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FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
SEPTEMBER 2025



Hello Brethren,

I hope this finds all of you well. This will be short and to the point. As the masonic year is approaching the end, I wish all of you good health, luck, and prosperity. Our meeting will be September 8th, 2025 with an advanced station opening. We will have an EA Degree on September 15th, 2025 if our candidates are voted favorably. I look forward to seeing ALL OF MY BROTHERS on the 8th.

Fraternally yours,
John Higgins
WM Clarksboro Lodge #87 of Free and Accepted Masons

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

****Important note** The lodge kitchen is currently undergoing renovation so the downstairs banquet hall is presently unavailable until anticipated completion in mid-September. This will likely affect any dinner or food service for our September events. We ask brethren to please avoid entering the kitchen area which is an active construction zone until completion to prevent any disruption from the work currently being performed during the daytime. Your cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated and we will alert the brethren when completed.

September 8, 2024 We will have our September regular communication starting at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be determined pending completion of the kitchen and will let the brethren know ahead of the meeting.

We will be holding a ballot for two candidates: Mr. Jose Avila of Westville and Mr. Ennold Abbas of Paulsboro pending being found favorable by their respective committees.

We will read a petition for dual membership for Keith Lypka of Pitman Lodge for balloting during our October communication.

September 13, 2025 The 21st Masonic district will be holding a Gold Token luncheon for our brethren who have 50 or more years of Masonic service at Pennsgrove Excelsior Lodge #54 in Carney's Point. A luncheon will be 12pm followed by the ceremony beginning at 1pm. If attending please contact RWDDGM so he can have adequate head count for lunch

September 15, 2025 We will be conducting an Entered Apprentice degree for two candidates pending successful ballot at our regular communication with the degree starting at 7:30pm. Dinner will be determined pending completion of the kitchen and will let the brethren know ahead of the meeting.

We earnestly request any assistance the brethren can provide since a Entered Apprentice degree is a large undertaking and provide support for our newest initiated members.

September 25, 2025 District Lodge of Instruction at Williamstown Lodge #166 at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to all Master Masons with formal attire requested if attending

Also for those brethren who have not paid their 2025 dues, please do so as soon as possible. I will be sending out reminder communications later this month. If we do not receive 2025 dues by November 1st we will have to place these members on potential NPD resulting in suspension if dues are still unpaid after December 31st. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out via phone or email

Fraternally,
Jason Neal
Secretary

Living Past Masters

1970 J. M. Dare ^S	1991 J. C. Magee, III ^P	2008 G. R. Bruynell ^{PS}
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. ^S	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2008 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. ^P	1992 D. P. Doak ^P	2009 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. ^F	1993 G. E. Sleet ^S	2010 J. A. Link ^{PS}
1979 W. L. Villanova ^S	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGM ^F	1995 P. J. Peacock	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 T. D. Clow, PGM ^F		2016 J. P. Neal
1980 C. W. McTyre ^S	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1983 J. R. Corliss ^P	1999 D. C. Henson ^F	2018 T. G. Rathof DRI
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2019 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^{PS}	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2003 J. C. Legge ^{PS}	2021 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 C.B. Jarrell ^{PS}	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P	2006 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2024 J. J. Higgins

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Peppler, PGM	2007 H. S. May, III, PGC	MW L. S. Plasket PGM
1993 R. Stowman, PM	2008 F. D. Jones, PDDGM	RW A. L. Hann PJGD
1996 W. E. Hackney, PGM	2008 J. C. Stephenson, PDRI	RW C. G. Hocknell PDDGM
	2009 W. H. Berman, PGM	2018 MW D. B. Hees PGM
	2014 D. A. Dorworth, PGM	

21st Masonic District Lodges

Penns Grove Excelsior No. 54, Carneys Point	1st Wednesday at 7:30pm
Clarksboro No. 87, Clarksboro	1st Monday at 7:30pm
Mantua No. 95, Mantua	2nd Thursday at 7:30pm
Woodstown No. 138, Woodstown	1st Tuesday at 7:30pm
Williamstown, No. 166, Williamstown	1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm
Pitman, No. 197, Pitman	2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm

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in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.
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2025

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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
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Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Sr. Master of Ceremonies
Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Marshal
Tyler
Director of Ritual

Jimmy Earle, PM
Roger L. Thomas, PGC
James Earle PM
Cory Hunt
Brian Spencer
Geovanie Rodriguez Gonzalez
Ronald Erdman
Joseph Forman
Richard Kell, PDDGM
Gerardo Batista
Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM

Trustees

Financial

Charles Murschell 2025
John Leach 2026
R. D. Bailey PGC 2027

Temple Maintenance

Thomas Rathof DDGM 2025
Eric Rathof PM 2026
R.B. Kell PDDGM 2027
Wm T. Dutka, PDDGM 2028

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff

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Right Worshipful Thomas Rathof

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If anyone in your Lodge is ailing, in need of a phone call, card, or visitation ... If you need assistance with a Masonic funeral ... Or anything else, please contact the Grand Chaplain