



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

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Our 132nd Year 1893-2025 | 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

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

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

Lodge Trustees

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

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Awaiting MM Degree

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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

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 September & October

9/11	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
9/22	MWPM/DLI @ Harmony #8 Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Business Casual)	7:30 pm
9/25	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
9/29	GLI-1st District @ Harmony #8	6:30 pm
10/23	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
10/27	MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong #42 Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Business Casual)	7:30 pm

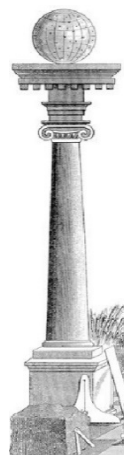
Living Past Masters

(# Withdrew, * Inactive)

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 September & October



DB Joseph Marino 9/6, 22yrs
Bro Stephen Dugan 9/11, 26 yrs
Bro Christopher Betts 9/12, 6yrs
Bro Micah Lay 9/19, 5yrs
Bro Robert Agolio 9/19, 5yrs
WB David Ebbels 9/28, 19yrs
WB Stephen Gnall 9/28, 19yrs
Bro Jesse Woll 10/1, 7yrs
RW Nick Kaufman 10/20, 9yrs
Bro Gary Lopresti 10/20, 48yrs
Bro Ty Coronato 10/21, 2yrs
WB Scott Severns 10/23, 16yrs
RW Eric Neuffer 10/27, 20yrs
Bro Vincent Guccio 10/29, 15yrs



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 that all of you have enjoyed a summer called off from labor. With our first stated meeting back approaching rapidly I urge all of you to remember your obligations and make every earnest effort to attend the latter half of our events this calendar year. I was listening to a masonic podcast this week and one aspect of light that was shared I feel is quite relevant to our situation.

Harken back to the days of grade school. You will recall that a part of your curriculum was gym class. Some of us enjoyed and thrived in this while others may not have had as good of a time. Regardless it was a necessary part of our education. We got to get out, play, exercise and what have you everyday as a part of gym class. While we might not have realized it then, we know it was good for us. The years go by, and we may find ourselves not as active again, so we start going to a gym to work on our bodies. Masonry is a similar situation for our spiritual wellbeing.

Most of us practice the religion we are because it was the religion of our parents. Some of these practices may even have education for the children such as CCC for Catholics that culminate in a bar mitzvah or confirmation sort of ceremony. Why did we go through this Sunday school like system? We may not have understood it at the time but having that spiritual baseline was good for us. Years went by and maybe we kept up with our practices or maybe we drifted away from the church but regardless we all chose to be a part of Masonry. While not to be a substitution for religion, Masonry offers a way to work on our spiritual selves like going to a gym to work on our bodies.

Not unlike the Gym, we pay a fee for membership in Masonry. Paying for a gym membership does not get our bodies in any better shape if we don't go there or use its resources. The same can be said for membership in Free Masonry. If we don't go out to Lodge or use any of the lessons of masonry, then Lodge dues become another thing that we spend money on and get nothing in return. To this end I urge you all to attend every event we have for the rest of this year to get the most out of your membership and improve yourselves as we stiver to become that perfect ashlar.

Fraternally,
WB Matthew Kaufman
Worshipful Master 2025

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. 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 import 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

