

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

## Officers Present

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| 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        | Absent | Tyler                       |
| WB Walter S Orcutt, Jr   | Absent | Marshal                     |
| WB Robert S Moorhead, Jr | X      | Historian                   |

## Brothers Present

| <u>Current Grand Officers</u> | <u>Past Grand Officers</u> | <u>Brothers Present</u> |                 |
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| RW Nicholas J Kaufman DRI     |                            |                         | Bro John Caruso |
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WB Robert Moorhead sat in for the Junior Deacon and WB Dan Kaufman for the Tyler.

There were 10 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 March 13th, 2025 and the Emergent Communication on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 that were distributed via email, were discussed. The Emergent Minutes were amended to update those in attendance. These minutes were approved as distributed and amended.

**Sickness and Distress:**

None to report

**Joys and Celebrations:**

None to report

**Presentation of Bills:**

None to report

**Communications:**

The Secretary advised that Grand Lodge has distributed their updated budget, an email that was sent to all brothers. A copy is available at the Secretary's desk for anyone wishing to review after the meeting.

**Petitions:**

N/A

**Ballots:**

N/A

**REPORTS****Treasurer's Report:**

Brother Treasurer advised that "we are solvent".

**Buildings & Grounds:**

No report

**Charity:**

No report

**Rental Report:**

WB Moorhead advised that there are two rentals scheduled for this coming weekend. He also confirmed with the Secretary that recent rental payments had been received.

**Unfinished Business:**

Bro Williams-Como reminded the Worshipful Master of an open piece of business from the last meeting regarding the impending relocation of WB Gialanella to New Hampshire. He made a motion to prohibit WB Gialanella from leaving the state, which was seconded. This was followed by some energetic discussion. The Worshipful Master then tabled the matter with the full knowledge that someone will bring it up again at another meeting, likely every meeting until either WB Gialanella relents and stays or leaves in the middle of the night.

**New Business:**

The Worshipful Master called WB Gialanella to the East with Bro John Caruso for the purpose of exemplifying his MM exam proficiency. The Master Mason reception was delivered by RW Nick Kaufman. The Worshipful Master congratulated both WB Gialanella and Bro Caruso on a job well done. Brother Caruso has now completed this phase of his journey for more light.

**Program:**

The Worshipful Master advised that a demonstration by RW Nick Kaufman on how to tie bowties will be presented after the meeting in the Tyler's lounge.

**Announcements:**

3/29 Demolay Spaghetti Dinner @ Musconetcong #42  
4/5 Fisherman's Breakfast @ Harmony #8  
4/7 FC Degree @ Kittatinny #164  
4/9 GM OV-Reception  
4/10 Regular Communication  
4/14 Baldwin Chapter RAM @ Harmony #8  
4/21 MWPM/DLI @ Blairstown #165  
4/24 Regular Communication

**Closing:**

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:15 pm by WM Matthew C Kaufman.

Fraternally,

*Bro Barry W George*

Secretary 2025

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