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EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
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Hello Brethren,

As Fall is upon us and cooler weather is here, remember the warmth of Freemasonry all around us. I'd like to thank the brothers of Clarksboro 87 for the 2 years trusting me as Master and a thank you to each of our officers for your great assistance. I have learned a lot and this experience has helped me explore and enrich my experiences in the craft.

I'd like to mention a few important dates. Our lodge nominations will be at our 10/6 meeting, please come out and participate as it's a first glimpse of the line for 2026! We will have an EA degree for one candidate on 10/20, please make every effort to come out and support the lodge, and make the first degree very special for this new Mason, we all remember our EA degree as we came into the lodge, and I believe it is one of the most significant experiences upon entering the fraternity. I can't wait to see all of you at Grand Lodge in November in Atlantic City!

We had 2 great fundraisers this year and made some great contributions to our lodge funds, thank you all. As far as fundraisers, I know there is quite a bit of hard work that goes into them and sometimes not all of us can help on the days of the event or supporting days before. I'd like us to consider looking throughout the district at the other fundraising activities that are going on and if you can make one of those here and there and help out, it is contagious, and others will help out ours as well. All of the lodges have fundraising events, and need to, so if you can help others, others will help us and we all benefit and become closer as brothers and friends, helping one another is what it is about, and I think we will find an enjoyable time at it. I'd like to hear your ideas about raising funds for our lodge and the fraternity, so please come out and let us know your thoughts as well as hear our financial trustees report. Come out to the 10/6 meeting and have a look at the wonderful improvements of our lodge, I know you will love what you see!

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

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

October 6, 2024 We will have our October regular communication starting at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30.

Among the agenda items:

- We will be holding nominations for Top 5 officers along with spots on the financial and building maintenance trustees in the lodge for 2026
- Discussion and voting on 2026 dues. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on our current dues.
- We will have a ballot for a petition for dual membership for Keith Lypka of Pitman Lodge
- We will also have motion of reinstatement for Norman Glover

October 20, 2025 We will be conducting an Fellow Craft degree for Brother EA Ennold Obas starting at 7:30pm. This night will be a Past Master's degree with the chairs filled by past masters from our lodge. Dinner will be at 6:30pm.

We earnestly request any assistance the brethren can provide and any brothers especially past masters looking to participate can get in touch with James Earle

October 23, 2025 District Lodge of Instruction at PennsGrove Excelsior #54 at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to all Master Masons with formal attire requested if attending

November 4-6, 2025 Grand Lodge Communication at Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. On November 5, the Worshipful Master will be hosting a lodge dinner at Carmine's within the Tropicana with dinner paid for by the lodge (does not include alcoholic beverages). Any brethren attending formal sessions will need to show their 2025 Blue Card and formal attire is requested.

Past dues notices for 2025 were mailed out. 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, PGMar ^F	1995 P. J Peacock	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^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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with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth
in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.
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Clarksboro Lodge No. 87 F&AM

2025

Elected Officers

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Secretary

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Treasurer

WB Bret Biel
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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
Chaplain
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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Right Worshipful Evan Boggs Grand Chaplain

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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