



# Blairstown Lodge No. 165 F. & A.M.

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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**

Blairstown Lodge No. 165:

2nd & 4th Thursday

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 2025 Officers**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	WB Matthew C Kaufman
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Bro Josh Williams-Como
<b>Junior Warden</b>	WB Edward Lubas
<b>Treasurer</b>	WB Michael Park
<b>Secretary</b>	Bro Barry George
<b>Sr. Deacon</b>	WB DJ Gialanella
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Bro Tyrone Coronato
<b>Chaplain</b>	WB Stephen Gnall
<b>Sr. MC</b>	Bro Thomas Bulger
<b>Jr. MC</b>	WB Daniel C Kaufman
<b>Sr. Steward</b>	Bro Robert W Agolio
<b>Jr. Steward</b>	WB William Chadwick
<b>Marshall</b>	WB Walter Orcutt, Jr
<b>Tyler</b>	RW Eric Neuffer, PGC
<b>Historian</b>	WB Robert Moorhead, Jr
<b>Proxy to GL</b>	RW Steven Wescott, PGC

### **Lodge Trustees**

RW Nicholas Kaufman	2025
WB Nelson Drobness	2026
RW Brian Snead, GSB	2027

### **Contacts**

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### **In the Quarries**

**Awaiting MM Degree**

Bro FC John Henry Caruso

Bro FC Ryan K Cino

### ***Honorary Members***

MW John S Ryan, PGM, PGS  
RW Thomas W Murphy, PDDGM  
RW Robert Hartman, PDDGM  
RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM  
RW William J VonDerHeide IV, PDDGM  
RW Eric G Grove, PDDGM  
RW Glen C Wilson, Sr, PDDGM  
RW James A Taylor, PDDGM  
RW Morris Sherrer, PSGD

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

#### ***Audit Committee***

WB Rob Moorhead, Jr  
WB Dan Kaufman  
Bro Robert Agolio

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

WB Rob Moorhead, Jr  
RW Eric Neuffer, PGC  
WB Walter Orcutt, Jr

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

Bro Barry George  
RW Eric Neuffer  
Bro Tom Bulger

#### ***Candidate Instruction***

WB Daniel J Gialanella

#### ***Charity Committee***

WB Mike Park  
Bro Chris Betts

#### ***Hall Rental***

WB Robert Moorhead (908)334-7421

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

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

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

3/10	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:00 pm
3/13	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
3/15	<b>Master Mason Degree</b> @ Musconetcong Lodge #42	9:00 am
3/25	MWPM/DLI @ Kitattinny #164 Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Business Casual)	7:30 pm
3/27	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
4/10	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
4/14	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:00 pm
4/24	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
4/28	MWPM/DLI @ Blairstown #165 Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Business Casual)	7:30 pm

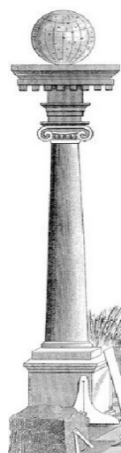
#### ***Living Past Masters***

(# Withdrew, \* Inactive)

1987 Walter S Orcutt, Jr	2013 Brian O Snead
1988 Larry K Spangler	2014 John E Nause#
1991 Stephen J Lance#	2015 Anthony St Luce#
1999 Davi C Peck, Jr	2016 Edward J Rusek#
2000 Steven P Wescott	2017 William R Chadwick
2007 James P McElroy*	2018 19 Scott L Severns
2008 Brian H Walsh	2020 Ed Lubas
2009 Eric P Neuffer	2021 Robert S Moorhead, Jr
2010 David B Ebbels	2022 Nicholas J Kaufman
2011 Stephen Z Gnall	2023 Nelson A Drobness
2012 Scott A Hill*	2024 Michael D Park

#### ***MASONIC Birthdays in Mar/Apr***

Bro Russell Gladd II, 3/2  
Bro Abe Jardines 3/15  
WB Michael DiCiccio, 3/16  
Bro David Amoros, 3/17  
Bro Ty Parker, 3/17  
WB Patrick Conroy, 3/19  
Bro Donald Whitford, 3/23  
Bro Frank Dieter, 3/28  
Bro David Conrad, 4/6  
WB Walter Orcutt Jr, 4/12  
WB DJ Gialanella, 4/19  
WB Allen Hay, 4/23



## ***Grandview***

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## ***Oriental Chair***



Brethren,

As this winter comes to a close and we hopefully have warmer weather on the near horizon, I find myself reflecting on many of our values and working tools. The 24-inch gauge captures my attention this season in particular and its relation to the Cable-tow. We are all taught the practical and sublime lessons of these two objects in the Entered Apprentice Degree, but how often do we reflect on those lessons and apply their lessons?

In planning for the events over the next few months, I consulted my calendar on my phone. Like many of us I found a variable bounty of different color-coded events making my next few months look like a Jackson Pollock painting. While initially overwhelming, a reflective application of the 24-inch gauge and cable-tow reveals that I cannot do everything. That is okay. Additionally, there is always some room in the day to do the work needed and prescribed by the 24-inch gauge.

I urge my brothers all to reflect on how they spend their time and, if their cable-tow allows, join their brothers at lodge for many great events. Together we can raise each other up to do the work that needs to be done.

Fraternally,

WB Matthew Kaufman

Worshipful Master 2025

