

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> of June 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	X	Junior Warden
Bro Arjune M Sharma	X	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	Absent	Junior Steward
WB Clay Kraemer	X	Chaplain
WB Matt Kaufman	X	Tyler
Bro Henry F Repp	Absent	Organist
WB Dan Kaufman	Absent	Marshal
Bro Robert Woldt, DB	X	Historian

## Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
	RW Eric G Grove PDDGM	WB Mike Sheppard	Bro Joseph Nouri

Visitors this evening: Bro David Chasmer (Nutley Lodge #25), Bor Damian DeFazio (Nutley Lodge #25) and WB Ed Lubas (Blairstown #165).

Bro Carlos Torres sat in for the Sr Master of Ceremonies, RW Eric Grove for the Jr Master of Ceremonies, Bro David Chasmer for the Marshal and WB Ed Lubas for the Sr Steward.

There were 17 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 June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Hawaiian Shirt Night)-were amended to include those not previously identified and the Emergent Communication of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as amended and distributed.

**Sickness and Distress:**

None offered.

**Joys and Celebrations:**

WB Chris Bailey advised that his daughter just graduated 7<sup>th</sup> grade and due to her superior performance, was admitted into the National Honor Society.

Bro Curvey Purkett advised that he now has a healthy new granddaughter.

Bro Arjune Sharma shared that he had just recently enjoyed a solo hike in Virginia's Shenandoa Valley.

**Presentation of Bills:**

<u>Bill For</u>		<u>Bill For</u>
Amazon (BOL)	\$193.94	
Home Depot (kitchen supplies)	\$40.10	
ShopRite (BOL)	\$123.89	
Bella Italia (dinner)	\$127.95	
ShopRite (dinner)	\$55.96	

The total for bills this evening is \$542.34. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills, when properly audited.

**Communications:**

The Secretary reported that a letter was received from RW William VonDerHeide, requesting his withdrawal of membership in Harmony Lodge #8.

\*A vote was held and the members present approved the request to withdraw.

**Petitions:**

N/A

**Ballots:**

N/A

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

The Treasurer advised the balances of our accounts are as follows:

Operating account: \$5,232.51

Investment account: \$369,976.99

A motion was made and seconded to pay the necessary bills over the summer, to include any transfers from the investment account to cover such bills as necessary. The motion was carried.

### **Buildings & Grounds:**

Bro Dugan advised that there has been no new activity since the last meeting. He advised that he intends to schedule service for the AC systems in the near future.

### **Charity:**

Next BOL event on Saturday, 6/28. Assistance is requested for both food donations and staffing for the event.

### **Rental Report:**

N/A

### **Unfinished Business:**

N/A

### **New Business:**

N/A

The Worshipful Master requested the Senior Warden approach the East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge to confer the Fellow Craft Degree upon Bro EA Jose Ascencio.

### **Positions for the Fellow Craft Degree:**

Worshipful Master:	Bro Steve Dugan	Sr Master of Ceremonies:	Bro Carlo Torres
Senior Warden:	RW Fred Fox	Jr Master of Ceremonies:	RW Eric Grove
Junior Warden:	WB Chris Bailey	Sr Steward:	WB Ed Lubas
Secretary:	Bro Barry George	Jr Steward:	WB Matt Kaufman
Treasurer:	Bro Arjune Sharma	Chaplain:	WB Clay Kraemer
Senior Deacon:	RW George Stypolkowski	Marshal:	Bro David Chasmer
Junior Deacon:	Bro Curvey Purkett		

The Middle Chamber lecture was presented by RW George Stypolkowski

The Working Tools lecture was presented by Bro Carlos Torres

The Geometry lecture was presented by WB Clay Kraemer

The books were presented by Bro Steve Dugan

The Worshipful Master then called the Senior Warden the East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge. RW Fred Fox congratulated Bro FC Jose Ascencio and invited him to sit on the sidelines. The Worshipful Master thanked all the presenters for their excellent work.



**Announcements:**

6/23 Family DLI picnic @ Kittatinny #164

6/28 Bread of Life

The Worshipful Master invited Bros Chasmer and DeFazio to the East, along with now Bro FC Jose Ascencio. He then called RW Eric Grove to the East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge, that he may close in short form.

**Closing:**

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 9:40 pm by RW Eric Grove, PDDGM, assisted by RW Fred W Fox, Bro David Chasmer, Bro Damian DeFazio and Bro FC Jose Ascencio.

Fraternally,

*Bro Barry W George*

Secretary 2025

Harmony Lodge No.8 F&AM

