



# Harmony Lodge No. 8 F. & A.M.

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Our 237<sup>th</sup> Year 1788-2025 | 2025 A.D. - 6025 A.L.

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## TRESTLEBOARD

March/April 2025

### ***OUR MISSION STATEMENT***

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with principals of brotherly love, relief, and truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor, and Self.

### ***Lodges in the 1st Masonic District***

Harmony Lodge No. 8: 1st & 3rd Thursday  
Mansfield Lodge No. 36: 1st & 3rd Thursday  
Musconetcong Lodge No. 42:  
2nd & 4th Wednesday  
Kittatinny Lodge No. 164: 1st & 3rd Monday  
Blairstown Lodge No. 165:  
2nd & 4th Thursday

### ***Harmony 2025 Officers***

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	RW Fred W Fox, PGC
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Bro Stephen J Dugan
<b>Junior Warden</b>	WB Christopher A Bailey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bro Arjune M Sharma
<b>Secretary</b>	Bro Barry W George
<b>Sr. Deacon</b>	RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Bro Curvey A Pukett, Jr
<b>Chaplain</b>	WB Clay Kraemer
<b>Sr. MC</b>	Bro Ryan Carroll
<b>Jr. MC</b>	Bro Carlos Torres
<b>Sr. Steward</b>	Bro Chris Brown
<b>Jr. Steward</b>	Bro Patrick Harrison
<b>Marshall</b>	WB Daniel C Kaufman
<b>Tyler</b>	WB Matthew C Kaufman
<b>Historian</b>	Bro Robert G Woldt, DB
<b>Organist</b>	Bro Henry F Repp
<b>Proxy to GL</b>	Bro Curvey A Pukett, Jr

### **Lodge Trustees**

RW Eric G Grove	2025
WB Matthew C Kaufman	2026
Bro Robert G Woldt	2027

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## **In and About the Apartments of the Temple**

### ***Audit Committee***

TBD

### ***Building and Grounds Committee***

Bro Stephen Dugan, JW, Chairman

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### ***By-Laws Committee***

RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM, Chairman

RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI

WB Michael Shepherd

### ***Candidate Instruction***

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

### ***Charity Committee***

Bro Stephen J Dugan

WB Christopher A Bailey

Bro David J King, Bread of Life Coordinator

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### ***Hall Rental***

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### ***Ritual Instruction Committee***

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

### ***Events in March/April***

3/6	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
3/10	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:00pm
<b>3/15</b>	<b>Master Mason Degree</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	@ Musconetcong #42	
3/20	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
3/22	Bread of Life	11:00 am
	(First Newton Presbyterian Church)	
3/25	MWPM/DLI	6:30pm
	@ Kitattinny #164	
4/3	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
<b>4/5</b>	<b>Fisherman's Breakfast</b>	<b>6:00am</b>
	@ Harmony #8	

4/14	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:00pm
4/17	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
4/26	Bread of Life	11:00 am
	(First Newton Presbyterian Church)	
4/28	MWPM/DLI	6:30pm
	@ Blairstown #165	

### ***Active Past Masters***

(\* Other than Harmony | # Withdrew)

1976 Fred O Rosenberg Jr.	2006 24 Daniel C Kaufman
1977 Cornelius Martin Jr.	2009 11 Timothy D Gill*
1980 Robert H Stang Jr.	2010 Patrick W Conroy
1981 H. Ralph Smith	2012 Robert WJ Beers
1982 89 99 2011 Fred W Fox	2013 John B Jennings*
1988 2012 Eric G Grove PDDGM	2014 Clay D Kraemer
1991 Jerry J Jagger PGC	2014 William J VonDerHeide IV
1988 2012 Eric G. Grove PDDGM	PDDGM*
1994 Eugene M Ingraham III	2018 Christopher A Bailey
1996 Nelson A Drobness #	2019 Abraham L Jacinto
1996 Neal A. McCarthy PDDGM*	2020 Luke F Wikander
2000 Michael DiCiccio#	2021 Nicholas J Kaufman
2001 Michael F Shepherd*	2022 Daniel J Gialanella#
2001 James H Vander Veer PDDGM	2023 Matthew C Kaufman
2002 09 Bernard E Triano PGC	
2004-05 George J. Stypolkowski	
PDRI	

### ***MASONIC Birthdays in March & April***



Bro Robert Hunt, Jr 3/6
Bro Henry Long 3/6
Bro Kurt Stanwick 3/15
Bro Gary Cooper 3/16
Bro Ty Parker 3/17
Bro Richard Ullmann 3/17
Bro Carl Kinney 3/18
Bro Allen Armstrong 3/19
Bro Robert Beers 3/19
Bro Thad Smith 3/19
RW George Stypolkowski 3/19
WB Jerry Jagger 3/20
Bro Frank Mallozzi 3/20
WB Robert Stang, Jr 3/20
Bro Dimitri Protogeropoulos 3/21
Bro Donald Whitford 3/23
Bro Joseph Dumanov 3/27
Bro Mark Slachetka 4/4
Bro John Laner 4/4
Bro Wilmer Johnson 4/17
Bro Dante Fortini 4/19
Bro Brent Minahane 4/19
Bro Dhaval Trivedi 4/21



### ***In the Quarries***

#### **Awaiting EA Exam**

Bro Daniel Kelly Miles

## *Grandview*

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[https://nj.grandview.systems/membership\\_registration](https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration)

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## *Oriental Chair*

Brethren,



PUNXSUTAWNEY Phil (our groundhog that predicts spring) predicted 6 more weeks of winter after seeing his shadow on February 2nd. That would make spring come by March 20th and have 54-degree weather. Snow would be an excuse not to come out to lodge and see what is happening, but at 54 degrees it will not snow.

We are going to have 3 challenges this year- MEMBERSHIP FINANCES and LEADERSHIP.

Membership is a problem for every lodge. We need our members in Lodge to help make decisions and of course we always need NEW members to increase our ideas. An informed and educated membership will meet any reasonable and attainable challenge. Members that are well informed, involved, and dedicated are never left out.

How can we improve membership???? We need a community presence – The Bread of Life Program is a great start, trips- if you have not gone on our trip to Washington, DC every fall you are missing a great opportunity and great camaraderie and brotherhood. If you know a brother has a hard time at night – pick him up and help him to lodge.

Finances can be achieved through membership. Come out be active and enjoy our lodge. This leads to leadership. As we get new members and brothers coming to meetings, we have definitely a great source of new ideas and new leadership. Come out to lodge and see the new things we have done and rekindle your brotherhood.

We can make Masonry a brotherhood of a living, breathing entity and a way of life in the heart of every MASON.

Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,  
RW Fred W Fox, PGC  
Worshipful Master 2025

