

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 A.L. 6025

## Officer's Present

RW Fred W Fox, PGC	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Stephen J Dugan	X	Senior Warden
WB Christopher A Bailey	X	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	Absent	Senior Steward
Bro Patrick Harrison	X	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	X	Historian

## Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Nicholas J Kaufman DRI	RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI		Bro James Born
	RW Fred W Fox PGC		

Bro Born sat in for the Treasurer.

There were 14 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

**Sickness and Distress:**

None offered

**Joys and Celebrations:**

Bro Harrison advised of his recent trip to Europe (including Ireland, Italy and Spain). He described the many locations he visited and the amazing cathedrals he witnessed.

*>>Side note: We are hoping he offers the brethren an opportunity to hear more stories and see some pictures from his journey in lodge sometime soon.*

**Presentation of Bills:**

None presented

**Communications:**

N/A

**Petitions:**

N/A

**Ballots:**

N/A

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Worshipful Master advised that he received word from the Treasurer that we have money in our accounts and are solvent. No other information was provided during the meeting.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Bro Dugan advised that the exterminator had completed a second round of treatments for the wasp issue. He also advised that the lodge should consider selling the inoperable lawn mower being stored outside the lodge. There are two potential buyers interested in the unit.

**Charity:**

Bro Dugan advised that the BOL event in February was successful. He also advised that there is a need for more assistance and food donations for the event coming up on 3/22. Please contact Bro King with details on who will attend and food to be donated.

**Rental Report:**

WB Matt Kaufman advised that there are presently no new rentals in March, but there remains a steady flow of inquiries.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Worshipful Master offered congratulations to both Bro Carlos Torres and WB Dan Kaufman for their great work at the recent EA Degree at Blairstown #165.

The Worshipful Master advised that he had recently distributed Fisherman's Breakfast flyers all over the county and that there are additional flyers available to anyone that wants to distribute more.

Bro Secretary presented Brothers Woldt, Harrison and Born with their new lodge name badges.

The Worshipful Master advised that he has continued to clean up around the outside of the lodge (especially around the oil tank and shed at rear of building.

**New Business:**

WB Kreamer advised that Sheridan’s Lodge has been a regular benefactor of the Bread of Life events and made a motion to present a plaque to them as a token of the lodge’s gratitude. Motion was seconded, followed by discussion:

WB Dan Kaufman offered to make a plaque from materials he has on hand.

\*Motion was carried to present a plaque made by WB Kaufman at a date TBD.

The Worshipful Master advised that we have been receiving candidate referrals from Grand Lodge, and one visited with us for dinner this evening.

The Worshipful Master read a note he received from Bro Slachetka, advising that he is recovering from heart surgery, is traveling to Florida and hopes to visit the lodge sometime soon.

**Program:**

The Worshipful Master read an article entitled “Freemasonry- Then, Now and in the Future”.

**Announcements:**

3/10 Baldwin Chapter RAM @ Harmony 7pm

3/11 MM Degree Rehearsal @ Blairstown #165 7pm

3/15 MM Degree @ Blairstown #165 (breakfast @ 8am, Degree @ 9am)

*\*We need as many Brothers as possible to turn out an support this event.*

3/16 Breakfast @Musconetcong #42 8am

3/17 EA Degree @ Kittatinny #164 6:30pm

3/20 Harmony #8 Regular Communication (dinner @ 6:30pm)

3/20 EA Degree @ Mansfield #36 6:30pm

3/22 Bread of Life

3/25 MWPM/DLI @ Kittatinny #164 6:30pm

4/5 Fisherman’s Breakfast @ Harmony #8 6am

4/9 1<sup>st</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> District Reception @ The Mansion at Mt. Lakes, NJ 5:30pm (see attached flyer)

**Closing:**

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:40 pm by RW Fred W Fox.

Fraternally,

*Bro Barry W George*

Secretary 2025

Harmony Lodge No.8 F&AM

