

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 17th of April 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	Absent	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	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 Eric G Grove PDDGM		Bro David King

WB Dan Kaufman sat in for the Junior Warden and Bro Chris Brown for the Junior Deacon and Bro Pat Harrison for the Treasurer.

Our guest this evening was a visitor from Charity Daylight Lodge #754, Atlanta, GA, Bro Cole Farrand.

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 April 3rd, 2025 that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

None offered.

Joys and Celebrations:

The Worshipful Master reported that Bro Henry Repp is doing much better, and he is trying get him to come out to lodge when he can.

Presentation of Bills:

None reported.

Communications:

N/A

Petitions:

The petition from Mr. Jose Ascencio awaits GL clearance and the investigation committee report. We anticipate voting on this petition at the first meeting in May.

The dual petition of Bro Cole Farrand is awaiting word from GL on his standing in Georgia. A vote can be held as soon as we receive confirmation.

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS**Treasurer's Report:**

Per the Treasurer's recent email, the balance of our primary operating account stands at \$8,638.87.

Buildings & Grounds:

Bro Dugan advised that there hasn't been any maintenance activities since the last meeting. However, it was observed that the flagpole appears to be in need of a new rope. Options on how to remedy the situation were discussed.

It was also noted that the lodge room lighting project is tentatively set to occur in June.

Charity:

Bro Dave King reported that the lodge is working on obtaining a plaque of appreciation for Bob Sheridan for his continued support of the Bread of Life event. A date/time will need to be set present the plaque once it is received.

Bro King advised that the BOL event has been very lightly supported by the brethren recently and is at risk of failing. He made an impassioned request for support for in person assistance as well as food donations.

Rental Report:

WB Matt Kaufman reported that there was a rental this past weekend and that there are no other rentals booked for April & May. He advised that there are rentals booked over the summer.

Unfinished Business:

The Worshipful Master advised the following-

1. The recent Fisherman's breakfast was successful, turning a profit for the lodge. We are looking forward to doing again next year and building more momentum.
2. That a Chicken BBQ is still being planned this year, but that a date is still TBD. A bunch of work making the BBQ pit area in the back of the lodge ready still needs to be done. He asked for recommendations for dates. After some discussion, Saturday 9/13 was selected for this event.
3. A check in the amount of \$1,637.00 was given to the lodge as a partial reimbursement for expenses incurred from last year's District Reception. This greatly reduced the net cost of that event for the lodge.
4. A table lodge is being planned for the fall. The Worshipful Master has been struggling to secure a speaker for the event and asked for suggestions on whom should be considered. A date still needs to be set for this event as well.

RW Eric Grove reported that the preliminary itinerary for the Washington DC trip being planned for September is complete and will be distributed very soon. He will be requesting deposits from those interested in going to secure their seats.

New Business:

N/A

Program:

N/A

Announcements:

4/26 Bread of Life

4/28 MWPM/DLI @ Blairstown #165

5/1 Regular Communication

5/6 EA Rehearsal @ Harmony 7pm

5/13 EA Rehearsal @ Harmony 7pm

5/15 Regular Communication-EA Degree

Closing:

The Worshipful Master called WB Clay Kraemer to the East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge for the closing.

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:47 pm by WB Clay Kraemer.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2025

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