

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 18th of September 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	Absent	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI	Absent	Senior Deacon
Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr	Absent	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	Absent	Tyler
Bro Henry F Repp	Absent	Organist
WB Dan Kaufman	X	Marshal
Bro Robert Woldt, DB	X	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Dwayne A Dolly II DDGM	RW Eric G Grove PDDGM	WB Mike Shepherdd	
RW Nicholas J Kaufman DRI		WB Robert Stang	

WB Dan Kaufman sat in for the Sr Deacon, RW Nick Kaufman for the Tyler, Bro Carlos Torres for the Jr Deacon.

There were 13 Master Masons present. We were also joined at dinner by Ryan Mackenzie (from Sparta), a prospect very interested in joining our lodge.

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 September 4th, 2025, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

The Worshipful Master advised the RW George Stypolkowski is not in attendance this evening due to his wife having sustained a leg injury of some kind. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Joys and Celebrations:

Bro Dugan advised that Bro Curvey Purkett is now home after a successful medical procedure.

RW Eric Grove advised that he has spoken with Bro Brian Chamberlain whom we have not seen in a very long time. He is reported to be doing well and is now living in Bethlehem, PA with his wife and sends his warm regards to the lodge.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>	<u>Bill For</u>
Kittatinny Lodge (MM Degree) \$272.25	Stop & Ship (dinner) \$23.97
Combined Energy Svcs (propane refill) \$365.28	Commissary (dinner) \$104.48
Fred Fox (dinner for MW/PM-August) \$97.56	Windy Brow (GLI food) \$103.85

The total for bills this evening is \$967.39. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills, when properly audited.

Communications:

The Secretary received communication from Bro Terry Loller, requesting his demit from Harmony Lodge. The Worshipful Master called for a hand vote to accept Bro Loller's request to demit. It was approved by a majority of the lodge. The Secretary will advise Bro Loller of the result.

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS**Treasurer's Report:**

No report provided, the Treasurer was not present.

Buildings & Grounds:

It was noted by the Worshipful Master that a replacement light is needed for the flagpole in front of the building. Bro Dugan advised that he will contact the local municipality about the streetlight that is out in front of the lodge as well.

Charity:

Bro Dugan advised that the next BOL event will be on Saturday, 9/27. Assistance during the event as well as food donations are needed.

Rental Report:

Upcoming rentals: Two in October, one in November.

Unfinished Business:

N/A

New Business:

The Worshipful Master admitted RW Dwayne A Dolly, II, DDGM into the Lodge for an **Official Visit**, greeted him in the East, Grand Honors were given, and presented him with the gavel of the Lodge.

The DDGM requested Bro Torres to join him in the East, then presented him with the David Brearly Award. The DDGM then requested WB Robert Stang to join him in the East, then presented him with the 50yr Gold Token award. Grand Honors were given.

The gavel was tendered to RW Nick Kaufman and the DDGM and the Secretary were dismissed from the Lodge room informally to review the books. All necessary information was reviewed and found to be in good order.

Program:

RW Nick Kaufman, DRI reviewed ritual and answered questions about lodge protocol.

Announcements:

9/20 Child ID community event- Andover United Methodist Church (Noon-3pm)

9/22 MW&PM/DLI @ Harmony (dinner @ 6:30pm)- **CRITICAL Rehearsal for GLI**

9/27 Bread of Life

9/29 GLI @ Harmony Lodge (**dinner @ 5:30pm**)- formal attire required- **This is a MUST attend event.**

10/2 Harmony #8 Regular Communication- will be an advanced station night

10/16 Harmony #8 Regular Communication- nominations for 2026 Officers will be opened.

****The Worshipful Master advised that the regular communication scheduled for November 6, 2025, is cancelled, due to conflict with the GL Annual Communication.***

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in short form at 9:15 pm by RW Dwayn A Dolly, II, DDGM, assisted by RW Fred W Fox and WB Robert Stang.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2025

Harmony Lodge No.8 F&AM

