

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 9th of October 2025 A.L. 6025

Officers Present

WB Matthew C Kaufman	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Joshua Williams-Como	X	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	X	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Nicholas Kaufman, DRI			Bro Chris Brown (#8)

We were joined this evening by Bro Chris Brown from Harmony #8.

WB Rob Moorhead sat in for the Sr Deacon, WB Bill Chadwick for the Jr Deacon and Bro Chris Brown for the Sr Master of Ceremonies.

There were 11 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 25th, 2025, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

WB Moorhead advised that WB Orcutt's mother had passed away this week and that visitation will be held Friday 10/10, 3-7 pm @ Smith-McCracken Funeral Home in Newton. He encouraged any brethren available to attend in support of our brother.

Joys and Celebrations:

N/A

Presentation of Bills:

The Secretary advised that the Lodge received the town water bill in the amount of \$109.25. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bill when properly audited. The motion was carried.

Communications:

The Secretary advised that a Grand Lodge communication was sent to all the brethren via email for the NJ Freemason publication. It includes all of the proposed legislation and GL budget for the upcoming GL Annual Communication in November. The brethren are encouraged to review the information and provide any feedback to the Worshipful Master, who will be voting for the lodge.

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:

WB Moorhead advised that the lodge's boilers were recently serviced, and that he intends to seek quotes for crackfilling and linestriping work for the parking lot.

Charity:

WB Park noted that activity for the annual Masonic Santa program will kick off this week.

Rental Report:

WB Moorhead advised that he is seeking input from the brethren regarding a recent rental inquiry. He noted that this inquiry was to hold a Charlie Kirk memorial service at our lodge that will be advertised as a reservation only event. As a politically sensitive issue these days he did not wish to act unilaterally in this matter and sought feedback. The consensus of the brethren present was that accepting the booking would be fine, but that the name of the lodge should not be included in any advertising, just the street address.

Unfinished Business:

N/A

New Business:

N/A

Program:

The Worshipful Master read a short talk bulletin entitled "Justice" for the brethren.

Announcements:

10/15 EA Degree rehearsal @ 165 (7:30pm)

10/23 EA Degree rehearsal @ 165 (7:30pm)

10/23 Regular Communication @ 165

10/27 MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong #42 **(jacket/tie required)**

10/28 EA Degree rehearsal @ 165 (7:30pm)

11/11 Emergent Communication- Entered Apprentice Degree (dinner @ 6:30pm)

Closing:

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

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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