



Harmony Lodge No. 8 F. & A.M.

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Our 237th Year 1788-2025 | 2025 A.D. - 6025 A.L.

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TRESTLEBOARD

September/October 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

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 Lodge No. 165:
2nd & 4th Thursday

Harmony 2025 Officers

Worshipful Master	RW Fred W Fox, PGC
Senior Warden	Bro Stephen J Dugan
Junior Warden	WB Christopher A Bailey
Treasurer	Bro Arjune M Sharma
Secretary	Bro Barry W George
Sr. Deacon	RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI
Jr. Deacon	Bro Curvey A Pukett, Jr
Chaplain	WB Clay Kraemer
Sr. MC	Bro Ryan Carroll
Jr. MC	Bro Carlos Torres
Sr. Steward	Bro Chris Brown
Jr. Steward	Bro Patrick Harrison
Marshall	WB Daniel C Kaufman
Tyler	WB Matthew C Kaufman
Historian	Bro Robert G Woldt, DB
Organist	Bro Henry F Repp
Proxy to GL	Bro Curvey A Pukett, Jr

Lodge Trustees

RW Eric G Grove	2025
WB Matthew C Kaufman	2026
Bro Robert G Woldt	2027

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In and About the Apartments of the Temple

Audit Committee

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RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM, Chairman

RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI

WB Michael Shepherd

Candidate Instruction

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

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WB Christopher A Bailey

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Ritual Instruction Committee

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Events in September & October

9/4	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm
9/8	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:00pm
9/18	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm
9/22	MWPM/DLI @ Harmony #8 (practice for GLI)	6:30 pm
9/27	Bread of Life (First Presbyterian Church-Newton)	11:00 am
9/29	GLI-1 st District @ Harmony #8 (Attire: Tuxedo or Dark Suite)	
10/2	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm

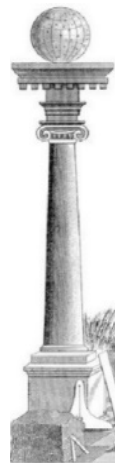
10/16	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm
10/25	Bread of Life (First Presbyterian Church-Newton)	11:00 am
10/27	MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong #42	6:30pm

Active Past Masters

(* Other than Harmony | # Withdrew)

1976 Fred O Rosenberg Jr.	2006 24 Daniel C Kaufman
1977 Cornelius Martin Jr.	2009 11 Timothy D Gill*
1980 Robert H Stang Jr.	2010 Patrick W Conroy
1981 H. Ralph Smith	2012 Robert WJ Beers
1982 89 99 2011 Fred W Fox	2013 John B Jennings*
1988 2012 Eric G Grove PDDGM	2014 Clay D Kraemer
1991 Jerry J Jagger PGC	2014 William J VonDerHeide IV PDDGM*
1988 2012 Eric G. Grove PDDGM	
1994 Eugene M Ingraham III	2018 Christopher A Bailey
1996 Nelson A Drobness #	2019 Abraham L Jacinto
1996 Neal A. McCarthy PDDGM*	2020 Luke F Wikander
2000 Michael DiCiccio#	2021 Nicholas J Kaufman
2001 Michael F Shepherd*	2022 Daniel J Gialanella#
2001 James H Vander Veer PDDGM	2023 Matthew C Kaufman
2002 09 Bernard E Triano PGC	
2004-05 George J. Stypolkowski PDRI	

MASONIC Birthdays in September & October



Bro Stephen Dugan, 9/11	26yrs
Bro Frank Abruzzo, 9/17	10yrs
Bro Chris Brown, 9/18	1yr
Bro Richard Hagie, 9/20	52yrs
Bro Shawn Leonardo, 10/5	19yrs
Bro William Jesky, 10/6	32yrs
Bro James Born, 10/12	1yr
Bro Patrick Harrison, 10/12	1yr
Bro Carlos Torres, 10/12	1yr
WB Clay Kraemer, 10/12	18yrs
WB Chris Bailey, 10/20	14 yrs
Bro John Danko, 10/20	9 years
Bro David Fair, 10/20	14yrs
RW Nick Kaufman, 10/20	9yrs
Bro Scott Wikander, 10/25	13yrs



In the Quarries

Awaiting EA Exam

Bro Daniel Kelly Miles

Awaiting FC Exam

Bro Jose Ascencio

Grandview

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https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration

For help please call (973) 222-6783 or (973)600-0434



Want to know what is going on in the 1st Masonic District? Join our group chat by scanning the code on the right:

Oriental Chair



Brethren,

I hope you all have had a great summer refreshment and are ready to get back to work. Many things happened: we had a wedding, fixed some more lighting fixtures, fixed down spout, and improved our lodge.

My last two trestle boards wrote about Membership and Finances. This is about Leadership. Leadership is art of influencing and guiding followers. Leadership is not learned it is EARNED. A good leader must know when to lead and when to let others take the reins. We have had many great leaders in Harmony Lodge, but the leader is only as good as the brothers that are coming through the chairs.

The strength of a lodge is built on the character of its leaders. Leaders ask, "How can I help the brethren and not how I can be helped and pass on this knowledge." A leader in a Masonic body may preside over the craft, but he is still a brother among his equals.

Leaders can only lead brothers that want the same things as the leader. We need to come out to lodge and see what your leadership is doing and help make Harmony Lodge even better. We are coming back after refreshment and the weather is still good so come out to Lodge and join the leadership.

Membership, finances, and leadership all go hand in hand in making Harmony Lodge a striving lodge.

Fraternally,

RW Fred W Fox, PGC

Worshipful Master 2025

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. It has been a busy one behind the scenes, as the Worshipful Master listed in his message. As we get back to work our attention returns to running the lodge and paying the bills. As such, it is important to remind everyone that paying your 2025 dues is vitally important to operation of the lodge. Annual NPD notices were sent to the outstanding accounts on August 1st. These notices are sent out every year as a procedural step in the NPD process, which culminates in a vote in November. These notices are never meant to cause upset or tension, but to educate those brethren in the process and remind them that their dues are due in full on January 1st each year. For those that have already paid their 2025 dues, we thank you for your continued support.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all the brethren that we want to see you in lodge, if possible. Your voice is missed, and we are better when we are together. If you need assistance to do so, please reach out to the Worshipful Master, or any other officer, and we will do our best to help.

Fraternally,
Bro Barry George
Secretary 2025

