

Blairstown Lodge No. 165 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in a Regular Communication in their hall at the Masonic Temple,
 11 Stillwater Rd, Blairstown, NJ
 On the 25th of September 2025 A.L. 6025

Officers Present

WB Matthew C Kaufman	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Joshua Williams-Como	Absent	Senior Warden
WB Edward Lubas	X	Junior Warden
WB Michael D Park	X	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
WB Daniel J Gialanella	Absent	Senior Deacon
Bro Tyrone Coronato	Absent	Junior Deacon
Bro Thomas J Bulger	Absent	Senior Master of Ceremonies
WB Daniel C Kaufman	X	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Robert W Agolio	Absent	Senior Steward
WB William R Chadwick	X	Junior Steward
WB Stephen Z Gnall	Absent	Chaplain
RW Eric P Neuffer, PGC	X	Tyler
WB Walter S Orcutt, Jr	Absent	Marshal
WB Robert S Moorhead, Jr	Absent	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Nicholas Kaufman, DRI			

WB Ed Lubas sat in for the Sr Warden, RW Nick Kaufman for the Jr Warden, WB Dan Kaufman for the Sr Deacon, and WB Bill Chadwick as the Jr Deacon.

There were 8 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 September 11th, 2025, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

WB Eric Neuffer, given our understanding of WB Moorhead's current state of distress, suggested that a card be sent to show our support and understanding of such a moving experience.

Joys and Celebrations:

N/A

Presentation of Bills:

The Secretary read a bill from Grand Lodge in the amount of \$94.47 for masonic supplies. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills when properly audited. The motion was carried.

Communications:

The Secretary read the text of an Edict issued by the Grand Master regarding the reinstatement to active membership of RW Gary J Olsen, RW Jose Villalta and RW Michael Holt. The edict will be attached to these minutes.

Petitions:

N/A

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that the lodge's accounts are solvent. No other information was provided.

Buildings & Grounds:

N/A

Charity:

The Worshipful Master reported that the 1st District MW/PM Association has requested that each lodge consider donating a sum of \$200 towards the sponsorship of the Grand Master's Festival of Trees program. As there were questions as to what the sponsorship actually requires (i.e., purchase of gifts, wrapping, providing an X-mas tree and decorating a booth and whom is to provide any such labor), the brethren have requested more information before making a decision.

Rental Report:

The Secretary advised that there are currently (2) bookings this weekend, (3) bookings in October, and (3) in November.

Unfinished Business:

The Worshipful Master requested feedback from the brethren on catering ideas for the remainder of the year. One suggestion was to go to the Hyde-away Restaurant for catering, the other was to cook in-house. The Worshipful Master will take this feedback under advisement. ***He also suggested that we meet at Buck Hill for dinner before our next meeting.*** Further info will be provided on this.

New Business:

RW Eric Neuffer advised that there are (3) older brothers that are in arrears for two years and may be experiencing financial difficulties. He made a motion that the lodge accept payment of their past Grand Lodge

assessments for their dues owed as payment in full and that he be authorized to make such and offer to these brethren. The motion was seconded and carried by the brethren present.

The Worshipful Master advised that an EA degree has been scheduled for October 23, 2025, and that there will be at least three rehearsals to be scheduled.

WB Bill Chadwick made a motion that an open installation be held this year, which was seconded and carried by the brethren present.

Program:

The Worshipful Master read a Short Talk bulletin entitled "Are you your brother's keeper?".

Announcements:

9/29 GLI @ Harmony #8- (dinner @ 5:30pm) This is a must attend event

10/9 Regular Communication @ 165 (dinner @ 6:30pm)

10/6 Official Visit @ Kittatinny #164

10/23 Regular Communication @ 165 (dinner @ 6:30pm)

10/27 MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong #42

The Worshipful Master called RW Nick Kaufman to the East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge.

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in short form at 8:30 pm by RW Nick Kaufman, assisted by WM Matthew C Kaufman.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2025

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