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CONSTITUTED APRIL 28, 2011
REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS
FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
APRIL 2025

Brethren,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the spring time weather.

As time moves on we all get busy with family, work, kids, etc. Remember to take time to breathe and stay focused.

I do not do this very well, hence the lateness of the trestleboard.

My apologies for this as it is a very busy time of year for me at work.

Therefore message is short and sweet.

Our regular communication is April 7th, 2025 Fellowcraft degree for 5 candidates at Clarksboro lodge on April 21st, 2025.

Our annual beef and beer, basket aution, and karaoke on April 26th, 2025 at the Paulsboro Sportsmans Club starting at 6 pm—all you can eat and drink, \$40 per person. Ticket are still available, contact me at 609-743-2043 to get your tickets.

John Higgins WM Clarksboro Lodge #87 of Free and Accepted Masons

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

April 7, 2024 We will have our April regular communication with dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

April 3, 2025 Blood Drive at Clarksboro Lodge. From 1:00pm to 6:00pm Check redcrossblood.org for times and availability

April 21, 2025 Joint Fellowcraft degree on five candidates including Brother EA Justin Oravetz from our lodge. Dinner at 6:30 with the degree starting at 7:30

April 24, 2025 Clarksboro will be hosting The Grand Lodge of Instruction for the 21st Masonic District. Refreshments will be served around 6:00 with the meeting to be called around 7:00pm. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and suit and tie is preferred dress code.

April 26, 2025 We will be having a beef n beer fundraiser with DJ Baron along with a silent auction, dancing, singing and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by the Worshipful Master.

Fraternally, Jason Neal Secretary

Living Past Masters

1970 J. M. Dare ^S
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. ^S
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. ^P
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. ^F
1979 W. L. Villanova ^S
1979 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F
1980 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F
1980 C. W. McTyre ^S
1983 J. R. Corliss ^P
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^S
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P

1991 J. C. Magee, III P 1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM S 1992 D. P. Doak P 1993 G. E. Sleet S 1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr* 1995 P. J Peacock

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1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM PS
1999 D. C. Henson F
2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM PS
2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM PS
2003 J. C. Legge PS
2005 C.B. Jarrell PS
2005 Ellis H. Otto F
2006 Ellis H. Otto F

2008 G. R. Bruynell PS
2008 F. H. Stigale IV F
2009 F. H. Stigale IV F
2010 J. A. Link PS
2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
2015 D. W. Getsinger
2016 J. P. Neal
2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
2018 T. G. Rathof DRI
2019 T. G. Rathof, DRI
2020 J. C. Magee, III
2021 T. G. Rathof, DRI
2022 E. J. Rathof
2023 B. J. Biel
2024 J. J. Higgins

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Peppler, PGM 1993 R. Stowman, PM 1996 W. E. Hackney, PGM 2007 H. S. May, III, PGC 2008 F. D. Jones, PDDGM 2008 J. C. Stephenson, PDRI 2009 W. H. Berman, PGM 2014 D. A. Dorworth, PGM

MW L. S. Plasket PGM RW A. L. Hann PJGD RW C. G. Hocknell PDDGM 2018 MW D. B. Hees PGM

21st Masonic District Lodges

Penns Grove Excelsior No. 54, Carneys Point Clarksboro No. 87, Clarksboro Mantua No. 95, Mantua Woodstown No. 138, Woodstown Williamstown, No. 166, Williamstown Pitman, No. 197, Pitman

1st Wednesday at 7:30pm 1st Monday at 7:30pm 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm 1st Tuesday at 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self. Find out More about us: The Grand Lodge of New Jersey www.newjerseygrandlodge.org

Clarksboro Lodge No. 87 F&AM 2025

Elected Officers

Senior Warden

RW Chris Roethke DRI Cell 609-868-1232 croethkedd21@gmail.com **Worshipful Master**

John J. Higgins Cell 609-743-2043 jhiggs219@verizon.net Junior Warden

WB Eric Rathof Cell 609-929-8820 erathof68@yahoo.com

Secretary

WB Jason Neal 609-213-4763 jneal522@yahoo.com **Treasurer**

WB Bret Biel Cell 856 264-9629 bbiel77@gmail.com

Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge Chaplain Senior Deacon Junior Deacon Sr. Master of Ceremonies Jr. Master of Ceremonies Senior Steward

Junior Steward Marshal Tyler Director of Ritual Jimmy Earle, PM

Roger L. Thomas, PGC James Earle PM

Cory Hunt Brian Spencer

Geovanie Rodriguez Gonzalez

Ronald Erdman Joseph Forman

Richard Kell, PDDGM

Gerardo Batista

Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM

Trustees

Financial

Charles Murschell 2025 John Leach 2026 R. D. Bailey PGC 2027

Temple Maintenance

Thomas Rathof DDGM 2025 Eric Rathof PM 2026 R.B. Kell PDDGM 2027 Wm T. Dutka, PDDGM 2028

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff

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Right Worshipful Thomas Rathof District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District

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Right Worshipful Christopher J. Roethke District Ritual Instructor of the 21st Masonic District

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Right Worshipful Evan Boggs Grand Chaplain

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If anyone in your Lodge is ailing, in need of a phone call, card, or visitation ... If you need assistance with a Masonic funeral ... Or anything else, please contact the Grand Chaplain