

Third Masonic District

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Esotericism and Freemasonry

By John Bizzack

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Esoteric Masonry is the personal exploration to some of the less mainstream areas of the fraternal society. Some of these aspects include personal development, spiritualism, mysticism, and so forth. It can include aspects of its history not commonly looked at by mainstream historians or participants. Also, it investigates lines of religious thought that exists on the fringes of

mainstream doctrine. Investigation does not mean they work to prove (or disprove) one aspect, or another, to the contrary, the esoteric side of Masonry seeks find additional sources of wisdom and understanding.¹

In essence, those who explore and travel beyond the horizon in any number of studies are considered esoteric – not just in Freemasonry.

The term itself carries with it some mystery, but usually it is because of unawareness or misinformation about not only the term, but what exoteric studies involve. There have indeed been books, papers, presentations, sources and references, along with general conversation about esoteric considerations that may seem to make no sense to one who is not seeking to explore beyond the mainstream. To many the mainstream is enough to contemplate, and all Masons seeking Light do not always follow the same path.

As with the many other areas of Masonic philosophies, there's always more to examine, explore and interpret. Becoming familiar with this aspect of Masonic study, even if one chooses not to pursue it, offers Light and better understanding that, as free thinkers, Masons follow the path that leads them to the most Light in their journey.

Event Announcements

February 22
District School of Instruction
Protocol/Mentoring/Guiding/Balloting
Big Spring Lodge No. 361 and Principals

March 20
Ritualistic Excellence Program
Carlisle Lodge No. 260

March 22
District School of Instruction
Entered Apprentice
Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315

April 26
District School of Instruction
Fellow Craft
Mt. Pisgah No. 443

May 1
Regional School of Instruction
Carlisle Lodge No. 260

May 24
District School of Instruction
Master Mason
Acacia Lodge No. 586

May 19
District Three Past Masters Club Dinner
Carlisle Masonic Temple

August 23
District School of Instruction Funeral
Service/Examination of a Visitor
Carlisle Lodge No. 260

September 22
District Three Low Vale

September 27
District School of Instruction
Entered Apprentice
Orrstown Lodge No. 262

October 25
District School of Instruction
Master Mason
George Washington Lodge No. 143

¹ What is Esoteric Freemasonry?, Regular Grand Lodge of Romania, <http://www.mlnar.ro/en/freemasonry/what-is-esotericmasonry>

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



Brother Jeffrey R. Miller
DDGM District 3

Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Brethren several Lodges in the district will be having stated meetings this month. Most of them will be holding elections and installation of officers. Show your support of the incoming Masters as they assume the East in their Lodges. Please refer to the online district directory for Lodge contact information and meeting night. The district directory is password protected so you will need to contact your Lodge secretary for the password.

2021 will a challenging time not only for your Blue Lodge but also for the appended bodies. Support Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the other bodies attached to Freemasonry. If you are not a member of these organizations now is the time to join. They offer additional insight to the Craft as we travel on our journey of Freemasonry! Remember that you must be current in your Blue Lodge dues to continue your membership or to join any of the bodies mentioned above.

Please mark your calendar for June 19, 2021. Eureka West Shore No. Lodge 302 will be sponsoring a trip to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The trip will be open to Masons and their ladies. It will include lunch and a tour of the Temple along with the conferral of a Master Mason Degree in the Norman Hall. There be will other activities for the non-masons while the Degree is being conducted. This will be a great time of fellowship and fun for all. Additional details to follow in a future newsletter.

I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel the Masonic trail throughout 2021. I will be attending a lot of extra meetings this year. The Worshipful Masters of District 3 know that I love Degree work! I enjoy a good extra meeting and supporting the Brethren who confer the Degrees. Until I see you, please be safe in your travels.

Have a great day in Freemasonry!!

Jeffrey R. Miller
District Deputy Grand Master
Third Masonic District



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



Brother Kenneth W. Womack
Principal District 3 SOI

Brethren all,

Once again, we find ourselves returning to labor following a second break due to the pandemic. As noted in the newsletter last month, we will continue to adjust the SOI schedule as necessary until we can meet again on a regular basis.

At the SOI scheduled for February 22nd, we will cover Business of the Lodge/Reception of DDGM, and since the RWGM has decided all balloting will be done with the ballot box, we will do a quick review of balloting. Brother Miller, DDGM, would also like to make a few remarks on banquets and protocol. Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 will exemplify the work.

The intent of SOI is to enhance the ability of Lodge Officers to learn the work, as authorized by the RWGM, necessary to their position in the Lodge, and to provide other Brethren the opportunity to better their Masonic knowledge of ritual. Unfortunately, given the restrictions on attendance in the room, we can only have 31 Brethren attend SOI this month. Twenty-four seats will be available for the Lodges, or roughly three each. Given that we are doing BOL/Reception of DDGM and the ballot box this month, I request that each Lodge have the WM, SD and Pursuivant attend this meeting if at all possible. If we remain restricted for additional months, we will modify this attendance based on the work being done.

The DDGM has directed that, for the first six meetings each year (January through June), when he attends your Lodge for any stated meeting other than for an official visit, he should be received using Option No. 1 from the ritual manual. For official visits, he will continue to be received using Option No. 3 from the ritual manual. He will coordinate with WMs for visits in the remaining months of the year or for any special occasions.

Since we have limited the number of Brethren who can attend SOI, if your Lodge would like to have a principal attend one of your rehearsals for any reason, particularly a Grand Lodge Officer visit or DDGM official visit, please let us know and we will make someone available.

Brethren, I look forward to resuming SOI, and I hope it won't be too long until the restrictions on attendance can be lifted and we can resume the robust attendance we had before the restrictions.

Fraternally,

Kenneth W. Womack
Principal, District 3 School of Instruction

Third Masonic District Directory 2021

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT
DIRECTORY
2021
Includes
School of Instruction Schedule
Monthly Lodge Programs



GEORGE WASHINGTON No. 143
CARLISLE No. 260
ORRSTOWN No. 262
EUREKA-WEST SHORE No. 302
CUMBERLAND VALLEY No. 315
BIG SPRING No. 361
MOUNT PISGAH No. 443
ACACIA No. 586
LODGE OF RESEARCH

Brethren, you can access the Third Masonic District Directory for 2021 by clicking on the following link <https://www.glpad3.org/d3/district-3/district-directory/>.

The Third Masonic District Directory includes School of Instruction Schedule, Monthly Lodge Programs, and contact information for all the district lodge officers.

The Masonic Nugget

Why are Firetrucks Red?



Do you know why firetrucks are red? Well, firetrucks have four wheels and eight men. Four and eight are twelve.

There are twelve inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler. She is also the largest ship ever on the seven seas. Seas have fish and fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are red. Firetrucks are always rushin', therefore, firetrucks are always red.

If you think this is wild, you ought to hear some of the excuses men use to explain why they haven't been to recent meetings.

Source: *The Lighter Side of Masonry* compiled by Stewart M. L. Pollard.

“The Society or Fraternity of Freemasons is more in the nature of a system of Philosophy or of moral and social virtues taught by symbols, allegories, and lectures based upon fundamental truths, the observance of which tends to promote stability of character, conservatism, morality and good citizenship.”

– H. W. Coil

Around the District

As a reminder whenever attending a Masonic meeting or function COVID 19 restrictions are still in place with masks, social distancing, and wavers as required. There will be no meal served at this time.

George Washington Lodge No. 143

74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

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

Brother Michael S. Essis

Worshipful Master

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

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



From the desk of the Secretary,

George Washington Lodge No. 143 will be returning to Labor on Friday, February 12, 2021. Our Stated Meeting will start at 7:30 pm. The program will be the Election and Installation of Officers followed by a presentation on Masonry and the State Police by Brother Gary L. Carter, Jr.

Our first Extra Meeting will be Thursday, February 18, 2021 beginning at 6:30 pm. We will be conferring three Master Mason Degrees.

Our second Extra Meeting will be Friday, February 19, 2021 beginning at 6:30 pm. We will be conferring three Fellow Craft Mason Degrees.

Please plan on attending one or all of these meetings.

Fraternally,

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 Donald C. Palesky

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://carlisle260.org/>

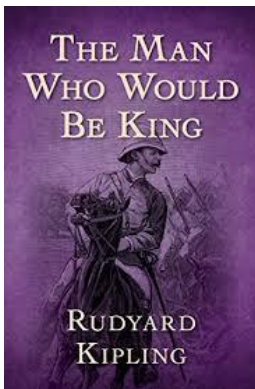
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.Johns.260>



Greetings from the East,

February Lodge Meetings

Carlisle Lodge No. 260 will be conducting a special meeting on Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the Election and Installation of Officers. This will be an open installation.



Carlisle Lodge No. 260 will be conducting a regular Stated Meeting on Tuesday February 16th at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be “The Man Who Would Be King”, presented by Brother Yassar Al-Khatib, PM via Zoom. This iconic novel by Brother Rudyard Kipling turned into a movie by John Huston in 1975 with Sean Connery, Michael Caine, and Christopher Plummer as cast. A story written by a Mason and filled with Masonic symbology. But that is not all, the character of the man that the story could have been built upon is even more fascinating!

The program is being presented by Yassar Al-Khatib, PM. Currently Brother Yassar Al-Khatib serves as the Worshipful Master of The Lodge of Research.

Topic: The Man Who Would Be King

Time: Feb 16, 2021 7:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8934559209?pwd=anhrMTVVSkVhY3lSVkExZ0Nwb01CUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 455 9209

Passcode: 9RrGYA

Brethren are encouraged to attend either meeting, however due to current COVID 19 seating restrictions please contact Brother Don Palesky, Worshipful Master at 717-968-6544 or dpalesky@gmail.com to confirm available seating prior to attending.

Community Activity Spotlight!



This month Carlisle Lodge donated \$300 to the SAVE OUR SMALLS charity. This charity takes the money it raises and purchases gift cards and products from local small businesses in the Carlisle community and gives them to local charities and front-line workers.

Social Activity



On January 19th, a few of the brothers gathered online for a game of Jeopardy. Everyone had a good time and even learned a thing or two. I do not think Ken Jennings has anything to worry about, if I do say so myself, as I am not expecting a call from Jeopardy anytime soon.

Fraternally,

Donald C. Palesky
Worshipful Master



Orrstown Lodge No. 262

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257
Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Brother Matthew R. Hoch
Worshipful Master

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

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



Greetings from the East,

February events

Orrstown Lodge No. 262 will be conducting a Stated Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. A Fellowship meal will be served for Members and guests at 6:30 PM.

An Extra meeting will be held on February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. We will be conferring the Master Mason degree.

Upcoming Lodge events

A Stated Meeting will be held at Tall Timbers Park, Orrstown Pa., on Thursday evening March 11, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

The program for the evening will be the Official Visit of Brother Jeffrey R. Miller, DDGM

There will also be the Presentation of Service Year Awards.

Fraternally,

Matthew R. Hoch
Worshipful Master

From the desk of the Secretary,



Community Outreach

Quentin Mills is 16 months old and was diagnosed with a medulloblastoma brain tumor on Oct. 29, 2020. He is currently being treated at CHOP, Children's Hospital of Pediatrics, in Philadelphia. He has had 2 brain surgeries, a shunt put in his brain, and was battling a blood clot in his brain. He also had an allergic reaction to one of his chemotherapy treatments. Quentin will have 6 months of chemotherapy followed by 30 days of radiation and will need rehabilitation afterwards.



Quentin's family have been long term supporters of the areas children in need by supporting and donating to local charities, one of whom is the American Legion Riders Post 373 in Greencastle who hold yearly Children's Benefit Rides to raise awareness and funds for area children in need. This year they found themselves in need and the community reacted.

On December 20, 2020, Orrstown Lodge 262 was proud to assist with the Greencastle Legion Riders and Widows Sons: PA Marked &

Hewn chapter in support #QuentinStrong, by making a \$500 donation from our Almoners Fund to assist this brave 16-month-old fight medulloblastoma.

Raising a Father

On September 23, 2020 Brother Scott Hart welcomed his Father into Freemasonry at the annual Low Vale. Don't miss the article in this month's Freemason Magazine on page 13.

Fraternally,

Carl F. Calder
Secretary

Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302

910 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

Brother Kenneth B. Robinson

Worshipful Master

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

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



Greetings from the East,

The lodge continued our unofficial ZOOM toast meetings twice a week. The ZOOM meetings are being held on Monday and Thursday nights at 9:00 p.m. Below is the link to the Zoom, feel free to join us.

[Click Here](#)

The fellowship there is very welcoming and we look forward to seeing anyone willing to join us. As we will be restarting lodge activities in February, we will be moving back to once a month, on the third Thursday.

As we were closed down in December before we could have an extra meeting, on February 5th and 6th we will be having extra meetings. Bro. Rick Kellinger will (hopefully) finally receive his 3rd degree on the 5th. Additionally, we have four Entered Apprentice degrees to confer this month.

February Stated Meeting

Eureka West-Shore Lodge No. 302 will be conducting a regular stated meeting on Tuesday February 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. We will be opening in the Fellow Craft degree. Bro. Rick Kellinger, our current Fellow Craft Mason, will be presenting a program on the Middle Chamber.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Kenneth B. Robinson
Worshipful Master

OYSTER DINNER



2021 District 3 Stag OYSTER DINNER

Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 is pleased to host the District 3 Annual Oyster Dinner on **April 5, 2021** at 5:30 pm in the Lawrence I. Widders Social Room of the Masonic Temple located at the corner of Market Street and Cedar Avenue in Mechanicsburg, PA

- Raw Oysters
- Fried Oysters
- Oyster Stew
- Oven Roasted Potatoes and a cooked vegetable
- \$30.00 per person with Proceeds going to the Lodge Scholarship Fund



Contact Jim Upperman with RSVP and choice of raw oysters, fried oysters, or both at 717 -877- 9395 or via text or voicemail before 3/29/2021

***Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this event will be limited to 45 brethren.



Cumberland Valley No. 315

41 Stewart Place, Shippensburg PA 17257

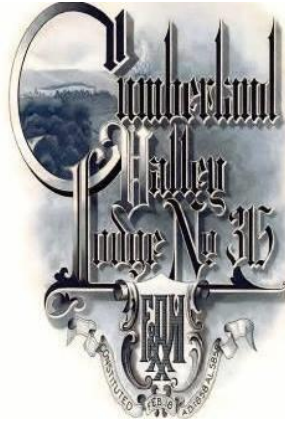
First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Jason E. White

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,

RWGM Thomas Gamon IV has lifted the suspension of meetings as of February 1, 2021, however for the safety of the membership our meetings at Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 will remain suspended until further notice.

Fraternally,

Jason E. White
Worshipful Master

From the Desk of the Secretary.

As a friendly reminder please check your dues card to make sure your membership status is up to date. To remit dues please refer to the lodge website <http://lodge315.org/> or if you have dues questions contact the lodge secretary by emailing SECY0315@pagrandlodge.org.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, this issue of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial's newsletter, LIGHT, is being distributed electronically. This issue contains news about the completion of the Memorial Hall window replacement project, an exciting new virtual reality tour of the Memorial, and many other updates. [Click Here](#) to view this issue.

Fraternally,

Shannon T. Schake, PM
Secretary

Big Spring Lodge No. 361

131 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241

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

Brother Todd L. Johnson, PM

Worshipful Master

Website: <http://bigspringlodgeno361.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bigspring361>



Greetings from the East,

Big Spring Lodge will be conducting a Stated Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The business of the evening will be Election and Installation of Lodge Officers.

Freemasons on Stamps

Many of you probably know of prominent Masons who have been featured on US postage stamps over the years. People such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Gerald R. Ford to name a few. This month I want to recognize a name that you may not be familiar with. Before I begin, a little background on myself. I have been collecting US stamps for about 45 years - starting back in 1974 when it cost 10¢ to mail a First-Class letter. I generally collect unused US stamps but in more recent years, I have acquired a few First Day Covers – these are simply envelopes with a stamp that is postmarked by the US Postal Service on the date that the stamp was first issued. They often have some explanatory text about the subject of the cover and the one I wanted to share with you was prepared by the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club to honor Claire Chennault. You're probably wondering who he was so I'll quote the text of the First Day Cover to explain:



CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Sept. 6, 1890 – July 27, 1958

Air Force General – Member of: League City Texas Lodge No. 1053 – Orient of China AASR – Islam Shrine Temple. Leader of American Volunteer Group (AVG) which defeated Japan in air-to-air battle over China at a rate of 23-1 aircraft downed. Bro. Chennault told his men to “use your speed and diving power to make a pass, shoot and break away.” The Chinese gave them the name of Fei Hou or Flying Tigers.

Fraternally,

Brother Todd L. Johnson, PM

Worshipful Master

Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443

Third Floor, Tower Bank, Greencastle, PA 17225

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

Brother Toby A. Stoner

Worshipful Master

Website: <https://mtpisgah443.org/>

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



Greetings from the East,

This past year has been a trying time for all of us. But together we will get through the COVID 19 Pandemic. On February 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. we will be holding our stated meeting. The first order of Business will be the Election and Installation of Officers.

We will also be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree upon James Michael Norwood at our Extra Meeting.

Fraternal greetings,

Toby A. Stoner
Worshipful Master



Acacia Lodge No. 586

33 West Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

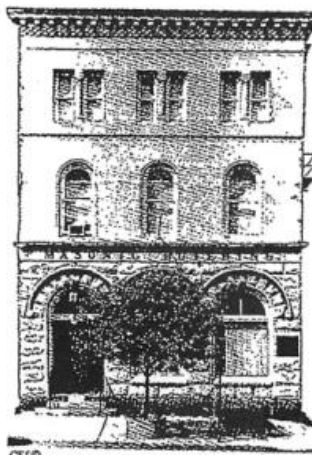
Third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Henry A. Martin

Worshipful Master

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2580660782177324>



From the desk of the Secretary,

We Plan to begin Stated and Extra Meetings again in February. The February Stated Meeting (February 18, 2021) will begin with the Election and Installation of 2021 Officers. We expect to have a program by Brother Kirk Davis titled “A Walk through Time with General George Washington”. Brother Davis gave a very interesting program recently as Doctor Samuel Mudd. We also expected that the Lodge Audit Committee will be presenting the Audit Report for 2020. We are still limited to 25 Brothers including the Officers.

One of our members, John C. Doyle, will be 100 years old on February 7, 2021. It would be wonderful if you could spread the good news and have a Birthday Card Shower for him. His address is: 6596 Orphanage Road, Room 262-A, Waynesboro, PA 17268. It would also be nice for the Brethren to call Jack from time to time to say hello. He is not able to read his emails. He is able to hear on the phone. His telephone number is 717-762-3855. Thanks so much. John was a long time Steward and Trustee for the Lodge before moving to the Quincy Home.

We will have an extra Meeting on Tuesday February 23rd when we will be initiating Brandon Richard Clevenger.

If anyone is interested in renting Garage Space, the Lodge has a one car garage available for rent at \$50.00 per month behind the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Robert W. Nelson, PM
Secretary

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research
Semi-Annual Meetings at Various Locations
Brother Yasser A. Al-Khatib
Worshipful Master

<https://palodgeofresearch.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/92580616988>



Greetings from the East,

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research (PALOR) was constituted in 2001 and as of 2020 is proud to be part of the Third Masonic District. We thank you for accepting us to your family and look forward to strengthening our bonds of brotherhood and fellowship. The PALOR meets twice a year across various locations within our jurisdiction and dedicates its work to Masonic Study. For 2021, we ventured to plan three meetings for a multifold purpose: 1) to account for any possible COVID related cancellations or shutdowns 2) to make up for 2020 as we could not meet and 3) to spread more Masonic Light. All Pennsylvania Master Masons are welcome to take membership in PALOR. To do so reflects your commitment to Masonic Education and to the improvement of self and others. To become a member you must fill a petition, pay the joining fee (\$75) and the annual dues (\$25) for a \$100 total. All members receive the PALOR Pocket Jewel, Lapel Pin, and the subsequent transactions of the Lodge of Research when published. Our meetings feature Masonic Speakers/Programs with diverse topics that aim at educating, engaging and empowering Masons from across all walks of life. You do not have to be a member of PALOR to attend our meetings. All Master Masons are welcome. However, we hope that you take the step to join us in 2021 to support the tradition of Masonic exchange of light.

All our meetings conclude with a lunch banquet and this year our projected program is as follows:

- Saturday, June 5, 2021, 10 AM-1 PM at the Johnstown Masonic Temple (Installation of officers followed by 2 Speakers)
- Saturday, September 4, 2021, in or near Reading (2 Speakers)
- Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the Allentown Masonic Temple (1 Speaker and Installation of Officers)

As the WM, I welcome the opportunity to receive you at our meetings and to share with you our passion for Masonic Education. To get more information about the history and membership of PALOR please visit our website at <https://palodgeofresearch.org/>.

Fraternally Yours,

Yasser Al-Khatib
Worshipful Master

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.

In addition to providing a learning experience for Freemasons, the Academy is 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. External studies programs are currently the fastest growing of all educational methods and the most diverse. 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.

Masonic Scholar Program Enrollment

Upcoming Academy Dates

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Saturday, October 23, 2021