



# Blairstown Lodge No. 165 F. & A.M.

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Our 132<sup>nd</sup> Year 1893-2025 | 2025 A.D. - 6025 A.L.

V.I.T.R.I.O.L.

## TRESTLEBOARD

May & June 2025

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with principals of brotherly love, relief, and truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor, and Self.

### **Lodges in the 1st Masonic District**

Blairstown Lodge No. 165:

2nd & 4th Thursday

Harmony Lodge No. 8: 1st & 3rd Thursday

Mansfield Lodge No. 36: 1st & 3rd Thursday

Musconetcong Lodge No. 42:

2nd & 4th Wednesday

Kittatinny Lodge No. 164: 1st & 3rd Monday

### **Blairstown 2025 Officers**

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Worshipful Master</b> | WB Matthew C Kaufman   |
| <b>Senior Warden</b>     | Bro Josh Williams-Como |
| <b>Junior Warden</b>     | WB Edward Lubas        |
| <b>Treasurer</b>         | WB Michael Park        |
| <b>Secretary</b>         | Bro Barry George       |
| <b>Sr. Deacon</b>        | WB DJ Gialanella       |
| <b>Jr. Deacon</b>        | Bro Tyrone Coronato    |
| <b>Chaplain</b>          | WB Stephen Gnall       |
| <b>Sr. MC</b>            | Bro Thomas Bulger      |
| <b>Jr. MC</b>            | WB Daniel C Kaufman    |
| <b>Sr. Steward</b>       | Bro Robert W Agolio    |
| <b>Jr. Steward</b>       | WB William Chadwick    |
| <b>Marshall</b>          | WB Walter Orcutt, Jr   |
| <b>Tyler</b>             | RW Eric Neuffer, PGC   |
| <b>Historian</b>         | WB Robert Moorhead, Jr |
| <b>Proxy to GL</b>       | RW Steven Wescott, PGC |

### **Lodge Trustees**

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| RW Nicholas Kaufman | 2025 |
| WB Nelson Drobness  | 2026 |
| RW Brian Snead, GSB | 2027 |

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### **In the Quarries**

**Awaiting EA Exam**

Bro EA Steven Kazmierkiewicz

### ***Honorary Members***

MW John S Ryan, PGM, PGS  
RW Thomas W Murphy, PDDGM  
RW Robert Hartman, PDDGM  
RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM  
RW William J VonDerHeide IV, PDDGM  
RW Eric G Grove, PDDGM  
RW Glen C Wilson, Sr, PDDGM  
RW James A Taylor, PDDGM  
RW Morris Sherrer, PSGD

### ***In and About the Apartments of the Temple***

#### ***Audit Committee***

WB Rob Moorhead, Jr  
WB Dan Kaufman  
Bro Robert Agolio

#### ***Building and Grounds Committee***

WB Rob Moorhead, Jr  
RW Eric Neuffer, PGC  
WB Walter Orcutt, Jr

#### ***By-Laws Committee***

Bro Barry George  
RW Eric Neuffer  
Bro Tom Bulger

#### ***Candidate Instruction***

WB Daniel J Gialanella

#### ***Charity Committee***

WB Mike Park  
Bro Chris Betts

#### ***Hall Rental***

WB Robert Moorhead (908)334-7421

#### ***Ritual Instruction Committee***

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

### ***Events in May & June***

|      |                                     |                 |
|------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5/8  | Blairstown- Stated Communication    | 7:30 pm         |
|      | Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)         |                 |
|      | (Attire: Suit & Tie)                |                 |
| 5/22 | Blairstown- Stated Communication    | 7:30 pm         |
|      | Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)         |                 |
|      | (Attire: Suit & Tie)                |                 |
| 5/25 | <b>Memorial Day Parade</b>          | <b>10:00 am</b> |
| 5/27 | MWPM/DLI @ Mansfield #36            | 7:30 pm         |
|      | Dinner: 6:30 meal                   |                 |
|      | (Attire: Business Casual)           |                 |
| 6/7  | <b>Crawfish Boil</b>                | <b>TBD</b>      |
| 6/12 | Blairstown- Stated Communication    | 7:30 pm         |
|      | Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)         |                 |
|      | (Attire: Suit & Tie)                |                 |
| 6/23 | Family DLI/Picnic @ Kittatinny #164 | 6:30 pm         |
| 6/26 | Blairstown- Stated Communication    | 7:30 pm         |
|      | Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)         |                 |
|      | (Attire: Suit & Tie)                |                 |

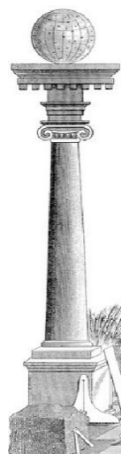
### ***Living Past Masters***

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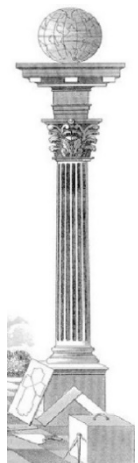
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| 1987 Walter S Orcutt, Jr | 2013 Brian O Snead         |
| 1988 Larry K Spangler    | 2014 John E Nause#         |
| 1991 Stephen J Lance#    | 2015 Anthony St Luce#      |
| 1999 Davi C Peck, Jr     | 2016 Edward J Rusek#       |
| 2000 Steven P Wescott    | 2017 William R Chadwick    |
| 2007 James P McElroy*    | 2018 19 Scott L Severns    |
| 2008 Brian H Walsh       | 2020 Ed Lubas              |
| 2009 Eric P Neuffer      | 2021 Robert S Moorhead, Jr |
| 2010 David B Ebbels      | 2022 Nicholas J Kaufman    |
| 2011 Stephen Z Gnall     | 2023 Nelson A Drobness     |
| 2012 Scott A Hill*       | 2024 Michael D Park        |

### ***MASONIC Birthdays***

#### ***In May & June***



|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Bro Robert Titus IV 5/11,  | 18 yrs |
| Bro Joseph Zoppy III 5/20, | 37 yrs |
| Bro Richard Howell 5/25,   | 47 yrs |
| Bro Frank Anderson 5/27,   | 32 yrs |
| WB David Peck 5/27,        | 32 yrs |
| Bro Karl Snyder 6/6,       | 46 yrs |
| Bro Calvin Inscho 6/7,     | 19 yrs |
| RW Stephen Wescott 6/9,    | 31 yrs |
| Bro Scott Whitford 6/9,    | 33yrs  |
| Bro Tom Bulger 6/18,       | 3 yrs  |
| Bro Arjune Sharma 6/18,    | 3yrs   |
| Bro George Kays 6/20,      | 45 yrs |
| WB Bill Chadwick 6/23,     | 14 yrs |
| Bro Phil Caltagirone 6/25, | 10 yrs |
| Bro David Deyong Jr 6/27,  | 51 yrs |
| WB Larry Spangler 6/27,    | 40 yrs |
| Bro Alan Achtel 6/28,      | 46 yrs |
| WB Mike Park 6/28,         | 13 yrs |
| Bro Barry George 6/29,     | 8 yrs  |



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## *Oriental Chair*



Brethren,

As we enter spring and a new cycle of initiations, let us reflect upon the lessons of the Entered Apprentice degree. We are reminded of the sacred journey each of us undertakes as we seek to build not only the Temple of our hearts but also to improve ourselves through knowledge and virtue.

The Entered Apprentice degree marks but the first step in our Masonic path, where we are symbolically “entered” into a new life of enlightenment. It teaches us the value of humility, for we enter as “rough ashlar” stones, imperfect and in need of refinement. Just as the operative mason shapes the stone, so too must we shape our character through patience and discipline.

In this degree, we are reminded of the importance of labor. Our work, both in the physical and moral sense, is an essential part of our journey. The labor of the Entered Apprentice is not just one of physical exertion, but of intellectual and spiritual cultivation. Through work, we learn that true growth is found not in idle moments, but in the diligent pursuit of knowledge and self-improvement.

Furthermore, we are introduced to the idea of brotherhood. Freemasonry teaches us that none of us should labor alone. The ties we share with our brethren are a source of strength and support. As we walk through the labyrinth of life, it is the hand of a brother that can lift us when we stumble, and the guidance of a brother that can help us navigate through the darkest of times.

Let us then approach these duties with zeal and devotion, always mindful of the lessons we have learned. Let us strive to be better men, better brothers, and better servants to humanity. May the light of this degree continue to guide us on our path, and may we ever remember that we are all builders of our own temple.

Fraternally,

WB Matthew Kaufman

Worshipful Master 2025

