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REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS
FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
MAY 2026

Happy Spring Brothers

I hope you and your families are enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having so far this Spring.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our 3rd Annual Beef and Beer. I believe it was a huge success for Clarksboro Lodge. My congratulations to all who won baskets in our auction and to all those who sang songs with the karaoke experience. It was great to look around and see all of our Brothers, Friends and Families enjoying themselves. I hope to see you all at our regular communication in May.

I will be have knee surgery on May 18th and hopefully will not be away from lodge for too long. I know our Senior Warden, Worshipful Brother James Earl will handle affairs while I am away. Please assist him in any way possible. Finally Brothers don't be a stranger at your lodge, we all would look to see you.

Sincerely,
WM Chris Roethke

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

May 4, 2026 We will have our regular communication for the month of May. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting beginning at 7:30pm.

During this meeting we will have a ballot for the reinstatement of Jesse Jay Thornton

May 18, 2026 We will have a joint Fellowcraft degree with Pitman Lodge #197 for one of our candidates Br EA Gregory Forsman. This degree will be held at Pitman Lodge and we would love to have as many members of Clarksboro lodge come out to help our brother pass to the fellowcraft. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the degree starting at 7:30pm

May 28, 2026 The 21st district will have their District Lodge of Instruction held at Pitman Lodge #197. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and is open to all Master Masons. Formal attire is requested.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Beef N Beer.

A friendly reminder if still owing 2026 dues please help out lodge and submit as soon as possible. I'll be sending out e-mails next week with reminders later this week still with outstanding balances. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2018 T. G. Rathof RWDDGM
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^{PS}	2019 T. G. Rathof, RWDDGM
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2003 J. C. Legge ^{PS}	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2005 C.B. Jarrell ^{PS}	2021 T. G. Rathof, RWDDGM
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2006 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P	2007 R D. Bailey ^{PS}	2024 J. J. Higgins DRI
1990 Lee Brown ^F		2025 J. J. Higgins DRI

Honorary Members

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

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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2026

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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
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Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Sr. Master of Ceremonies
Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Marshal
Tyler
Director of Ritual
Ambassador

Michael Tinsley
Ken Thomas, PGC
Michael Tinsley
Brian Spencer
Keith Lypka, PGC
George Bruynell, PGC
Tom Rathof, RWDDGM
John Higgins, DRI
Richard Kell, PDDGM
Jack Magee, PM
Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM
Michael Tinsley

Trustees

Financial

John Leach 2026
R. D. Bailey PGC 2027
Charles Murschell 2028

Temple Maintenance

Eric Rathof PM 2026
R.B. Kell PDDGM 2027
John Higgins, DRI 2028
Thomas Rathof DDGM 2029

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

Most Worshipful Omar S. Morris

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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