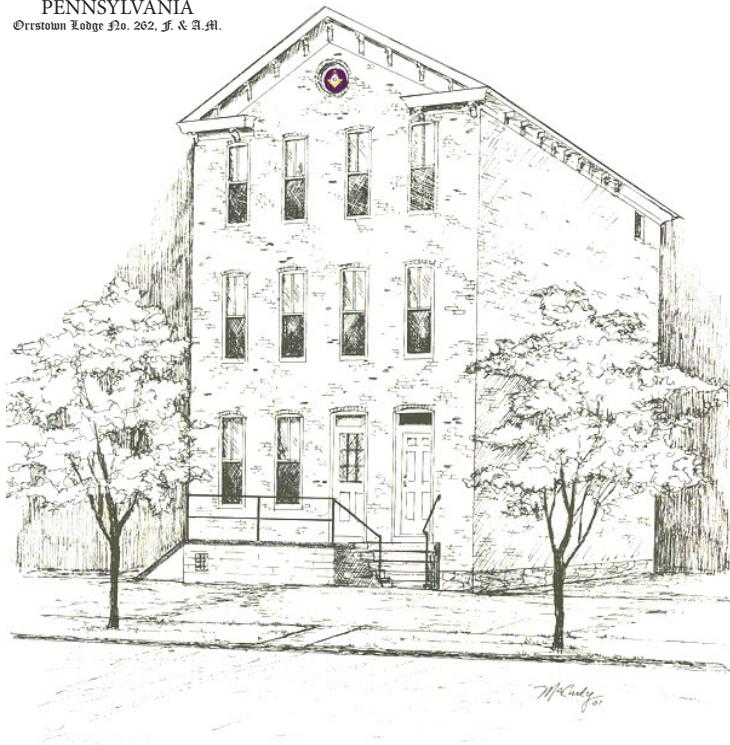


Orrstown Lodge No. 262

Free and Accepted Masons



PENNSYLVANIA
Orrstown Lodge No. 262, F. & A.M.



MASONIC HALL – ORRSTOWN, PA

A Stated Master Masons Meeting of Orrstown Lodge No. 262, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at **Orrstown Masonic Lodge, 3442 Orrstown Rd. Orrstown Pa.** on **Saturday morning January 3, 2026**, at 10:30 o'clock A.M.

Breakfast:

Breakfast will be served between 8:30 – 10:00 A.M.

Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Attire for the morning meeting is Business Casual (no jeans, t-shirts, etc.), except elected officers.

Program

History of Orrstown Lutheran Church

Bro. Randy Kendig, Orrstown #262

Introduction of Orrstown Lodge #262 officers for 2026

ORRSTOWN LODGE #262 ALMONER IS:

D. SCOTT GOODHART, PM 717-267-3785

2026 Dues Now Being Accepted

If you already paid your dues, thank you.

If you have not, dues for the 2026 Masonic year are now due.

Dues are \$102.00

In accordance with Lodge By-Laws, 50-year Members do not need to pay dues. An optional donation to the Lodge fund of your choice is appreciated and will help to ensure the future of Orrstown Lodge No 262.

Please mail checks payable to "Orrstown Lodge #262" to the Lodge Secretary at the address on the last page of this notice, or you may pay online at: https://portal.pamasons.org/users/sign_in

Contact the Lodge Secretary for information on how to set up your new system account or if you are experiencing financial difficulties and need assistance.

Notice

Brothers, just a friendly reminder that if your dues for 2026 are not paid by December 27, 2025, you are no longer considered in good Masonic standing. If you have not paid your dues, please address the issue. If you are having difficulties with paying your dues, please contact the Lodge Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

*Membership 12/31/25	Initiations	Transfer	Restored to Membership	Dual Membership	Deaths	Resigned (R)	Suspended (S)	*Membership Petitions (P)	*Membership Today
317	0	0	0	0	0	R-0	S-0	P-0	317

Hello Brethren of Orrstown Masonic Lodge # 262.

Disclaimer – I attempted to edit what is below, to make it shorter, and when I did so... it only became longer. I apologize in advance, but I feel the membership needs transparency, open dialog, and a heart-to-heart connection. I do not want to tell you what is going on. But to only include you in looking for input of where we are going. I feel overburdening you with reading now, will help give you some data of the past, to hook on the booster cables of energy to bring us up to 2026. I guarantee this will be the longest lodge notice insert ever in 174 years.

I hope all is well with you and your families this holiday season. From my greeting line, you can see that I have held the East a few more times prior to 2026. I guess three is a charm?

With that said, every year we meet new friends and solidify our bonds of what is important in our daily lives and how they connect with Freemasonry in general and Orrstown Lodge # 262 more particularly. Sometimes our life's journey puts us busy with work, family, health, etc., and time attending Lodge is missed. It becomes the regular pattern to read the Lodge notice (if we even do) and not attend. We have confidence in the officers and know, 'they got it.' Once that cycle starts, it is hard to come back. I totally understand. (Maybe this huge insert will be a shock factor and every member will read the notice and spark a bit of curiosity).

I want to capture your attention as to why you joined the Fraternity. If you have not attended recently, just know, there is No shame in that. I am looking for a new beginning for Orrstown Lodge. A clean slate for all. Keep all memories of why you joined in your heart and just simply come out to meetings and extra meetings. You will be welcomed with open arms and any lack of attendance over xyz amount of years will only be recognized as Honorable. We need YOU!

I only think it is fair that if I am challenging you to put the jumper cables to your attendance at Lodge that I fully lay my Masonic journey in front of you and the current happenings of your Lodge in the last decade. To let you know, we all live busy lives and if Brethren show up together at Lodge, we can help each other... and have fun too!

In my childhood years, my Grandfather always mentioned a 'friend of his down the road that had a cabin,' and that he was a 'good man.' We would take tractor rides down and visit. Growing up, I always had a foggy memory of that. This man's name was Duaine Goodhart. Much later in Life, when my Grandpap was failing in health, Goody visited my Grandpap at our cabin.... Deja vu' was in my brain and I knew I was missing something.... and that was the fellowship of good men. After Goody's visit, I asked my Grandpap about what he told me about Goody many years ago about him being a 'good

man.' I then heard for the first time in my life the word Mason. I soon asked the question, of ' how do I join?'

I petitioned the Lodge and Duaine Goodhart (Orrstown Past Master) and my Great Uncle – James Small (Cumberland Valley) signed my petition. In late 2007 on a thunderstorm night, I was initiated at our Old Lodge building on the 3rd floor. In short order I joined Tall Cedars and Scottish Rite and in 2009 I was Junior Deacon; 2010 Junior Warden; and Master in 2011 and 2012. I learned what I know for ritual work from 'mouth to ear.' The Ritual book only came out when I was learning to give the 3rd degree. During this time my sons were about the ages of 6 and 7 and they eventually joined DeMolay and I am also proud they also joined Orrstown Lodge and that I was able to confer all of their degrees.

In around 2013 for building safety reasons, Grand Lodge would no longer permit us to operate on the 3rd floor of our 'old' Lodge building. I called to order the 1st Building Committee Meeting of Past Masters and Officers and this set the long enduring task to figure out what was next.

In the spring of 2014, I was passing through Orrstown and noticed a "For Sale" sign on the house adjacent to the Orrstown Lutheran Church. The location of the house satisfied the water, sewer, and electrical service requirements, and it was in Orrstown. However, one problem remained: the acreage included with the house was enough to erect a new lodge building, but not large enough to provide for off street parking.

Upon investigation, the Building Committee discovered that the house was owned by the Orrstown Lutheran Church. The house, originally constructed by the church sometime around 1905, served as the parsonage for the church for many years. Negotiations with the church to purchase the house, along with the adjacent parking lot ensued. The church agreed to include the parking lot in the sale of the house, with the single provision that they could continue to use the parking lot for church parking. An agreement was reached, and the process for buying the property was set into motion. The settlement occurred January 30, 2015.

With this said, we still did not have a new lodge building and we were blessed by Cumberland Valley Lodge to allow us to rent their building till we were able to make a sound choice in where and how to put our roots in the soil again in Orrstown. It took us a long while, we did LOTS of things (too many to list now), but a little over 10 years later in April 2025, the time was right that the Lutheran Church offered to turn over the ownership of the church building to us and that they would become our tenants. The 'marriage' happened and we finalized on the purchase of the church property.

I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone that participated on the Building Committee, Trustees, and LLC members, over the past decade and as most recently of the efforts of Past Master Carl Calder. His dedication in the last two years to this effort and making a Win-Win relationship with the church got us to the finish line.

With that said, we are now entering the hurdle race. We still have some hurdles to jump over and to keep on winning. On my list for 2026 will be 'to see the lodge is properly tiled'. This means to erect some inner walls, to build a proper annex, candidate preparing room and visitor examination room. We will also need to build the proper risers for steps for the officer stations. We need to install air conditioning prior to the hot months and then make progress of removing the old parsonage building on the property to make way for more usable space. We have already removed an old storage building that has left us with a nice concrete pad that I envision being used for some first initial connections with the community. The sloping landscape around it will make a great venue to maybe make some "Music in Orrstown" nights in a sort of band shell atmosphere. I would like to see our social room and kitchen kick off some spaghetti night fund raisers etc. We need to make Orrstown Masonic Lodge, once again, a focal point back in the local community. Officers alone can not do this. We need the membership!

Also, I can not stress more.... we are no longer 2B1ASK1. We are Open Invite. If you know a good man in your community, at work, etc. share with them the word Mason. Invite your fellow Brother to come back with you to Lodge. We need to share this with all that we know. We are not looking to sell memberships. We desire good solid guys that want more. We need to guard the West Gate and truly know the guy we recommend. My last request is for you to make the Lodge Officers super busy in 2026 in conferring degrees. Brings us those petitions and we will help you make your friend "Our Brother."

Please come out on January 3, 2026 from 8:30am-10:00am for a full breakfast and the Stated Meeting Starting at 10:30am. Business Casual dress is fine (no t-shirts or jeans). Program will be presented by Bro. Randy Kendig on the History and Masonic Connections of the Orrstown - St. Paul Lutheran Church. Brethren attending from other lodges, we would appreciate a head count to our secretary in advance so we can plan food appropriately.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jim Sleighter, PM – Worshipful Master

Brothers, please keep this page as a reminder of Orrstown Lodge #262 meeting dates, times, and programs.

Orrstown Lodge #262		
Month	Meeting Date	Program
January	Saturday January 3, 2026 10:30 A.M.	Introduction of Orrstown Lodge #262 Officers History of Orrstown Lutheran Church
February	Thursday February 26, 2026 7:30 P.M.	Official Visit of DDGM 50-Year Service Awards
March	Thursday March 26, 2026 7:30 P.M.	Tall Cedars of Lebanon International
April	Thursday April 30, 2026 7:30 P.M.	Job's Daughters International
May	Thursday May 28, 2026 7:30 P.M.	Estate Planning
June	Thursday June 25, 2026 7:30 P.M.	Strawberry Night
September	Thursday September 24, 2026 7:30 P.M.	Maryland Degree Catechisms
October	Thursday October 22, 2026 7:30 P.M.	Useful Knowledge, History Affects our Lives
November	Thursday November 19, 2026 7:30 P.M.	25-Year Service Awards Veterans Appreciation
December	Thursday December 17, 2026 7:30 P.M.	Election / Installation of Officers for 2027 Past Master Night

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE:

You are hereby requested to attend the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 8:00 o'clock, A.M. on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at the Philadelphia Convention Center at 1101 Arch St; Philadelphia, PA 19107, at which time the business of the Grand Lodge will be conducted.

You are hereby requested to attend the Open Installation Ceremony of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Philadelphia Convention Center at 1101 Arch St; Philadelphia, PA 19107, on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. at which time the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark A. Haines

R.W. Grand Secretary

MASONIC CHARITIES & RIGHTS / PRIVILEGES

Brothers, this year I am going to try to include information regarding Masonic Charities or Rights & Privileges as a Master Mason (space permitting).

This month, we will start with a very important Masonic Charity. The Widows Guild. This charity provides support and assistance for widows of PA Masons. The Widows Guild educates widows regarding programs and services available to widows of PA Masons. Please ensure your spouse is listed in your masonic profile. If you need assistance, please contact the secretary.

Widows Guild contact: **Linda Jackson**

phone: 1-800-599-6454 or 717-367-1121 Ext. 33497

email: relationsadminstrator@pawidowsguild.org

REHEARSALS

Elected and appointed officers will meet on **Monday, December 29, 2025, at 6:30 o'clock P.M.** at the Orrstown Masonic Lodge, 3442 Orrstown Rd. Orrstown, PA for the rehearsal of the Stated Meetings. All Brothers are welcome and encouraged to attend and learn.

Masonic School of Instruction

The 3rd Masonic District School of Instruction will be held at the Big Spring Lodge No. 361, F & A.M., 131 Centerville Road, Newville, Pa. on **Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.**

All Officers and Members of the Lodge are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Upcoming Events for Orrstown Lodge No. 262

December 29, 2025	-----	Practice at the Orrstown Masonic Lodge, Orrstown, Pa. 6:30 PM
January 3, 2026	-----	Stated Meeting of Orrstown Lodge #262
January 17, 2026	-----	DDGM Installation, 7:00 PM at Eureka West Shore Lodge 302
January 26, 2026	-----	School of Instruction, 7:30 PM at Big Springs Lodge 361

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ELECTED OFFICERS
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

James W. Sleighter, PM 12784 Lower Horse Valley Rd. Orrstown, PA 17244

Phone: 717-860-2431 | E-mail: WMaster@Orrstown262.org

SENIOR WARDEN – Ronald W. Harshman, Jr., PM

JUNIOR WARDEN – Kurtis A. Rexroth

TREASURER – Charles E. Hill

SECRETARY – Brian K. Van Scyoc, PM P.O. Box 278

Shippensburg, PA 17257 Phone: 717-658-3767 | E-mail: secretary@orrtown262.org

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GRAND LODGE – Carl F. Calder, PM

SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GRAND LODGE – Drew S. DeWalt, PM

TRUSTEES - D. Scott Goodhart, PM; Mathew R. Hoch, PM; James K. Reed, PM

APPOINTED OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN

Dennis R. Mowers

SENIOR DEACON

Timothy G. Varner

JUNIOR DEACON

Samuel W. Sleighter

SENIOR MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Charles D. Cavins

JUNIOR MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Daniel A. Hess

PURSUIVANT

Christian L. Dell.

TYLER

Carl F. Calder, PM

STEWARD

Matthew R. Hoch, PM

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PA YOUTH FOUNDATION

Isaiah J. Sleighter

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

Ronald W. Harshman, Jr., PM

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Brian K. Van Scyoc, PM, Matthew R. Hoch., PM

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE

D. Mark Hollar, PM; David W. Sommerville, PM; David M. Secor, PM

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

D. Mark Hollar, PM

COMMITTEE ON VISITATION

Gregory P. Breneman, PM

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Michael S. Murray, PM; J. Randall Speer, PM; Gregory P. Breneman, PM

ALMONER

D. Scott Goodhart, PM 717-267-3785

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Timothy C. Dedman, P.M., P.S., 65 Holly Ln. Etters, PA 17319

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

1954 - Samuel W. Worley

1992 - D. Scott Goodhart

2006/07 - Kurt M. Schaich

1977/78 - Dale A. Johanson

1993 - Kent D. Garman

2010 - David M. Secor

1979 - Duaine A. Collier

1996 - J. Randall Speer

2010/14/15 - Glenn R. Miller*

1981 - John R. Holtry

1998 - D. Mark Hollar

2011/12 - James W. Sleighter

1982 - Dennis C. Coons

1999 - Jeffrey S. Albright

2013/14 - Brian K. Van Scyoc

1983/08 - David W. McClure

2000 - David W. Sommerville

2015/18 - Jason C. Reed

1984 - Gregory P. Breneman

2001 - Ronald W. Harshman, Jr.

2016/17 - Christopher T. Papoutsis

1985 - Dennis R. Reed

2002 - Brian J. Corwell

2019/20 - Drew S. DeWalt

1986 - James K. Reed

2003 - Michael S. Murray

2021/22 - Matthew R. Hoch

1988 - Elmer L. Wingert

2003/04 - Jeffrey L. Deshong*

2023 - Benjamin T. Neffien

1989 - David E. Leonard

2004 - Steven G. Hurden

2024/25 - Carl F. Calder, PS

* - indicates Past Master at Lodge #801