

Blairstown Lodge No. 165 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in a Regular Communication in their hall at the Masonic Temple,
11 Stillwater Rd, Blairstown, NJ
On the 13th of February 2025 A.L. 6025

Officers Present

WB Matthew C Kaufman	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Joshua Williams-Como	X	Senior Warden
WB Edward Lubas	X	Junior Warden
WB Michael D Park	X	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
WB Daniel J Gialanella	X	Senior Deacon
Bro Tyrone Coronato	Absent	Junior Deacon
Bro Thomas J Bulger	Absent	Senior Master of Ceremonies
WB Daniel C Kaufman	X	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Robert W Agolio	Absent	Senior Steward
WB William R Chadwick	Absent	Junior Steward
WB Stephen Z Gnall	Absent	Chaplain
RW Eric P Neuffer	X	Tyler
WB Walter S Orcutt, Jr	X	Marshal
WB Robert S Moorhead, Jr	Absent	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Nicholas J Kaufman DRI	RW Eric P Neuffer, PGC	Bro FC John Caruso	

WB Dan Kaufman sat in for the Senior Deacon (opening only), and WB Walter Orcutt for the Junior Deacon.

There were 11 Master Masons present.

Opening:

The Lodge was opened in due and ancient form at 7:30 PM at labor on the Master Mason Degree, with a salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Worshipful Master closed Labor on the Master Mason Degree and opened labor on the Fellow Craft Degree. WB DJ Gialanella and Bro FC John Caruso were then granted permission to enter the lodge.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Regular Communication of January 23rd, 2025, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

None reported.

Joys and Celebrations:

The Worshipful Master reported that next Friday, 2/21, will be RW Nick's 30th Birthday.

A lovely meal, catered by Chefs, was shared by the brethren before the meeting.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>	<u>Bill For</u>
JCP&L (electricity) \$218.79	

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills, when properly audited.

Communications:

GL- Masonic Service Association is providing a vehicle for those that wish to donate to relief efforts in response to the California wildfires.

Petitions:

None

Ballots:

None

REPORTS**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer advised that there were no changes to report.

Buildings & Grounds:

RW Eric Neuffer advised that he will be scheduling the start of the foyer renovation project in early March. Keep an eye out for further information.

Charity:

N/A

Rental Report:

N/A

Unfinished Business:

RW Eric Neuffer reminded the brethren that the Chili Cookoff is happening next Saturday, 2/22. Few have registered to compete so far. Assistance is needed in getting the word out by any means possible.

The Worshipful Master advised that Musconetcong #42 is trying to schedule a Master Mason Degree on Saturday March 22nd. If this comes together, we will try to have our FC's participate and will need members to attend and assist with the degree as needed.

Bro Secretary advised that further research has been done on a new style of name badge and passed around some samples. Those present provided some feedback and the Worshipful Master will provide a decision on what will be used going forward.

New Business:

N/A

Program:

The Worshipful Master read an article from the Midnight Freemason podcast, entitled "Masonic Conspiracies & Conspiracy Theory Masons" by Patrick Dey. The reading was followed by some lighthearted discussion. The article will be included with these minutes for your reading pleasure.

Announcements:

2/16 Breakfast @ Musconetcong #42

2/18 EA Degree Rehearsal @ #165

2/22 Chili Cookoff @ #165!!!

2/24 MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong #42

2/25 EA Degree Rehearsal @ #165

2/27 Regular Communication- EA Degree @ #165

The Worshipful Master called RW Nick Kaufman to the East and tendered him the gavel.

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order in short form at 8:30 pm by RW Nick Kaufman, assisted by WM Matthew C Kaufman.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2025

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