

Harmony Lodge No. 8 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in a Regular Communication in their hall at the Masonic Temple,
519 US Highway 206, Newton (Andover Township), NJ
On the 20th of February 2025 A.L. 6025

Officers Present

RW Fred W Fox, PGC	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Stephen J Dugan	X	Senior Warden
WB Christopher A Bailey	Absent	Junior Warden
Bro Arjune M Sharma	Absent	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI	X	Senior Deacon
Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr	X	Junior Deacon
Bro Ryan M Carroll	Absent	Senior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Carlos Torres	X	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Chris Brown	X	Senior Steward
Bro Patrick Harrison	Absent	Junior Steward
WB Clay Kraemer	X	Chaplain
WB Matt Kaufman	X	Tyler
Bro Henry F Repp	Absent	Organist
WB Dan Kaufman	X	Marshal
Bro Robert Woldt, DB	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 G Grove PDDGM	WB Luke Wikander	
	RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI		
	RW Fred W Fox PGC		

WB Wikander sat in for the Junior Deacon, Bro Torres for the Treasurer and Bro Brown for the Senior Master of Ceremonies.

There were 13 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.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Regular Communication of February 6th, 2025, that were distributed via email, were discussed. Typographical errors were reported, and the minutes were so amended. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as amended.

Sickness and Distress:

The Worshipful Master reported that Bro Henry Repp was due to be released from his rehab center and return home this week. A thinking of you card was circulated and will be mailed.

Joys and Celebrations:

WB Dan Kaufman advised that RW Nick Kaufman's 30th birthday is this Friday.

Presentation of Bills:

The Secretary presented the contract for the Lodge's liability insurance for 2025 That RW Eric Grove so diligently worked to secure. The cost of that insurance for 2025 is \$8,576.60, of which a downpayment is to be made and included in this evening's bills to be paid. This will be followed by (10) equal, automatic installment payments. A motion was made to accept the contract and seconded. There was some discussion, then the motion was carried.

<u>Bill For</u>	<u>Bill For</u>
On Point Pest Control \$426.50	
Liability Insurance (downpayment) \$1,310.80	
USPS (postage) \$14.60	
USPS (postage) \$29.20	

The total for bills this evening is \$1,781.10. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills, when properly audited.

Communications:

None

Petitions:

None

Ballots:

None

REPORTS**Treasurer's Report:**

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Worshipful Master advised that the Lodge's accounts are solvent, and the bills are covered.

Buildings & Grounds:

Bro Dugan advised the following:

1. The exterminator was on site last week to address the Lodge's ongoing wasp infestation in the lodge room. They will be returning for another treatment this week.
2. Fire extinguisher and kitchen fire suppression service/inspection occurred today.

Charity:

The Worshipful Master & Bro Dugan advised that the next Bread of Life event is happening this Saturday, 2/22. Meeting at the lodge at 10am to load supplies and at the Presbyterian Church by 10:30 am to set up.

- We are seeking additional donations of frozen food for use at future events.

Rental Report:

WB Matt Kaufman advised that YTD there have been (2) completed rentals and (1) scheduled in Mar/Apr. There are more scheduled and being negotiated for later in the year.

Unfinished Business:

N/A

New Business:

WB Dan Kaufman discussed the possibility of hosting a cornhole fundraising event at the lodge. More details to follow. He also advised that Blairstown is planning to host a Paranormal hunting fundraising event as another idea.

Program:

The Worshipful Master read an article entitled "Who is Hiram Abiff?" Followed by discussion and open questions about what other work/architectural pieces that may have been attributed to him.

Announcements:

2/22 Bread of Life Event
2/22 Blairstown #165 Chili Cookoff
2/24 MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong #42
2/27 EA Degree @ Blairstown #165 (dinner @ 6:30pm)
3/6 EA Degree @ Mansfield #36
3/15 MM Degree @ Blairstown #165
4/5 Fisherman's Breakfast @ Harmony #8

Closing:

The Worshipful Master called RW George Stypolkowski to the East and tendered him the gavel for closing.

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:50 pm by RW George Stypolkowski.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2025

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