new sprouts of life in our gardens, we also see many new candidates becoming Master Masons by way of the additional Masonic light we impart on one another. That said we will have a joint degree for 5 new brothers May 29, we will be joining with Mantua and Pitman lodges for this degree. I hope the lodge is well lit with Masonic light by your presence. Additionally, our fundraise was an absolute success, thank you to all that attended and helped with the event, a report will be shared at our next meeting.

John Higgins
WM Clarksboro Lodge #87 of Free and Accepted Masons

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

May 5, 2024 We will have our May regular communication with dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

This will be the official visit of Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Tom Rathof. The lodge officers will be exemplifying a piece of work for our Right Worshipful District Ritual Instructor Chris Roethke.

May 22, 2025 District Lodge of Instruction for the 21st Masonic District will be hosted by Woodstown Lodge starting at 7:00pm. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and suit and tie is preferred dress code.

May 29 2025 We will be hosting a joint Master Mason degree along with Pitman and Mantua lodges on five candidates including our own Br FC Justin Oravetz. Dinner will be at 6:30 with the degree starting at 7:30pm.

We earnestly request any assistance the brethren can provide since a Master Mason degree is a large undertaking.

June 7 2025 ARC Walk at Pennsville Riverview Park at 9:00am. As is our tradition, the 21st District will be aiding the event by supplying free food and drinks to the walk participants. Volunteers are always welcome and this provides a good opportunity for High School students needing service hours.

June 9 2025 An important note our June communication will be moved to the second Monday from our usual first Monday to accommodate the Grand Master's golf outing on June 2

Thank you to all who participated or donated to our Beef and Beer fundraiser last month. The event was very successful with a sizable amount of money raised for the lodge's charitable endeavors.

Fraternally,
Jason Neal
Secretary

Living Past Masters

1970 J. M. Dare ^S	1991 J. C. Magee, III ^P	2008 G. R. Bruynell ^{PS}
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. ^S	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2008 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. ^P	1992 D. P. Doak ^P	2009 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. ^F	1993 G. E. Sleet ^S	2010 J. A. Link ^{PS}
1979 W. L. Villanova ^S	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F	1995 P. J Peacock	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F		2016 J. P. Neal
1980 C. W. McTyre ^S	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1983 J. R. Corliss ^P	1999 D. C. Henson ^F	2018 T. G. Rathof DRI
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2019 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^{PS}	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2003 J. C. Legge ^{PS}	2021 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 C.B. Jarrell ^{PS}	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P	2006 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2024 J. J. Higgins

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Peppler, PGM	2007 H. S. May, III, PGC	MW L. S. Plasket PGM
1993 R. Stowman, PM	2008 F. D. Jones, PDDGM	RW A. L. Hann PJGD
1996 W. E. Hackney, PGM	2008 J. C. Stephenson, PDRI	RW C. G. Hocknell PDDGM
	2009 W. H. Berman, PGM	2018 MW D. B. Hees PGM
	2014 D. A. Dorworth, PGM	

21st Masonic District Lodges

Penns Grove Excelsior No. 54, Carneys Point	1st Wednesday at 7:30pm
Clarksboro No. 87, Clarksboro	1st Monday at 7:30pm
Mantua No. 95, Mantua	2nd Thursday at 7:30pm
Woodstown No. 138, Woodstown	1st Tuesday at 7:30pm
Williamstown, No. 166, Williamstown	1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm
Pitman, No. 197, Pitman	2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm

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with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth
in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.
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2025

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Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Marshal
Tyler
Director of Ritual

Jimmy Earle, PM
Roger L. Thomas, PGC
James Earle PM
Cory Hunt
Brian Spencer
Geovanie Rodriguez Gonzalez
Ronald Erdman
Joseph Forman
Richard Kell, PDDGM
Gerardo Batista
Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM

Trustees

Financial

Charles Murschell 2025
John Leach 2026
R. D. Bailey PGC 2027

Temple Maintenance

Thomas Rathof DDGM 2025
Eric Rathof PM 2026
R.B. Kell PDDGM 2027
Wm T. Dutka, PDDGM 2028

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff

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If anyone in your Lodge is ailing, in need of a phone call, card, or visitation ... If you need assistance with a Masonic funeral ... Or anything else, please contact the Grand Chaplain